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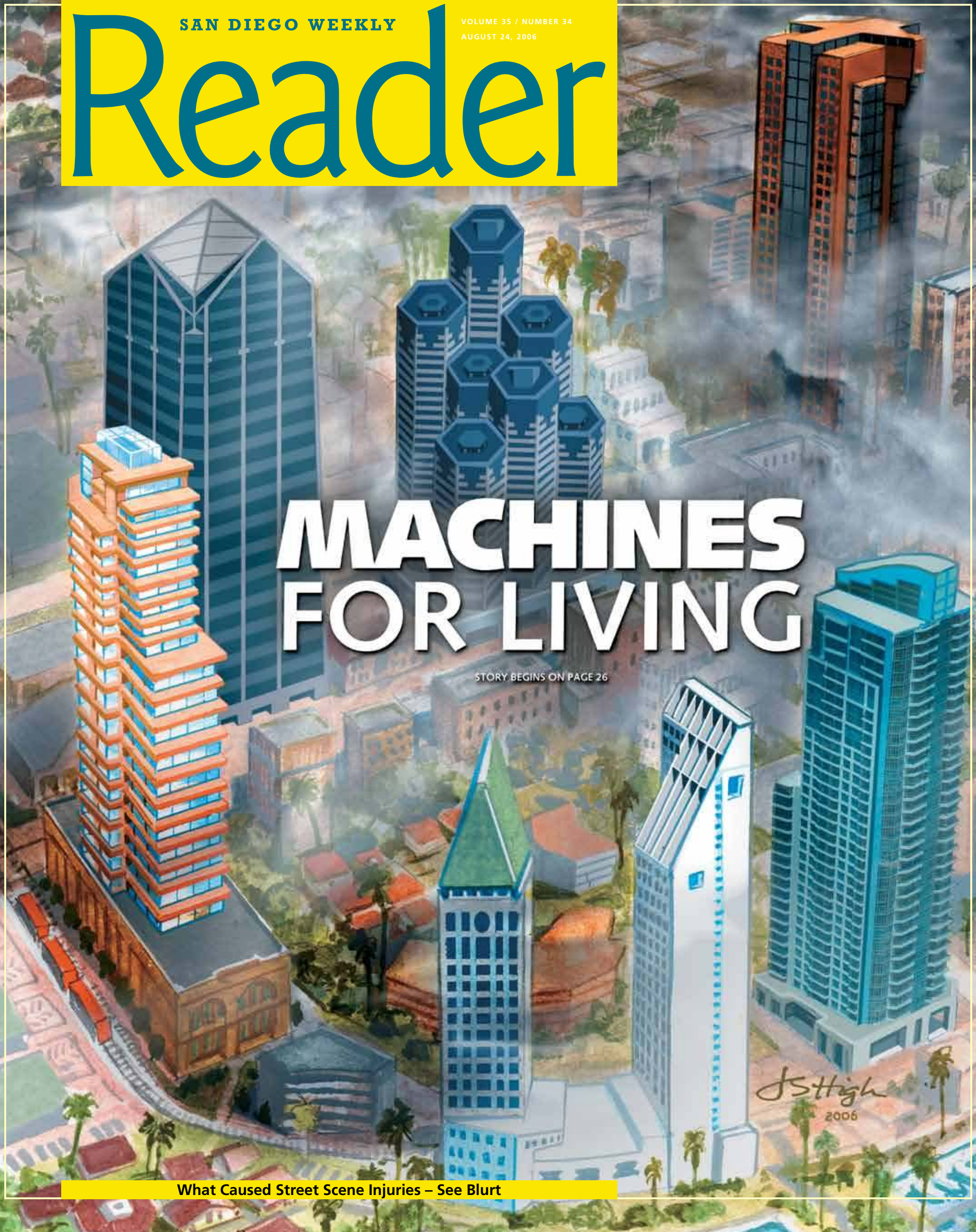

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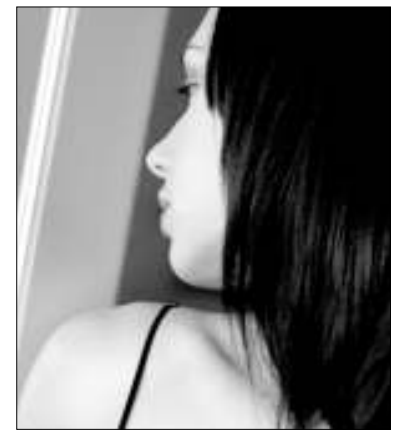

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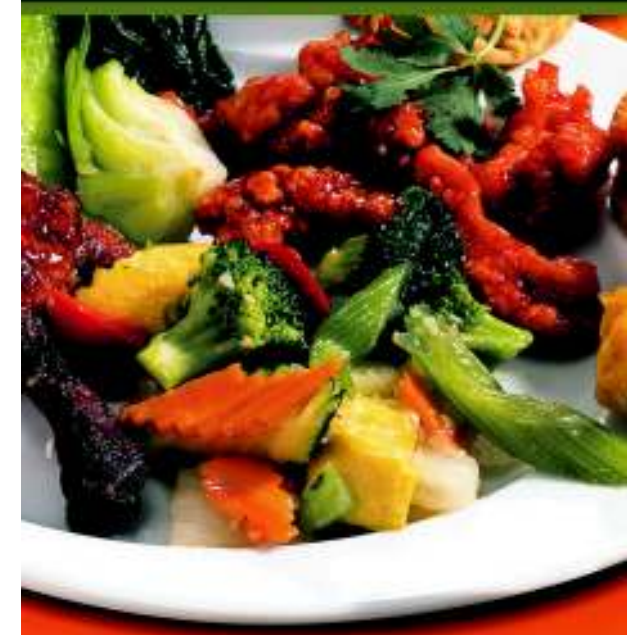

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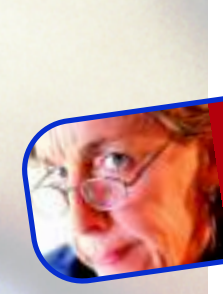

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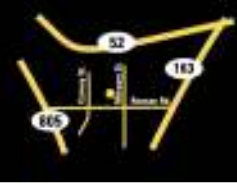

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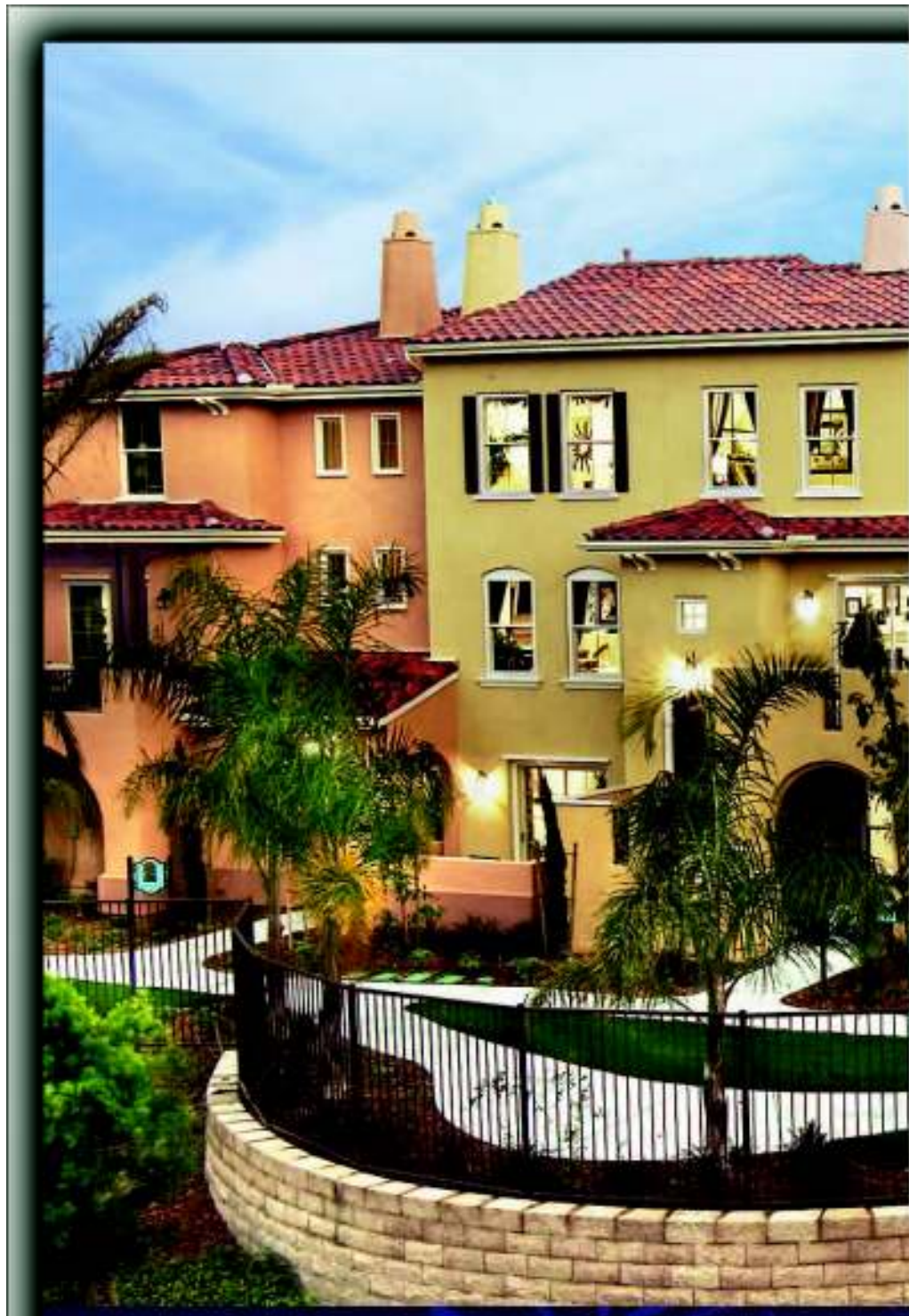

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Cortez Hill Condo Owners Rebel

By Don Bauder

Beginning in 1927, the El Cortez Hotel was the most beautiful building in downtown San Diego as well as the watering hole of the Beautiful People. But it deteriorated and in 1978 was sold to an evangelist/faith healer named Morris Cerullo, who wanted it for his acolytes. The faith healer made it ugly by, among many things, installing cheap air-conditioning units in the windows. He sold it in 1981. Last year he was charged with avoiding $550,000 in income tax in a case that is still pending.

Now the El Cortez is a restored historic site, featuring upscale condos. But things have gotten ugly again — literally and figuratively. The residents are bitterly complaining that the building developers' plans, revealed officially in January, to construct an adjacent seven-story residential structure at 777 Beech Street will destroy the beauty and historic ambiance of the El Cortez. They are suing the owners, calling them financial finaglers who misled them and didn't follow through on promised improvements. Peter L.P. Janopaul III, who with partner Anthony Block restored the old building, in turn calls the condo owners "self-interested luxury condo hypocrites who want to save their views."

Where is a faith healer to salve all these wounds on Cortez Hill?

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The Centre City Development Corporation has been dealing with Janopaul and Block for years and will have to approve the new building, as will the Historical Resources Board and other government bodies. The final arbiter will be city council. So no one was surprised when Janopaul hired embattled former councilmember Michael Zucchet as vice president–real estate in May and lobbyists John Kern and Jennifer Tierney, former sidekicks of ex-mayor Dick Murphy, last year. "What a great team," enthuses Janopaul, a former port commissioner.

Yeah, great. The condo owners feel they are up against San Diego political insiders. "People feel helpless — who are we compared to Peter Janopaul, the guy who has politicians on his side?" asks Parimah Spurlock, a condo resident.

"The way the City is behaving I don't know that it will deal with this reasonably," says Tina Dameron, a resident. Other condo owners share her opinion of the proposed new building: "It's horrible, hideous. I can't believe the Historical Resources Board will go for this." But Janopaul is on the board of the developer-friendly Save Our Heritage Organisation, which voted overwhelmingly to approve the new structure and often influences the Historical Resources Board. The board's staff has recommended the project be given the nod.

The residents do not feel they will get a fair hearing from Centre City. "CCDC will approve any building, anywhere, that will generate tax revenue," says Kathy Casey, who rented at the El Cortez but didn't buy a condo because she knew about the many plumbing, parking, and noise problems that have caused the homeowners' association to sue Janopaul, Block, and the contractors. Janopaul and Block are, in turn, suing the contractors, and the suits have been combined.

The block on which the El Cortez sits got its historical-site designation in 1990. In 1998, Janopaul and Block got a $5.85 million rehabilitation loan from the City. Then the developers got into financial trouble renting out the El Cortez units. They fell behind on monthly payments to Centre City. "The costs were greater than the income," laments Janopaul. "It was the proverbial cash cow that wasn't giving any milk in the first few years." So the developers asked Centre City's permission to switch to condos. Permission was granted in 2003.

"The ability to repay the loan was one of the factors considered in reviewing the proposed amendments to convert the building [to condos]," allows Centre City project manager Brad Richter.

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The Agreement Affecting Real Property states that the rest of the block won't be developed until June 30, 2025. "Any further development…is prohibited until 2025 without the involvement and approval of each of the current condominium owners," says Everett L. DeLano, attorney representing the homeowners.

Janopaul and Centre City say that the Agreement Affecting Real Property can be changed. Janopaul's lawyer says in effect that the new building is none of the condo owners' business. Centre City and the city attorney's office agree that residents have no say in the matter. The developer says that the 2025 date is standard in Centre City contracts — in effect, boilerplate.

But the condo owners have two documents showing that Centre City initially considered the 2025 promise more than boilerplate that could be erased at will. On September 19, 2002, Pam Hamilton, senior vice president of Centre City, said in a fax to Janopaul, "The community may have a problem with permitting additional development on the block once they realize that the current Agreement restricts the block [until June 30, 2025] to only the physical development they see today."

The next day, Janopaul wrote her back, claiming, "We welcome community input on any expansion plan we have."

The developers may hoot at the 2025 commitment, but they have used it as a condo sales pitch, say residents. "They were telling people that nothing would be built for a long time," says Rob Mills, who is a real estate salesman. He was telling his clients the same thing, "so I broke the law too. It caused a huge chain reaction. This is all about money and greed."

"Several people were told it wouldn't be developed until 2025," says Barry Bruins, president of the homeowners'

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Where Beachfront Living Is a Bargain

By Ernie Grimm

Northern Baja's "Gold Coast," from Rosarito to Ensenada, is enjoying a real estate boom as American buyers search for oceanfront homes at prices they haven't seen in Southern California in more than ten years. Though home prices have leveled off in San Diego, they continue to climb in coastal Baja, where developers are hurrying to erect high-rise condominiums to meet the demand.

There are good deals to be had, says Cyndi Farfan, a 41-year-old American-born real estate agent who has lived in Rosarito for 17 years. Sitting in the lobby of the 81-year-old Rosarito Beach Hotel, the tall, energetic redhead explains, "Two or three years ago, there were plenty of oceanfront condos for under $200,000. Those are hard to find now, if not impossible. But for $300,000 to $350,000, you can still get a condo that you couldn't touch in Southern California for less than a million dollars."

Between 85 and 90 percent of the buyers in the Northern Baja coastal condominium market hail from the United States. Despite that, many Americans are nervous about buying in Mexico. Farfan wants to quell their worries. "According to Mexican law, because you're a foreigner, you're not able to hold the title in your possession. In other words, you're not able to keep the title in your filing cabinet. So you form a trust, and the title is held in the bank's filing cabinet. The bank is a Mexican entity, so it's perfectly legal. And other than that extra step of forming a trust, buying here is basically the same as buying in the U.S. There are no restrictions. The title is in your name, you're able to resell it, you're able to paint it, you're able to live in it, you're able to rent it, you're able to do anything that the owner of a home in the U.S. would be able to do."

The growing use of American finance, escrow, and title companies has further simplified the process of buying in Baja. And though the Mexican federal government charges buyers a transfer fee of 2 percent of the selling price, Farfan says that is more than made up in property tax savings. "Once you own your home," she says, "then your property taxes are a fraction of what you would see in San Diego. The average property tax here in Rosarito is about $150 a year. It's nothing. I pay $50 a year at my house. A superhot penthouse pays about $250."

Farfan gave me a tour of new condominium sites — some fully built, others half built, and some dirt lots — between Rosarito and Puerto Nuevo.

Cyndi Farfan

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1. Rosarito Beach Hotel Condominiums
Seventeen-floor tower with 271 units, on grounds of Rosarito Beach Hotel

Bedrooms/square footage: One-bedroom, 640 square feet; two-bedroom, 920 square feet; three-bedroom penthouse, 1700 square feet

Price: One-bedroom starting at $175,000; two-bedroom starting at $262,000; three-bedroom penthouse, $540,000

Ocean frontage: Sandy beach

Comments: A condo-hotel project in which owners and their tenants will have access to hotel amenities, including housekeeping, room service, spa, and pool. Eight weeks are reserved for the owner's use. The hotel rents the unit out the other 44 weeks of the year. The rent is split 50-50 between the owner and the hotel. Owner pays no utility bills or maintenance fees. Building is set to begin in September, and completion expected in spring of 2008. At center of town.

2. La Jolla de Rosarito
Two 15-floor towers, four units per floor

Bedrooms/square footage: Two-bedrooms, 1200 square feet

Price: $235,000 to $290,000

Ocean frontage: Sandy beach

Comments: Completed two years ago, in town and close to all shops and restaurants. Condos are available on a resale basis only.

3. Riviera de Rosarito
Fourteen-floor tower with 52 units

Bedrooms/square footage: Two or three bedrooms, 1500 square feet

Price: $324,000 to $365,000

Ocean frontage: Sandy beach

Comments: In town, with a pool, Jacuzzi, and gym. Contemporary interiors. Developers have been working in Rosarito 30 years. First American Title available to buyers.

4. The Residences
Twelve-floor tower with 240 units

Bedrooms/square footage: Two or three bedrooms, 952 to 2600 square feet

Price: $400,000 and up, 40 units left

Ocean frontage: Wide sandy beach

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View from Rosarito high-rise condominium

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association. "Block told me that it would be several years."

"My husband asked Anthony Block, and he said nothing had been developed, there were no plans for it [the proposed building], and he had told sales people to give the same message," says Spurlock.

"We were told that nobody would approve a building on an historical site," says Dameron. "They told us they had no plans to build. It was an out-and-out lie," as Janopaul's 2002 correspondence with Centre City shows, she says.

Max Coates is a homeowner involved in another suit against Janopaul/Block. "We were told by the sales and marketing team that there were no plans whatsoever for development until 2025," he says. The suit goes on to charge, as other residents do, that a big property tax reduction was promised because of the historical-site designation. Coates says the developer knew the tax deduction wouldn't come "but didn't pass it on." The suit also mentions a common complaint: that Janopaul/Block didn't properly fund the homeowners' association, which has had to raise its fees the maximum legal amount to cover repairs. "He [Janopaul] has taken value off the property. He reduced amenities that had been touted."

Janopaul denies the charges in the suit and insists that neither he nor Block ever said the building wouldn't be constructed soon. He produces documents showing that condo buyers were aware that the adjoining property might be developed. "They are in advanced denial," says Janopaul, slamming their alleged "wishful, revisionist behavior."

Bruins acknowledges that some people initialed documents noting that the adjoining property might be developed, but at the same time, Janopaul/Block and their sales people were talking out of the other sides of their mouths — a common two-track deception in such deals.

Residents of El Cortez and the nearby Discovery at Cortez Hill residential building were annoyed when, without adequate notice, the block was split into separate parcels, thus permitting the 777 Beech Street building. "I had no idea that the historic block had been divided into two parcels until 2005," says Rita Collier of Discovery. She found that none of the 199 Discovery unit owners had been notified.

She sympathizes with her friends at the El Cortez who have so many plumbing problems. "It's incredible to see Janopaul drive in from Rancho Santa Fe in his new Porsche or Mercedes SUV when he won't fix a darn thing at the El Cortez," she says. Janopaul says he owns two homes in Rancho Santa Fe and has loved cars since his youth in Modesto.

Key question: are Janopaul and Block throwing good money after bad developing a new residential unit in overbuilt downtown? "The market for blah condos downtown is on life support, but the great stuff will always sell," Janopaul replies. He believes that he will get 777 Beech Street on the market in 2009 or 2010, which will be "decent enough timing." He has faith — in the development-obsessed City bureaucracy. ■

Beachfront bargain

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Comments: Only the large units are left. Condos on site of a hotel north of Rosarito; management plans to coordinate activities and entertainment for the residents. Pools and putting green. Builder is from Las Vegas.

5. La Jolla Del Mar and La Jolla Real

Five towers, 406 condominiums; 23 three-bedroom oceanfront villas

Bedrooms/square footage (condominiums): Two or three bedrooms, average square feet is 1300

Presale price: $250,000 on the first floor to $322,000 on the ninth. Very few units left from the developer

Ocean frontage: Combination of sandy beach and short, rocky cliffs

Distance from the Rosarito Beach Hotel: 1.5 miles south

Comments: Modern, luxury condos with custom cabinetry, granite or Mexican tile countertops. Towers one and two nearing completion, the rest to be built within the next year and a half. Many resales starting at $260,000 available in towers one and two. A short taxi or bike ride from the center of town, yet far enough away from nightlife to be peaceful. Developers have been working in Rosarito for 20 years.

6. La Palmas

Seventeen-floor tower with 91 units

Bedrooms/square footage: Most units have two bedrooms, penthouses have three bedrooms; 1100 to 1600 square feet

Price: $270,000 to $525,000, with discount incentives for cash purchases

Ocean frontage: Small sandy beach and short cliffs

Distance from the Rosarito Beach Hotel: 2.2 miles south

Comments: Built to be handicap-friendly. The wraparound balconies offer views of the Pacific to the west and the coastline and Fox studios to the south. Granite countertops and travertine floors throughout. Project is in presale phase. Second tower in the planning phase.

7. Las Olas Grand

Twenty-one-floor tower with 200 units

Bedrooms/square footage: Two or three bedrooms, average 1300 square feet

Price: $500,000 to over a million

Ocean frontage: Short cliffs and reefs. Sits next to a rocky cove known by surfers as Mushrooms. A sandy beach will be built next to the cove

Distance from the Rosarito Beach Hotel: 4.5 miles south

Comments: Developer is hoping to build the most luxurious condominiums in Baja. Granite countertops. Custom cabinetry. Mosaic tile inlay in the walls and travertine floors. Wood trim around doors. Multiple pools and tennis courts on the property. The development is in the presale phase.

8. Club Marena

Four existing towers, two more towers being built, 250 total units

Bedrooms/square footage: Two or three bedrooms, 1400 to 2994 square feet

Price: $340,000 to $940,000

Ocean frontage: Fifty-foot cliffs, rocky shore, and a small, pebbly beach accessible by staircase. The project surrounds the surf spot known as K38

Distance from the Rosarito Beach Hotel: 6.7 miles south

Comments: Known as the Beverly Hills of the Gold Coast, Club Marena is a well-landscaped, intelligently laid-out project sitting on a small point jutting into the Pacific. Easy access to a great point break for surfers who own or rent condos. Property features a cliffside pool and clubhouse. First of seven phases was built in the late '80s. Hollywood celebrities working at Fox Studios often rent here. Condos feature high ceilings, granite countertops, and tiled bathrooms. Each elevator stop serves only two condominiums. Units are being pre-sold in phases six and seven. Limited resale is available in the existing towers. ■

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Semi-Witty Moron

I can't believe that the article about 94.9 by Conor Lastowka made the *cover* story ("A Pit Stop on the FM Band," August 17)! It was absolutely horrible. It seemed as though he had nothing useful or informative to say and just did his best to come up with semi-witty bashings of each song he heard. To go on record, I *do* hate it when DJs talk over the beginning of songs, so there you go. In the end, when a very good band that should have met all of Conor's criteria finally did play, he didn't even recognize them. He called them "Knights of Cydonia," which is actually the song title. Then he made an even bigger ass of himself when the station *told* him who they were (Muse) and he still couldn't put two and two together. So he would "go on record as hating both bands, to be safe." What a moron. And don't you guys proofread people's articles??? Get it straight. And fire Conor Lastowka immediately.

Brian Nelson
via e-mail

"A Pit Stop on the FM Band" was an excerpt from Conor Lastowka's blog, San Diego Serenade. — Editor

Soulless Waves

Conor Lastowka ("A Pit Stop on the FM Band," Cover Story, August 17) hits it dead center when calling out the hypocrites behind the scenes at both 91X and 94.9. Mere third graders can tell the difference and know they're being duped, but here's a "deeper track": The ones being duped are the hyper-hypocritical DJs Chris Cantore, Mike Halloran, Anya Marina, and their contemporaries who have sold themselves out to the suits in exchange for a paycheck. They present themselves as authorities on the music scene and take pride on knowing where the best music is coming from, yet, under duress, they repetitiously wear out the same old tracks from Stone Temple Pilots, Alice in Chains, and Nirvana. Cantore, Halloran, and Marina know damn well that they have a conflict of interest when they wear the vinyl out of the same old crap. Somehow, though, they find solace on airwaves so soulless. Screw those DJs.

A Message from
Secretaría de Gobernación
AKA, Scotty Breauxman
Del Mar

You Owe Me Seven Minutes

I just wasted seven minutes out of my life reading the article about 94.9 and 91X ("A Pit Stop on the FM Band," Cover Story, August 17). I thought it would be about the complexities of the stations and the feud they are in and instead was about how much of an idiot your writer is. Nothing about the musical format of each station, just about how he didn't know or like anything except truly obscure music so he can pretend to be cool. 94.9 plays music that 91X never dared to dream to play. The Distillers, the Cramps, new stuff, old stuff. 91X is just mad that they are like dads that try to be cool and wear Vans with their Clash shirts while secretly listening to Maroon 5.

Shannon Riccio
via e-mail

Real Indie

Just finished reading Conor Lastowka's "A Pit Stop on the FM Band" (Cover Story, August 17). The art of radio is rather stale in these jaded times; however, I believe that 91X is the best of the lot locally. For the real, I suggest Indie 103.1 FM. Where else can you catch the legendary Steve Jones's own *Jonesy's Jukebox?* A real sonic treat!

John Wise
via e-mail

Twice Wronged

Re: Conor Lastowka's article "Pit Stop on the FM Band" (Cover Story, August 17).

Having noted this week's cover on local music radio stations, I picked up the *Reader* with confidence and anticipation that this story would be something worth reading. Wrong, on both counts. After reading the monotonous and dragging cover story, I just couldn't believe that this was deemed worthy. The whole article was drivel, from start to finish, with absolutely no redeeming qualities. It was apparent that the author neither liked the music nor the stations that he was listening to, nor did he stop and think that maybe somebody would read the article in the hopes of learning something, anything. Instead, we the readers are treated to a tirade on all the music that the author doesn't like, with a play-by-play of the waste of time that he thinks the radio stations are. Not to mention, the constant side comments about behind-the-scenes drama. What would have made a good article about local music stations would have been either to discuss the ins and outs of corporately owned radio stations or, as the author is obviously not a fan of radio at all, to compare XM to FM stations. As a big fan of the *Reader,* I was sorry to see such a sad lapse in judgment on the cover, as I know you can do better.

Mariah Burzynski
via e-mail

Broadcast Snooze

The one true claim that 91X makes for musical diversity is *Music without Boundaries* hosted by Kenny Weissberg, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Saturday mornings ("A Pit Stop on the FM Band," Cover Story, August 17). Both 91X and 94.9 are otherwise one-dimensional. At times, I've found myself saying "yeah, right" to the claim of pushing boundaries and championing new music. To be sure, White Stripes, the Raconteurs, etc., are listed on top of the Hot 100 of *Billboard,* but as Conor Lastowka writes, this is not taking chances with new music. Both stations do not play AAA, as does 102.1. They're also not listener supported. Maybe that's the answer. Maybe it's why some of our excellent local talent are barely heard from unless they get a major-la-

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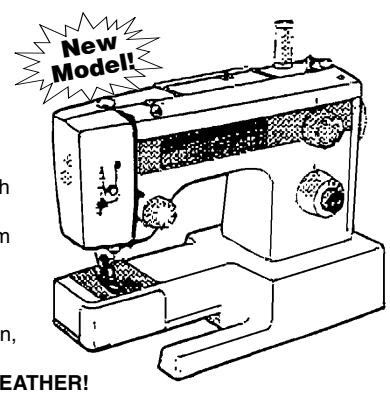

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bel deal. It sure makes me long for that great radio station many of us from other cities can name and look forward to tuning in to when we return. Those few still standing reflect the vibrant and diverse music that a city has to offer along with great songs written before 1995. So now I want you all to go to your windows, stick your heads out, and say, "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not gonna take it anymore."

Ray Peterssen
via e-mail

What The Dogs Do

Congratulations to Mr. Don Bauder for exposing the phony Arthur Levitt and his seedy Kroll report ("Local Media Fall for Kroll Heist," "City Lights," August 17). Levitt became chief financial officer of the criminal state of New York, meaning chief deceiver. Who is this guy? Nothing but another Wall Street stooge and con man telling us what to do. How stupid can this city be? I was there on Wall Street and Albany and Buffalo. I know that Levitt is a stool pigeon for the rich, the fox let into the chicken coop. When is this city of San Diego going to stop depending on New York to tell her what to do? Are you that stupid, San Diego? Are you that dumb? I know what New York is all about, and if San Diego thinks that it is going to get anything constructive from New York, San Diego is more stupid than I thought it was. It's about time the people of San Diego rose in rebellion against this filthy establishment led by the rotten *Union-Tribune* and the whole rotten bunch of swine in city hall. When are the people of San Diego going to unite and demand honesty and truth in government, not the garbage they have now? It's a good thing we have men like Don Bauder. I congratulate this man. He's one in a million.

Wall Street is the enemy of the people. Wall Street is the enemy of the human race. How do I know? I worked there. I was on the inside looking into what the dogs do. Wall Street is the enemy of humanity. It traffics in human blood, and Arthur Levitt is a creature of Wall Street. I know. I saw him in action. The *Reader* has done a service by having a guy like Don Bauder around. That's one thing you've done right. When are the city and the people of San Diego going to wise up and realize that Wall Street is laughing at you and they're counting your money right now? Merrill Lynch has made a lot of money on you fools.

Name Withheld

Ha-Ha-Ha!

This is in response to Jack D.'s reaction (Letters, August 17) to Neal Obermeyer's cartoon (August 10) of the Freedom Concert in Chula Vista. One of the things that I love about that cartoon is that it offends people like you. People like you are such a pleasure to point and laugh at. By the way, being liberal does not make one unpatriotic. I just retired from 20 years in the military and love my country.

Chris
via e-mail

Anybody Seen The Melting Pot?

I'm calling in response to the letter by Jack D. (August 17). Jack, that cartoon (Neal Obermeyer, August 10) was the realest, realest, realest s*** the *Reader* has published in a long, long, long time. I love reading the *Reader*. You show both viewpoints, those I agree with and those I don't agree with. But how do I know I don't agree with someone until I read it? Jack, get off it, sweetie. America is the most hypocritical, hypocritical country there is. They have stolen land that wasn't theirs, slaughtered people, killed people, financed people being slaughtered and killed, and you know what, they're getting a taste of their own medicine right now. Whatever happened to the melting pot? I bet you support Bush. Jack D., it's like, come on, man, give it up. That cartoon was the realest, realest, realest thing published in a long time. That cartoon should have been on the front page of the *Reader* for the next year, every week.

J. Nicole
San Diego

Imaginary Friend

I am writing in response to Dave's letter, published in this week's *Reader* (August 17), regarding Barbarella's column titled "One Life to Lead" ("Diary of a Diva," August 3).

I fear that Dave has exactly missed the point of Barbarella's insightful article. In his letter he thinks Barbarella is "ridiculous," and quite probably selfish or even mean, for not wanting to sign a get-well card for a coworker she detests. Dave goes on to suggest how much such a card might be appreciated when one is sick and lonely in the hospital. If I were in the hospital, the last thing I would want to receive would be the hollow, insincere "well wishes" of a coworker who clearly dislikes me. I am not so desperate for "friends" that I will gladly embrace and cherish such fake sentimentality. If I want that, I can pay someone to send me get-well cards. On the contrary, rather than making me feel better, it casts suspicion upon the other office

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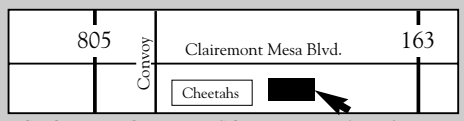

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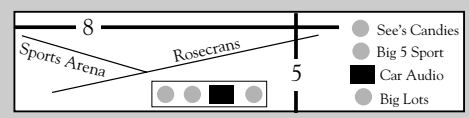

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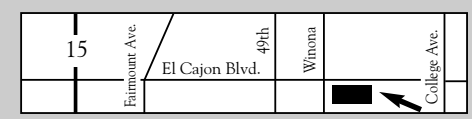

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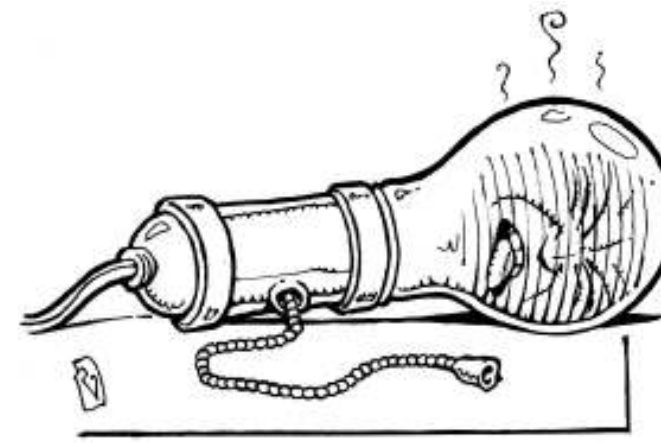

Illustration by Rick Geary

Hi, Matt:
Why do light bulbs go poof! *when you turn them on, never while they're turned on and burning and having been on for hours? Maybe some expire in use in an abandoned garage, but I've never seen a bulb give up the ghost unless it happens just as I am turning the switch on. Strange.*

— PM, La Jolla

As your light-bulb filament glows away in its glassy prison, minuscule bits of metal fly off it and deposit themselves on the inside of the bulb. The filament gets thinner and weaker as it burns. Finally, one day you flip the switch, the sudden surge of current is too much for it to bear, and its little brains explode. Listen closely next time. Maybe you'll hear a tiny scream. Very rarely you might get a bulb that is not completely sealed, and it will burn out the first time it's turned on because oxygen has gotten inside it, causing the filament to burn too hot to survive. In either event, you're still stuck trying to decide which fixture to steal the replacement from.

Help, Matt:
Every day I read my horoscope in the paper. But I've just heard that somebody's discovered many new planets. Does that mean that everybody's horoscope is now wrong? What am I going to do? I really depend on them to plan my day!

— Virgo, the net

I hope this is a case of locate cheek, insert tongue, Virgo. If Matthew Alice and the horoscopes guide your life, I'm afraid you're just lost in space. Perhaps you could add fortune cookies to your list for some international flair. My advice for today is, be careful crossing streets when Mercury is retrograde (or maybe that's "when a Mercury is backing up"; I get them confused); and the attractive stranger you're about to meet will eventually steal your credit cards.

There's been no general outcry from the worldwide horoscope community about this new-planet business, but that's likely because there are many different horoscope systems and no single spokesguru and also because no new planets have been discovered. Astronomers are simply renaming galactic things that have been around since the beginning of time. It used to be an asteroid, now it's a planet — that kind of thing. The definition of "planet" has always been a little sketchy, scientists are now willing to admit. Maybe Pluto's a planet, maybe not. Depends on your point of view. Today (Thursday, August 24), in fact, is the day the International Astronomical Union will announce exactly what a planet is. As a result, most people expect the number of planets in our solar system to increase from 9 to 12.

If history is our best predictor, the three new planets will be jiggered into what some entrepreneur will declare is the best and most complete and only true system of astrology. He'll gather followers, build a website, find a publisher, and one more type of horoscope will be added to the hundreds already existing. The rest of horoscope-ville will ignore them.

My only connection to the world of astrology is the chart builder that Grandma Alice resorts to when the elves are out of control. Grandma says she always comes away with some new insight or at least a new weapon in the battle for serenity when she is reminded that it's not really the elves, it's Aries causing all the uproar. So, in the interest of thoroughness, we got the local take on the new-planet revelation. "We will all wait and see what happens," our seer says, "but I don't believe anything astronomers find will change the way I work." (The feeling is mutual, of course.) For her the whole system is so ancient, the observations so consistent and go back so many centuries that they have been proven true. "These new planets are not new. They've always been there."

Personally, I wouldn't look for changes on the horoscope page. I'd head straight for business and finance. The way Wall Street's working these days, if the astronomers' new definition finally boots Pluto off the official list of planets, Disney stock will take a beating.

Matt:
At what age do you discontinue use of the term "master" to address correspondence to a young man? Thank you.

— Roseann Schoen, the net

Ms. Schoen, I'd say when you get to 95 or so, you can stop. Everyone will conclude that you've finally loosened the bonds of tyrannical etiquette, a prerogative of your age. I joke, of course. The term "master" is so little used these days, and then only in extremely formal situations, that some etiquette books don't even address the issue. "Master" is a very old British (then American) formal term of respect for adult men that morphed into the term "mister"; "master" was relegated to boys under age 13. Today's envelope etiquette suggests a kid is Master John Jones up to age 8, John Jones until age 18, then Mr. John Jones. Informally, of course, after age 8 he's actually just "Yo, dude!"

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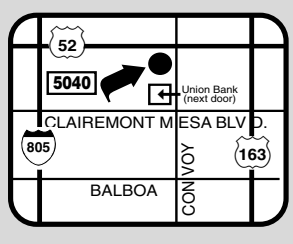

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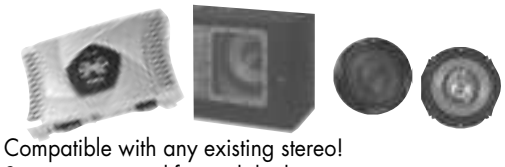

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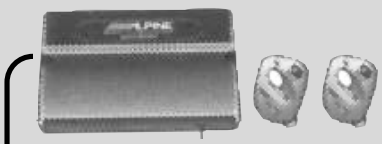

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Homecoming

Last week, while working on a column about the NFL Network and its greed war with Time Warner Cable, five hours before deadline, I was run over by a freight train of something resembling a summer flu mixed with Nigerian street food. Over and out. Slept through the next 21 hours. No column.

Back in the ring Sunday night, dusting off the mostly finished NFL Network column. I've set base camp on the big brown coach, have recovery artifacts (Tylenol, Sunday paper, telephone, oranges, yogurt, beef jerky, two-day-old pizza slices, big bottle of apple juice) on adjacent ottoman. A 20th-century iBook warms my manly thighs.

Now, by way of telephone intrusion, comes a fellow I'll call Michael Brewer. Mike was a small-time San Diego bookie until he figured out he was better at betting sports than he was at bookmaking. He closed his practice six years ago and moved to Reno. No gambler will ever tell you the truth about his winnings, or about his life for that much, but the man does appear to be holding his own as unindicted citizen and gentleman sports gambler. Brewer asks, "Are you watching this?"

Well, actually, I am. At least, I could be since the TV is on…muted, but on. The NFL Sunday-night preseason game has ended, so *this* has to be John Mark Karr's plane ride. I click over to FOX news, see a Thai jetliner taxiing on a darkened tarmac. "Yeah."

Brewer says, "The perp is landing at LAX."

"So."

"I'll lay 2 to 1 the perp gets off the plane first."

I groan, "You are a sick, degenerate freak." A kinder person would take into account that it's August and career NFL bettors are climbing their kitchen walls waiting for the regular season to start up. "Go be nice to your wife while you still have one. Take her some place. Go for a walk."

"I'll take care of my wife. Do you want the bet?"

I glance over to the TV, wonder, for the 500th time, why FOX makes their women anchors do something weird to their eye sockets. All their female anchors seem to have this bulging, rodent-head-squashed-in-a-vice quality to their orbs…

"DO YOU WANT THE BET?"

"No."

Michael pouts. "Okay, how many glasses of champagne did the perp have during the flight?"

"Standard bet?" Our standard bet is $25.

"Yeah."

Hmm. Karr has been photographed with one glass of champagne. Would cops let him have two? If he wasn't technically under arrest, would they stop him if he ordered another glass? Would they want to? And, does the perp like booze well enough to demand another round? "What odds?"

"Over one drink pays 4 to 1."

He wants me to bet the over. "I'll think about it." I make myself turn away from the bulging eye sockets and say, "I'll offer a bet. How many different cop agencies will be present during the first post-arrest podium press conference? Before you ask, *agency* means any instrumentality that has the power of arrest."

Readers who have cops as friends or family members know law enforcement is a neighborhood sport. City cops hate other city cops if those cops work in a different division, although all city cops hate state cops, who hate county cops, and *everybody* loathes the FBI. But, at least the FBI is worthy of hatred, unlike the ATF, DEA, or anything connected to Homeland Security — particularly the TSA (think airport screeners), which is considered two cuts below the Baghdad municipal police.

So, when a sensational crime story blows in and you see a dozen mannequins standing on a podium, dressed in dark suits, listening to a pasty-faced regional director of an agency you've never heard of tell the world how hard every agency and every darned employee in every agency have worked, and how well every agency and every darn employee in every agency have worked together — indeed, how they've become one big happy oyster oozing mutual respect — then you know you've come across a big bullshit crime story.

Michael is still thinking. Silence. More silence. Now comes the obligatory query: "What's the over/under?"

"Five."

I turn the channel to MSNBC, on to CNN, back to FOX and around the horn again. I count two panels of "experts." I note that the odious O.J. people are back. I spy media whore and forensic expert Dr. Henry Lee on somebody's panel. There's a clip of another Simpson lawyer, Barry Scheck. Yes, they'll all be coming back. Plus a swarm of new lawyers who have crawled out of the sinkhole and infested cable news since O.J. walked. Amber Frey's attorney will be back. The grotesque Mark Geragos will be back. Team Rita Cosby will be there. Geraldo, Monica Crowley, Tucker Carlson, Wolf Blitzer, Joe Scarborough, Bill O'Reilly…

Michael says, "I'll take the over."

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"When the music fades/ All is stripped away/ And I simply come, longing just to bring/ Something that's of worth," sang Trevor Davis. "I'll bring you more than a song..." But songs were exactly what Davis and his band brought, as part of Canyon Springs Church's Summer Concert Series. Clad in proper hipster attire — snug polo shirt, big belt buckle, a mop of hair clinging to his head — Davis played, sang, and twisted with abandon: sharp guitar picking, staccato chords, and vocals that veered between a breathy croon and an anguished falsetto.

"There's a line in the Bible that says we have to be clever as serpents," said Davis. "This song is played on a secular radio station. I tried to make it kind of crafty — 'Is that about a girl named Grace?' But once they're into it, then they get it." "Grace — she has never left me/I try but I can't resist you, you keep on hookin' me like a fish/Oh, Grace..."

Pastor Hawkins's wife, Jilane, took the stage, which stood just two feet away and one foot up from the congregation filling the elementary school gymnasium. She announced that baptisms would be held later that day at a congregant's home. "If...you have made a commitment to Christ and yet you have never publicly shown that by getting baptized, we would like to have you come." (Canyon Springs practices baptism by immersion.) Baby-dedication, she then announced, would be held next week.

Canyon Springs' motto is "Real Fun. Real People. Real Answers," and a goofy strain of humor ran through the service. "Jack is going to be speaking on finding comfort in the face of fear," said Jilane. "One of the things that can help us when we're children is to have something soft and warm..." Women came to the front of the congregation and began tossing tiny teddy bears into the crowd "to bring you comfort. Just a reminder that Canyon Springs cares and God cares!" she cried over the cheers and squeals.

Pastor Hawkins continued the church's Summer Comfort series. "God put a book in the Bible that is completely dedicated to helping you and me find comfort in difficult times...the book of Psalms." Psalm 27 asks at the outset, "Of whom shall I be afraid?" "When fear comes knocking at your door," asked Hawkins, "what does it look like?" A knock sounded at a stage door off to Hawkins's left. First up — a punk babysitter, boyfriend in tow. Then a vacuum-cleaner salesman. Then a girl scout selling cookies, a mother-in-law, and a nightmare date from eHarmony bent on a trip to Boomers. The audience roared.

But Hawkins treated more serious fears in his sermon — fears about children, money, sickness. He examined the fears that David expressed in the Psalm — fears about physical violence — "When evil men advance against me." David responded, "The Lord is the stronghold of my life." Said Hawkins, "I'm not telling you that if God's in your life you will never face physical violence. But time and time again in Scripture, God promises His protection. There is a supernatural barrier around us. Maybe sometimes things will happen, but God can protect us from those things."

David wrote, "Though my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will receive me." Hawkins: "Some of you, your parents are dead, and you're still trying to get their approval.... God will receive you — your sins, your mistakes, your successes, your failures.... He loves you just how you are."

Even as he listed his fears, David prescribed the remedy: "One thing I ask of the Lord...that I might dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

"Folks, if you want to overcome fear, you've got to learn to focus on God, and I'm going to give you one way — read the book of Psalms. You won't relate to everything, but you will find verses that you will grab hold of." Hawkins also pointed to David's frankness with God — "'Do not reject me or forsake me.' You have to be authentic with God." And finally, he noted David's patience. "This is so important, David says it twice: 'Wait for the Lord.'"

What happens when we die?

"You get what you've always wanted," says Hawkins. "If you have given your life to Christ and invited him in, then you spend eternity with him in what I would consider paradise...a place where the evil is taken out. Other people, God has offered them a relationship throughout their life, and unfortunately, they continue to say no. When they die, they will get what they have always wanted — eternity away from God. The Bible puts it as fire and brimstone. I believe...the Bible puts it that way because it's the only way they can describe something that horrible."

— Matthew Lickona

JACK HAWKINS

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content	★★½
delivery	★★★
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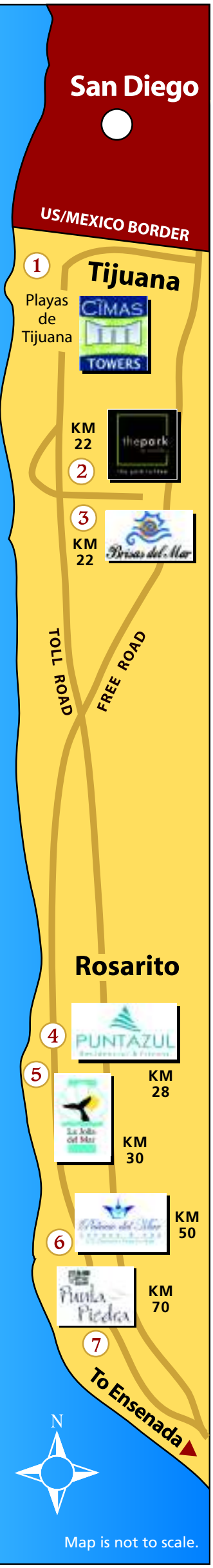

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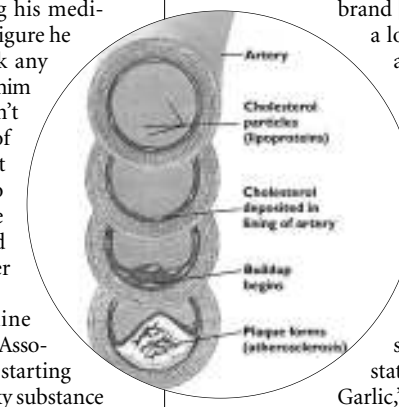
–EVE KELLY

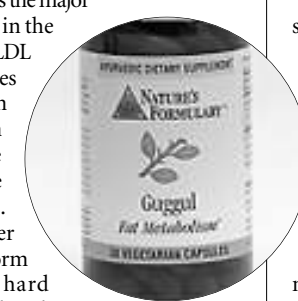
"Cholesterol is a soft, waxy substance found among the lipids [fats] in the bloodstream and in all your body's cells."

High cholesterol doesn't run in my husband's family, but he has become an exception. Last month he returned from a yearly physical looking glum. "Doc has given me three months to take some weight off and lower my cholesterol," Patrick said. "He says even taking 10 to 20 pounds of weight off will considerably lower my odds of heart disease," he added.

When I met Patrick, he was a broad-chested, thin-waisted, athletic man who wore his pants at size 32 and weighed in at 185 pounds. Years of happy marriage, big feasting parties, and little exercise have given him a girth. He now wears size 38 pants, and the number on the scale has topped off at 220. I figured a little research on lowering cholesterol would help jump start the new Patrick. My sister Meg gave me further inspiration: her husband Carl has had high cholesterol for years. "He hasn't been taking his medicine," Meg complained, "so I figure he will be having a heart attack any time soon. The doctor wants him to take Lipitor, and he just doesn't take it. I tried to sneak lots of fresh garlic into his diet, but it was giving him awful gas, so now he does nothing." She seemed hopeless. So I decided to try to get some info for her man and mine.



I began with some online research. The American Heart Association website gave me some starting info. "Cholesterol is a soft, waxy substance found among the lipids [fats] in the bloodstream and in all your body's cells. It's an important part of a healthy body because it's used to form cell membranes, some hormones, and is needed for other functions. But a high level of cholesterol in the blood — hypercholesterolemia — is a major risk factor for coronary heart disease, which leads to heart attack. Cholesterol and other fats can't dissolve in the blood. They have to be transported to and from the cells by special carriers called lipoproteins. There are several kinds, but the ones to focus on are low-density lipoprotein [LDL] and high-density lipoprotein [HDL]. Low-density lipoprotein is the major cholesterol carrier in the blood. If too much LDL cholesterol circulates in the blood, it can slowly build up in the walls of the arteries feeding the heart and brain. Together with other substances it can form plaque, a thick, hard deposit that can clog those arteries.... A clot [thrombus] that forms near this plaque can block the blood flow to part of the heart muscle and cause a heart attack. If a clot blocks the blood flow to part of the brain, a stroke results. A high level of LDL cholesterol [160 mg/dL and above] reflects an increased risk of heart disease.... About one-third to one-fourth of blood cholesterol is carried by HDL. Medical experts think HDL tends to carry cholesterol away from the arteries and back to the liver, where it's passed from the body. Some experts believe HDL removes excess cholesterol from plaques and thus slows their growth. HDL cholesterol is known as 'good' cholesterol because a high HDL level seems to protect against heart attack. The opposite is also true: a low HDL level [less than 40 mg/dL in men; less than 50 mg/dL in women] indicates a greater risk. A low HDL cholesterol level also may raise stroke risk."



After a night lying next to my husband, imagining I could hear the plaque building up in his arteries, I hit the health food stores to find some cholesterol-reducing foods and vitamins. I started with my local Henry's Marketplace because the saleslady in the vitamin section seems to know something about everything. "Of course, the first things he needs to start doing," she said, "is exercising and eating all the good foods, lots of fruits and dark green vegetables, oats, and nuts. Flax seed oil also helps with cholesterol," she said, pointing me to the shelf of oils. "The oils are more concentrated than taking the pills. All the brands are pretty comparable, but the Health from the Sun brand [**$15.99** for 16 oz.] has a longer shelf life. Garlic also helps with cholesterol. Garlinase Fresh by Enzymatic Therapy [**$29.99** for 100 tablets] is the best brand that we sell," she offered. "In Europe, when they tested the effects of garlic on cholesterol, they used this brand," she added. The box stated "The No. 1 Selling Garlic," and "Closest to Fresh Garlic," and better yet, "No Garlic Breath." That would be the real seller for Patrick, I thought. We had both shared a classroom in college with a girl who swallowed whole cloves of garlic in the morning and oozed garlic the rest of the day. It was not a pleasant experience sitting in a room with her. "But how is it possible?" I wondered. The box read, "Enteric-coated tablets reach the small intestine, so you get garlic where you need it and avoid garlic breath." I hoped Patrick, who always has to know how things work, would be satisfied with that explanation. It would be a tough sell, considering the pills smelled like toasted garlic.

The Henry's saleslady offered one more suggestion. "Red Yeast Extract by Healthier Lives [**$17.99** for 60 capsules] also helps with cholesterol and this brand is our strongest potency."

I bought both packages and headed on to Whole Foods. "Some people have had success with Guggul by Nature's Formulary [**$20.49** for 60 capsules]," explained the salesman pointing out the bottle. On the back label, it claimed that in the Indian holistic medicine called ayurveda, "Guggul is believed to help remove accumulated fat by-products, a result of Kapha imbalance, and joint conditions, a result of Vata imbalance."

And for people who naturally have high cholesterol, the Whole Foods salesman continued, "HDL Booster by Enzymatic Therapy [**$39.99** for 120 tablets] helps boost good cholesterol, the HDL." The bottle stated, "Increase good cholesterol (HDL) levels up to 23 percent." Can't turn that one down, I thought, and snatched up a bottle for my man.

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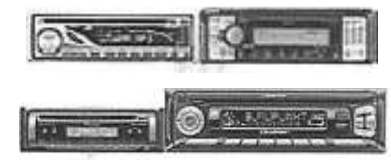

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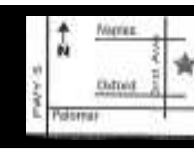

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I MADE AN ALLIGATOR

by Josh Board

Top: Mario in front of one of his paintings; Bottom left: Three artists, preparing for Fiesta Del Sol this weekend; Bottom right: This guy was quiet while sketching, but was animated when talking about graffiti artists.

When I go to an art party, I never know what to expect. Sometimes the art is interesting. When it's not interesting, I say it's not my cup of tea.

I was invited to an art party at Mario's North Park home, which was a pleasant surprise. He hung only one of his paintings in the living room, as he needed one wall clear for a slide show that a New York artist would be presenting.

Mario showed me his portraits and several paintings of eyes. I asked why he painted so many eyes. "My dad was an artist, and he talked about the importance of painting eyes and hands." He was enthusiastic as he explained his process, and he showed me the poster he created for Fiesta del Sol, which is this weekend on Imperial Avenue between 21st and 25th Streets. Mario's poster had a sun in the word "Sol," with eyes, dancers, a guitarist, and international flags wrapping around the world. When I told him that I liked the flags, he said, "We didn't want just the Mexican flag. I was a bit inspired by the marches here in San Diego, but this isn't a Cinco de Mayo type of thing. It's for the entire community. Not just blacks. Not just Mexicans. A reaffirmation of all culture."

Someone else came up and said, "You must've seen Mario on the cover of the *Reader* a few months back with one of his paintings." I nodded, even though I couldn't recall the issue. I also didn't recall the mural I was told he had painted inside the Ken Cinema. He said, "It got painted over about 10 years ago, when Landmark took over."

> "I've given some of my best pieces to ex-boyfriends."

When the New York artist presented her slide show, she explained the pieces. I didn't care for how the faces were edited together. An older Latino man suggested to her that it would be easier to do on computer. She explained her technique to him, but he insisted that it would be easier to Photoshop. She smiled, exasperated, and said, "Thank you," as she continued on with her slides.

When an artist named Karlee showed her paintings of a pregnant woman, including the fetus and several images around the body, I said it reminded me of Frida Kahlo. The Latino man snapped at me, "No, it doesn't! It's nothing like her!" Karlee smiled and said, "Oh, yeah, she has done stuff like this. I was actually going through a Frida phase at the time."

Mario was a gracious host. He greeted people at the door and took his time to explain the art, sometimes almost dancing in front of the piece. Later, when the music started, he grabbed a drum and started walking around his house pounding it. He told several people that if they ever wanted an art party, he would make his house available to them.

I went upstairs to Mario's studio and saw more of his paintings. One was of Mexican students leaving classrooms to protest the immigration laws. I told him that I didn't agree with students leaving class, and that I thought most of them probably just used it as an excuse to miss school. I was prepared for a heated debate. He just smiled and said, "Yeah, I know. But that's how revolutions start. That's how we can make changes happen."

A bulb burned out on the projector, and it took 15 minutes to get it working. Another artist had gone to his car to get his projector. A younger Latino with a leather hat said, "That guy is Superman, getting his projector to save the day."

I asked the young man if he was an artist. "No. I'm a chemist. I do take photographs." He looked up and noticed the light was back on in the projector and said, "We can do shadow puppets with our hands while we are waiting for the slides." I made an alligator.

Between artists talking about their pieces, discussion would turn to the Fiesta del Sol and how it would be raising money for scholarships. There was a debate about the art competition and the sizes of various pieces.

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was there sketching. He was quiet until he got up to make an announcement about the Fiesta and how a group of graffiti artists called the B-boys would be painting.

I had an interesting conversation with a woman named Naimeh. We talked about the therapeutic value of art. She told me about how we interpret colors and shapes and how they can change your mood, calm you. I thought about my dentist's torn and faded posters of polar bears and elephants. When he's drilling my teeth, I wish he had put more thought into his decor.

There were pizzas in the kitchen, and someone was pouring wine from Argentina. I grabbed a glass and went onto the porch. The chemist was out there talking about sterilization in Puerto Rico in the 1970s. The women he was talking to took the opportunity to talk about the injustices in the world.

Karlee was talking about art with a guy, and I overheard her say, "I've given some of my best pieces to ex-boyfriends. I regret that now." She seemed happier at the prospect of her new boyfriend, who had moved from Minnesota to Los Angeles. I said, "It's definitely closer to San Diego." She smiled and said, "I know. We'll see what happens."

Someone mentioned the "Art Miles Mural Project" — 12 miles of murals — which is going to be worked on at the Fiesta del Sol. Anyone who shows up can paint, as long as they sign in and sign their name on the back. The mural is going to go to Egypt and then to France.

Mario ran through the house with burning sage. I thought it smelled of burning flesh and went outside. When Mario walked outside with it, I told him I went out there to get away from the smell. He laughed and said, "I never saw someone move so quickly to get away from sage." He explained that American Indians used sage to get rid of evil spirits.

It got me out of there in a hurry. ■

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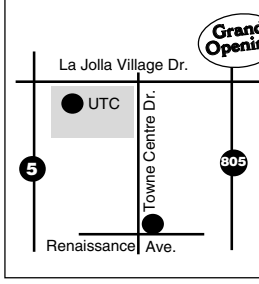

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Half of the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important.

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"I just got word that the pilot's being picked up," said a voice behind me.

"Which one was it?" I asked David; he had a clearer view of the three people seated at the table adjacent to ours.

"The blond in the jacket," he said, referring to the 20-something guy with bleached bangs spiked with gel, wearing what David had earlier dubbed an "offensive" navy pinstriped jacket over meticulously faded jeans, his eyes hidden behind '70s-style pilot glasses. Across from this aspiring "somebody" was a 30-something woman whose heels were as tall as her skirt was short, and, at around 50, a veteran Angeleno who dressed down his Rolex and pink Armani silk shirt with a pair of tattered brown sandals.

"I'd go postal. I couldn't do it. I mean, I don't even have to interact with them directly and I want to slap every face in here."

"Gag me," I said, pointing my index finger at my open mouth for emphasis.

"Yeah, I know," said David, punctuating his comment with a dramatic eye-roll.

"Are you ready to order?" We hadn't seen him, but there he was, watching us expectantly, a smile on his face and a sparkle in his eye that hinted at familiarity.

"Uh, yeah, I don't mean to be annoying, but last time I was here you guys had an awesome cheese plate. I don't see it on the menu," I said.

"Right, it's on our cocktail menu," answered our waiter, whose entirely white ensemble was glowing vibrantly against the creamy mocha color of his skin.

"Can I still order it?" I asked.

"I thought you wanted the steak," David interjected. "How 'bout I order the steak and you can have a bite? Then I can have some of your cheese."

"I don't think that's going to work — I like my meat burnt to a crisp and you like yours with a faint echo of 'Moo' on its lips," I answered.

"I have an idea," offered the man standing over us. "We'll fix you up a cheese plate and we'll cut the steak in half before cooking it — his half medium rare and your half medium well."

"Really? That would be wonderful," I said. "But if it's too much trouble for the chef, or if he's hesitant, really, don't bother, we'll cope, it's cool."

"Yeah, we don't mean to be so much trouble," said David. "We're happy either way, really."

Smiling that familiar smile, the waiter disappeared from our view as quickly as he had appeared, and David and I relaxed into our chairs. Business and pleasure often take us on day trips to L.A., but every few months we like to make a weekend of it. This was our second visit to the Avalon, a hip, mid-century-style hotel tucked between residential and commercial streets in Beverly Hills.

Keeping our eyes locked on one another so as to continue our communication in silence, David and I resumed our eavesdropping.

"No, the Tropicana Bar is where the premier party is going to be. The guys at my office said the CSI after-party is somewhere else, but I'm going to go to both, and probably a few more. I mean, it *is* Saturday, after all." This from the woman. I raised both of my brows at David to say, *Yes, darling, do go on, we want to know every detail of your dance card*, and he responded with the succinct one-brow lift that agreed, with no small amount of derision, *Tell me about it.*

The woman shouted, "Excuse me! Yeah, excuse me!" and waved her arm wildly above her head; our waiter, who was a tall man, was at her side in four swift strides. "I distinctly asked for my avocado to be on the *left* side of my plate," the woman whined. My eyes widened and my face formed the question, *Is it too taxing to turn the plate around?* David nodded in agreement and shifted uncomfortably in his chair.

"I'm so sorry, Madam, we'll fix that right away," said the waiter.

"And he wanted his salad *finely* chopped. Didn't we tell you that? I mean, I've already watched him re-cut those greens four times!"

"Yes, Madam, my apologies. I'll be right back." The waiter whisked the plates away and disappeared.

Our meal arrived, the steak and cheese to both of our liking. From behind me, I heard, "Meg Ryan was here last week, you

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know." This from the bleach-haired kid David had dubbed the Wannabe Brad Pitt. Any restaurant in L.A. is only as current and trendy as its last celebrity visitor. The woman and apparently mute older man shrugged indifferently and "Brad" blushed, most likely searching his memory for news on someone who might impress his dining companions.

Our waiter returned to check on us. "How do you deal with it here?" I asked him. "Everyone's so *on*; they all seem like they're trying to sell something."

"Well, I've learned that the ones who are really doing stuff aren't the ones talking about it," he answered, before flashing that smile and disappearing once again.

I picked at the remaining cheese in front of me and thought back to when I lived in L.A. As a shmo with friends in low places, I know it's not that hard to show appreciation for the work that these people do. Too many people, longing to feel important, mimic the ill-mannered behavior of those who are famously allowed to get away with such antics, as though doing so will somehow earn them the same status. I would rather be a "nobody" who is remembered by a few people for being kind than a "somebody" who has a reputation with millions for being a dick.

"Is there anything else I can get you?" I was getting used to our waiter's materializing-from-thin-air bit.

"No, no, just the check when you get a chance," I answered.

Two minutes later, another waiter placed a giant, caramel-covered brownie on our table.

"Oh, no, we didn't order dessert," David told him. Looking confused, the guy began to turn away, brownie in hand, when a man who suddenly appeared by his side stopped him.

"No, that's correct, put it back," said our waiter. Then, to us, he added, "It's on me."

"What? You're rewarding us for being difficult and demanding problem customers?" I asked, bewildered.

"If this is how you treat troublemakers like us, then you better brace yourself for how we'll act when we come back for dinner," David said jokingly.

"Really, it's my pleasure," he said, and vanished without giving us another opportunity to protest his generosity.

David and I were baffled. Our bellies were full from steak and cheese, but we did our best to make an appreciative dent in the rich chocolate brownie.

"That was weird," David said between bites.

"Yeah, it's not like we're rich or famous. We're certainly not Meg Ryan. And here we were being all demanding and shit. Make sure you calculate this into the tip," I suggested.

We continued to chip away at the brownie while listening to the conversations around us, and I could see by his face that David's train of thought was traveling down the same track as mine. "People here must suck so much that you're rewarded, even if you're difficult, for simply being *nice* about it," I said.

"Just think of the kind of shit these poor guys who work here have to put up with every day," said David. For a moment, we contemplated this in silence.

"I'd go postal. I couldn't do it. I mean, I don't even have to interact with them directly and I want to slap every face in here," I said.

"Yeah. This weekend's been fun, but I'm looking forward to being back in San Diego, a safe 200 miles away from all these industry people," David said. ■

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The high-rise is, as you might guess, an American invention. Which means that Americans brought together into one form the crucial developments that made it possible: steel frames, reinforced concrete, glass, water pumps, the elevator, modernist patriotic hubris.

But in a classic case of technological appropriation, it's estimated that by 2015 the five tallest buildings in the world will all rise above east Asia. Realms like Taiwan possess the know-how and the industry, they need the space, and they're emerging onto the global stage at a perfect moment for making undeniable assertions of nationalistic vanity. If nothing else, really high high-rises herald the global presence of a country.

The skyline of Manhattan is punctuated by over 228 buildings that are taller than the tallest building in San Diego. Even Los Angeles has 23 buildings that rise into more troposphere than any of ours, with one, the U.S. Bank Tower, that's more than twice as high as anything downtown.

The reason for the local height limit isn't because of our sandstone soil, nor because of the seismic fault that runs under downtown. Rather, it's because of a local ordinance that says no taller buildings may escalate near airport flight paths. Phoenix and Tampa have similar regulations in effect.

Some lament the fact that San Diego's skyline isn't distinctive enough or tall enough. Kurt Hunker, award-winning architect and graduate chair of the NewSchool of Architecture, told me,

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"Some cities seem to have more distinctive high-rise skylines than others. And we don't. San Diego doesn't. We really don't have anything terribly distinctive."

But if the choice lies between (1) a massive, recognizable, famous cityscape with an airport out on some brown faraway mesa and (2) our tidy downtown high-rise clusters with an easy commute to and from all flights, then I'd vote for number two any day. We take to the sky instead of scraping it. Commendably, San Diego, in this way at least, is more "functional" than "status symbol."

According to Emporis Buildings, the largest building database in the world, 118 high-rises currently loom over America's Finest City, 17 more are under construction, 15 others have been approved to begin construction soon, and 29 beyond that have been officially "proposed," which means that they're as good as built.

Think about that. By 2010, our downtown will have undergone a space odyssey

One America Plaza

indeed. One hundred eighteen high-rises will become at least 179 of them, and likely more. Nine of these new additions will be among the top 20 tallest in town. In just a few years, we stand to enjoy (or lament) a dramatically different skyline.

San Diego's high-rise history began in 1909 with the 155-foot Broadway Lofts building on Fifth and Broadway. The El Cortez Hotel, in 1927, was the first local building to top 300 feet. The El Cortez was the highest in town for over 30 years and was in the top 5 until the high-rise boom finally developed here in the 1980s. Now 21 downtown buildings are officially higher than the El, with dozens more soon to follow.

San Diego's current reigning building and, at 500 feet exactly from grade, the tallest building possible unless the airport moves and/or the laws change is One America Plaza, located at 600 West Broadway.

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Symphony Towers

One America Plaza is nothing if not distinctive. The structure tapers slightly, all the way up (four inches per floor), which means that One America Plaza is an obelisk. A 500-foot-tall glass-and-steel obelisk. But it's the top of the thing that makes it stand out — say, the last 70 feet or so before the structure gives way to sky. This increment of One America Plaza is a complex, pointy geometry of tilting, angular folds that looks like either the world's tallest shrug or one of Queen Amidala's most outrageous hairdos in *Star Wars.*

But tilting pointy geometries on the tops of glass-and-steel obelisks garner architectural awards. Since it was completed in 1991, One America Plaza has won San Diego Building of the Year eight times and Pacific Southwest Region Office Building of the Year seven times. And if you take a moment to look at the place, or step inside and swing your eyes around the atrium, then you'll probably understand why.

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One America Plaza was Helmut Jahn. Forty or so years ago, at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Jahn studied under the renowned Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (1886–1969), an architect so famous that he has his own kind of building geometry, "Miesian," named after him. (As an aside, Mies van der Rohe is also the answer to the trivia question, "Who said, 'God is in the details'?")

In 1967, Jahn joined an architectural firm in Chicago, which, within 14 years, had added his name to the firm's. At Murphy/Jahn, Helmut Jahn designed, among many other projects, Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Missouri, and the United Airlines terminal at Chicago's O'Hare Airport. According to a website called great-buildings.com, Jahn's ability to combine modernist architectural doctrine with a more intuitive "creative rationalism" has led to "a symbolic code which could be appreciated by both professional architects and the general public."

Anyway, back in the atrium of Jahn's creation on 600 West Broadway, it's all black, white, and gray marble, sleek lines, and pointed angles. A smooth waterfall cascades gently downward, 40 feet, over six tiers of black granite. The lobby shares an information desk, a "Galleria," two halls leading to rows of elevators, and a U.S. Bank. Many of the passersby on a given day are smartly attired — suited and blazered — although it's obvious from the other outfits — shorts, T-shirts, flip-flops — that this building isn't all business.

The Galleria leads past a half-dozen contemporary paintings to what has to be the world's most futuristic and ostentatious trolley station, a covered, wraparound structure that vaults out of the rear of One America Plaza. Back inside, on the white marble information desk, is a list of the building's 50-odd tenants: mostly law offices, financial services groups, architectural firms, communications and computer companies, and a radio station. Incidentally, and as the fellow with the walkie-talkie and the earpiece at the information desk will inform you, there is no public restroom.

My chaperone up into One America Plaza was a security guard, who explained that to go all the way to the top, into the "crow's nest," we'd be taking the elevator to the 31st floor, then a second, special elevator to the 34th floor, and then we'd have to walk up steps, outdoors, the last four flights.

The express elevators in One America are silent, beautiful, and very fast. Built by Mitsubishi, they're designed to travel 1200 feet a minute (the fastest in San Diego), and their interiors are paneled in exotic karelian burl wood inlaid with stainless-steel trim. I was most impressed by the smooth ride punctuated only by prim little beeps. That, and the fact

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that we were at the 31st floor in about 20 seconds, by which time I felt like a sealed water bottle on an airplane, with all the air sucked out of me and my ears about to explode.

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To the south, on a clear day, you see Tijuana; to the north is University Towne Centre. Mountains perforate the east, and wide water spreads west. In between, dozens of high-rises are gradually eating the view. If not for a few tall structures in the south center of downtown, you'd be able to watch baseball games at Petco Park, over half a mile away. And even more of the view was about to go: right across the street, kitty-corner to the southwest, the Electra, the "tallest residential building in San Diego," was currently being built.

After I descended, back down on ground level, I crossed the street to check out the progress of the Electra, and I wandered into a place where I shouldn't have been. "Hard hat area!" a worker yelled at me. "Boots. No shorts." Well, I answered, with my bare head, sandals, and cut-offs, I'm almost in compliance. But the guy didn't like the joke. Cement mixers mixed, lattices of steel uprose, enormous stanchions propped, huge holes gaped, and over it all, two giant cranes swung massive blocks and girders — so I could tell the rules were for my safety.

HOW TALL IS TALL?

According to the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, a high-rise building is any structure over 35 meters (about 115 feet) in height that is divided into regular intervals with occupiable levels. To be a high-rise, a building must have at least 12 floors, or if it doesn't, then no single undivided portion within the building can rise to more than 50 percent of the building's total height. Also (as if this weren't specific enough!), the edifice must be based on solid ground and fabricated along its full height "through deliberate processes (as opposed to naturally-occurring formations)."

The debate about the title of "Tallest Building in the World" has more stipulations and conditions than the title of heavyweight champion in boxing. But many questions have to be answered before we can point to any single tall building and call it the tallest. For one, people have had to agree on the difference between a tower and a building. Apparently, a building is a frame structure with walls and floors. The CN Tower in Toronto (the world's tallest freestanding structure, at 1815 feet) has some occupied floors, but most of it is a very long concrete elevator shaft. And what about the world's tallest structure? Some wire-propped radio and television beacons in places like North Dakota and Siberia top out over 2000 feet in the air.

And then, once we agree on the definition of a building, where do we measure to? The architectural top? The highest occupied floor? The top of the roof? The top of the antenna? The Sears Tower in Chicago (which is 1450 feet to its architectural top) is tallest to the top of its antenna (1729 feet). Taipei 101 (1671 feet) is tallest to the architectural top and to the top of the roof. I found much conflicting information as to which building in the world has the highest occupied floor.

Let's picture that kind of height for a moment. Tower One of the World Trade Center stood 1368 feet in the air. I'm 5 feet 10 inches. That means the WTC was almost 235 times as tall as I am. Two hundred thirty-five of me, standing on top of each other as tall as we can stand. On the other perspective, 1/235 of my height is about 1/3 of an inch. This issue of the *Reader* in your hands is probably about 1/3 of an inch thick. So there's a height analogy for some perspective: the height of the World Trade Center was to my height as my height is to the thickness of the *Reader*.

Or, if we might indulge mathematics another moment, even more compelling I think than scaling height is scaling up or down the concept of square footage. The biggest building in the world, Taipei 101, has over 2 million square feet of office space inside it. The average human body, prone, takes up about 5 square feet of floor space. So about 400,000 of me could fit inside Taipei 101, lying side by side and head to foot in every room on every floor. Sizewise, maybe a flea is to me as I am to Taipei 101.

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In fact, at 475 feet, the Electra will be the tallest residential building in San Diego in 2007. But the tallest residential building in 2005 (at 450 feet) was the Pinnacle Museum Tower on Front Street. Tenants began moving into the Pinnacle in October 2005. I called the concierge to ask what special information and provisions were provided for tenants living over 400 feet in the air.

Richard Amberry, concierge at the Pinnacle, immediately answered, "Of course we furnish our tenants with foldout ladders and plastic ropes for scaling down the sides of the building in case of an emergency." Then he laughed. "No. No. I'm kidding. Imagine your grandmother having to do that." Amberry then began to paint the real modern picture of high-rise safety.

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Amberry told me that he's worked in high-rises for many years, and the effects of an earthquake can be unnerving.

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"Sometimes a building will take 20 minutes to quit swaying," he said. "I personally always joke that if I had a 1200-square-foot high-rise, I'd only ever use 800 square feet of it because I'd never go near the windows. I hate heights. But, of course, the glass in this building is nonbreakable and tempered and really thick and all that good stuff, so the windows are just as safe as the walls." Luckily for Amberry, the concierge does almost all of his work on the ground floor.

A straight shot another quarter mile down Kettner Boulevard from the Electra, the Manchester Grand Hyatt, at 497 feet, the tallest waterfront building on the West Coast, rises in two conical towers from a wide driveway. After entering and walking through the football-field-sized lobby, I found, tucked onto a section of wall near the concierge's desk, six plaques dedicated to the people who built the Hyatt. Etched in the plaques were hundreds of names, too many to count, and over 60 companies specializing in everything from fire sprinkler systems to doors, steel, glass, marble, engineering, waterproofing, and elevators. Scanning these plaques, I gained a heightened appreciation for the level of coordinated activity that is required to put up a high-rise.

Austin Swint, assistant beverage manager for the Hyatt, had worked on the 40th floor for over two years. I asked Swint what it was like to work so high. Had he ever felt unsafe?

"The only time I ever felt unsafe was during an earthquake," Swint said. "I've worked here during two quakes. For one, I was on the fourth floor, and for the other, I was on the top floor, and the one on the top floor scared the living daylights out of everyone. Our building is set up on rollers, and it's designed to sway about four feet in any direction. So I know it's safer than if it stayed still, but it's a whole lot scarier."

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Michael Stepner

Had he ever been evacuated? Were there special instructions for evacuation situations? "We had a light evacuation once during a fire alarm," Swint answered. "The hotel wasn't very busy, so the stairwells weren't all that crowded. There was no fire, but an electrical short on the 30th floor caused a lot of smoke, and we lost power from about the 10th floor up. But I was actually really impressed with how well the security and the hotel employees worked. It was kind of all hands on deck. And it went just fine."

I wondered what Swint's biggest concern was, going to work over 450 feet in the air every day. "You know, it's funny," he said without hesitation, "and you didn't mention anything about this, but my biggest concern comes from riding in the elevator quite a bit. I mean, every single time I go up and down, up and down, and my ears pop. I always kind of wonder if I'm going to suffer long-term effects from all the ear popping."

I should digress a moment to address another fear associated with any building over, say, 130 feet or so in height. Triskaidekaphobia, it's called. Fear of the number 13. Of the six tallest buildings in San Diego, three have 13th floors, and three do not. The presence or absence of this locale seems to hinge on the nationality of the developers. The series of eight rather beautiful, commercial, graduated hexagons that is Emerald Plaza (450 feet) was built by the Japanese, and the Pinnacle and Electra are Canadian projects, and so, for these three tall buildings, the 13 stayed in. In the good old-fashioned spirit of American denial, and despite the fact that there is defi-

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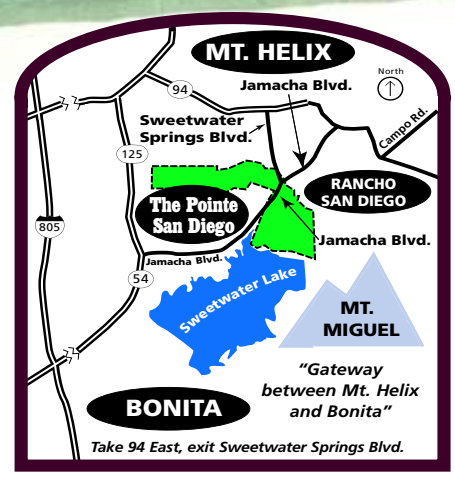

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nitely a floor 13 stories above the ground in One America Plaza, Symphony Towers (499 feet), and the Grand Hyatt, the floor numbers skip from 12 to 14. But it's like what the comedian Mitch Hedberg said, "If you jump out of the window on the 14th floor, you will die earlier!"

Batophobia is the fear of tall buildings, as distinguished from acrophobia, the fear of heights. Acrophobia may be suffered from in a tall building, but the fear of tall buildings is different. One may be afraid of a tall building even while standing beneath it, on otherwise safe ground.

Personally, I engage tall buildings on an aesthetic level. I find it easy to appreciate the visual rhythm of high buildings, punctuating the landscape like high notes in sheet music, like loud sounds on an equalizer's LED display, like prosperity depicted on a bar graph, or the graduated bars of an improving signal on a cell phone. Abrupt, obdurate, undeniable, tall buildings charge the negative spaces between them.

On the telephone one afternoon, I asked Michael Stepner some questions about downtown San Diego's high-rise past and future. Stepner has been the official city architect and the dean of the New-School of Architecture and is currently an urban planner.

What about some philosophical perspective. Why do we build tall buildings in the first place?

"Well, for a number of reasons," Stepner said. "One is because land is valuable, and you want to maximize the return on it. Two, we have uses that require a lot of space in a concentrated area so that people can interact with each other. And thirdly, I think people

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Manchester Grand Hyatt

build high-rises as a symbol of ego; that is, cities and companies will build tall buildings for prestige. There's been talk, too, about tall buildings being a phallic symbol for some people's minds. I'm not sure I'd go along with that, but folks are entitled to their opinions."

What about plans for San Diego's high-rise future?

"We're working to make a successful downtown," Stepner began. "We're adding toward a critical mass of buildings that are residential and office and commercial, to bring people downtown and strengthen the whole area. The real concern is how all those buildings will relate to each other. You don't want buildings that are separated by parking lots; you don't want buildings that don't relate well to the street; you don't want buildings that have garages where people drive in and then drive out at night and never go downstairs to experience downtown. So you've really got to treat high-rises differently in a downtown area than perhaps you'd have to do in a suburban area."

But to say how a building relates to the street, isn't that a question of beauty being in the eye of the beholder?

"No. It's more than that," Stepner demurred. "It is an aesthetic question, but it's also a practical one. If the building doesn't relate well to the street, then the building doesn't encourage people to walk on that street, then you have a dead spot. And if you have a dead spot downtown, then the surrounding properties might not be as productive as they could be, because then you don't have a lot of foot traffic. You need attractive and functional entrances and ground-floor activity."

I asked Stepner about the life expectancy of a tall building. Are they built to last?

He said, "These buildings are studiously maintained, of course, although there have been cases where they've dis-

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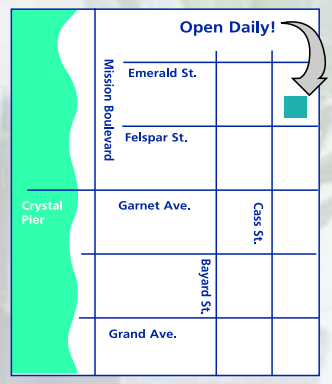

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covered structural problems and so on. But one of the things that's happened over the years that's fascinating is land measures pass in a lot of downtowns, and then a 20-story building might get taken down for a 50-story one. And then later, the 50-story building gets taken down for one that's 75 stories. We've seen situations like this in San Francisco, New York, and Chicago. And some of the buildings that were built in the '20s and '30s probably would have lasted for hundreds of years. If we'd have let them. If the economics didn't get in the way. Other buildings might not last that long, because as we strive for lighter and lighter structural systems, these newer buildings might not be as long lasting."

And who's building these newer buildings? I wanted to interview some big-time architect who had designed local buildings, but I wondered who Stepner thought I should talk to.

"Helmut Jahn is considered by many to be among the outstanding high-rise architects," he answered. "Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill too. Also, Austin Veum Robbins Partners. Everybody has their favorites. And it's interesting in architecture, it's a lot like the movies or television, where the star system kind of takes over and you have someone who's really popular one day and then not so much the next."

I can vouch for the celebrity of architects, at least as it relates to trying to get in touch with one of them. I placed dozens of calls to Jahn and a few other big-name architects who'd had their hands in various San Diego projects, but it took weeks of trying before I could finally get an appointment to speak with one of them. Finally, I was given a half-hour time slot to talk with Doug Austin, chairman and CEO of Austin Veum Robbins Partners.

For Austin, I had prepared precisely one question. I wanted to pretend that I owned a city block downtown, a good spot to develop a new high-rise. Now, could Doug Austin take me step by step through the planning and building stages for putting up a high-rise?

"Generally what would happen," Austin began, "if you were looking at a piece of property, you would initially do some feasibility studies on that project, to find out what you can and can't build. In the downtown area, which is covered by the master environmental impact report, there are several planned district ordinances that apply to different areas at different times. Right now, under the current PDO, or planned district ordinance, generally speaking, there is still incentive there to build housing. In other words, you can get more FAR, or floor area ratio, if you build at least 80 percent housing."

Could Austin linger for a moment on the

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Austin went on. "Let's just say you had a 6 FAR in a 60,000-square-foot block. That would mean that, generally speaking, you could build 360,000 square feet of building above grade. Sometimes, you could get up to an 8 FAR because you were building housing. So you'd get a bonus. So then you're multiplying 8 times 60,000, which is 480,000 square feet. So it depends where you are downtown, and whether you're under the old ordinance or the existing ordinance or the new one. Now they're starting to encourage more employment-based building downtown, although they do still want to encourage housing, but there is a shift going on slowly right now toward more commercial building as well."

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Next, Austin began visualizing the financial aspects for a specific project on my hypothetical plot of land.

"Let's say on your plot of land we can build 360,000 square feet, and you're still under the old ordinance, so you've decided to go with 80 percent housing. Now, for what it's worth, the average price of high-rise housing downtown is roughly $600 per square foot. So if you said you were going to build 1000 square feet as an average-size unit, then you could take the net square footage that was saleable — and that's excluding the corridors, the stairways, the elevator shafts, and any mechanical rooms you'd need to have — and if you're doing it well, you're probably not going to have more than 15 percent of your floor area that's devoted to those things I just men-

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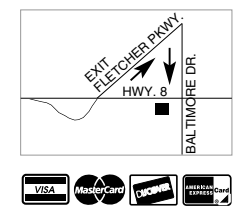

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tioned. So you'd have 85 percent available, and you'd multiply that times your basic revenue."

Austin continued. "Let's say you're doing a high-rise and it's in a decent location," he said, "and you're going to average $650 a square foot, because it's in a good location. So you take your gross revenue, which is, you remember, 80 percent of your 360,000 square feet which is for housing, times 85 percent which is actual livable space, times $650. And then you have to figure out your retail space, the other 20 percent, which might come in about $350 a square foot. And then you have your basic gross revenue tag. Then, from that, you have to find your net revenue: you have to subtract out your sales, commissions, construction, financing, all the soft costs, which include the engineers, the insurances, the HOA dues, legal fees, accounting fees, and so on and so forth."

Then Austin laid out the bottom line. "With the cost of construction right now," he said, "in order to get something built, you've got to get to a point where you're getting at least a 20 percent return on that sales dollar. So if you think you can sell this thing for $150 million, then if you can't make $30 million

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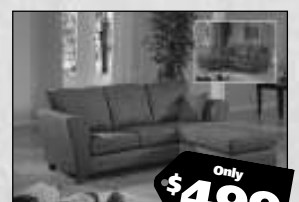

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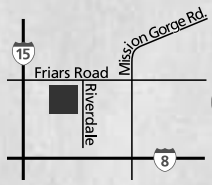

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of profit on the project, then it's probably not going to get built. And the reason for that is because there's so much risk involved in a high-rise, and with a project that big, you've got institutional partners, you've got a Goldman Sachs, you've got a J.P. Morgan, and they're looking for a certain internal rate of return for the money they're going to put up as equity. Generally, they're going to put up part of the equity, the developer's going to put up part, and then you're going to go to a lender who's going to put up the rest. The most you can get in a construction loan is 80 percent of cost, and the rest has to come from big institutional partners and out of your own pocket.

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Your money goes in first, generally, and you take the most risk. And the big institutional lenders are looking for certain internal rates of return to put up the rest."

So now we have all the numbers. We know what works and doesn't work. But now what? Now we go and look for an architect?

"No, no," Austin said. "You're doing this in conjunction with an architect. You need to be looking both physically and at the numbers simultaneously. You're going to be tweaking it both ways. You might have an architect who comes in with a project that's only 81 percent efficiency, and you have to say, 'Wait, this doesn't work.' "

Then the architect isn't necessarily the inventor of the deal?

"Not usually," Austin said. "Typically, the developer is the one that goes out there and has the chutzpah to tie up the land. He's the one with the vision and the money and the backing, and he goes and finds an architect who can help him realize the thing."

And then the developer comes to you?

"Generally, yes," Austin said. "The developer comes to us and says, 'Gee, what can we do here?' They'd also go

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to some sort of marketing consultant and ask them, you know, 'What do you think about this site?' But an architect doesn't have to wait for a developer. I'm just saying that's traditionally how it would happen. But sometimes an architect goes out and says, 'Look, I see this site, and I see what can be done with it. So I'm going to take a risk, and I'm going to dream up what I think needs to be done here, and then I'm going to go find a developer.' "

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Then, for the first time, Austin referred to his own company specifically.

"And we do that," he said. "AVRP actually invents projects. Because we don't necessarily want to wait. Plus, high-rise projects are so dependent on architecture. Whereas, if you're out in the suburbs, all a developer has to do is have a set of plans he's used over and over and over again, and like cookie cutters he can just keep banging them out. But downtown, you can't do that."

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actual physical project? What about the building of the structure itself?

"Once you understand the function of a building," Austin began, "that is, once you know whether it's going to be a hotel, housing, offices, then the design is going to be based on the needs of those users. So an architect's going to work very hard with a client to make something that's not only beautiful, hopefully, but that also works well. Then, there's a whole team of structural and mechanical engineers that have to get the guts of it working. Because basically it's a machine for living when you're all done."

Austin continued, "But now, when you start construction, because it takes so long to build a high-rise, most of the developers downtown want to fast-track the project. Which means they'll start digging the hole once they know enough about the project to define the parameters of the foundation of the structure. Before you even get a full architectural permit. You know you can get certain finishing touches right no matter what, so you can start a lot of the big stuff before you really know where it's going."

And they start with a hole?

"They start with a hole," Austin said, "and usually they go down about four stories. And downtown, usually what we have is a mat foundation. Which means they dig the hole, and then they pour a giant slab of concrete, five, six, seven feet thick, full of steel reinforcement, and that's hole when you're down there. You're putting in a parking garage, probably. And you come back up to grade. And then you create what's called a podium level, which generally is anywhere from 30 to 50 feet high, and that's what fills out the block. And somewhere within the podium there's going to be one or two towers that are going to keep going on up, as many stories as need be, depending on how big each floor is."

"I THINK IF WE COULD GO TO ABOUT 750 FEET, WE COULD DO SOME AMAZING THINGS."

Then Austin digressed a moment to address one of his peeves concerning local high-rise architecture. "Once you get to 240 feet," he said, "you're required in San Diego to do what's called a redundant structure. You could do performance-based design, which I think is smarter, going to resist the weight of the building, the force of wind, an earthquake, what have you. And you're getting certain basic mechanical structural things done in that but San Diego's chosen not to do it yet. And so you have to go to a lot more expense in doing the structure as you get above 240 feet. There's a sort of magical line there. The theory behind redundant structuring is that more is better. You know, if I have a thick wall, then a thicker wall is stronger. Well, the reality is that's not completely true. You don't want your building to be too rigid. You want to have a certain amount of flexibility. Performance-based design, which is the way of the future, makes more efficient and smarter buildings.

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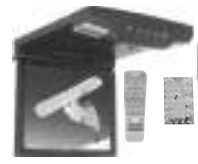
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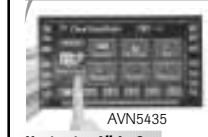
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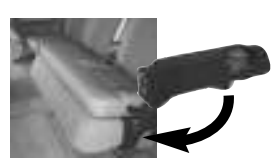
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Redundant structures are safe, don't get me wrong. They're just inefficient as hell. The thing is, performance-based design is more sophisticated, and San Diego just hasn't gotten there yet." Then Austin laughed. "Now I'm going to get criticized by the building department, but…

"But anyway," Austin finished his description, "once you're really blowing and going, and you're in the tower itself, these guys are building the structure for these buildings in concrete anywhere between five and eight days per floor. If you're steel, it goes even faster than that, because it's like a big Erector set."

So now I wanted to encourage Austin to make a leap with me in his thinking. If his firm did, in fact, develop projects, then what was he dreaming up to make San Diego's skyline more distinctive? In what he could envision, would San Diego ever compete with New York and its Chrysler Building or St. Louis with its famous Gateway Arch?

"Part of the problem is the height limit," Austin said. "We really just need a little more room. I think if we could go to about 750 feet, we could do some amazing things. As an example, AVRP, our company, is located in One America Plaza, which, pound for pound, is a very high quality building, but if you hear any criticism of it, you hear people say it just doesn't look high enough. It's too short!"

But that's the challenge.

"Yes," Austin agreed. "That's the challenge."

So what's the future of our skyline?

"Well, what I really wish is that we could find some way to go to 750 feet tall. Because I think it would make it a much more exciting skyline. But aside from that, we're going to see a lot of development in the East Village. And the most exciting thing we're doing right now is one pencil-thin building right on Park Boulevard down there, where it turns to start going up toward the park. There's something there called Library Circle, and right there, we're going to build a sort of iconic building that's going to be only about 75 feet wide and about 480 feet tall. Which is pretty narrow, but appropriate, I think. Almost like if you were in Egypt or Rome or Paris, and they would mark these places with some sort of icon. But this building will be a living building; there'll be people living in it. And if the library gets built someday, because the library's supposed to be a large dome, and if you look at the classics of architecture, then you always have the campanile and the dome, and so this becomes kind of the same relationship. We're building the campanile for the library dome. Maybe in three or four years, those buildings will help distinguish San Diego's skyline. I don't know. We'll see!" ■

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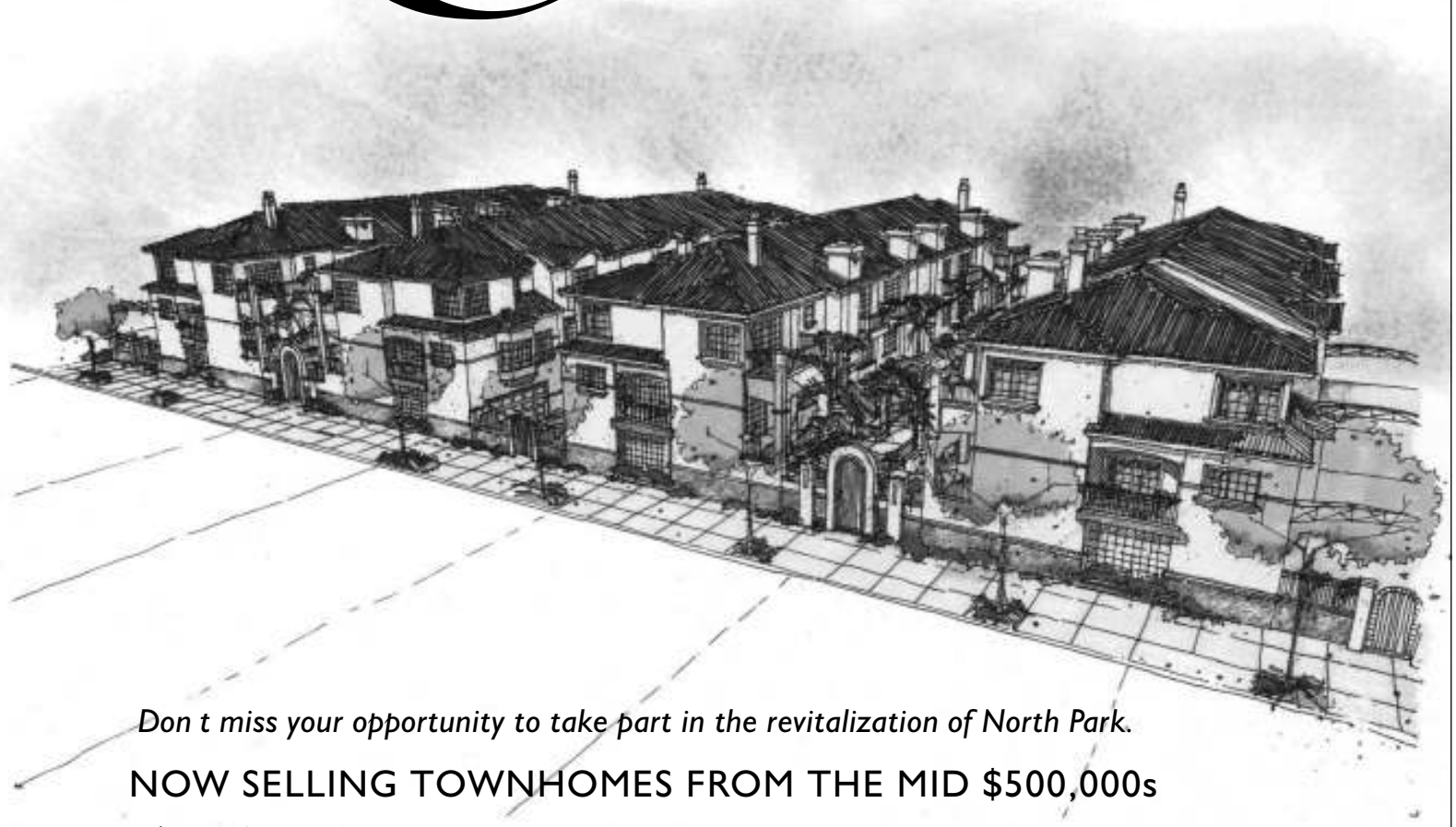

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Perhaps the biggest event of my upbringing that affected who I am today was my move from North Carolina to California when I was 11 years old. Previously shy, comfortable with my several best friends, and accustomed to small-town life, I had to adjust to San Diego life. Although it took time, I eventually became more outgoing, more social, and more friendly. Moving also made me realize how important it is to live in the moment because few things last forever. I am also a more positive and optimistic person today; I realize that while a situation may not be fun or easy at first glance, it is always possible to improve it.

There were lots of events throughout my childhood (such as divorce and deaths in my family, moving, middle school and its difficulties) over which I had no control. The fact that I am a perfectionist is perhaps one of my greatest strengths and greatest weaknesses — a quality that will both help and hinder me in the future. My own work and actions are the few things that I am able to control, and thus I have an intense desire for a flawless outcome. The upside is that my finished work is a product of which I am proud. However, sometimes I go at my own pace and fuss over every detail and give it more time and attention than it may deserve.

It is always fascinating to reminisce and examine who I am and how I have changed…most of the time in a positive way. If given the choice, I would not change anything from my past, for there are some life lessons that must be learned through experience.

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I am driven. I am passionate. I am focused. I am extremely motivated. I am a perfectionist. I am Emma.

Some people may view me as the quintessential daughter, but I was not born that way; I molded myself into that image. I strive for perfection not because my parents ever demanded it of me, but because I demand it of myself.

When I was in the fourth grade, my family moved to Sacramento. I had trouble adjusting at first. Matters worsened when my dad went to Switzerland for three months to study medicine, leaving behind my mom, my three younger siblings, and me. To ensure we all felt special, my mom had a babysitter come over one day a week so she could have private time with my brother Michael and me. (She spent time with the younger two when Michael and I were in school.) But I rarely ever got my private time with Mom; Michael would always get out of hand to the point Mom would have to cut my time short and go handle Michael.

As a child, I interpreted this to mean Mom didn't love me as much as she loved Michael. If she loved me, she would make Michael behave so she could spend time with me. I thought maybe if I were perfect, Mom would want to spend time with me. I know my mom never loved me any less than the others, but as a ten-year-old, I didn't think I was good enough.

Now I know better, but I still strive for perfection. My perfectionism has helped me achieve academic excellence and strive to achieve all I set my mind to.

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rable. I like to do things that are fun. It might seem selfish, but it's not; I care about other people, which is why I work at a retirement home.

Fun doesn't always mean running around and doing things that only please yourself; it can mean doing things that make you feel better about yourself. This is a lesson I learned while growing up in my loving family. However, the lesson was complete after my parents split up and I realized how much it meant to my mom for me to help out with my younger brother or clean a little. Helping wasn't fun, but to see the relief on my mom's face and to hear the happiness in her words after I did something helpful cannot be accurately described in words.

Although having a positive, loving, and fun state of mind is beneficial to me and to others, it doesn't help the traits I am lacking. For example, I frequently lose my keys, identification cards, and friends' keys. My school papers have no organization to them, and my room is always messy. Throughout my high school career, I keep telling myself I must get more organized, but it never happens. As I get older and grow more independent and the necessity of being organized becomes crucial, the trait will probably begin to develop.

If I'd received more discipline when I was younger, I would not have to worry about the negative traits I have now. I would have learned as a child and applied them to my life. I try to teach my little brother to stay organized and keep the house clean, but I am afraid he's going to end up in the same position I am in now.

— Lexie Sebring, Carlsbad H.S.

At the moment, I would describe myself as a nerd. This year, my primary objective has been to do well in school. I am a junior in high school, which means that this year is one of the most important in determining what kind of university I will be accepted by; and the university will determine what kind of job I will hold in the future. Although I tend to be wishy-washy on a lot of issues, one thing that I am sure of is that I do not want to have a job that makes me sit in a corner and pull my hair out. I have seen the effects of stressful and unsatisfying jobs on people I am close to, and I never want to be put in that situation. I believe that your career should be your passion, not just a way to earn money. So, if it means that I have to work my butt off right now in order to obtain a better life when I am older, then that is what I am going to do.

I think that the way my parents brought me up had a lot to do with my current attitude about my education and future. They pushed me to do my best and never settle for anything less than that. They helped me realize that if I decide to slack off or be irresponsible, it will only hurt me.

Although I am fairly responsible and hold up my end of the bargain most of the time, I avoid confrontations when it comes to other people doing their part. I hate having to reprimand people for being irresponsible. For instance, if I have a group project and my partner doesn't do their part, although I may be angry and feel used, I will not say anything to them or my teacher. I would rather just get the work done by myself than have to confront the slackers in order to be able to work on it together. I know that this trait is a weakness. My parents are constantly telling me that if I

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don't speak up for myself people will walk all over me. I guess it's just one of those traits/fears that I will have to overcome with time and practice, kind of like public speaking.

— Marion Finocchiaro, Grossmont Middle College H.S.

As a child, I watched a lot of television. I wasn't the most social kid. My friends were imaginary and my adventures were unrealistic. I was a seven-year-old dreamer who knew nothing about the real world but everything about fantasy. I lived in the clouds, and because of that I never expected to fail at my endeavors.

Now, although I am 17, I sometimes forget that my life is not a television show. I tend to disregard certain circumstances because I expect to be taken care of by the fate that helps out the characters on my TV shows. My problems can't be wrapped up in 30 minutes, and a serious problem can't be fixed with a change of the script. I can't fight with a friend and expect us to make up the next day without discussing the problem. I can't get an F on a test and get a second chance and then earn an A.

I know everything is not Beaver Cleaver and I am not one of the Brady Bunch, but those shows still affect me because I lived in the TV world as a child. But, now that I'm older and somewhat wiser, I've come to realize that a script doesn't choose my fate.

Still, none of that changes who I am. I am a romantic, a dreamer, and nostalgic. I believe in miracles, happily ever afters, and second chances. I believe in TV…and I believe in me.

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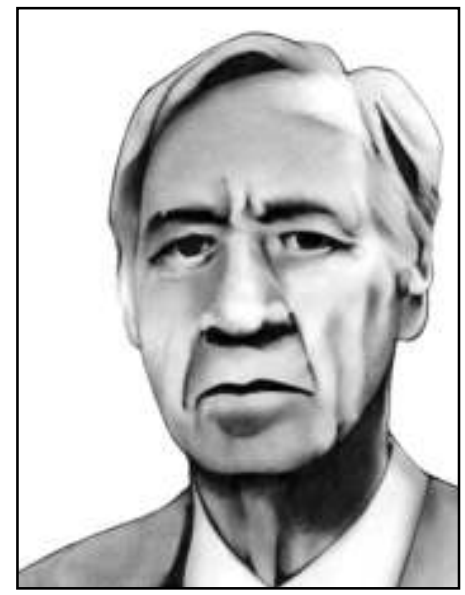

Jim Thompson

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Novel Climaxes Privations of Solar Worker

The drab garb of an aircraft worker often hides a personality of startling contrasts, and, to look at Jim Thompson, 35, at his job as time keeper in Solar Aircraft Co.'s finish fitting department, you would not guess that he's a novelist who has just crashed *Who's Who.*

The aircrafter saw drama in the problems of a war worker's family and transposed it to paper in the recently published novel *Now and on Earth.*

Share of Troubles

"The things we live for always seem far off in the future," he commented today. "We are promised pie in the sky when we die for a brotherhood of man 20 years from now. What I wanted to depict was the struggle to settle our problems now on earth."

As head of a family with three children, Patricia, 10; Sharon, 6; and Michael, 4, Thompson has had his share of earth's troubles, not the least of which were circumstances surrounding the writing of his novel.

Forced from University

The Depression forced him to leave the University of Nebraska in 1931 after two years' study of agricultural journalism. Extensive writing for the trade press yielded small financial returns. Stranded in Oklahoma City by the collapse of a detective magazine, for which he was writing a series, Thompson (who, by the way, is a native Oklahoman) got a job with the Works Project Administration (WPA) writers' project at $75 a month in 1936 and gradually worked his way up to the state director's position, which he held from 1938 to 1939.

Fellowship Awarded

A labor history of Oklahoma attracted the attention of the Rockefeller Foundation, which awarded him an $1800 fellowship, through the University of Carolina Press, to perform research on the building industry.

He arrived in San Diego in January 1941, at the tag end of his research. When the expected extension of the fellowship failed to materialize, Thompson, again stranded, applied to the U.S. Employment Service and landed a job as a stock clerk in a local aircraft plant, where he worked seven months....

AS A TEENAGER, JIMMIE TURNED TO DISSIPATION AND CRIME AS A BELLHOP IN A LUXURY HOTEL AND SOMETIME PROCURER OF ILLEGAL COMMODITIES.

When I was a kid in the 1950s, aliens were from outer space. Illegal immigrants from Mexico we called "wetbacks." Whites from the Midwest were usually "Okies." They'd descended upon us either

during the Depression or the war. According to the stereotype, they talked slowly, had sun-weathered skin, drove old rusted pickups, and lived in shacks, usually with a bunch of cousins and 15 or 20 kids.

Nobody accused the Okies of being lazy or particularly dishonest like they did the "wetbacks." Unsophisticated, the Okies were considered. Congenitally unable to get with the program, to wear a gray flannel suit or give a sales pitch or hunker over a desk manipulating numbers — any of the stuff that a fellow had to do to decently house and feed his family, to buy them a television, a tract house, and a new car every five years. Because anybody who didn't have that stuff wanted it, we agreed, and was trying to wrest it from those of us who had it. Meaning they were either thieves or Communists. Most Okies weren't thieves. So they must be Communists.

Jim Thompson was an Okie. More educated than the stereotype. A whole lot more sophisticated. He'd arrived during the second wave that hit the state, San Diego in particular, as the factories along Harbor Drive converted to wartime production and hired workers by the thousands. After losing his job as director of the federal WPA Oklahoma State Writers' Project, when his friend Bob Woods needed a car delivered to California, Thompson grasped the opportunity. Maybe out in California he could become a novelist and rescue his father from the Oklahoma nursing home where, on account of Pop's health and their other burdens, they'd left him behind.

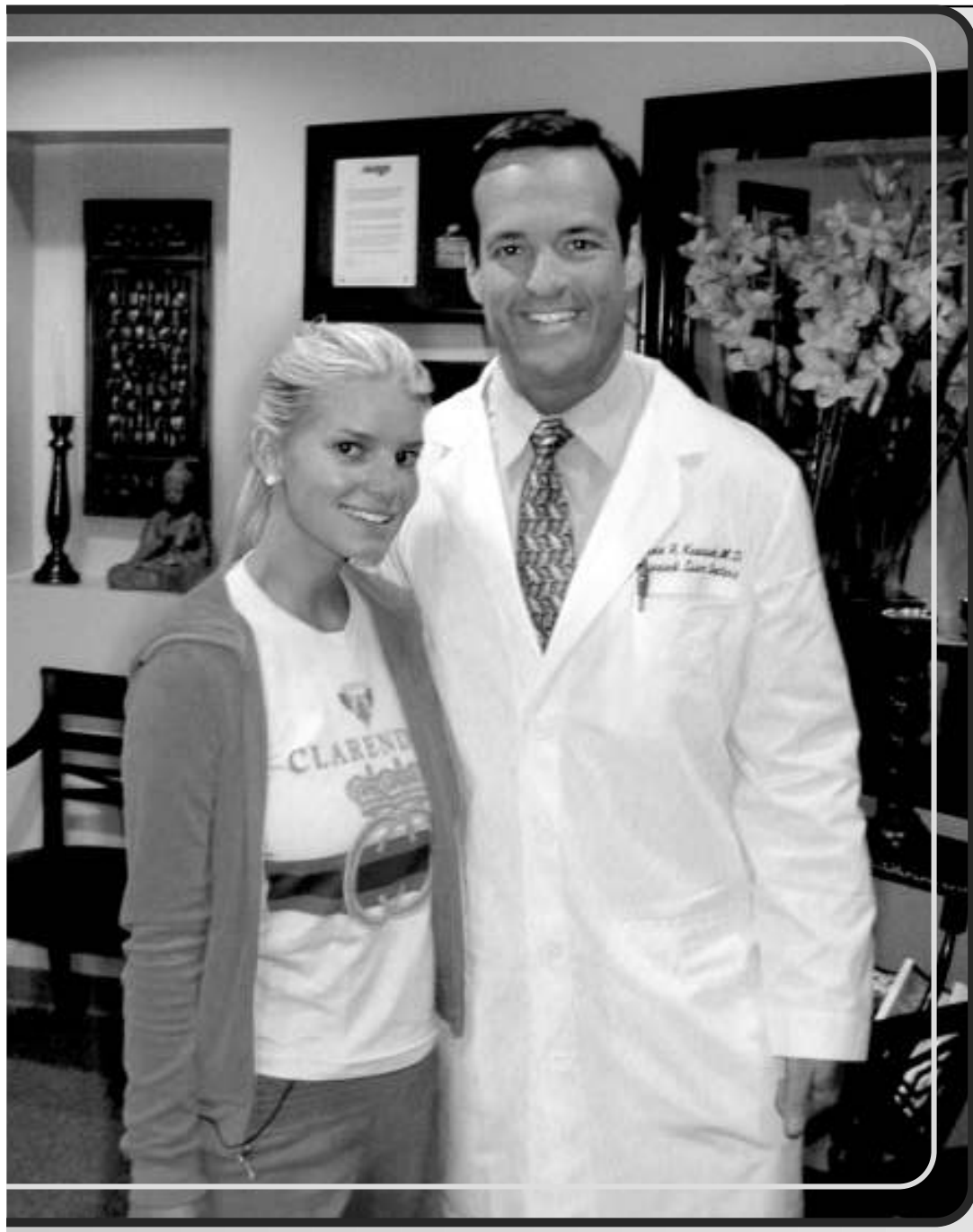
At Ryan Aeronautical, Thompson worked 12-hour days through spring and summer. He wrote about the factory and its workers in *Now and on Earth*:

> In the ten weeks I have been here I have heard the word f—k used more often than I had in my life heretofore. Everyone uses it, from the factory manager down to the maintenance men. Upstairs in the office you will hear it 50 times in an hour, and the women and girls have become so accustomed to it that they never so much as raise an eyebrow.…
>
> I don't know why the word should be more popular in aircraft than it is elsewhere, but there must be a reason. I've been dallying with the idea of writing Ben Botkin about it — perhaps doing a little paper on it — but, of course, I won't. If I do any writing, it'll be on my story. It's about finished, and I can get some money for it. I hope. Generally, you don't hear as much off-color talk around the plant as you would elsewhere. (I know I've given a contrary impression.) What you do hear is less sordid, seemingly, than the brand outside. I have heard only one shady story since I have been here — only one you couldn't tell in church.

San Diego, before the establishment of the aircraft factories, was not inappropriately dubbed the "City of the Living Dead." There were no industries, there was no construction; the town's one asset was its climate. If you were young and wanted excitement and had a living to make, why, the town wouldn't want you and you wouldn't want it. If you were old and had a small income or pension, you couldn't have found a more attractive place to live (or die) in.

Well, when the defense boom struck, the town just couldn't throw off its lethargy. It did, ultimately, but for a long time the city fathers' idea of taking care of a 100-percent increase in population was to up the price of rents and other living incidentals by a corresponding increase. Living isn't cheap here now, or even moderately reasonable, but the government has stepped in — But here's the story, also from *Now and on Earth*:

> A newly arrived aircraft worker walked into a bar and ordered a cheese sandwich and a bottle of beer. The waitress took the dollar bill he proffered in payment and gave him back a



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Ruefully the aircrafter asked her if there wasn't some mistake.

Oh, no. Sandwich, 50. Beer, 40. No mistake.

"Funny," said the aircrafter in a tone that said it wasn't. And his eyes settled on the buxom mounds of her bosom. "What's those?"

The waitress colored. "Why they're my breasts, you fool! What'd you think they were?"

"Didn't know. Everything else in here is so high, I thought they might be the cheeks of your ass."

Offhand, I'd say that two thirds of the men are under 30; half of them, probably, under 25. And intelligence is much higher than the average.... Practically every production worker who is not already a skilled mechanic must be a trade-school graduate, which means, invariably, that he is a high-school graduate also. In non-production, such as I am in, two years of college or the equivalent are required. Degrees are so numerous as to be commonplace. An average of only 1 of 25 applicants is given a job, and fully a fourth of those are discharged during or at the end of the 30-day probationary period.

I mention all this, not by way of giving myself an indirect pat on the back, but because of the newspaper talk to the effect that the aircraft plants have made the WPA and other relief agencies unnecessary. Nothing could be further from the truth. You find no dispossessed sharecroppers or barnyard mechanics here. They get no farther than the office boy in the Personnel Department.

WHEN A DREAMER'S DREAM IS SMASHED, HE EITHER FINDS A NEW ONE OR WASTES AWAY. JIMMIE HAD ONE — BECOMING A WRITER. POP'S DREAMS SEEM TO HAVE FLED, HISSING AND JEERING ON THE WAY.

Off work, Thompson drank. If sorrow repeatedly drove him to booze, as in the case of Jim Dillon, the narrator of *Now and on Earth* — two sorrows must've weighed heaviest.

There was the failure of his writing. Sapped of his creativity after several years of WPA projects, and plagued by the difficulties of his family life, at age 35 he felt like a has-been before he'd even gotten started with his real ambition, to

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become a novelist.

Over all else hung the guilt for having left his father in an Oklahoma City nursing home. He wanted to send for Pop, reunite the family in San Diego. But at $36 a week, split between Thompson, his wife, three kids, and his mother, it wasn't happening.

Thompson and his father had long been antagonists, opposed in vision and disposition. Both were dreamers, only Jimmie's dreams were artistic, Pop's entrepreneurial. In Thompson's autobiography, *Bad Boy*, we find Pop as a Democratic sheriff in Republican territory; a too-honest-to-win candidate for Congress; an innocent fugitive from embezzling charges; a successful attorney/accountant; the proprietor of a sawmill, a hotel, a truck farm, a bush-league baseball club, a garbage-hauling concern, a turkey ranch, a general store; a partner with Jake Hamon in the oil business; an oil millionaire, until he and Jake Hamon parted ways. After a couple of years in the Texas oil fields, he'd depleted the fortune.

Since Jimmie proved as shy, quiet, and brooding as Pop was hearty, funny, and genial, Pop didn't understand the kid. Not being a master at holding his peace, he consistently upbraided Jimmie for his "shortcomings." Especially when, as a teenager, Jimmie turned to dissipation and crime as a bellhop in a luxury hotel and sometime procurer of illegal commodities.

When Jimmie, entering his teens, questioned whether "a man who had made such a screw-up of his own affairs" was a suitable mentor for him, father and son squared off in a test of wills that lasted a decade.

In 1925, Jimmie and Pop partnered in a wildcat oil well near Big Springs, Texas. The well came in, but not before they'd mortgaged it away. When a dreamer's dream is smashed, he either finds a new one or wastes away. Jimmie had one — becoming a writer. Pop's dreams seem to have fled, hissing and jeering on the way. For some years he refused to surrender abjectly. Yet by 1941, the battle was over. Jimmie had won the right to serve as head of a three-generation family, the caretaker of a broken old man.

Author Steven King: "Know what I admire most about the guy? The guy was over the top. The guy was absolutely over the top. Big Jim didn't know the meaning of the word stop. There are three brave lets inherent in the foregoing. He let himself see everything, then he let himself write it down, then he let himself publish it.... He wrote goddam good stories, but goddam good stories are not literature. Who knows that better than I do? What makes Thompson's books literature is his unflinching, flatly lighted examination of the alienated mind, the psyche wired up like a nitro bomb...."

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like autobiography. The family has three kids, the wife, sister, and mother, the father in an Oklahoma City nursing home. The most tragic character is Shannon, the youngest daughter, a ferocious and willful four-year-old. In Chapter 11, Jim Dillon recognizes why, the evening he announces a pay raise at the factory:

> Well — four cents an hour isn't much, but it did make me feel kind of good. And I suppose the folks saw how I felt and they didn't kid me about it even when I invited it by kidding myself. Everyone said that the company must think a lot of me to make an exception like that.
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> After a good deal of friendly debate we decided to spend the extra two dollars on a Sunday dinner, with me planning and preparing the menu. I can cook, you know: I mean, I did it, many years ago, for a living.
>
> I started for the store, and Shannon asked me if she could go along. And of course I said she couldn't, because I was afraid she might start something. I should have known that there was something wrong with her or she wouldn't have asked; she'd just have gone. But I didn't think, and surprisingly enough she didn't come anyway. She just got up and went back into the bedroom and closed the door.
>
> She wasn't around at supper time, but we didn't think anything of it; she's in the habit of keeping her own hours. But along about eight o'clock we began to get worried and we started looking for her. I won't tell you where all we looked — I even went down to the bay. To make it short, I found her in the closet in our bedroom. I'd gone in there to get a jacket because it was getting kind of cool, and when I lifted it off the hook I knocked some

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dresses down and I saw Shannon.

She was way back in the corner, sitting on the floor. She'd got Frankie's manicure set and some lipstick and other cosmetics and she was a sight.

"Oh my God," I said. "Now, what will your mother say? Don't you know we've been looking all over the country for you? Can't you ever behave yourself? Come on out of there!"

She got up and held out her hands, and like a damned fool I didn't understand. "Now don't daub that stuff all over my pants! For Christ's sake come on out and wash yourself and eat something if you want it, and go to bed."

"Don't you think my hands are pretty, Daddy?" she said.

And then I began to catch on. But at that moment Roberta came up. She let out a wild shriek.

"Shannon! Look at your dress! And you've got that stuff all over my suede shoes. And —"

She grabbed her and began to slap her, and Shannon didn't fight back. And then she, Roberta, began to understand and she got down on her knees and hugged and kissed her.

"Of course you're pretty! You're the prettiest girl in this whole wide world! Wasn't that nice of her, Daddy, to make herself pretty for us? Just think! All this time she was b-back —"

We were all crying — even Jo and Mack. We were all thinking. A little girl, a four-year-old, back in that dark closet for four hours. A little girl who had never been wanted — and who, I realize now, knew that she had never been wanted — trying to make herself wanted; fighting at the last ditch with a weapon she had always scorned to use. Trying to make herself pretty. I thought of her fierceness, how with the animal's desperate impulse for survival, she had struggled against neglect and slight. The tantrums she had thrown to secure a new dress or a warm coat; her swiftness in striking before she could be struck; her dogged determination to have the food she desired — and needed. Yes, and her wakefulness, the fear of attack in her sleep.

And I thought of how, during those four years that she had been with us, she must have wept in her

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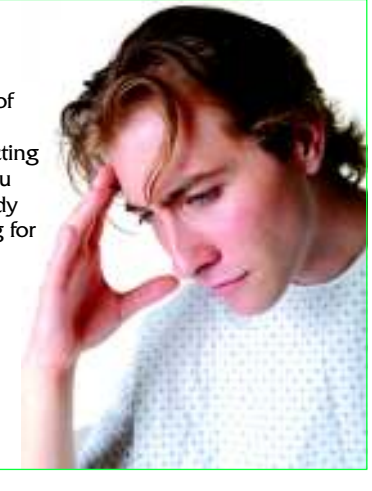

heart, even as she fought and screamed; the loneliness that must have been hers; the fear and dread. And I thought Why did it have to be this way, and, as with everything else, I could find no answer.…

Thompson wasn't the cleanest writer, or the craftiest. *Now and on Earth* contains scenes, mostly about working in the stockroom, that lend the story realism and might be intriguing to a historian of industry, but that's about all. Yet the book remains a masterpiece for the parts it does so well. For the stuff we're going to take on as if they were experiences of our own. That's the kind of stuff Thompson offers. Maybe his life wasn't orderly enough to allow for much revision.

When, between the job, grief, and drinking, Thompson could summon the will and strength to write, his productivity might appear superhuman. About this capability, he would write, "An alcoholic, in the unarrested state of his disease, is incapable of sustained effort. He will perform some surprising feat of industry and intelligence, accomplishing, perhaps, six months' work in one. That probably will be all an employer will get out of him, however, for six months plus, provided he stays around that long. For he is not building a future in a job. He is only proving to himself that he can, 'if he takes a notion,' outwork and out-think any top-notch employee. He is, in short, only justifying his own past

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"I don't know why you got yourself in such a fix," said Mom. "I declare, Frankie! The way I tried to —"

"You'll have to get a doctor."

"I can't seem to find out about any. I've been kind of feeling my way around with some of the other girls. But—"

"I told you we'd find one. I've never been —" I stopped, and avoided Roberta's eyes. "I'm pretty sure we can find a doctor. But it'll cost to beat hell the way things are out here now. They're all getting by so good, and they won't touch it unless you make it worth their while."

"Fifty dollars?"

"That's Depression rates. We might get it done for a hundred."

Frankie flexed her bare toes and looked down at her fingernails. "I guess I could get it if I had to. Some loan shark would let me have it, probably, at 100 percent interest."

"You'll not do anything of the kind," said Mom. "My goodness! You talk as if $100 grew on trees, child! We'll just make that fellow Moon pay for it, that's all. Jimmie, you just tell him he'd better get the money and get it quick or he'll wish he had."

"No, don't do that," Frankie said. "I don't want you to."

"I'd look fine telling him to come through," I said. "The first thing I'd know I'd be walking down the road talking to myself. I've got about a month to go before I'm eligible for unemployment compensation. I don't care what happens after that, but I'm sticking around until then."

Roberta looked at me. "Oh," she said, "so that's it! That's what you've been thinking about when you sat around here evenings looking off into space. If you think for a minute, James Dillon, that I'm going to skimp along on 15 or 18 dollars a week when you could be making —"

"It'd be around 20. And you could have it all. I'd go someplace and kind of get straightened out, and —"

"No siree! No sir-ee! Anytime you go, I'm going right along with you. You're not going any place unless the family and all of us go, too. Get that idea out of your head right now."

"But if I could get away and start writing again —"

"I guess if you really want to write, you can do it here. You sold that last story, didn't you? Well?"

"Yes, I sold it. I sat in here and picked it out at 50 words a night. And I averaged ten cups of coffee and a package of cigarettes to every line. I didn't write. I just kept reaching out and throwing down handfuls of words, and I moved them around and struck out and erased until I secured combinations that weren't completely idiotic. And in the end I sold the thing to a fourth-rate magazine. I can't do it again, I won't do it again."

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going to talk about me," said Frankie.

"Why, Jesus Christ," I said, "I don't see how you can ask me to! What if you'd been a singer — not a great one but pretty good — and you knew how a thing ought to be sung, but your voice was cracked — you needed some repairs before you could sing again. It was in such bad condition that it was plain hell for you to listen to it, and you knew it was at least as bad to others. So you weren't singing. You couldn't, and the effort of trying left you so sick and discouraged with yourself that if you kept on you would never recover. Well, then, under those circumstances, would you still take engagements? Would you —"

"I would if I could get a hundred dollars," said Mom.

And Roberta said, "Jimmie's always been like that, Mom. Why, one week when he got five hundred dollars for two little old stories, he was going around and swearing and saying that he was ruined, that he'd forgotten how to write. You'd've thought the world was coming to an end.… Now you know you did, Jimmie! You know you've always been like that."

Well — I guess I have. I guess every writer has. But there was a difference, a difference only another writer can understand.

"Oh, see here," said Frankie, "can't we stick to the —"

"And that's another thing," I said. "When and if I do start writing again, there's going to be no more of this crap.… Never again, you understand? All of you get that through your heads. I'm going to write what I want to write and the way I want to write it."

"Another book, I suppose," said Roberta.

"Lord deliver us," said Mom.

"All right," I said, "maybe I will write another book. What's so funny about that?"

"Nothing, as I remember," said Frankie. "But I thought we were —"

"I'll say it wasn't funny," said Roberta. "You might remember, Mom? He'd come home from work at night and you'd've thought he was walking in

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his sleep. He'd sit down, and maybe he'd speak and maybe he'd just stare at you; and if you said anything to him, he wouldn't answer, or what he would say didn't make sense. And half of the time you'd think he'd been in a wreck — his clothes all sloppy and his vest buttoned up wrong, and cigarette ashes and coffee stains from one end of him to the other. He always wore such good clothes, too. It just made me sick to look at him."

"Oh God," I said.

"Yes, oh God," said Roberta. "That's what I used to say. He'd finish his supper — and it didn't make any difference how nice it was, he never noticed — and then he'd fuss and fidget around and get his typewriter out and put it right down in the middle of the table before I could get the dishes off. It didn't make any difference if I'd finished my coffee —"

"And then the dirt-daubers would start coming in," I said. "There was —"

"That's what he called my friends, Mom. Dirt-daubers. They were real nice ladies, too."

"Women, Mother," said Jo.

"Will you shut your mouth?"

"There was that four-eyed bitch," I said, "that was always telling you you ought to make me help with the housework. And that half-wit you'd met over at the grocery store. And that droopy-drawered gal — I don't think you ever told me her name; I don't think she knew what it was herself. And you'd get in the other room and talk just loud enough so that I'd know you were talking, but not so that I could hear what you were saying. And it would go on, by God, for hours."

"Yes, Mom," said Roberta. "I'd have company coming in, and I never knew it to fail there'd be collectors coming to the door all evening and I'd have to go and talk to them with everyone listening. I couldn't let Jimmie go because he'd either swear at them or promise them the world with a ring around it to make them go away. I tell you —"

"I know how it was," said Mom. "I know how Pop —"

"I got so mad I wanted to kill him sometimes. All he was getting was a teeny little old 15-dollar-a-week advance, and we just barely had enough money to get by on, and he could have been making all kinds of money. MacFaddens wanted him to do a serial, and Gangbusters was calling him long distance and sending wires, and Fawcetts was begging him to go to that governors' convention and pick up 10 or 12 little editorials on crime-prevention — it wouldn't have taken any time at all and he could've gotten $75 apiece for them —"

"Well, I finally gave in," I said. "I rushed the book on out."

"Rushed it, the devil," said Roberta. "You talk about being slow, now. You couldn't have been any

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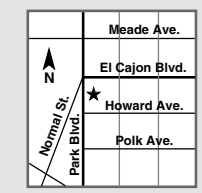

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slower and written anything at all. I thought I'd go crazy. And Sunday was the worst of all. We couldn't go any place. We'd hardly get out of bed before Jimmie's friends — they weren't my friends, I'll tell you! — would start coming in. And they'd be there all day, drinking coffee and scattering cigarette ashes all over everything, and — and you'd have thought it was their place instead of ours. They'd flop right down on my clean bedspread and sprawl around on the floors and go to the toilet — and you could hear them going, Mom. They'd go in there and leave the door wide open and holler in to the front room when they had anything to say. And if they wanted something to eat, they just went right into the kitchen and helped themselves.…"

"Well, I got rid of them."

"Yes, you got rid of them! After I —"

"I got rid of them…and the book."

"And after you'd put me through all that, the book wasn't published!"

"Wasn't it?" I said. "I'd forgotten. It must have been quite a disappointment to you."

"Well," said Roberta, "I couldn't help it."

"Funny how it slipped my mind," I said. "But of course I wasn't really interested in the thing."

Roberta's mouth shut, and there was the old helpless puzzled look around it. "I don't know why I can't ever say anything —"

"You're doing fine, honey. You've said quite a bit."

"Jimmie," said Frankie, "give up. What I want to know is —"

"I think that's the thing to do, Jimmie," said Mom, plucking absently at a safety pin in her dress.

"What — give up? I already have."

I knew that wasn't what she meant. She'd been having a long discussion with me — even if I hadn't heard it — and she (we) had reached a satisfactory conclusion. I knew it, but I wouldn't admit it. That is one trick of Mom's that exasperates me.

"Do what?" I said. "What are you talking about anyway?"

"Why — about the story. We can send it to this last magazine, they liked your work so well, and we could have a check back inside of a month. Frankie would pay you back, of course, but it would save borrowing from…"

I looked at her. I looked at Frankie and Roberta. Jo was grinning. Everyone else, apparently, seemed to think it was all right. Mom had pulled a rabbit out of a hat. She had dived down into the muck and come up with a diamond.

"Well, I will be goddamned!" I said. "I will be damned by all the saints and Christ and Mary. They can damn me individually and collectively and I will not say a word. They can come in pairs and squads and regiments, in trucks and sidecars, on roller skates and bicycles, and they can damn me to their heart's content! What in the name of —"

I got the bottle out of the kitchen and had a slug.

"Don't pay any attention to him, Mom," said Roberta. "He's just acting crazy."

"Now look," I said. "Once and for all, I am

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"Jimmie! You dirty thing!"

"I'll swill slop with the hogs; I'll peddle French postcards; I'll bend over bathtubs —"

"Jimmie!"

"I'll adopt Frankie's triplets or whatever she has and give them the same thoughtful and tender rearing I'd give my own. But I will not — I utterly by God will not write another story!"

I sat down again.

"He means he won't write another story," Frankie remarked idly to Roberta.

"Oh," said Roberta.

"Well," said Mom. "I don't see why not."

I choked on the drink I was taking.

"Mom," said Frankie.

"Well, I don't," said Mom. "Of course, this isn't the best place in the world to write, but you can't always have things just like you want them. Why, look at the way Jack London did, Jimmie! He —"

"Now just a minute," I said. "I want to introduce a piece of evidence. Will you look at this for just a minute?"

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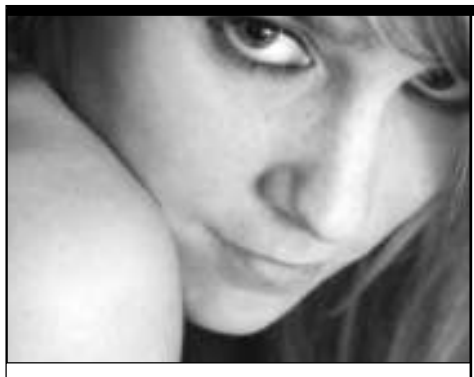

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I opened my eyes and said, "Jack London."

I was sitting on the divan. Roberta had her arm around me. Frankie was holding out a drink.

"I'm sorry," I said. "I guess I slopped over."

"I didn't mean you hadn't worked hard," said Mom. "I know how hard you've worked."

"You'd better go to bed, Mom," said Frankie. "I'm going to turn in as soon as —"

"No, I'm all right," I said. "Now that we've buried the dead, let's take up the living. What do you think we'd better do, Frankie?"

In early September of 1941, Jim Thompson caught a bus for New York in search of a writing job through which he could save enough to spring his father from the nursing home and care for him. On the way to New York, he laid over in Oklahoma City to visit Pop. In *Roughneck*, he fictionalized the encounter:

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"Well, it's all over now," he said. "You just help me get my things together, and I'll clear out of here right now."

"Pop," I said. "I —"

"Well?" He looked at me. "You're going to take me away, aren't you? That's why you've come back?"

I hesitated. Then, I said, yes, that was why. "But I can't go with you, Pop. I'm on my way to New York."

"Oh?" He frowned troubledly. "Well, I guess I could travel by myself if —"

"I've got a swell job there," I lied. "Give me — Well, just give me a month and I can send you to California by stateroom. Get you a nurse if you need one. But the best I can do now is a bus ticket."

"I don't know," he said dubiously. "I'm afraid the doctor…I'm afraid I couldn't…" He sat back down on the bed. "You're sure, Jimmie. If I wait another month, you'll —"

"That's a promise. And I never break a promise."

When the writing job in New York proved a phantom, Thompson gathered together enough of the story of *Now and on Earth* to convince Modern Age, a small publishing house, to stake him to a hotel room, food, paper, and a typewriter for a few weeks. Between September and December, when he returned to San Diego shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Thompson completed the novel. Michael J. McCauley, Thompson's biographer, speculates that writing the first draft of *Now and on Earth* probably took Jim Thompson three weeks. Apparently he delivered the manuscript to his publisher, Modern Age, and collapsed. Over the next two weeks, while Thompson recovered from nervous exhaustion in Bellevue Hospital, Modern Age enlisted writers Richard Wright and Louis Bromfield to evaluate the manuscript. From *Roughneck*:

> I started across town toward my rooming house, worrying again — continuing to worry. It was a day short of five weeks, since I had left Oklahoma. Not much over a month, to be sure, but to an old man who secretly feared that he might be forsaken.… I reached Fifth Avenue. Instead of crossing it, I suddenly turned and headed uptown. Surely the publisher would be able to make his decision by this time. By God, he simply had to.
>
> Well, he had.

He walked me into his office, his arm around my shoulders. "Got some good reports from Louis and Dick. They're going to fix us up with blurbs to put on the cover.… Now, I do feel that quite a few revisions are necessary. There are a couple of chapters I'd like to see excised and new ones substituted. But —"

"Oh," I said, pretty drearily. "Then it'll still be quite a while before —"

"What? Oh, no, we'll pay you for it right now. We're definitely accepting it. Incidentally, when you get this one out of the way, we'll be glad to — Yes?"

The receptionist was standing in the doorway. She murmured an apology, held out a Western Union envelope. "This came yesterday, Mr. Thompson. I tried to reach you by phone, but —"

"It must be from my mother," I said. "I wasn't sure how long I'd be at that rooming house, so I told her to — to —"

I ripped the envelope open.

I stared down at the message.

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"Bad news?" The publisher's hushed voice.

"My father," I said. "He died two days ago."

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recalled him saying their father died of a broken heart. The death certificate lists the cause of death as pneumonia.

Thompson returned to his rooming house and began the revisions of *Now and on Earth*, the elation of finally realizing his dream of becoming a published novelist crushed beneath the failure to rescue his father. In the things that mattered most, in critical times, in the stuff closest to his heart.

What gives *Now and on Earth* its poignancy is the relentless, brutal portrayal of a man who has realized the futility of striving.

With Modern Age awaiting his next novel, Thompson set to work on the story that would appear years later as *Nothing More Than Murder*. The small advances he got from sending chapters to Modern Age as he finished them, along with a salary from Solar Aircraft, where he'd found employment as a timekeeper, paid the family expenses and gave him drinking money, until Modern Age folded. A year or so after Pearl Harbor, the draft had taken most of the principals of the publishing house.

So in 1944, at age 37, Thompson became a Marine. He lasted 12 weeks, plus a few in the infirmary, with rheumatic fever. After the discharge, he spent most of that summer recuperating at home, while his family got by on the salary Alberta made as a switchboard operator at Solar.

Jim's mother's health was failing. When she died in early 1945, Jim not only suffered the loss but from concern for his children, particularly Sharon, the eight-year-old, who had lit a candle at the Catholic church believing the act would save her grandmother. According to Sharon, "Daddy was terribly worried that Grandma's death, after I lit candles, would undermine my faith. Daddy didn't go to church, but we had long discussions about religion. He believed in God, though he used to tease my mom about her Catholicism by saying he couldn't get into heaven because he wasn't baptized, though he had been. When he was in the hospital, ministers and priests and rabbis would come around asking if he'd like them to pray for him. He'd say, 'It couldn't hurt.' "

Since his literary agent had failed to sell *Nothing More Than Murder*, in January 1945, Thompson rode the train to New York. He went knocking on publishers' doors. Finding no interest in his murder story, he pitched the idea for a historical novel to a small publisher named Greenberg, who staked him to hotel room, food, cigarettes, and whiskey. Over eight weeks, Thompson wrote *Heed the Thunder*, a family saga in which the main character presents a view that would inform most of Thompson's later work. The family's patriarch, Lincoln Fargo, declares:

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Back in San Diego, Thompson made his living writing true-crime stories and taking odd jobs. When his new book appeared, the *San Diego Tribune* reviewed it:

"*Heed the Thunder*, the second published novel by Jim Thompson...is a serious study of the transition from hand to machine industry, illustrated by the life of a small Nebraska town from 1907 to 1914, showing the sacrifice of land and human resources to the 'immediate dollar.' "

A tall, slender, greying man, Thompson, 40, started writing when he was a 15-year-old schoolboy in Anadarko, Oklahoma, and has since written an estimated 7,000,000 words in novel, poetry, articles, and other literary production.

He makes long studies of his subjects in his San Diego home, then goes to New York, locks himself in a hotel room, works 16 to 18 hours a day and turns out a 100,000-word novel in five weeks.

What is his advice to youngsters seeking writing careers? "Take up plumbing," he grins.

Turning from the historical trilogy he had promised Greenberg, Thompson revised *Nothing More Than Murder* and gathered more rejections. In 1947, he took a job as a rewrite man with the *San Diego Journal*.

Lionel Van Deerlin worked with Thompson at the *Journal*. Van Deerlin remembers him as "a very large man, with the characteristic stoop large men often have. A proper fellow, meticulous dresser. Never sloppy. He often wore tweeds. His voice was a degree or two below normal. He spoke in parsed sentences and wasn't a trigger-ready humorist, but he had a droll wit and could see irony everywhere. He was a very, very pleasant person to be around.

"He was a gifted rewrite man and feature writer. There was a story about a boy dying, four or five paragraphs. I remember one morning just after he finished, sitting there reading it. I found myself weeping.

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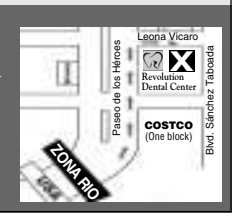

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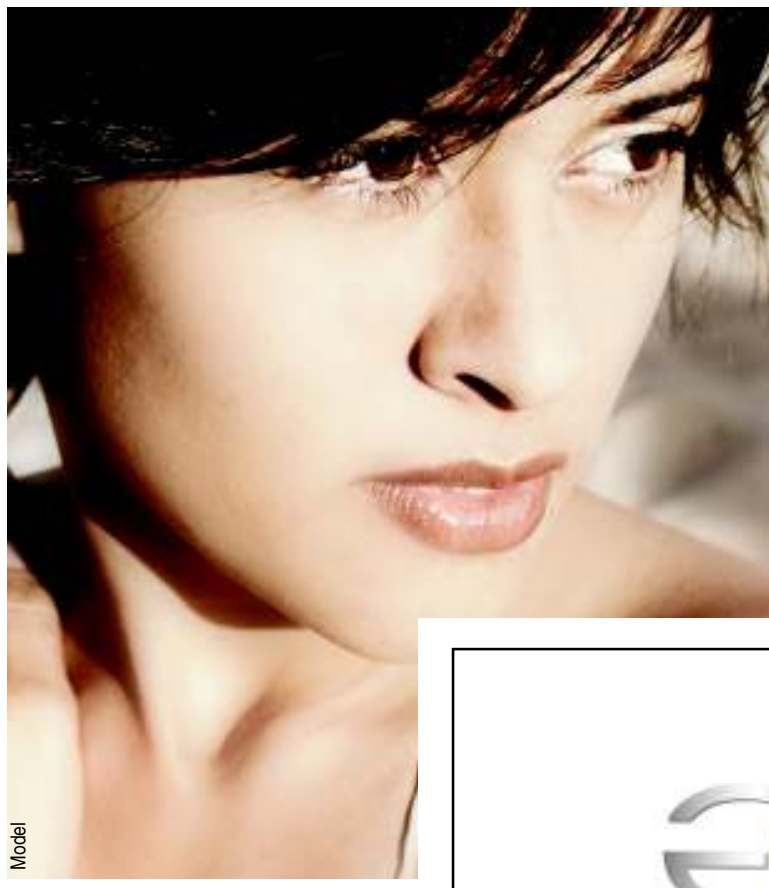
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ing, Sharon Reed concludes, "Daddy was what I guess they call an episodic alcoholic, but when he was writing he kept a good schedule, just like somebody that held a regular job. He would write at regular times and take breaks, and eat lunch. Drinking would never interfere with his writing. And he never acted mean when he drank. Although sometimes drinking would give him telephonitis. He'd call people and talk forever. For a year while we lived in San Diego he didn't drink. The program he was in gave him a one-year-sober birthday party."

Thompson lost his job at the *Journal*. One more dark night of the soul. Then the miracle.

Nothing More Than Murder was accepted by Harper's, a publisher so prestigious Thompson hadn't bothered to submit to them until Alberta insisted, after all the lesser houses had turned him down.

Nothing More Than Murder begins the string of novels upon which Thompson's fame and reputation hang. They're called "noir" stories. Nightmares, commonly told by psychopaths.

Joe Wilmot, who narrates *Nothing More Than Murder*, is a witty, shrewd, and likeable guy, the kind whom you'd enjoy swapping lies with over drinks. He runs a movie theater in a small town. His wife originally owned the theater. Now they're partners. She engages a housekeeper, a dull, homely, but voluptuous young woman, whom Joe seduces. The wife learns about the affair and makes up her mind to leave Joe. But she wants the money from the business and he won't give it up. So they devise a plan to swindle a life insurance company by arranging for yet another hired woman to burn in a house fire in such a way that she appears to be Joe's wife.

Thompson's challenge as a storyteller is to make the psychopath appear real. He meets the challenge brilliantly by showing that Joe's tragic flaw isn't some inhuman quirk but one we all possess — the ability to disregard the value of other human beings, to think of them as objects who either should serve our needs or disappear. This attitude, coupled with a world view that contends that all we know about other people is "they're out to do us if they get the chance," makes otherwise harmless Joe a fiend.

Lou Ford, the maniac sheriff of *The Killer Inside Me*, is a bright and learned man who masquerades as a bumpkin in order to cover for himself after the "sickness" first appears during his adolescence. Lou's mania could be partly genetic. At age 13, he seduces (or is seduced by) his father's mistress. A couple of years later, he molests a little girl. To protect Lou, his brother takes the blame. Later, a town big shot sees to the murder of Lou's brother, for business reasons. So Lou goes after the big shot by murdering his son, who is in love with the same prostitute who has reawakened Lou's "sickness." He has to kill them both. He doesn't want to, but he has to. He also has to kill his long-time girlfriend, and a hobo who catches on to his deeds, and a young man who idolizes him but stumbles into the way. Occasionally, Lou exhibits homicidal rage. Other times he simply accomplishes what has to be done. When sorrow appears, it's over the fact that our world is a grim place where people won't let you be.

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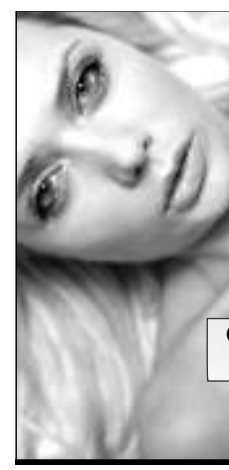

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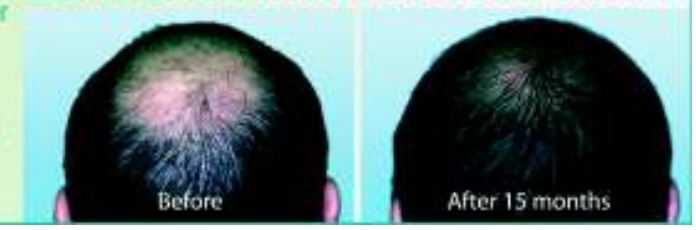

In *The Grifters*, Thompson carries to the extreme two ideas: narcissism and the suspicion that all we know is that people are out to do us. Lilly Dillon, a glamorous con who's the mother of con man Roy Dillon, grows to believe so securely that Roy's out to steal her blind, she destroys him. Of all the hard cases in all the tough books, Lilly Dillon gets the prize.

Reading Jim Thompson's books, you might wonder what kind of sinister mind conceived them. But Sharon Reed remembers her father as "always gentle and kind, not at all like many of his books. He was very quiet and usually happy. He got

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especially happy when he sold a book or screenplay or something. He was patriotic. He was a great cook. As a dad, they don't come any better. He had integrity that you wouldn't believe. If he shook hands on something, that was it, which got him into lots of trouble, financially, in Hollywood.

"People seem to think all the stories my father wrote were true, as if they've forgotten he was a novelist, a fiction writer."

Barry Gifford, a writer and publisher instrumental in the resurrection of Jim Thompson's work, relates that, at the *Journal* "he lasted barely six months, being fired for alcoholism. Shortly thereafter, his third novel, *Nothing More Than Murder*, was accepted by Harper's, which brought out the book in February of 1949. Thompson moved to Los Angeles, working as a rewrite man for the *Los Angeles Mirror*, leaving his family behind in San Diego.

"In 1950 he moved to New York. There he went to work as an editor for *Saga*, a men's adventure magazine; but by the following year, he'd lost the job. He then became an editor at what he considered the bottom rung of publishing, the *Police Gazette*. Soon thereafter, however, Jim Thompson began a long association with Lion Books, a small paperback original publishing company. Lion editor Arnold Hano signed Thompson to a multi-book contract, and Thompson finally sent for his wife and children, who settled with him in Astoria, Queens, New York. Jim Thompson's sojourn in San Diego was over."

There's a recent biography of Thompson, Michael McCauley's *Sleep with the Devil*. Sharon Reed doesn't recommend it. "Our family is very unhappy with the McCauley biography. It's a piece of junk. Mike put wrong dates, all kinds of inaccuracies. He even got the details of my grandma's death wrong. There's a much better biography due out next fall, by Robert Polito. We've been helping him with it."

Somebody wrote, for *The New York Review of Books*, "Thompson loudly proclaims that he is damned and proud of it."

I hope the *Review* fired that nitwit.

Thompson wrote as though fighting his way out of hell by tenaciously seeking the truth. There may never have lived a more ruthlessly honest storyteller. He revealed things about humanity that many of us can't bear to know. You need guts just to read Jim Thompson. Because he declares and convinces that at some essential level you're no better than Lou Ford, Joe Wilmot, or Lilly Dillon — a twist of fate, a few betrayals, and you could be them.

Thompson might scare the devil out of you. ■

— Ken Kuhlken

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For five days, as mission embers smoldered, Urselino lived in gutshot agony. When near death, the Spanish carpenter prepared his will. Urselino had no heirs. He bequeathed all his back pay, accumulated credits for merchandise at the royal storehouse, to "those Indians who have killed me."

He died November 9, 1775. Father Vicente Fuster, in shock from the assault and the brutal death of his fellow priest, Father Luis Jayme, performed Urselino's last sacrament. Fuster, who had spent the night of November 5 in a holocaust of flames and arrows, verged on a crisis of faith. In the natives once worthy of salvation, Fuster now saw Satan's blazing eyes.

Commandant Fernando de Rivera y Moncada, stationed at Monterey, received news of the assault December 13. Rivera had served 16 years as captain of the Loreto presidio. He led the first wave of the "Sacred Expedition" to San Diego in 1769, breaking the trail with 140 horses and mules and over 200 head of cattle.

When named military commandant of New California in 1774, Rivera declined. He suffered fevers and spells of vertigo from his pioneering expeditions across the Californias. A broken shinbone didn't heal properly and, like Father Junípero Serra, he walked with a limp. Plus, his wife, Maria Teresa, and four children preferred "civilization." Debts from a failed Guadalajara farm forced him to accept the commission.

Now 51, though praised for exemplary Christian conduct, Rivera saw the world through soldier's eyes: natives who destroyed Mission San Diego were the enemy; Father Serra was a Franciscan "fervent" who lashed himself with a metal whip and, during sermons about hellfire, held burning candles to his chest. As if Armageddon were drawing nigh, the brown-robe was such a reckless *incauto* he baptized natives before they converted. And he built missions faster than Rivera's pittance of troops — 70 poorly armed, badly fed, underpaid, if paid at all, men for a 450-mile province — could protect them.

Father Serra's motto was "*siempre adelante, nunca atras*" (always forward, never back). Rivera considered himself the voice of worldly experience, of caution. To Serra, New California was a fresh and urgent story; to Rivera, a book he'd read before.

Fernando de Rivera y Moncada

News of the assault interrupted Rivera's evening meal at Monterey presidio. He donned his commandant's finery — matching flare-barreled pistols and red velvet coat — and wrapped himself in the thick blue blanket he used for winter travel. He and a squad of six soldiers took the letters over the hill to Father Serra at Carmel. They arrived at 9:00 p.m.

"Father President," Rivera announced. "The Indians have burned San Diego Mission and killed Father Luis [Jayme]."

Rivera read the letters out loud, stroking his long beard for effect. The only good news, he seemed pleased to report: no soldiers died.

Serra fell to his knees. "Thanks be to God," he said in an asthmatic whisper. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. Now the soil is watered. The conversion of the Indians will succeed."

Rivera must pacify San Diego now. Serra begged to join him. No, said Rivera; he must move at soldier's speed. On December 16, he headed south with 13 men.

"With this answer," Serra wrote Viceroy Bucareli in Mexico, "my intentions to reestablish the missions [San Diego and San Juan Capistrano] were destroyed by one blow."

Rivera's extreme reprisals would strike terror in the Kumeyaay, Serra wrote Bucareli. "What good can we do by waging a military campaign against them?" Instead, Serra demanded: "Let the soldiers protect us better than they did [Father Jayme] and allow the murderer to live so that he can be saved."

Serra assured Bucareli that the friars "envied the martyrdom of their fortunate companion," Father Jayme, whose naked corpse, stuck with 18 arrows, had uncountable wounds from spears and *macana* warclubs.

On January 7, 1776, after days of slogging through heavy rains, Rivera met the second Anza Expedition at Mission

QUOTATIONS

1. Juan Bautista de Anza: "The [burning of Mission San Diego] has filled everybody with terror and caused them to realize what the natives of this region are capable of attempting, which formerly they did not believe."

2. Father Zephyrin Engelhardt, O.F.M.: "Rivera's companions in the crime against Church asylum doubtless experienced the consequences [of excommunication] more quickly, and possibly made him feel it."

3. Richard Pourade: "In their failure to follow up the initial attack, the Indians lost an opportunity to perhaps permanently destroy all the Spanish settlements in California."

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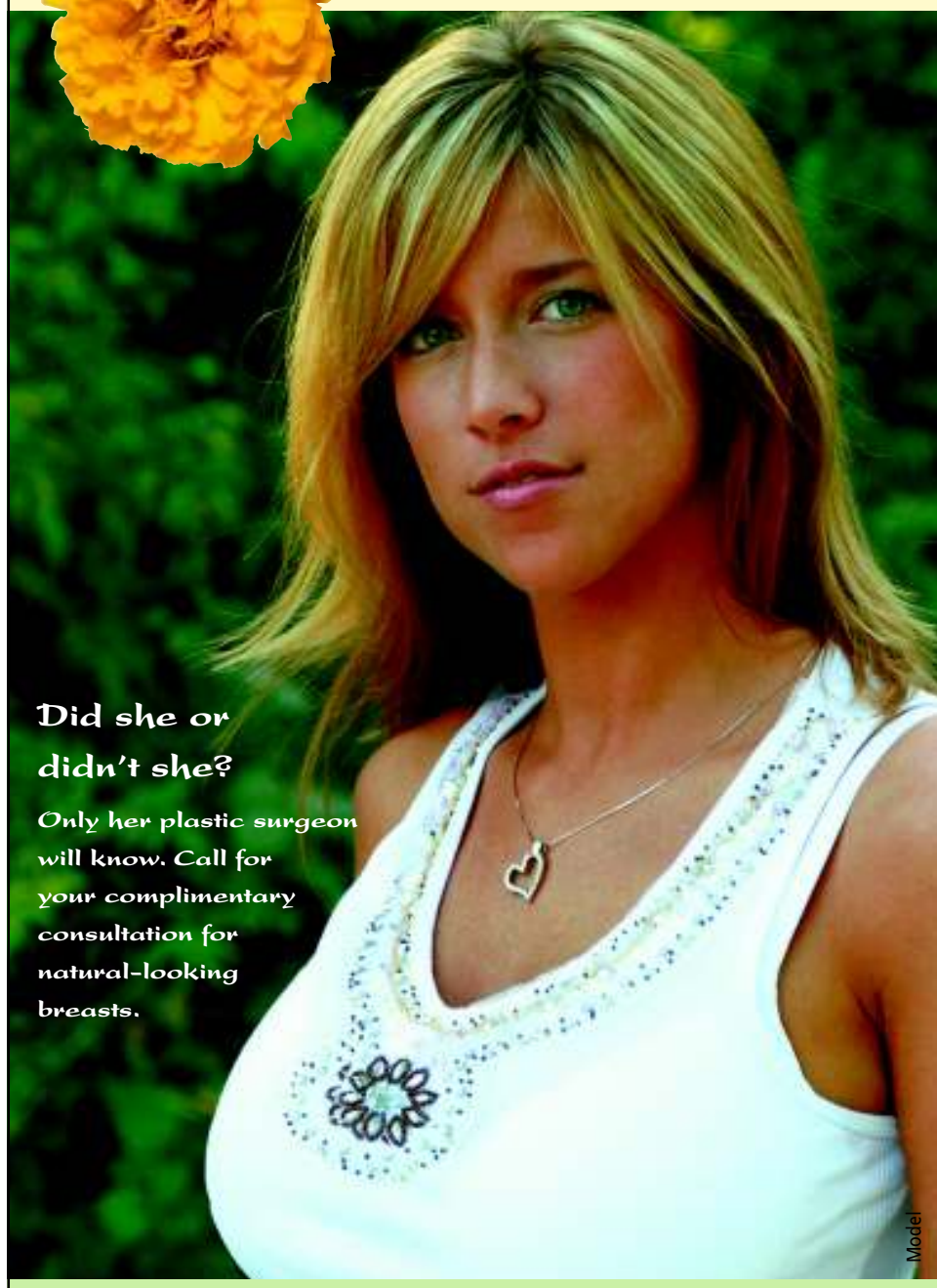

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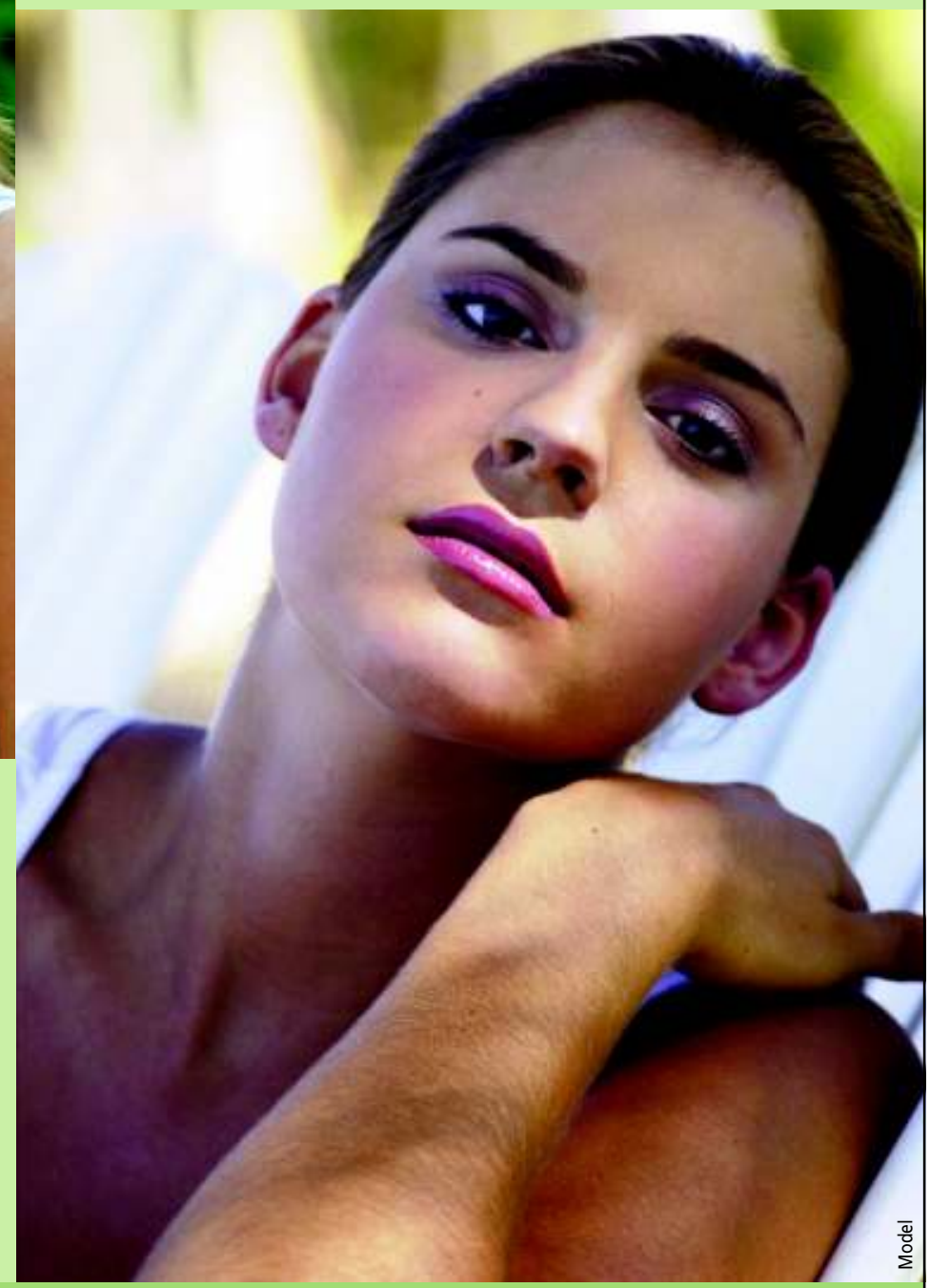

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Anza, whose father had been murdered by Apaches, agreed to accompany Rivera to San Diego with 35 soldiers. On the way, Rivera complained about Father Serra's spiritual haste: "I have never seen a priest more zealous for founding missions, no matter how or at what expense they are established."

Not knowing what to find at San Diego, or even if it still existed, the small force passed through San Juan Capistrano, where Father Fermin Lasuen had abandoned efforts to build a mission after the assault, and traveled down the coast through Agua Hedionda. They arrived at the presidio January 11, 1776.

When he led the "Sacred Expedition" north in 1769, Rivera used Presidio Hill for a makeshift hospital. The site evolved into San Diego's first garrison. Six-and-a-half years later, Rivera entered a state of siege: no one ventured outside without armed guards; inside, people stayed close to stockade walls; and soldiers had fireproofed the tule roofs with heaps of dirt.

Father Pedro Font, drafted to chronicle the Anza expedition, said the "small and inadequate" fort lies "in a very bad place on a hill dominated by others." Along with no cultivated fields and a river that's dry most of the year, the stockade barely protects the compound. And the church is just a tule *jacal* — a wigwam of reeds and branches — that, except during services, doubles as an *almacén,* a storehouse.

"In truth, Mission San Diego is the poorest the Fathers have on the coast. Likewise, its Indians are the worst," Font continued, "so ill-mannered that to secure fish the missionaries have to pay them with beads or corn." Most neophytes are only Christian "in name." Fathers Fuster, Lasuen, and Amurrio had become so afraid of the natives, they stopped proselytizing.

Of Rivera and Anza, Font wrote: "These señores who command such expeditions are so absolute, there is need of real patience in putting up with them."

Rivera interrogated soldiers about the assault. The night of the attack, all four

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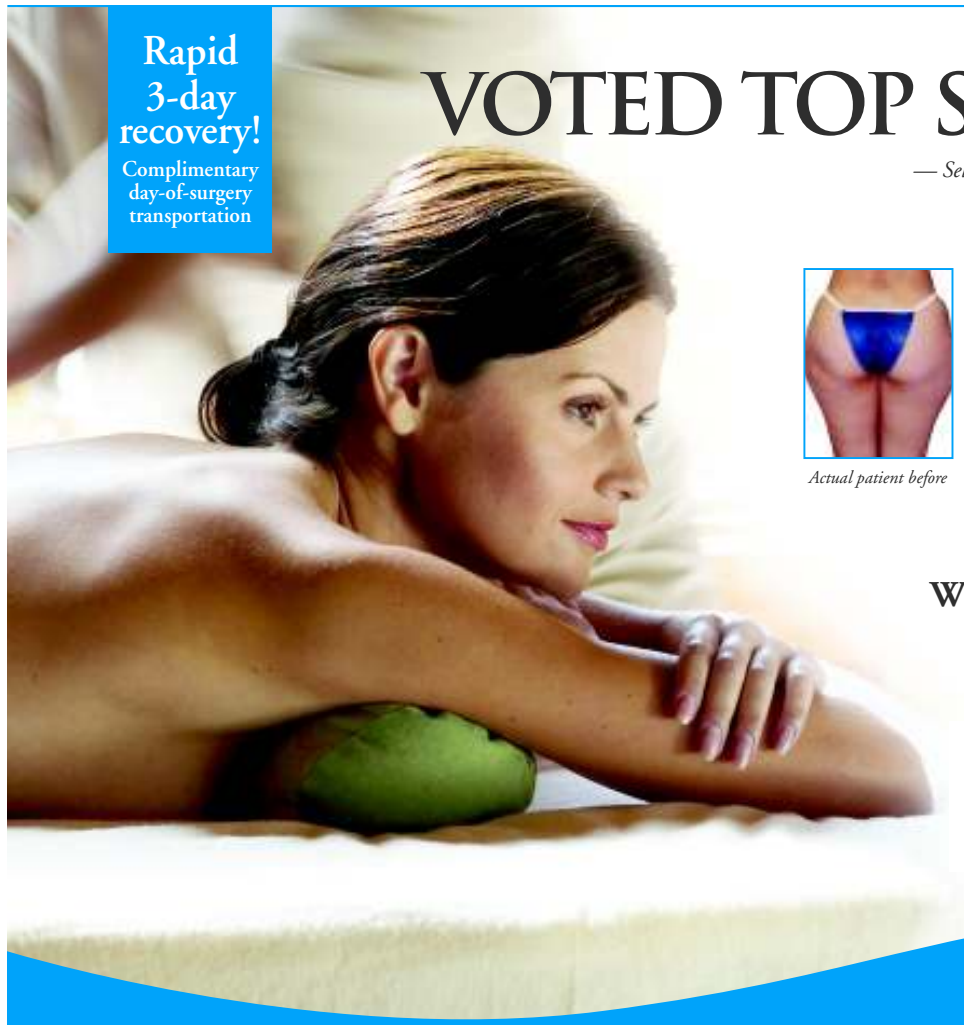

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members of the *escolta*, the mission guard, were asleep. And the sole presidio sentinel thought the roaring blaze six miles east was just moonlight — even though, says Font, the moon would have been in the west by that time. To Font and the priests' surprise, Rivera pardoned the soldiers and blamed Lt. José Ortega, off building Mission San Juan Capistrano, for neglecting his duties at San Diego.

Rivera and Anza sent search parties for leaders of the assault. When caught, a flogging would "greet" them. From the presidio, Font saw pillars of smoke rise in the distance. At first he thought they were Kumeyaay signals. Then he realized they were burning villages.

Font noted that while soldiers conduct the searches, "Señor Rivera stays at the presidio, eating the little food the fathers had and wearing them down with disrespect."

"ALL RIGHT, FATHER, YOUR REVERENCE MAY PROTEST," RIVERA ROARED, POKING HIS SWORD AT CARLOS. "THERE GOES THE PROTEST!"

Rivera had one close friend at San Diego. He'd formed a bond with Father Lasuen in Baja California many years before. When Lasuen heard Rivera would be commandant of New California, the friar asked to be his chaplain at Monterey. Father Serra rejected the request and, in a fervent letter, "disapproved" of Lasuen's friendship with the volatile *soldado de cuera*. Rivera, in turn, protested Serra's slight: soldiers and natives at Monterey presidio deserved a priest as much as Mission San Carlos.

The gray-haired "old men" — Lasuen pock-faced, corpulent; Rivera "thin as a string" — had more than friendship in common. They loathed the frontier and yearned to retire. (Of Mission San Diego, Lasuen wrote: "They keep just enough Indians to justify the place being called a mission…what good has been achieved and what progress made?") Father Serra, who wrote that Lasuen was his superior as a missionary,

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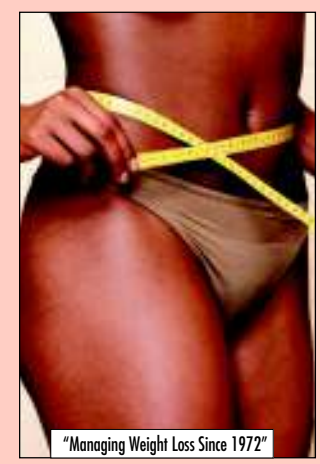

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When the two chiefs tried to escape, Rivera ordered them whipped with 25 lashes. Then 25 more. One died.

Father Lasuen, who said punishment of natives was sometimes necessary, pleaded compassion for the second chief: He is not to blame, Lasuen told Rivera. The Evil One controls him.

He's a war criminal, Rivera shot back. He burned down the mission. He has no soul.

Though ordered to pacify the region and put the fear of God into the natives, Rivera heeded his friend's wish. The chief healed and, at the first opportunity, escaped.

Anza, who had fought Apaches for over a decade, thought Rivera had overestimated the danger. For a month, the two bickered, then almost came to blows. Just before Anza left to rejoin his expedition, Rivera urged him not to colonize San Francisco: "I have carefully examined all that region…there is nothing there."

"*Amigo*," Anza replied. "I'm going."

In March, rumors alleged that Carlos, a leader of the 1769 and 1775 assaults, was nearby. On the night of March 27, Carlos crept into the storehouse that served as a church.

The next morning, when Father Fuster entered the *jacal* to offer Mass, he found the Kumeyaay chief hiding under the altar. "Stay here," Fuster told him after the ceremony, "you are safe."

Fuster conferred with Fathers Lasuen and Amurrio. Carlos was a neophyte, he told them, and thus protected by the ancient "right of sanctuary." Civil authorities could not take someone from a Catholic Church by force, regardless of the crime: Carlos was "immune from

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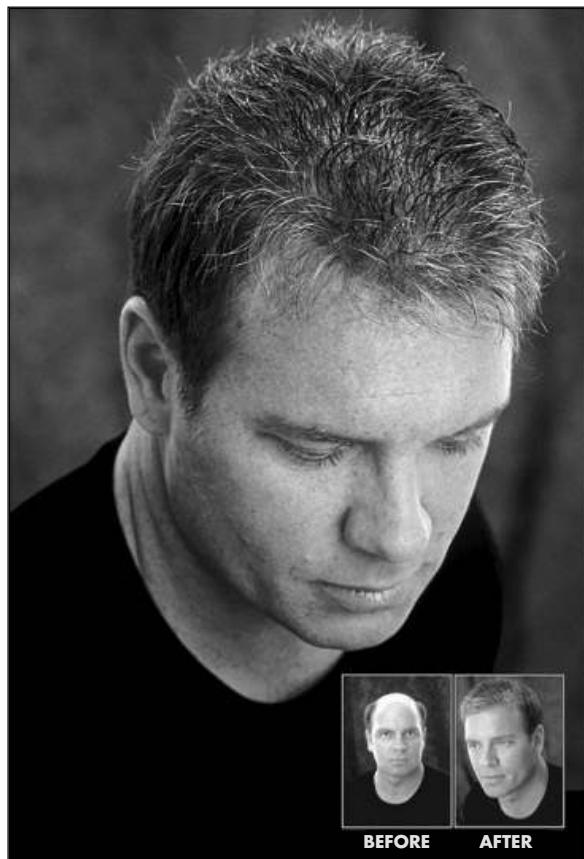

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Lasuen and Amurrio agreed. Now the question became, how to protect the refugee?

Fuster wanted Rivera to "handle things in a quiet way." Carlos had roamed the area for five months without inciting a new attack, Fuster told the Commandant. Carlos sought Peñance. "What misfortune do you now expect?"

Rivera, just yards from a key instigator of the coming attack, replied, "I am caught unawares. I will think the matter over and determine how to proceed."

That afternoon Rivera sent Fuster a formal letter: hand over Carlos, the enemy of Spain, or I must take him myself.

As a simple priest, Fuster replied, he couldn't authorize the penitent's release. Also, according to Popes Gregory XIV and Benedict XIII, anyone violating the right of sanctuary would incur excommunication: be cast outside the church, unable to take the sacraments, have no contact with Christians.

Rivera shredded Fuster's letter and called his troops to arms. As Fuster rang the bell for prayer, two soldiers rolled a cannon onto the courtyard. Raising his silver-handled cutlass in one hand, and a burning candle in the other, Rivera and his soldiers stormed into the storehouse/chapel. To everyone's astonishment, the soldiers dragged Carlos across the muddy plaza to the guardhouse stocks.

Leave him alone, pleaded Fathers Fuster, Lasuen, and Amurrio. "The church of God is not guarded like a castle," said Fuster, protesting that the abduction violated church policy.

"All right, Father, your reverence may protest," Rivera roared, poking his sword at Carlos. "There goes the protest!"

Fuster grew solemn: "The Captain and all those aiding him are hereby excommunicated — and must regard themselves as such!"

At the guardhouse doorway, Rivera, who deemed himself as pious as anyone, exclaimed, "I intended naught against our Mother the Church!"

The next day before Mass, Father Fuster sent Rivera three notes: return Carlos, or Fuster must take the next step: publish the excommunication.

Rivera tore up the notes without reading them. He and his soldiers went to Mass on March 29 as if nothing had happened. Before service began, Father Lasuen

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paused, collected his thoughts, and addressed the assembly: "Señores, they say I declared this edifice not to be a church. I here maintain…that this is the church of the presidio," raising his voice to full volume, "and all who have taken the Indian, whom they hold imprisoned, are excommunicated. They must leave at once, or I cannot celebrate Holy Mass."

Rivera and his soldiers stormed out.

Severed from his religion, unable to speak to believers, Rivera maintained a gruff facade. He'd done his duty, he blurted at those avoiding his gaze. Just before taking word of his excommunication to Father Serra, however, Rivera wrote to military friends in Mexico City: "I am in the midst of the greatest tribulation and sorrow I have ever experienced."

On the road to Monterey, Rivera met Anza. Asked how he was doing, Rivera gave his rival a brief reply, "My leg hurts," and continued north.

He arrived at Monterey the night of April 15. Instead of taking the letters to Carmel, as he had with news of the assault, Rivera claimed he wasn't well; Father Serra must come to him.

The next morning, Fathers Serra, Murguia, Cambon, and de la Peña walked from Mission San Carlos to the Monterey presidio. They didn't anticipate Rivera's news.

"Father Fuster of San Diego has excommunicated me," he said, handing Serra several letters with broken seals.

Personal letters, seals broken?

An accident on the road. Rivera claimed he hadn't read them, would swear an oath to that fact.

None needed, Serra assured him.

Carlos can't go free, Rivera told the friar. He's too valuable for their cause. Also, the church is just a storehouse, not a sanctuary. I'm trying to stop an insurrection, Father. They plan to kill us all.

The *padre presidente*, who thought Rivera's leg pains "greatly exaggerated," said he would deliberate the news at Carmel. This process

RIVERA OFFERED FUSTER "A BANTERING APOLOGY." MY TEMPER IS NOT STERN, HE KIDDED, BUT IF CROSSED, CAN SEEM SO — BUT I LIKE A GOOD JOKE TOO. AS FOR ORDERING HIS MEN TO ARMS, DIDN'T CORTES DO THAT AT A FIESTA?

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could not be done in haste, he added, possibly recalling the speed with which Rivera left for San Diego. The commandant must be patient.

On April 17, Father Tomás de la Peña brought Serra's decision to the presidio. "Without a doubt," the friars agreed, "Rivera had incurred excommunication." But Father Serra couldn't absolve him. Rivera must first give satisfaction to the Church: go to San Diego; take Carlos to Father Fuster at the chapel. Then, and only then, could the commandant return from religious exile.

On April 19, 1776, Rivera left for San Diego. When Father Serra asked to join him, Rivera refused. No time. He must erase his censure — which Father Serra could have done at Carmel — as soon as possible. Rivera did have time to write to Anza, apologizing for previous "discourtesies" due to ill health.

Anza's cohorts José Maria Gongora and José Joaquin Moraga swore that Rivera had gone insane. Anza saw "impoliteness and great reserve," but not madness. Anza agreed with those who said the commandant had a "confused state of mind."

Rivera rode south, but felt he should go north. They were founding a colony at San Francisco, again overextending troops needed to defend existing missions. Rivera was also certain that Lt. Moraga, chosen to govern the enterprise, couldn't do the job. San Francisco needed Rivera's expertise. Instead, he must face the humiliation of being absolved by Father Fuster, the skittish friar who had challenged his authority and declared him fugitive from his faith.

When he arrived at San Diego, on May 13, 1776, Rivera offered Fuster "a bantering apology." My temper is not stern, he kidded, but if crossed, can seem so — but I like a good joke too. As for ordering his men to arms, didn't Cortes do that at a fiesta?

Fuster said he'd accept Rivera's apology at formal ceremony in five days. The commandant must be patient.

The presidio's church/storehouse and guardhouse stood less than a city block apart. On May 18, Rivera walked Carlos across the compound and presented the old neophyte to Father Fuster in the "church." Fuster accepted Carlos and said that Rivera would be absolved. Then, as part of a prearranged agreement, Fuster handed Carlos back to Rivera, who walked him back to the guardhouse and locked him back in the stocks.

History hasn't recorded the Kumeyaay chief's thoughts. And since "Carlos" was his baptismal name, his original remains unknown.

Later that day, Father Lasuen lifted the censure of excommunication from Rivera. Their friendship was broken forever.

Next time: Inward Christian Soldiers. ■

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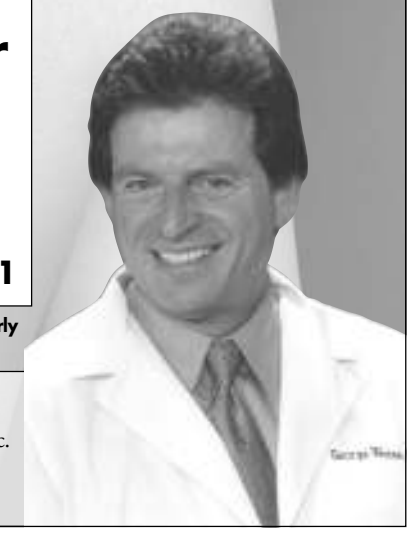

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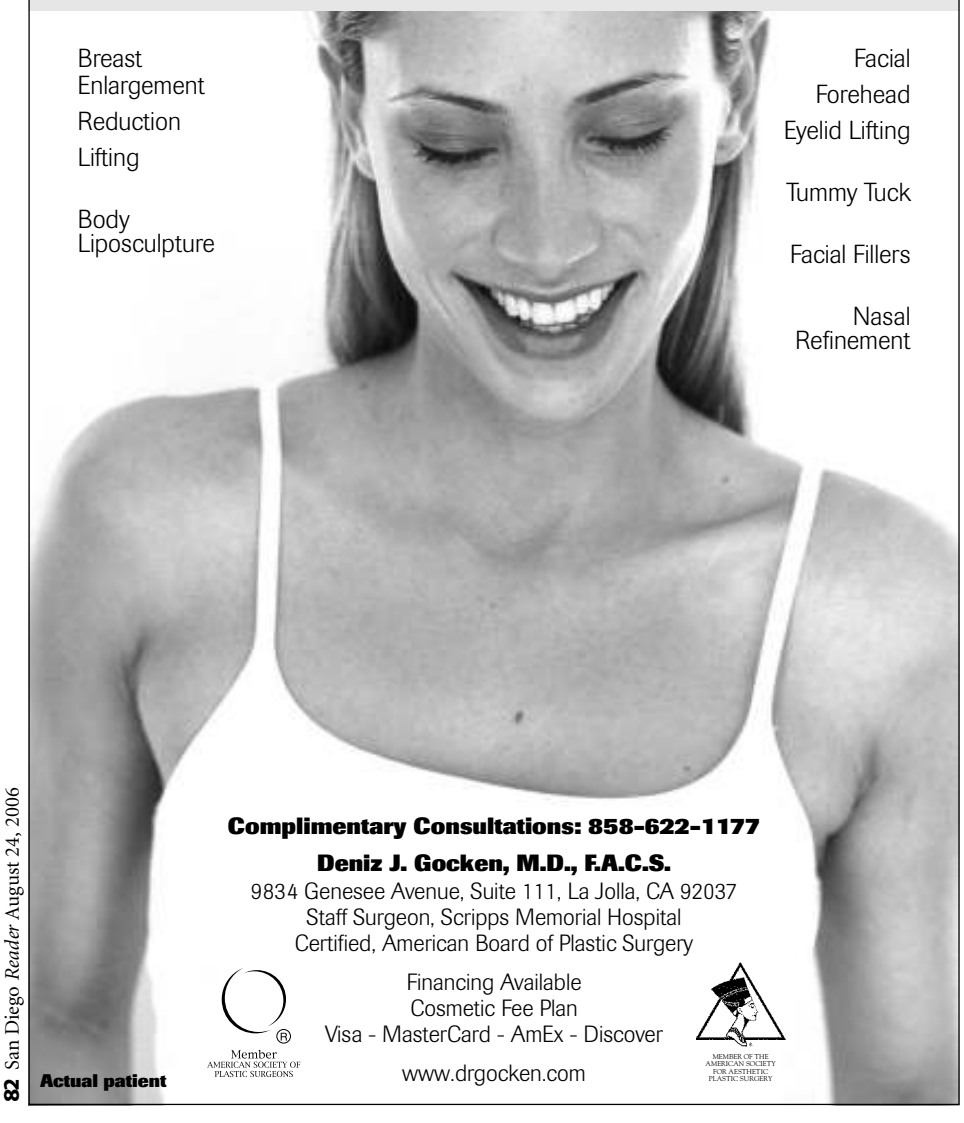

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get-well-card signatories. Are they being insincere too? How do I know which ones are genuine and heartfelt and which ones are just mocking me?

It is clear to me that Dave is trapped — living a life shrouded in obligation. Is it really nicer when someone smiles and pretends to be your friend to your face while hurling invective and vitriol about you behind your back? Is this world really a better place when everyone is ever fearful of being the victim of a guilt-based obligation to attend an event which they would rather not? Would it not be better, and oh so much easier, if everyone could just act and feel as they really do, say what they really mean (assuming one does so in a well-mannered way, of course), choosing, without guilt, to whom one would like to extend an invitation and to be at liberty to politely decline invitations without the fear that one is walking into an emotional minefield?

With her "One Life to Lead" essay, Barbarella has once again bravely articulated, in a thoughtful, non-hysterical way, what so many of us only dare to think. Her courage continues to inspire me to be a better person. Brava, Barbarella!

Glen Daniels
via e-mail

Don't Blame The Music

This is in response to the comments made by Ken Leighton in "Blurt" regarding the Tool concert at Street Scene (August 17).

Though I understand how easy it is to blame in this situation, isn't the most important thing to come up with a solution before next Street Scene?

I was at the show, and I was not even slightly surprised with the number of people there to see Tool, but I was surprised with the number of people at the event in general.

Tool sells out huge stadiums. I have been to several shows, always sold out, and way more people than Street Scene can handle.

The bottom line is that if the promoters had any idea of the number of people expected to see Tool, they probably would have realized that things could have gotten out of control.

After all, this is rock and roll, baby. Not laid-back hip-hop.

If it wasn't for the large beer garden behind the crowd at the stage where Tool played, where there were just as many people to see the show, the situation could have been even worse.

How many times do people need to get injured at general-admission shows before the promoters get a clue and keep track of the number of tickets sold instead of being money hungry?

At each Tool show that I've been to, never have they used video screens for anything other than graphics. Granted their "stupid claymations" are disturbing, but they are part of Tool's act. The fans know and expect Maynard to be at the back of the stage and for the lighting to be dark.

Rushing the stage was not likely an attempt to get a better look at the band, because Tool fans know Tool does not have a stage show.

Of the several shows I've been to, this was the only one that served alcohol. This played a huge part. By 10:30 p.m., when Tool came to the stage, you can imagine the state of mind of some of the people attending.

I was witness to one injured person who came out of the crowd and lay on the ground for at least a half hour before medical personnel reached him. How is that Tool's fault?

Rushing the stage was mob mentality, and the responsibility falls on the promoters, security, lack of medical personnel at the event, and lack of respect for others by the fans.

Not having people backstage to help was a big mistake; however, I wouldn't be surprised if this is a regular Tool request at their shows.

I don't feel that blaming Tool for performing in the way they always have is appropriate. The promoters need to figure out a seating area for larger bands, with only certain bands' shows being allowed for general admission.

Street Scene was better in downtown. They never should have changed that.

Sam Speer
via e-mail

Nice Turns

After thoroughly enjoying *The Devil Wears Prada,* one of the few movies in recent memory that I have thought was actually worth the admission price, I looked up what Duncan Shepherd had written and was very surprised at his lukewarm review. I always know that Meryl Streep will give a notable performance and thought that the supporting cast was very good. Although I am not a huge fan of Anne Hathaway, I thought that she gave a credible performance, having outgrown her *Princess Diaries* stereotype. I also thought that Stanley Tucci was particularly good. The story line was fairly predictable but had some nice turns, and I enjoyed several really good laughs. While not always agreeing with Mr. Shepherd, I typically can rely on enjoying anything he rates three to five stars and was really surprised that he didn't see more in this movie to be positive about.

Larry Coffinberry
via e-mail

Not Enough Lists

As a participating full-time San Diego musician, promoter, editorialist, and fan, I would like to say that I certainly enjoy the "list" series (and other writings) by Jay Allen Sanford. I read 'em every week. Having said that, I also find the amount of music coverage to be very valuable, to the point of wishing there were more. By now our music scene has grown into one of the most influential scenes in the country, and we're still growing with momentum. (Astonishingly, for instance, Minneapolis has a publication called *City Pages.* Very thick music section in that paper, yet the population of the Minneapolis/St. Paul area is about a quarter of the population of San Diego.)

Since a city is defined by its culture, and culture is largely defined by its music, it stands to reason that focusing on the great wealth of music here would foster a richer culture here in San Diego. And there is so much more to discover than the typical/usual/convenient stuff that makes the paper.

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Two for the Ages

The Classic Comedies of Laurel and Hardy

"It's so easy to fall back on dirty humor or fart jokes than it is to actually put together truly clever and memorable scenes, like the boys did," says John Field, the Grand Sheik of Saps at Sea. Founded in 1978, Saps at Sea is the San Diego "tent," or chapter, of the international Laurel and Hardy organization called Sons of the Desert. "'Grand Sheik' is an honorary title; it doesn't mean much. Basically, I'm the one who hosts the meetings, or as I like to call them, 'film parties,'" says Field.

On Saturday, August 26, the Saps at Sea tent will host "Let's Give Russ's Breaking Back a Break" night, at which they will screen *The Devil's Brother* (a.k.a. *Fra Diavolo,* 1933) and a classic cartoon. The evening is so named because the shows will be played from videos and DVDs rather than the usual 16mm films carted around by the group's projectionist, Russ Peck. "Seventy-five percent of our meetings [feature] Laurel and Hardy, and then we have 20 minutes or so of a guest comedian such as Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin, or, in this case, the very early [1935] and very rare *Calling All Tars* with Bob Hope," explains Field.

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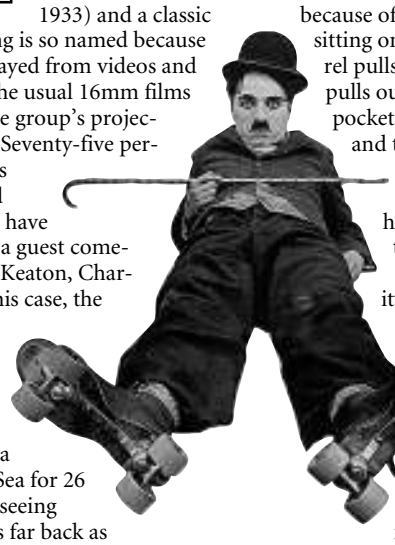

Field has been a member of Saps at Sea for 26 years. "I remember seeing Laurel and Hardy as far back as age eight or nine," he says. "I love the boys because of their charm — like the fact that Ollie thinks he's smarter than Stan, when he really isn't. They're just kindhearted souls trying to get along in life, and they run across challenges, but they're still pals."

In *Sons of the Desert,* Laurel and Hardy are members of a Mason-like organization called Sons of the Desert. "We don't have an oath or a handshake, but we do sing the song 'We are the Sons of the Desert' at each meeting," says Paul Rilling, a 25-year member. "Because San Diego is a Navy town, this tent is called 'Saps at Sea.'" The Los Angeles tent is "Way Out West," and a tent in Mexico City named itself the "Bullfighter's Tent."

Rilling recalls one Laurel and Hardy scene of which he is particularly fond because of its subtle nature: "The boys are sitting on a stoop, talking, and Stan Laurel pulls out a hard-boiled egg, and he pulls out a salt shaker from another pocket, and he puts the salt on the egg and then proceeds to peel the egg and eat it. It doesn't have anything to do with the plot, but he plays the kind of character that doesn't think things out."

Rilling likes the predictability of the comic routines. "They set up a situation and you know what's going to happen, so there's no surprise in it happening — the surprise is how long it takes." He describes a scene in which the boys are rebuilding a boat: "Stan keeps causing trouble so he's banished down into the cabin, while the portly gentleman, Ollie, is up painting a mast on a ladder." In the scene, Stan manages to wedge himself between a wall and the mast, after which he produces a saw. "He's cutting the mast, and you see Ollie on the top painting, and he hears this saw, and he doesn't know what it is, and Stan's down in the cabin sawing, and you *know* what's going to happen, and it does happen, and Ollie ends up in a mud puddle. In the next scene, Stan is sitting on a bench and both his hands are tied around a barrel."

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"The gags that fans are probably familiar with the most involve a certain interaction called 'reciprocal destruction,' which starts with one person who does something, then another person does something back, and it accelerates and keeps on going," explains Field. "*In Two Tars* [a silent film released in 1928], they're a couple of sailors on leave for a good time, and they go into town and pick up a couple of girls and rent a Model T. They run into a traffic jam, and one car rear-ends another car. The guy [who was rear-ended] rips off someone's bumper, and by the end of the film you have 75 cars being destroyed by angry motorists."

— Barbarella

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Rosarito Beach Cultural Festival, showcases Cuban music with lecture by Emilio Vega, Thursday, August 24, 6 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira). At 7 p.m., Nicolás Derr focuses on "Drama," $3.

Jacinto Aztiazarán presents lecture entitled "La Rebeldía de Pensar," Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m., at Benito Juárez Library (on Avenida Centenario, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-630-9714. (ROSARITO BEACH)

"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. (TIJUANA)

"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. (TIJUANA)

Miranda plays pop music, Thursday, August 24, 9 p.m., at Balak Club, Pueblo Amigo Mall, Zona Río. 011-52-664-634-1011. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Fair continues through Sunday, September 17. In Palenque, see Jenny Rivera on Friday, August 25, and Sergio "El Chaka" Vega on Saturday, August 26. Concerts start at 11 p.m. 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

Cuban Music promised when Compay Segundo Band performs Friday, August 25, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: $25, $35 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Three Bohemians in Concert! David Haro, Rafael Mendoz, and Marcial Alejandro perform at El Lugar del Nopal (Privada 5 de Mayo #1328) on Saturday, August 26, 9 p.m. 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Gladiator Show, Sunday, August 27, 4 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. Tickets: $10–$40 U.S. 011-52-664-290-1005. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Kung Fu Monkeys Play Tijuana Ska, San Diego band Burnt plays reggae, and Dat'z Jazz perform on Sunday, August 27, 2–7 p.m., at Avenida Centenario (between Tijuana City Hall and State Hall, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-684-8609. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Chamber of Commerce 10K Run, Sunday, August 27, starting at 8 a.m. at chamber of commerce in Zona Río. 011-52-664-682-8488. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

"Tanger, Barcelona, Tijuana: Huellas Transculturales en la Ciudad" — lecture by Guillermo Alonso Meneses, Wednesday, August 30, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

CELEBRATE DANCE
Festival 2006, Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, Balboa Park.

(SEE DANCE)

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OUTDOORS

Jasmine's Thick, Sweet Odor wafts on the night breezes this time of year, especially throughout the older, well-landscaped neighborhoods of San Diego. The exotic odor is produced by the flowers of true jasmines (genus *Jasminum*), as opposed to the so-called "star jasmine" (genus *Trachelospermum*), which blooms in the late spring and early summer.

Summer Thundershowers, having blessed the eastern margin of San Diego County with welcome, if spotty precipitation of late, have triggered a minor growth spurt among certain kinds of vegetation. In the desert, for example, the spidery ocotillo can grow an instant crop of green leaves after a storm, only to drop them two or three weeks later if no further rain arrives. The distribution of green-leaved ocotillos tells not only where rain has recently fallen; it also indicates where the runoff has collected and remained for enough time to be absorbed by the ocotillo's root system. Various cacti may also benefit from the downpours; barrel cacti expand in girth by soaking up water, and the pads of the beavertail cactus plump up like overstuffed pillows.

Brilliant Venus and Demure Saturn stand closer than 1 degree apart from each other, both hovering over the east horizon at dawn (approximately 5:30 a.m.), on the mornings of August 26 and 27. At a time approximately halfway between, observers in certain parts of Asia will be able to see the two planets pass each other with a clearance of only 0.07 degree (one-seventh of the apparent diameter of the moon). That will take place at dawn in the Eastern Hemisphere. This is the closest separation between any two planets observable until the year 2016.

Palomar Mountain Trail Work planned Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, 8 a.m., starting at Silvercrest day-use lot. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. For those 16 and older with a parent. Free. Directions, reservations: 858-278-3280. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

Basic Birding program by Tom Troy, Saturday, August 26, 8:30 a.m., at Buena Vista lagoon landing. Emphasis on using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, local resources. Free. Directions: 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Relax in the Shade! Arroyo willows, sycamores, and cottonwoods circle Kumeyaay Lake, where a variety of birds and animals can be seen and heard during guided trail hike on Saturday, August 26, in Mission Trails Regional Park. Outing starts at 8:30 p.m. in Kumeyaay campground parking lot (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. Reservations: 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, August 26, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Beach Cleanup in Pacific Beach hosted by San Diego Coastkeeper on Saturday, August 26, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-758-7743. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Boots and Hoots, naturalist Brian Swanson leads exploration of Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Saturday, August 26, 6–8:30 p.m. Look for owls, bats, snakes, deer. Bring flashlight, sturdy shoes. Adventure starts at west end of Canyonside Park (off Canyonside Drive and Black Mountain Road). Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

An Expert Birder from San Diego Audubon Society leads bird walk in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, August 26, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

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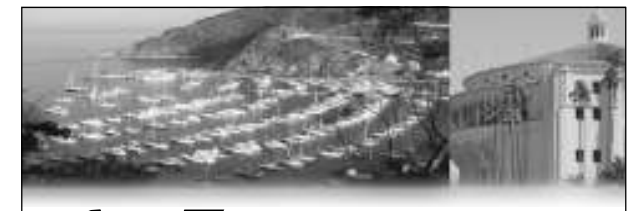

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Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden, Saturday, August 26, 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Gaslamp Folklore and Legends Walking Tours offered Saturdays, 10 a.m.–noon, by tour guide Gino Lizardi, who reveals romantic past and characters of the area. $10. Reservations: 619-239-7515. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

South Park — The Neighborhood, Not the TV Show! Explore area, replete with 20th-century Craftsman architecture, during walking tour hosted by Patty Fares for Urban Safari, Saturday, August 26, 10 a.m. $10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (SOUTH PARK)

Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center is open on Saturdays, 10 a.m.–noon, for viewing and learning about San Dieguito Lagoon, wetland wildlife, future restoration projects. Free. Find center on San Andres Drive (off Via de la Valle). Free. 858-674-2275 x14. (DEL MAR)

Observe Nature Restoring Itself in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires. Guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

Learn About "Rare Maritime Chaparral" and coastal sage scrub vegetation communities during guided hike through Crest Canyon to Torrey Pines State Reserve Extension, Sunday, August 27, 1–3:30 p.m. Free. Reservations, directions to trailhead: 858-755-6956. (DEL MAR)

Hike the Boulder Loop Trail in Daley Ranch with naturalist Carol Stanford, Sunday, August 27. Hike starts at 3 p.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Free. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Rediscover Old Escondido East during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, August 29, 6 p.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

An International Dance Festival is set for Friday, August 25, 6 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Program features Viva Mexico Ballet Folklorico Jaliscence, Ballet Folklorico Quetzal, Mariachi Arriba. Free. 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Java Mazurka Variations featured at beginner-friendly dance, Friday, August 25, 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)

Celebrate Dance Festival 2006 hosted by Eveoke Dance Theatre is August 26 and 27, in San Diego Museum of Art's Copley Theater and room 203 and 206 of Casa del Prado. Enjoy performances, classes and workshops by more than 35 regional dance groups in a wide range of styles, ethnic backgrounds and abilities, for free! Festival opens at 11 a.m. both days, closes at 10 p.m. on Saturday, 9 p.m. on Sunday. 619-238-1153. (BALBOA PARK)

West African Dance Class with Nikola Clay, accompanied by live drumming, Saturday, August 26, 2:30 p.m., at Yogafuzion Studio (5632 La Jolla Boulevard). $15. Required reservations: 858-459-9627. (BIRD ROCK)

Young Audiences 2006 Summer Salsa Fundraiser, Saturday, August 26, 7 p.m., at McMillin Event Center at NTC Promenade (Liberty Station, 2735 Rosecrans). Salsa dancing to live Latin music, dance instruction for first hour, food. Tickets: $30 in advance, $35 at door. 619-282-7599. (POINT LOMA)

All Things Swing Dance Party with music by Sue Palmer, workshops, dancing, performances, games, on Saturday, August 26, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). "Traveling swing moves" workshop (7:15 p.m.); beginners' class (8:30 p.m.), open dancing 8:30–midnight. Dance only: $13; additional fee for lessons. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

Unusual Suspects make the music, Chris Page and Graham Hempel call for contradance on Saturday, August 26, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. $7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Swing Club hosts West Coast swing-dance party every Sunday, 3–7 p.m., at La Mesa Women's Club (5220 Wilson Avenue). Beginners' lesson: 3–4 p.m. $7. 858-274-6422. (LA MESA)

Bellydance Show with performances by Shalimar and Sultana Rose, live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, and open dancing — Sunday, August 27, 8 p.m., at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). Cover: $5. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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LOCAL EVENTS

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Caller is Judee Pronovost on August 27. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. $6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Belly Dance classes teaching basic steps, foundational movements for all ages and levels, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at Mind, Body, Soul Dance Studio (2973 India Street). $10 per class. 619-819-7848. (MISSION HILLS)

West Coast Swing and Night Club Dance Party, Thursdays, August 24 and 31, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 8–10 p.m. West Coast swing dance lesson. $6; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

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

"Trolley Dances 2006" presented by Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater and Metropolitan Transit System runs Saturdays and Sundays, September 23, 24, 30, and October 1. This year's dances run along Orange Line beginning at Euclid Avenue trolley stop; tour guides then escort audience downtown. Choreographers include Monica Bill Barnes, Bradley Lundberg, Jean Isaacs, Kate Brill, Yvonne Harguindeguy, Ben Levy.

Performances begin every 45 minutes, 10 a.m.–3:15 p.m. Tickets (which include all-day trolley pass) are $25 general, $15 seniors, $10 students, people in wheelchairs and strollers free. Reservations: 619-867-8749. (SAN DIEGO)

FILM

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

Screen on the Green, San Diego Museum of Art hosts outdoor film series in conjunction with "Andy Warhol's Dream America" exhibit. Elvis and Ann-Margret star in *Viva Las Vegas,* slated for Thursday, August 24, 8 p.m. on east lawn. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Cinema Under the Stars," see Jeff Bridges and Isabella Rossellini in Peter Weir's *Fearless,* Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25. *Benny and Joon,* with Johnny Depp and Mary Stuart Masterson, screens Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27. Films begin at 8:30 p.m. at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). $12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"Peel: The Peru Project," see new film by T.J. Barrack and Wes Brown, Friday, August 25, 7 and 9 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Filmed on location in Peru, with surfers including Randy Bonds, Jesse Colombo, Magoo de la Rosa, Mark Healey, Sofia Mulanovich, more. $10. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

¡Cine Club! Monthly Latino Film Festival continues with the documentary *Sueños Binacionales,* Friday, August 25, 6:30 p.m., in P-32 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Film examines binational experience of indigenous immigrants from Mexico. Free. 619-230-1938. (SAN MARCOS)

Surf Movie Night! Enjoy the family film *The Ride,* Friday, August 25, 7 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Pick up free tickets in advance. 760-435-5580. (OCEANSIDE)

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

"Thirty-Two Short Films About Glenn Gould" — a film whose structure reflects the 32-part structure of Bach's "Goldberg Variations" that Gould made famous — screens for summer film series on Saturday, August 26, 2 p.m., Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Donation: $5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"The Black Stallion," starring Mickey Rooney and Teri Garr, is shown on Saturday, August 26, at Santa Clara Park (1008 Santa Clara Place). Games and family fun at 5 p.m., movie starts at dusk. Free. 858-581-9928. (MISSION BAY)

Saps at Sea Tent, local chapter of Laurel and Hardy fans meets to watch *Fra Diavolo (a.k.a. The Devil's Brother)* and a classic cartoon, Saturday, August 26, 7 p.m., at Trinity Presbyterian Church (3902 Kenwood Drive). $6. 619-417-9032. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, August 27, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Donation: $5. 619-230-1938 x123. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Barrio Logan: Voices of Change," this short documentary film produced by local youths will be shown on Monday, August 28, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Creators researched, interviewed community activist Roger Cazares, touching on issues such as immigration and affordable housing. Youth producers will be present to answer questions after screening. Free. 619-230-1938 x102. (DOWNTOWN)

Films by Mike Nichols showcased during ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Next up: *The Birdcage,* starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane, on Wednesday, August 30, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Warhol Double Feature boasting the 1996 films *I Shot Andy Warhol* (6 p.m.) and *Basquiat* (8 p.m.), at Museum of Photographic Arts, Thursday, August 31. $10 per film, or $15 for both. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

How About a Charming Fable? See Vittorio De Sica's *Miracolo a Milano* (1951) when it's screened Thursday, August 31, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). $2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

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 *The Human Body* (6 p.m.), *Stormchasers* (7 p.m.), *Wired to Win* (8 p.m.), *Deep Sea* (9 p.m.) on August 25. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"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)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society, Friday, August 25, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation: $10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (LINDA VISTA)

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Paraplegic Yoga Teacher and author Matthew Sanford plans talks and booksignings of *Waking: A Memoir of Trauma and Transcendence,* Friday, August 25, 8 p.m., at San Diego Yoga Studio (4134 Napier Street); and on Sunday, August 27, 1 p.m. Free.

Sanford returns to studio to present "Yoga and the Mind-Body Connection" workshop, Saturday, August 26, 12:30 p.m. $25. 619-276-8766. (SAN DIEGO)

"San Diego: Growth of a City" is topic when archaeologist Christy Dolan speaks Saturday, August 26, 8 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House (Black Mountain Road to Canyonside Park Driveway; drive west past ballfields, parking lots; follow signs). Excavations of several city blocks in the downtown area have given insight into past residential and commercial history. Free. 858-538-8066. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Parrot Education and Adoption Center offers seminars on variety of topics on August 26 and 27. "African Greys" addressed at 1 p.m.; explore "Excessive Screaming" at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

"Macaws" are topic on Sunday at 1 p.m.; focus on "Behavior Problems" at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Classes in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way). $15. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Conspiracy Theories? Be Skeptical" is subject for panel discussion hosted by Association for Rational Inquiry, Sunday, August 27, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

"Post-Tsunami Sri Lanka" is topic when Thiru Vaithianathan, M.D., addresses North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council, Monday, August 28, 10:05 a.m. in second-floor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Vaithianathan helped in aid efforts following tsunami, made another trip this year; he'll show photos of reconstruction and general life in Sri Lanka. Free. 858-487-4695, 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Dinotopia" Creator James Gurney plans book talk, signing, Monday, August 28, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Gurney's fantasy art has appeared on covers of more than 70 books. Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Get Out More" Road Team from *Backpacker* magazine visits Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road) for slide show and tips on gear, trip planning, destinations, food, backpacker fitness, Monday, August 28, 7 p.m. Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Early Secular Civil Rights Movement discussed by Michael Estes when Atheist Coalition meets Tuesday, August 29, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)

Rare and Exotic Fruit should be ripening when Linda Luisi presents plein air drawing and painting class on Wednesday, August 30, 10 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). $50. 760-944-7800. (ENCINITAS)

"Iran Awakening: Human Rights, Women, and Islam" is topic when 2003 Nobel Peace Laureate, Iranian lawyer, and human rights activist Shirin Ebadi speaks on Thursday, September 7, 7 p.m., in Jenny Craig Pavilion at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free event expected to "sell out, so pick up tickets early." 619-260-7550. (LINDA VISTA)

"Easy Bulbs for California-Friendly Gardens" explored by Mary McBride, Saturday, September 9, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Learn to use bulbs with perennials, as borders, planting for year-round color. McBride — owner of Mary's Secret Garden — will bring bulbs, plants to sell. $8. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Intro to Editing Documentaries with Final Cut Pro," — workshop offered on Saturday, September 9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Instructor Joaquin Ortiz divulges techniques in editing video, visualizing story, managing tape and media, more. $55. Reservations: 619-230-1938 x102. (GOLDEN HILL)

IN PERSON

Read! Caroline Blakemore and Barbara Weston Ramirez discuss and sign *Baby Read-Aloud Basics,* Thursday, August 24, 10 a.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Author Jan 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 Us from 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)

"A Leader Born: The Life of Admiral John Sidney McCain" signed and discussed by Alton Keith Gilbert, Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m., at Bay Books (1029 Orange Avenue). McCain was World War II hero, longtime San Diego resident. Free. 619-435-0070. (CORONADO)

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

"The Merry Wives of Windsor," this "tale of mischief and misadventure" offered for tenth annual "Summer Shakespeare" by theater school students at North Coast Repertory Theatre, August 24–27. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday, at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, suite D). Tickets: $12 general, $9 for students. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

Summergrass San Diego bluegrass festival picks up August 25–27, outdoors at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum (2040 North Santa Fe). Live music by California, the Stringdusters, the Brombies, Blue Highway, David Thom Band, Sheri Lee and Blue Heart, others; workshops, food and craft vendors, dry camping. Friday, $10; Saturday, $15; Sunday, $13; weekend rates available. 858-679-4854. (VISTA)

Sacred Labyrinth Concert with Frederic Delarue — a native of Chartres, France — is Friday, August 25, 7 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). Expect meditation, toning, celestially inspired music, Chartres Labyrinth walk. Tickets: $25 in advance, $30 at door. 60-944-2450. (ENCINITAS)

"La Guitarra Hispaña," Eric Foster (guitarra España), Marco Antonio Jurado (guitarra Mexicana), and Juan Moro (guitarra flamenca) in concert, Friday, August 25, 7 p.m., in Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center (on campus of EastLake High School, 1120 EastLake Parkway). $20 general. 858-535-9454. (CHULA VISTA)

Messages of Brotherhood and Freedom, Richie Havens in concerts hosted by AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, August 25, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). $30; dinner packages available. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Downtown Summer Sounds," Highland Way plays final concert in series, Friday, August 25, 6 p.m., at gazebo parking lot (at Main Street and South Indiana). Bring chairs. Free. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

Latin Salsa Music on tap when Plena Libre performs for TGIF Jazz in the Parks, Friday, August 25, 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 Adobe Jam," evening of music and art in conjunction with ongoing exhibit "Images That Are in My Head," Friday, August 25, 7 p.m., at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (651 East Vista Way). Music by Treehouse Banned, refreshments. Donations accepted. 760-639-6164. (VISTA)

The Backyard concert series continues with performance by Michael Tiernan on Friday, August 25, 7 p.m., in amphitheater at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Art by local artists on display. Free. 760-746-1322. (ESCONDIDO)

North County Funnies, Barry Diamond, Mark Fernandez, and Tom Clark perform with Pearl Street Players, Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822

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Off-season (a.k.a. "summer") camping in the Anza-Borrego Desert isn't as outlandish as it may seem — particularly if you confine your visit to the darker two-thirds of a 24-hour day. On just about any August or September afternoon, you can pull into the sprawling Borrego Palm Canyon Campground, pick virtually any site you wish for the night, remove most of your clothing, and snuggle up with the earth and sky, while enmeshed in a cocoon of warm, gently circulating, dry air.

Borrego Vista in evening light, Panorama Overlook

Around 5 o'clock, when evening shadows overtake the campground, you can embark on a little expedition to Panorama Overlook — a flat spot on the ramp-like rocky ridge south of the campground. Find the trail starting at campsite 71, and walk just one-half mile up to the 300-foot-high overlook, where — from your perspective — you preside over all of Borrego Springs and the entire north half of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Any map of the Anza-Borrego region will help you identify the major topographical features visible along the horizon from northeast through the south: Coyote Mountain and the more distant Santa Rosa Mountains; Fonts Point and the Borrego Badlands; Pinyon Ridge and a slice of the Vallecito Mountains.

Facing west, you must crane your neck to follow the upward continuation of the rocky ridge you're standing upon. If you have the energy, keep climbing as far as you like up that ridge. The view gets ever better, and the terrain underfoot gets ever rougher, the higher you go. Naturally, any hiker doing this would be well prepared with plenty of water and emergency gear.

Perhaps a few cumulonimbus clouds — the waning remnants of the summer monsoon season — will grace the late afternoon sky. If these threaten rain or lightning, go down immediately. The afternoon of September 10, 2004 saw a cataclysmic downpour and flash flood in this area that tore out the majority of the palm trees growing in Borrego Palm Canyon. A similar event could happen again.

Maybe you'll be inspired to return to Panorama Overlook by 6 a.m. next morning so as to watch the sky warm with gossamer pink clouds. Later, as the sun launches over the distant Salton Sea and temperatures soar to oven-like intensity, you can break camp and take your leave, seeking the comfort of higher mountain elevations or balmy ocean breezes.

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

PANORAMA OVERLOOK

Watch evening shadows race across Borrego Valley from Panorama Overlook.

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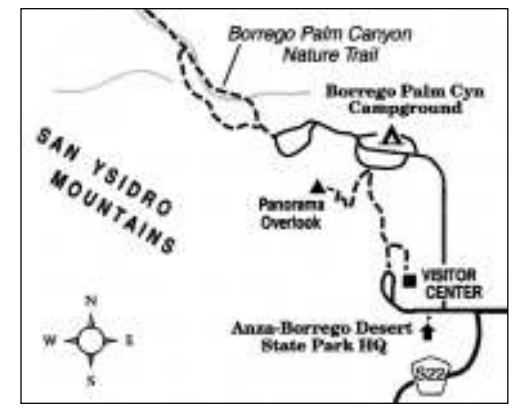

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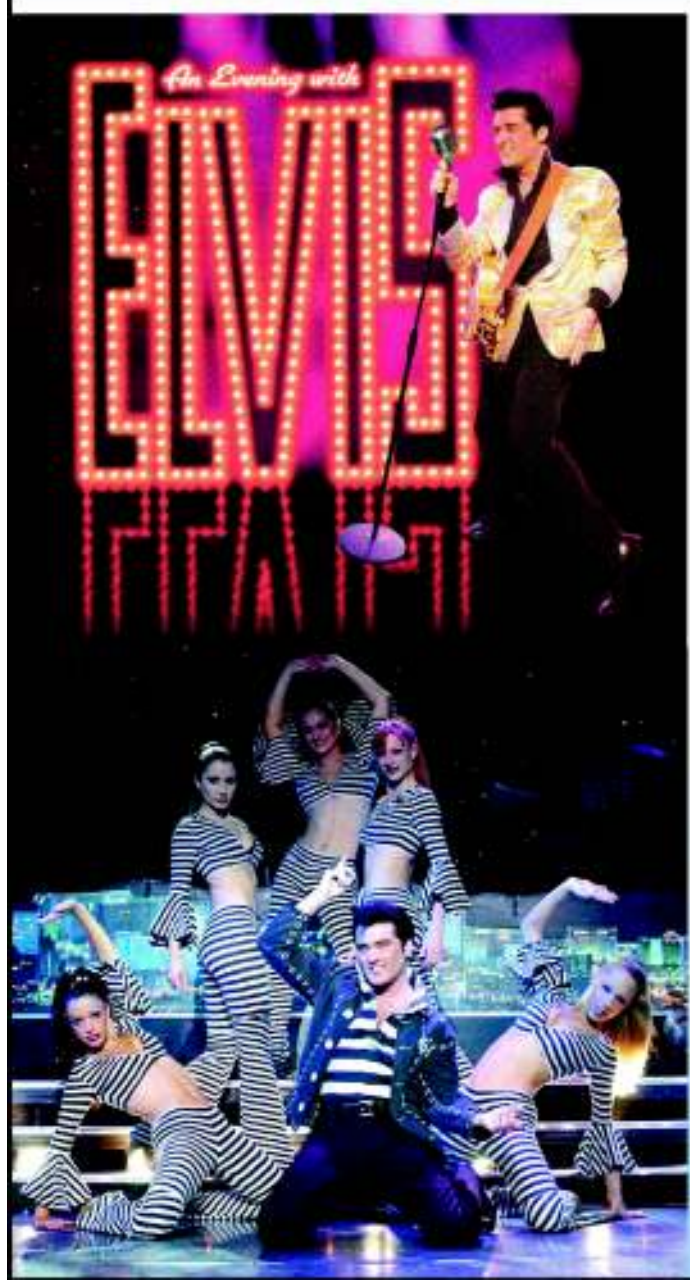

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Three Keys to Happiness, author Diana Marie Weitzel signs and discusses *Fall Into Freedom: An Affair Inspires One Woman's Search for Truth,* Saturday, August 26, noon, at Home and Soul (8036 La Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-465-3100. (LA MESA)

Author Kate Herbert visits Borders Books and Music to sign, discuss *The Perfect Screenplay,* Saturday, August 26, 1 p.m. Find shop at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, 858-618-1814. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

"Brother Musician, Listen to a Miracle," exhibit opens at Museum of Making Music with reception on Saturday, August 26, 6:30 p.m. Following reception, enjoy acoustic performance by Paul Kantner (original member of Jefferson Airplane), Marty Willson-Piper and the Acoustic Mood Maidens, MC Billy Hinsche (founding member of Dino, Desi and Billy). Tickets: $50. Required reservations: 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

From "Letterman" to La Jolla, five-time Emmy winner for comedy writing Merrill Markoe reads from and discusses her new book, *Walking in Circles Before Lying Down,* Saturday, August 26, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Book, 7461 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

An Evening of Songs and Stories promised Saturday, August 26, 7 p.m., in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Storytellers Marilyn McPhie and Peter McBride will provide stories, Heloise Love and Tim Day provide songs. $12. 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

The Psalmist Hour showcases poetry and live music by Chris Surdock, the Root of Jesse, Tina McNeil, Jason Anderson, Saturday, August 26, 7 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Tickets at door: $10. 866-815-6550. (NORTH PARK)

"Comics That Kill 6: The UnUsual Suspects" present stand-up comedy show, Saturday, August 26, 8:30 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). Requested donation: $4. 619-COFFEE-5. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Heretic's Ball presented by Don Victor promises "funny political and social heresy that combines improvisation, performance art, music," more, Saturday, August 26, 9 p.m., at Rebecca's Coffeehouse (3015 Juniper Street). Donation. 619-691-9661. (SOUTH PARK)

Sunset Poets host poetry reading by Al Zolynas, Sunday, August 27, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105 North Coast Highway). Featured poet followed by open-mike reading. Free. 760-758-2410. (OCEANSIDE)

Celtic Guitarist Christopher Dean plans concert of Celtic and American folk music and stories, Sunday, August 27, 6 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Free. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Louisiana Red plays blues for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: $15, $20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Gumboots, Lesson Plans, and Hot Rugby Nights — New Beginnings in New Zealand" discussed by author Judy Flynn, Monday, August 28, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Booksigning follows. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Pirates, Poaching, Perfect Fish — Bruce Knecht's *Hooked* is story of one of longest pursuits in nautical history, a 4000-mile chase of fishing vessel *Viarsa* by Australian patrol boat, as well as invention of name for Chilean sea bass.

Knecht will discuss and sign books on Tuesday, August 29, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle; 858-755-3735); free. Busy on Tuesday? Knecht will also discuss and sign books Thursday, August 31, 6 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). $8. Reservations: 858-534-4109. (DEL MAR, LA JOLLA)

"Rebuilding a City of Music," this fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, Camp Hope, and citizens of St. Bernard Parish in New Orleans is Tuesday, August 29, 7 p.m., at Ocean House (300 Carlsbad Village Drive). Expect art, comedy, live music, Cajun dinner; $30.

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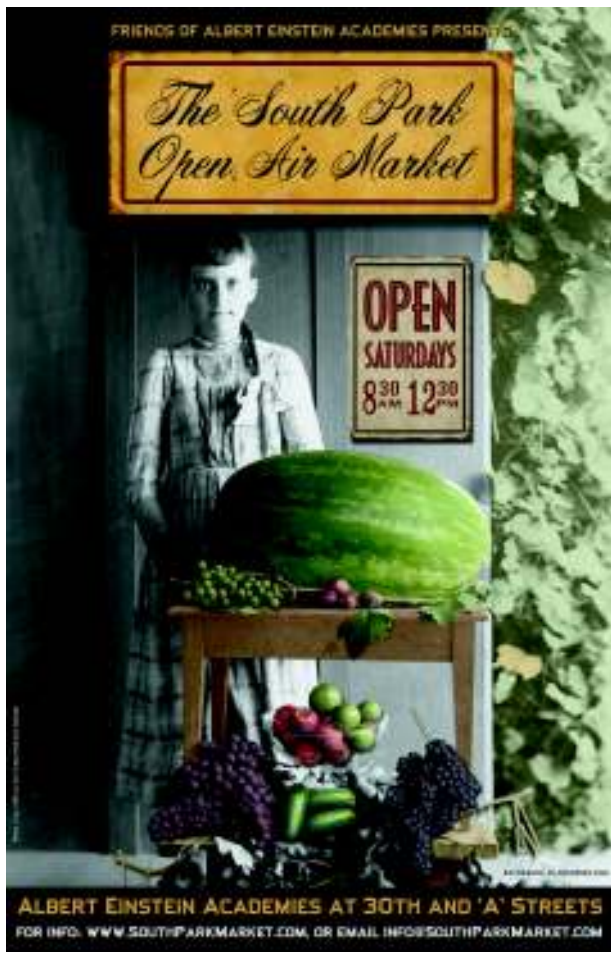


Orchestra on Tuesday, August 29; rock and roll by Stars on the Water on Wednesday, August 30; and Kearny Mesa Concert Band on Thursday, August 31. Concerts run from 6:15–7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Suspense Author William Kent Krueger signs, discusses *Copper River,* Tuesday, August 29, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Author Stephen J. Cannell signs, discusses *White Sister,* Tuesday, August 29, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

"The Music of Led Zeppelin" promised when Randy Jackson joins San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concert on Thursday, August 31. Listen for hits such as "Stairway to Heaven," "Whole Lotta Love," "Kashmir." Jackson is lead singer of Zebra. Evening concludes with fireworks.

Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: $16–$70, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Author John Lamb signs *The Mournful Teddy,* Thursday, August 31, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

"Primal Twang: The Legacy of the Guitar," this "theatrical/multimedia journey" through guitar's 3500-year-history by Dan Crary runs September 7–10 at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue).

Crary and Primal Twang Band perform each night, joined by Beppe Gambetta, Andrew York, Strunz & Farah, Mason Williams, and Eric Johnson on Thursday, September 7. On Friday, September 8, see Williams, York, Strunz, Farah, and Johnson. Doc Watson and Richard Watson take stage with previous night's group on Saturday, September 9. It's Strunz & Farah on Sunday, September 10, along with Watsons, Williams, and Johnson.

Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: $29.75–$49.75. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Renowned Sitar Virtuoso Kartik Seshadri performs opening concert for fall World Music Series on Saturday, September 9, 7:30 p.m., in Star Theatre (402 North Coast Highway). Seshadri

will be accompanied by tabla player Arup Chattopadhyay. $15. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

Queen of Star Search! Linda Eder, whose big break came on "Star Search" television show in 1988, plans concert from her CD *By Myself: The Songs of Judy Garland in New York City,* Saturday, September 9, 8 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (Third Avenue and B Street). Eder will also perform selections from Broadway hits, melodic standards. Tickets: $17–$53, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Acclaimed Author Amy Wilentz visits Warwick's Bookstore to discuss and sign her new book, *I Feel Earthquakes More Often Than They Happen: Coming to California in the Age of Schwarzenegger,* Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. Wilentz is also author of *The Rainy Season: Haiti Since Duvalier* and *Martyrs' Crossing.* Warwick's, 7812 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Luann — Scenes from a Teen's Life," new musical based on syndicated comic strip by creator Greg Evans is presented September 15 and 16 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Performed by students from Rancho Buena Vista High School, piece explores "joys and angst of being a teen through song, comedy, and dance." Performances at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. $10. 800-988-4253. Warwick's at 7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347. (ESCONDIDO)

The 36th Annual Julian Bluegrass Festival and Banjo Fiddle Contest is September 16 and 17 at Frank Lane Park (2645 Farmers Road). Performances by 7th Day Buskers, Susie Glaze and Hilonesome Band, Donner Mountain Bluegrass Band, Pacific Ocean Bluegrass Band, Rails and Trails, others; workshops by Robin Henkel, Susie Glaze, Frankie Nagle, Walt Richards, many others; contests, jam sessions.

Both days feature food and music-related vendors' booths. Festival opens at 9 a.m. both days, closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Bring blankets, chairs. $15. 760-765-3937. (JULIAN)

OUT & ABOUT

SUMMER FLING!
Mini-arts festival, San Diego Symphony concert, Sunday, August 27, Embarcadero Marina Park South.

(SEE FOR KIDS)

SPORTS

Showpark Summer Classic Horse Show continues through Sunday, August 27, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real); free admission, parking. Showpark Summer Classic Grand Prix is Saturday, August 26, starting at 4 p.m.

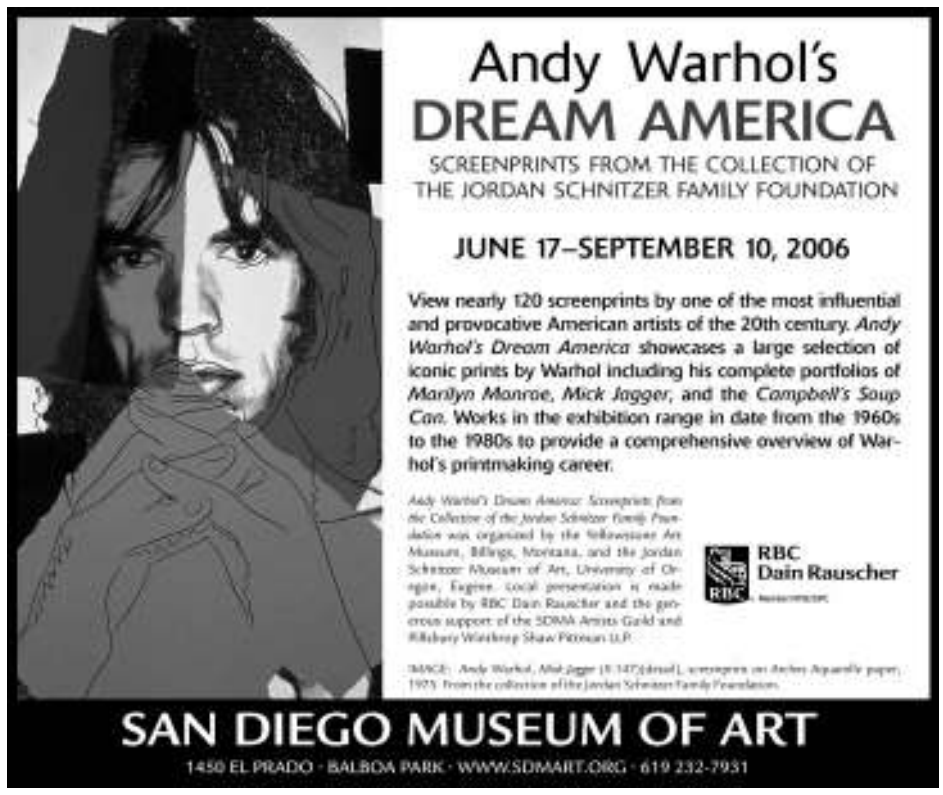
Showpark All Seasons Summer Tournament Horse Show competition is August 30–September 3. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

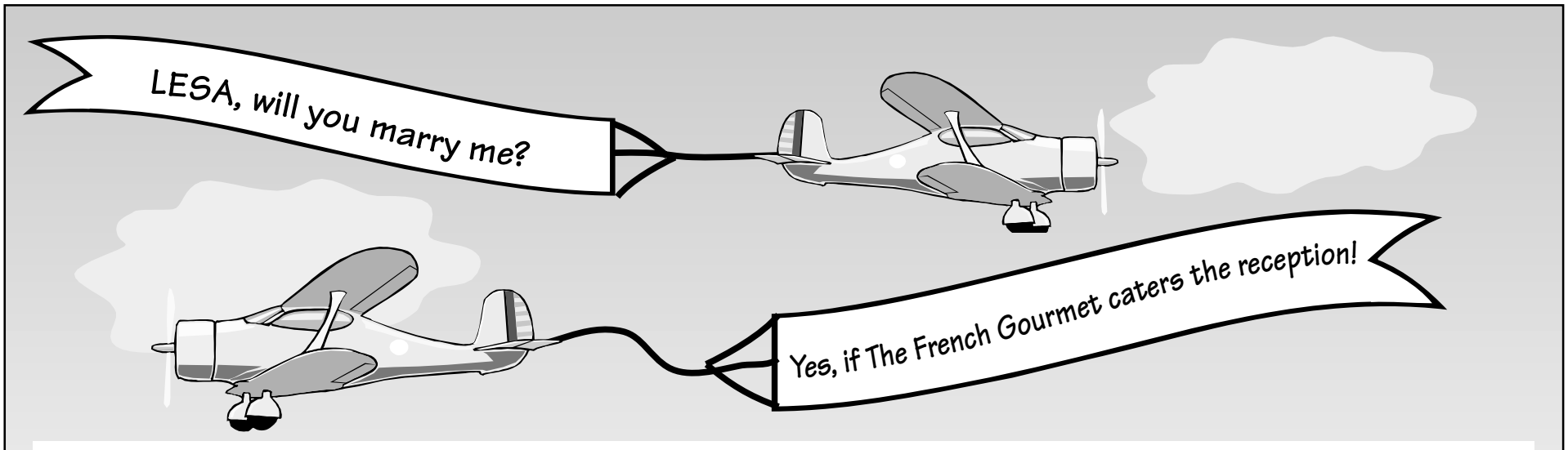
The San Diego Surf Dawgs baseball team hosts Yuma Scorpions at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25. Games played in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). 619-282-4487. (SDSU)

San Diego Padres head to Colorado for games against Rockies, August 25–27, at 6:40 p.m. on Friday, 5:05 p.m. on Saturday, 12:05 p.m. on Sunday. Road trip continues with stop in Arizona to meet up with Diamondbacks, August 28–30, at 6:40 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, 3:40 p.m. on Wednesday. Tickets for future games: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

30th Annual World Bodysurfing Championships, Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, at Oceanside Pier. Competition by over 350 bodysurfers from around the world begins at 6:30 a.m. each day, with each heat lasting 15 minutes. Spectators free. 760-802-7452. (OCEANSIDE)

Snorkel with the Sharks on Saturday, August 26, 8–10 a.m., during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Sharks in





question are (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth hound sharks, guitarfish.

Final face-to-face mask snorkeling adventure of season hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum at La Jolla Cove is Sunday, August 27, 8–10 a.m. Seek garibaldi, lobsters, and octopuses. Fee for either outing: $30. For those ten and older. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Balancing Brute Force and Skill, San Diego Lions Australian Rules Football Club hosts second round of western regional play, Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Matches begin at 10 a.m., end at around 6 p.m. Teams are battling toward 2006 national champion title. Free admission. 619-823-0278. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

14th Annual Imperial Beach Triathlon and Duathlon is Sunday, August 27, 7 a.m. Races start and finish at Imperial Beach Pier Park. Triathlon boasts 1/2k ocean swim, 15k bike ride, 5k run; duathletes make 2k run, 15k bike ride, 5k run. 858-268-1250. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Viejas Express, ride to Viejas Casino via Dehesa and Alpine with Sierra Club bicyclists on Sunday, August 27. The 35-miler boasting steep grade and brisk pace starts at 7:30 a.m. at Starbucks at Rancho San Diego Town and Country shopping center (at northwest side of Jamacha Road at Willow Glen). Be prepared for very hot weather, long climbs. Bring money for snacks in Alpine. 619-571-8303. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Dougie's 7th End of Summer Run/Walk — four-mile event is Sunday, August 27, 7:30 a.m., starting at Cendio (909 Prospect Street, La Jolla) and ending at Gringo's Cocina y Cantina (4474 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach). Registration at 6 a.m. $25. 619-298-7400. (LA JOLLA, PACIFIC BEACH)

Coronado Cruising, join Knickerbikers bicyclists for ride to Coronado, Sunday, August 27. The 45-mile jaunt starts at 8:30 a.m. at J Street Marina. Free. 619-255-2890. (CHULA VISTA)

USPA Rossmore Cup Finals hosted by San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, August 27. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is $5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Bike to Point Loma Seafoods for lunch with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Tuesday, August 29. Ride starts at 9:15 a.m. in south parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (on East Mission Bay Drive). Bring money for nosh. (MISSION BAY)

Racing Without Brakes! Tuesday night bicycle-racing season continues through October 24, 6:30–9 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 619-260-3701. (BALBOA PARK)

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.

Matt Costa plays for 4:00 Fridays on August 25. Track announcer Trevor Denman hosts "donut day" on Saturday, August 26, 8–10 a.m., with free donuts, coffee, and orange juice on offer during morning workouts. Jimmy Eat World takes stage on Saturday, August 26, with microbrew festival.

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)

Feel the Thunder! San Diego Thunderboat Regatta competition is sunup to sundown, Friday–Sunday, September 15–17, on Mission Bay. Competition in categories such as drag boats, unlimited lights, tunnel hulls, super stocks, cracker-box racers, model hydro racing; live entertainment. Viewing is free around bay, with some ticketed areas. 619-225-9160. (MISSION BAY)

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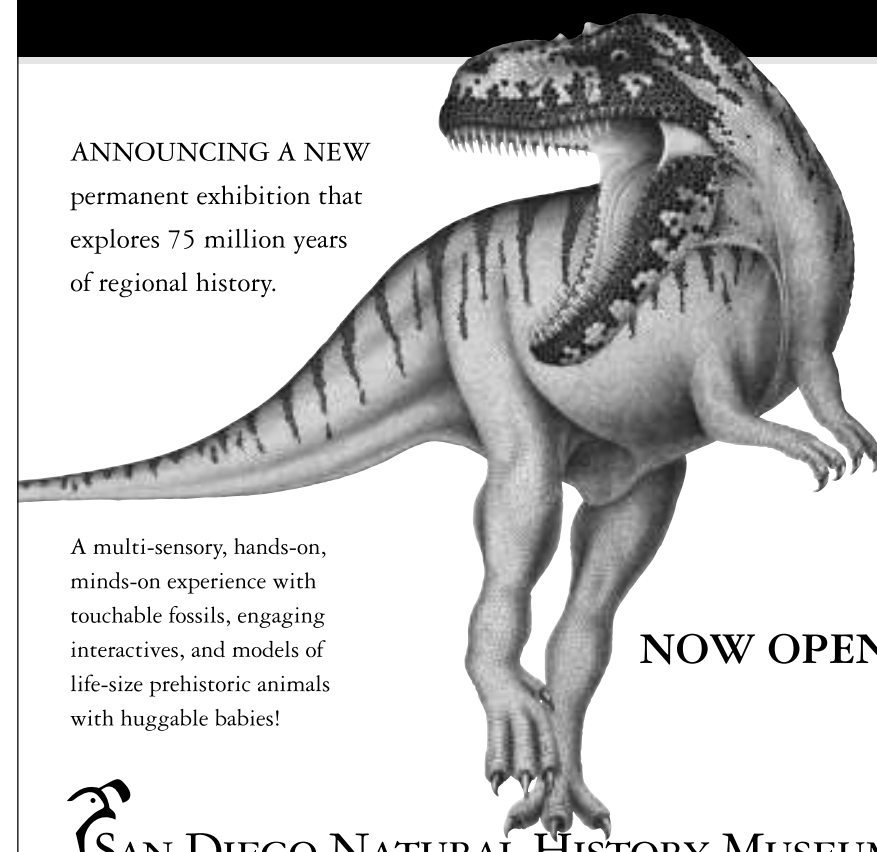

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Reading

Little Star of Bela Lua: Stories from Brazil

Luana Monteiro

By Luana Monteiro
Harper Perennial Paperback, 2006, $13.95, 256 pages

BOOK DESCRIPTION:
A luminous fish appears in an impoverished village like a sign from God and proceeds to perform questionable miracles on its foolish, desperate citizens. A guitar-strumming rhymester triumphs over her male opponents in the competitive folk art of the *repente* only to find herself ensnared in a romantic trap of her own making. A handsome, sexually conflicted priest must confront the uneasy space between spiritual rapture and the greed of man.

Welcome to the rich, textured world of northern Brazil, teeming with scheming families, conniving politicians, magical creatures, loyal and disloyal friends. *Little Star of Bela Lua* announces the debut of a whimsical yet wise writer.

WHAT THE REVIEWERS SAY:
Publishers Weekly: A novella and three short stories make up Monteiro's lyrical debut, set in provincial Brazil and imbued with miracle and magic. The charismatic title character of "Antonio De Juvita," a mama's boy and sure-bet mayoral candidate, abandons his political career for the military after his opponent blames him for the fire that destroyed his pharmacy. In "Curado," a middle-aged doctor risks his wife's wrath to care for a defecating turkey (a gift from a patient), sworn to protect all living creatures ever since he amazingly survived a venomous snake bite as a youth. In "The Whirling Dove," oversexed Cloé indulges in compulsive infidelity until she finds God and develops "eyes or rather, heart, for one man" alone: Jesus. The title novella begins with a miraculous fish that cures the blind and the handicapped, and ends with Uriel, a 124-year-old man who drank the waters the fish inhabited and may be doomed to live forever. The colorful chaos of Brazilian streets, the mystical witnessings of believers, and the energy of a passionate people enliven Monteiro's vibrant pages.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:
During the school year, Luana Monteiro works as a bilingual resource specialist for the public schools in Madison, Wisconsin. Even though the schools were closed for summer break at the time of my call, Ms. Monteiro was just saying goodbye to two students who had come to spend the day with her. "Another teacher and I sometimes pick up students and take them to the library or to the zoo or something."

When school is in session, Monteiro sometimes works in classrooms with students as they learn English, but, she says, "I also work outside of the classroom with parents and the students' families. It's a great job for a writer, because I don't have to do a lot of preparation beforehand."

Ms. Monteiro's own childhood experiences make her especially qualified to work with second-language learners and their families.

"I was born in Recife, in the northeast region of Brazil. Most of that region is semi-arid, but there's a strip of coastal tropical land there. The northeast is a very hard place to live, especially once you get away from the big urban areas and into the little towns. At the same time, much culture is preserved there. There's a lot of music, a lot of writing, a lot of art in general. And, there are a lot of stories. People are great storytellers there.

"More than a talent for writing, I think I just have a talent for listening. That's all it takes. If you're sitting next to someone on a bus and you strike up a conversation, before you know it, they'll be telling you some amazing story. For a writer, it's really rich in that way."

"What were your days like as a child?"

The colorful chaos of Brazilian streets, the mystical witnessings of believers, and the energy of a passionate people enliven Monteiro's vibrant pages.

Action Sports World Tour U.S.A. Championships take place September 23 and 24 at ipayOne Center. More than 50 world-class skateboarders, BMX riders, and inline skaters will take to vert ramp for competition at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: $15, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

SPECIAL

Gem Faire — over 100 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals, August 25–27, at Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino del Rio South) and Sheraton Hotel Mission Valley (1433 Camino del Rio South). Show hours: noon–7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. Weekend pass: $5. 760-390-3599. (MISSION VALLEY)

Teas from Around the World on offer when tea specialist Michael Figgins leads tea tasting, Saturday, August 26, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Behind-the-Scenes Sale, old exhibit props, photographs and slides, reproduction skeletons, out-of-date but useable books — all this and more on offer during sale in parking area behind Museum of Man on Saturday, August 26, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Mercado de las Americas, exhibition and sale of native arts and crafts from western United States, Mexico, and Central and South America is Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, in Plaza del Pasado in Old Town State Historic Park. Crafts for kids, live music, food. Free admission. 619-297-3100. (OLD TOWN)

Fiesta del Sol, enjoy local and regional entertainers, family-friendly carnival, food, vendors, arts and culture pavilion, community information, children's activities, more. Find fun on Imperial Avenue between 21st and 25th Streets, Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Free. 619-255-6986. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Hui o Hawaii Luau with dinner and entertainment by Kaleo Onalani Polynesian Dancers, LeiIsa Polynesian Entertainment, Mele Ohana and Na Mele Pu'uwai is Saturday, August 26, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., at San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club (2606 North Mission Bay Drive). Tickets: $25 in advance, $30 at door. Reservations: 619-990-2867. (MISSION BAY)

Video Game summer tournament, Saturday, August 26, starting at noon at Virtual Realm gaming center (7128 Miramar Road #15). $5 per person. 858-271-8787. (MIRAMAR)

Celebrate Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in America during events on Saturday, August 26, 7 p.m., at Women's History Museum and Educational Center (2323 Broadway, suite 107). Screening of 2004 film *Iron Jawed Angels,* wine and chocolate reception, guided tours of museum, musical performances. $20 general. 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

Make a Simple Basket after demonstration and instruction by Paa'ila Indian basket weavers, Saturday, August 26, 1–4 p.m., at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center (1580 Cannon Road). Learn how native plants are used to create intricate baskets, dolls, ornaments. Donation for materials: $5. 760-804-1969. For all ages. (CARLSBAD)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, noon–6 p.m., at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. $20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

LeucadiART Walk features 101 artists on Highway 101 in Leucadia — between Jason Street and Encinitas Boulevard — Sunday, August 27, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Music and dance performances, art demonstrations, wearable art fashion show, children's activities. Free. 760-436-2320. (LEUCADIA)

"Chefs, Farmers, and World Cuisine," third annual Taste of Slow Food San Diego is Sunday, August 27, 4–8 p.m., at Orfila Vineyards (13455 San Pasqual Road). Culinary sampling from 12 local chefs, food from local farms, music. $65. Reservations: 760-805-1380, 760-630-1799. (ESCONDIDO)

House of Panama presents lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, August 27, 2 p.m. Regional foods offered for sale. Free admission. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

What Is Intelligent Design? Should it be taught? Discuss topic on Wednesday, August 30, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Tower After Hours series continues with focus on Vietnam on Thursday, August 31, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Man. $20 fee includes food and drink, traditional music and dance performances. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Book Club Night Returns! A contingent of Warwick's booksellers plan "lively exchange about what's hot and what's about to be hot in the world of books," Thursday, August 31, 6:30 p.m. Titles to be discussed based on book reviews, customer feedback, bookseller must-reads. Find Warwick's at 7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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

"I was brought up by a working mom. My father and mother separated when I was very young. We lived in a nice part of town that was close to the beach, so I spent most of my childhood playing in the ocean. Recife gets its name from the coral reefs. When the tide is down, the reefs come out and then there are all these tropical pools. I would wake up early and do whatever homework I had to do and then go to the beach. After school, I'd return to the beach at night. It was idyllic."

"What a childhood. It sounds like paradise."

"Well, the first ten years were, and then I came to Florida. Then, things changed a little."

"Was it shocking to make the transition?"

"The language was a big shock. I arrived in Florida and then went to school two days later. The teachers knew I was from Brazil, but then they tried to speak to me in Spanish. I didn't know any Spanish, and I felt bad. I was afraid they would think I was a fraud."

"How long did it take before you started to pick up English?"

"After about four months, I started getting it, but I had studied a little bit in school in Brazil, so that made it easier. And also, I had made friends by that time. It wasn't a hard transition, but there was a period that was difficult.

"Actually, the hardest part for me was leaving this woman behind. My mother was working all the time and there was this woman working in our house who had worked for our family. She had worked for my grandparents and she had raised my mom, and then she was raising my brother and me. She was the one who cooked and was always there. If I was afraid at night it was her room I went to. She was the one who went to the beach with me. So, leaving her was really, really hard."

"What was her name?"

"Josefa. She's the person I dedicated the book to."

"What did she think of the book?"

"She's barely literate in Portuguese, and she doesn't understand English at all. But she's also a wonderful storyteller and a very happy, funny person. When I told her I was dedicating the book to her, she said, 'Why are you doing this? Your mother is going to be furious with me.'

"Even now, when I return to visit Brazil, I don't stay with my father or with my family. I stay with her."

"How did you end up in Madison?"

"I got an academic assistantship that allowed me to go to graduate school and get my MFA while working part-time. It was ideal, because it gave me time to write as well."

"How was that first winter?"

"It was so difficult. But, it was also almost mystical in a way. You hear about the cold and you hear about snow, but until you experience it, you don't realize how powerful it is. If you're outside for more than a half hour without proper clothing, you can die.

"My first year I was a typical student. I didn't have a car, and I didn't really have any money, so I was taking the bus. I didn't know how to dress, so I would put on a T-shirt and then just put a jacket on over it. My feet would freeze, and I didn't wear a hat or gloves."

"You said people in Brazil are marvelous storytellers. Is that where your stories come from?"

"Most of the stories in my book are ones I heard growing up, or on trips back to Brazil after I moved here. The Antonio De Juvita story came from a child's birthday party. While all the children were outside playing, the adults were sitting around indoors. One of the guys started telling a story about this guy named Antonio De Juvita, who lived in this little town and was running for office and was accused of burning down his opponent's business. It was a wonderful story, and I couldn't let it pass."

I tell Luana that another of her short stories, "Curado," is a favorite of mine because I am terrified of snakes and it involves a man who was cured from a snakebite as a child and has been sworn to protect snakes for the remainder of his life.

"My father is a very good storyteller, too. That story is his, and a lot of it is true. A snake bit him while he was chasing his horse. He woke up and the *curandero* (healer) was standing over him with a pair of dark sunglasses on. The *curandero* said, 'You are a *curado* now. You can never kill a snake for as long as you live."

"Your writing sounds like the work of a much older person. Are you an old soul?"

"Growing up I was always very interested in older people. I spent a lot of time with my grandmother and her friends, and I always seemed to gravitate toward people who were much older than me.

"I also have certain spiritual beliefs, and I believe that the

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

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

FOR KIDS

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)

"Godspell" presented by singers, dancers, and actors of Christian Youth Theater through August 26, Thursday–Saturday, 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)

"Giddy Up, Cowboys" performed by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, August 27, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Puppet Express and Weaver's Tales take stage for *Cinderella,* August 30–September 3. 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)

Oh Boy! Origami! Class for kids 5–12 years old, Sunday, August 27, 10 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Participants make dove, bunny, and a surprise item. $3. Registration: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Summer Fling, San Diego Symphony hosts Target free family concert, Sunday, August 27, at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Event begins with mini-arts festival, 2–4 p.m., with face-painting, drum circle, puppet shows, arts and crafts, musical instrument demonstrations.

Matthew Garbutt leads symphony in program designed to "engage younger members of the audience" such as movie themes from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Sleeping Beauty, Spiderman, Batman, Raiders of the Lost Art,* salute to armed services, more. Free. 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Mickey's Magic Show," Disney Live! presents Donald, Goofy, Cinderella, Alice in Wonderland, many Disney princesses, and other favorite characters in performances in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Curtain rises at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 15; 11 a.m., 3, 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 16; and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 17. Tickets: $15–$50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, "Cows, Chickens, and Sheep, Oh My!" Exhibit includes dairies in Sweetwater Valley, chicken hatchery in National City, Frank Pekarek's milk bottle collection, and spinning and weaving items, on view through Saturday, November 11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

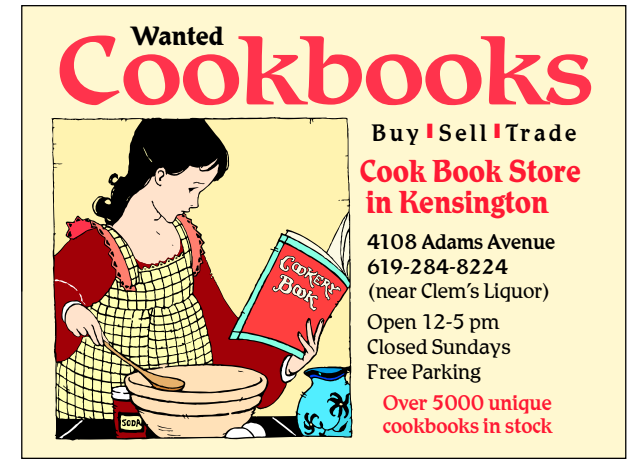
George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is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

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

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

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

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just



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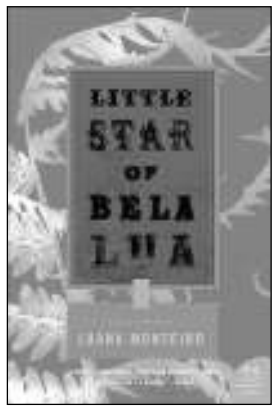


human soul is in a long process of evolution. I suppose I feel like I've been here many times before."

"Why is it that many Latin American writers choose magical realism as the genre for their tale telling?"

"In Latin America they believe in magic and the supernatural in the same way that we believe in bacteria and black holes. Gabriel García Marquez put it well once. He said, 'Everything I write is rooted in truth. The only problem is that Latin American truth represents the wildest imagination.'

"On top of that, in Brazil we have a mixture of Catholicism, African spiritualism, and the native Brazilian traditions. It's as if people of one faith pray to the gods of the other faiths just so that they have all their bases covered."

"In other interviews you've said that you are a very disciplined person. You wake at 4:00 in the morning and meditate for an hour, then you write from 5:00 to 7:00, then you go to work. Do you leave your stories at home, or do you carry them with you throughout the day?"

"A lot of times I do take the story to work with me. I'll take a paper or a book to write in, and if something pops into my head, I'll write it down for later. That's one of the reasons I like the discipline of writing in the morning. That way the story is always there and it's always fresh in my mind. Much writing takes place when you aren't in front of the computer."

"What have the students in school made of your book and the fact that you have been in *People* magazine?"

"Kids think that books are just written by some ungodly being. They wonder why authors keep writing them, anyway. Some kids think that books proliferate on their own. So, when my book came out and the other teachers told the kids that I had written it, they wouldn't believe it. One kid looked at the picture and said, 'Oh, that's not her.'

"But, they were very interested. One amazing thing that started happening was that kids started writing their own stories and showing them to me. And these kids have very interesting stories. For instance, one kid is a Berber from Morocco. That's very different from a Moroccan who speaks Arabic. Normally, he was the kind of kid that would just whine and whine if asked to pick up a pencil and copy something from the board, but then he wrote down ten pages of his own story and turned it in to me."

I comment to Ms. Monteiro that her district is fortunate to have a published author who is also a second-language learner, who is also a teacher. Then, I wonder about teachers who do not have her background. "What do regular classroom teachers need to know and be able to do to best support students who are just learning English and are in the school system?"

"I don't think a lot of teachers realize that some students sound like they know more language than they really do. They have playground English but not content-area English. It's a matter of being more patient with those kids. Also, allowing people like me to come take students out of the classroom and work with them one on one. Some teachers feel like students use people who do my job as a sort of crutch and that we're holding them back instead of helping them. For some, it quickly becomes a political issue. They think, 'You are here, you should be speaking English right now.'"

> "They had such a hard trip. They had scars on their legs."

I query Ms. Monteiro about her students. "Where are they from, originally?"

"Here in Madison, there is a huge Latino population. The vast majority of them are from Mexico. Initially, agriculture drew them, but then it became one of those places where people from one area settled and then told their friends and family back home about it. There are a lot of families from Puebla here. Now, most of them no longer work in agriculture. Instead, they have jobs in the community.

"A lot of these families come here illegally. The kids go through this very dramatic and frightening crossing experience. For instance, the little girls that I had with me here today are just 5 and 11 years old. They had such a hard trip. They had scars on their legs. I don't think teachers realize what these children have been through.

"It's a taboo subject. Kids don't talk about it much at home, and they certainly never talk about it at school. But, they will talk with me one on one."

"The students are sure lucky to have you."

"I don't know. I always think I could be doing so much more."

– Jerry Miller

inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "More Than Meets the Eye" (through May 2007), "Aging for All Ages," "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "TryScience!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

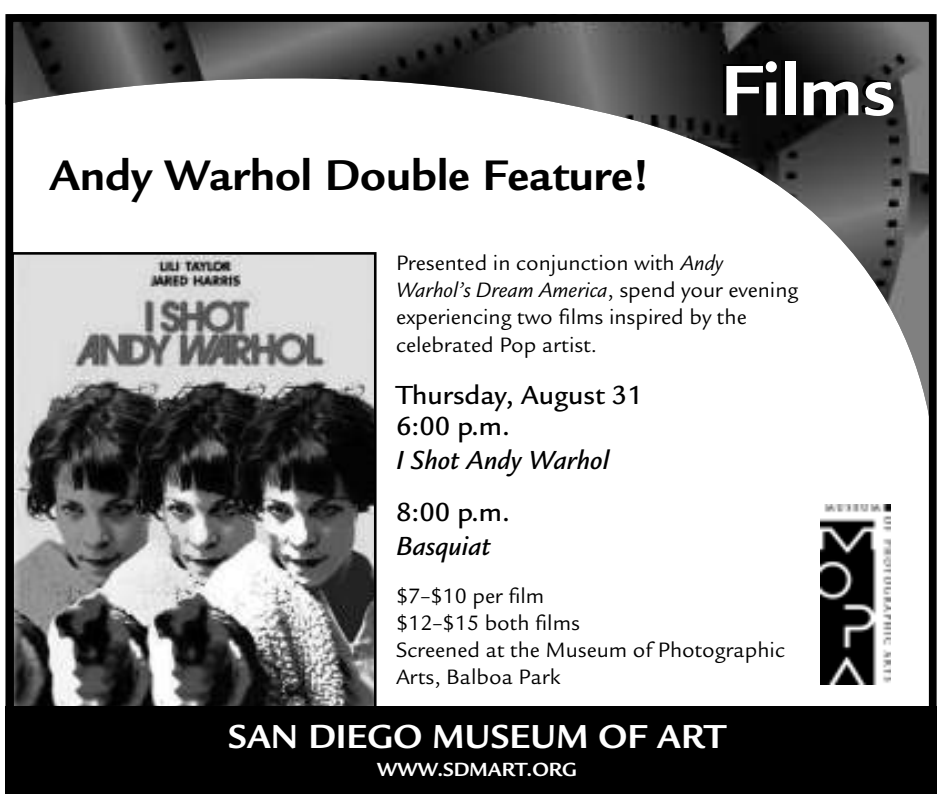
San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). 619-239-2211. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

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



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"It Takes Two," baritone J. Craig Johnson and soprano Tina Sayers present faculty vocal recital with duets from opera to musical theater, Saturday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Listen for solo pieces from variety of genres as well. Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Summer Fling, San Diego Symphony hosts Target free family concert, Sunday, August 27, at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Event begins with mini-arts festival, 2–4 p.m., with face-painting, drum circle, puppet shows, arts and crafts, musical instrument demonstrations.

Matthew Garbutt leads symphony in program designed to "engage younger members of the audience" such as movie themes from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Sleeping Beauty, Spiderman, Batman, Raiders of the Lost Art,* salute to armed services, more. Free. 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Works by Dowland, Bach, Lorca, and Gounod promised when soprano Mary Ann Carr-Wilson and guitarist William Wilson present first fall concert, Sunday, August 27, 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Sunday Soirée, classical "open mike" opportunities with concert pianist John Danke planned on fourth Sunday of each month, including August 27, 7–8:15 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Performer registration: 6:30 p.m. Offering. 858-717-4320. (CLAIREMONT)

The Young Musician is theme when civic organist Carol Williams performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, August 27, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Gershwin Celebration! Annual International Summer Organ Festival concludes with concert by Michael Morgan, baritone Clark Sterling, soprano Stephanie Rhoads, alto Michelle Jordan, and civic organist Carol Williams, Monday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Music of Led Zeppelin" promised when Randy Jackson joins San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concert on Thursday, August 31. Listen for hits such as "Stairway to Heaven," "Whole Lotta Love," "Kashmir." Jackson is lead singer of Zebra. Evening concludes with fireworks.

Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: $16–$70, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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GALLERIES

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)

English Still-Life Artist Peter Kotka on hand for receptions on Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26, 6–9 p.m., at Simic Galleries (1205 Prospect Street). Reservations: 858-456-5255. (LA JOLLA)

"Nocturnal Light," exhibit of work by Maria Repke and Irene Carranza opens with reception on Saturday, August 26, 5 p.m., at Centerlight Gallery (5490 La Jolla Boulevard, suite A). 858-456-8188. Through November. (LA JOLLA)

"Cajun Life and Remembrances," sculpture and paintings by Leonard Otillio are on exhibit through Thursday, September 14, in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive. Reception for artist: Tuesday, August 29, 7 p.m. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Friends of Niki: Works from the Private Collection of Niki de Saint Phalle" includes work by her friends Keith Haring, Larry Rivers, and Sam Francis.

Work of newspaper cartoonists is focus of exhibit "Luann & Friends: Comic Families." Cartoonists such as Greg Evans (*Luann*), Cathy Guisewhite (*Cathy*), Charles Schulz (*Peanuts*), Dean Young (*Blondie*), and Marcus Hamilton (*Dennis the Menace*), who "tap into familiar family 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, "Sam Maloof — Dean of American Furniture Makers" showcases work by this self-taught designer craftsman who makes his living working with his hands. The Maloof rocker, his signature object, is part of the White House collection of American furniture, the first work included by a living artist. Closes Sunday, October 15.

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

Explore "¡Carnaval!" in exhibit on view through Sunday, September 17. Carnival celebrations in Europe and the Americas showcased with mannequins dressed in carnival costumes, videos of celebrations.

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

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

Mingei International Museum — North County, "Folk Art of Mexico — 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."

"Pre-Columbian Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International," opening on Tuesday, August 29, highlights clay and stone objects. These objects "abound with material from myth and legend." Both exhibits close on 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. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana/Extraño Nuevo Mundo: Arte y diseño desde Tijuana" documents recent explosion of artistic experimentation in Tijuana. Exhibit explores "subtle shift in focus from art about the border experience to art that takes advantage of a new type of accelerated urbanism being pioneered in developing cities around the world." Show features 150 works of art by 41 architects, artists, designers, and filmmakers (at both downtown and La Jolla locations). Closes Sunday, September 3.

Over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," continuing through Sunday, September 3. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

"Cerca Series: Yvonne Venegas, Tijuana Portraits" continues through Sunday, September 3. Venegas created portraits of artists in upcoming "Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana" exhibit, asking each artist to select location for portrait; resulting pieces record physical and physiological spaces connecting places and their inhabitants.

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is also on view through Sunday, September 3. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Oceanside Museum of Art, works from the 1950s, 1970s, and recent work that has never been shown are showcased in "W. Haase Wojtyla: A Coincidence of Paintings," opening on Sunday, August 27, and continuing through Sunday, October 15. Retrospective features work from three of his most important series: "Nudes in the Shower," "Crime Scenes," "Stalker." Wojtyla's style has much in common with work by British artist Francis Bacon. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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

"Transmission: The Art of Matta and Gordon Matta-Clark" 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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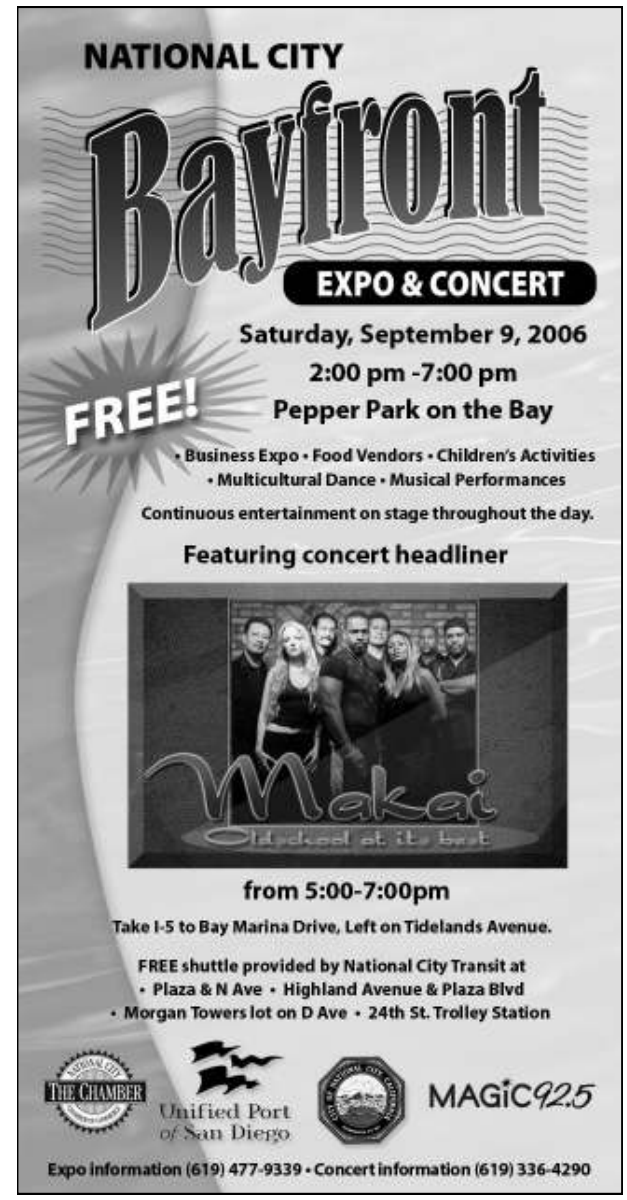

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Payable On Death or Departure? "I knew it was coming a couple months ago," says Accident Experiment guitarist Marcos Curiel of Atlantic Records' decision to drop P.O.D. from its roster. With drummer Wuv (Noah Bernardo Jr.), Curiel cofounded the South Bay band. Curiel was with P.O.D. for 11 years before being asked to leave by the band's manager in 2003. Curiel says he recently settled a lawsuit with P.O.D. over unpaid songwriting and record royalties.

"I'm happy.… It was only about getting my fair share of everything that was rightfully mine. It sucked that it took three and a half years.…"

P.O.D. released two albums with Curiel, who had a big part in writing the music and creating the chord progressions.

"*Fundamental Elements of Southtown* sold over a million," says Curiel about their first Atlantic CD. "I think *Satellite* sold five million worldwide." Disc sales plummeted after Curiel left; the band's last two Atlantic CDs sold 500,000 and 200,000 copies, respectively.

"P.O.D. tried to blame Atlantic for everything," says Curiel. "But they weren't blaming Atlantic when I was in the band and they were selling millions of records.

PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

CURIEL MISSES THE FRIENDSHIP

They blamed the marketing. But I remember watching MTV when both albums [without me] came out. They had a lot of MTV video airplay and commercials. They reached number one on *TRL*. But it all boils down to the songs. It sounded to me as if they were trying to re-create *Satellite* over and over again."

Curiel says the biggest rifts between him and P.O.D. were about his desire to take on other music projects and "…who they thought I should be spiritually.… When I was in the band, they put across this self-righteous vibe.… That whole Christian-rock scene is more about the image and the lifestyle than it is about the music. That's why there are so many mediocre so-called Christian bands, but there are few that kick ass."

And there was the issue of "band pastor"…

"They wanted to hire the drummer's dad to be the band's pastor. They wanted to pay him a salary and have him go out on the road. I said that was not cool. It never happened, but they held a grudge."

Curiel says the other members have avoided him since the split.

"I sat down with Wuv for the first time three months ago.… I ran into [vocalist] Sonny [Sandoval] at the Fashion Valley mall. I went up to him and said, 'Hey, what's up?' He wouldn't have come up to me.… I reached out to them when [former Pantera guitarist] Dimebag Darrell was shot onstage. It was right around Christmas [2004]. I thought this could happen to any of us, that any of us could die at any time. I wanted them to know…that we could resolve this stuff and that I don't hate them. I wanted to wish them a Merry Christmas. They were shocked that I called.… We were four ghetto kids who had a dream to rock and go around the world. We did that. At one point those were my buddies and my best friends. I miss their friendship."

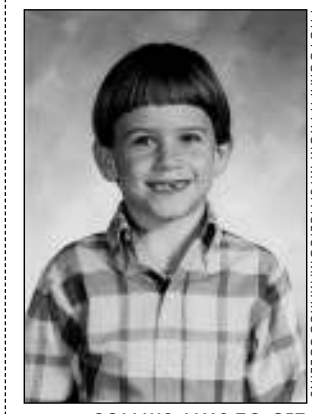
Accident Experiment's first full-length CD, *United We Fear,* was released in May (and Curiel says there's major-label interest). The band sets out on a two-month national tour October 11. They play Dream Street on September 16.

— *Ken Leighton*

"It's Time to Face My Demons," said 91X DJ and music director Marco Collins. Last week, he left San Diego to spend six to eight weeks at a live-in recovery center in Georgia. "I have a problem with addiction, and it's something I've struggled with off and on for ten years. I feel like finally I've surrendered completely to this disease."

Collins's stay in rehab will be covered by MusiCares, a support group for musicians and people in related fields. The program is sponsored by the Grammys.

Collins started at 91X in 1985 as an SDSU freshman answering phones. He eventually launched *Loudspeaker,* San Diego's longest-running locals-only radio show. As host, he was the first to champion such local bands as Pitchfork, Rocket from the Crypt, Crash Worship, and Bad Radio (Eddie Vedder's pre–Pearl Jam band).



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COLLINS AIMS TO GET HAPPY AGAIN

After a stint at Relativity Records, said Collins, "…91X called me back. They were launching a new station in Seattle called the End and they wanted me to do nights and be music director." While at KNDD (1991–'98) Collins got to know Courtney Love, Pearl Jam, and others from the Seattle scene. Collins was credited for discovering and helping to break the careers of Beck, the Presidents of the United States of America, and Garbage. In 1999, he moved to New York to work as director of music programming for VH1; then worked for Movement, the L.A.-based label/management company that handled Rage Against the Machine, Cypress Hill, and Sean Lennon. More radio stints in Sacramento and San Francisco followed. Five years ago he worked at the North County modern rock station 92/1.

Collins returned to 91X last September when that station "re-launched" with a new air staff and new ownership. He admits he's missed some work days since he's been back.

"[91X] tried to help me, but it became clear I needed more help than they could give.… I was discharged with the potential to be hired back in one capacity or another. I'm just not sure what's going to happen.… I didn't get a chance to tell my listeners goodbye."

Collins would like to hear from friends and supporters. Write him c/o Willing Way Hospital, 311 Jones Mill Road, Statesboro GA 30458-4765.

— *Ken Leighton*

In the Thick "They didn't knock. My girlfriend and I were still in bed when around 20 cops came busting in full-force with guns and a search warrant," says Thicker Than Thieves singer Jamin Hazelaar of the recent 7:00 a.m. raid on his Alpine home.

"I was read my rights in my boxer shorts.… It was pretty scary. They took me to the Vista jail and charged me with cultivation, possession, and intent to sell [marijuana]. Because they put a bail-hold on me, I ended up spending five days in jail.…

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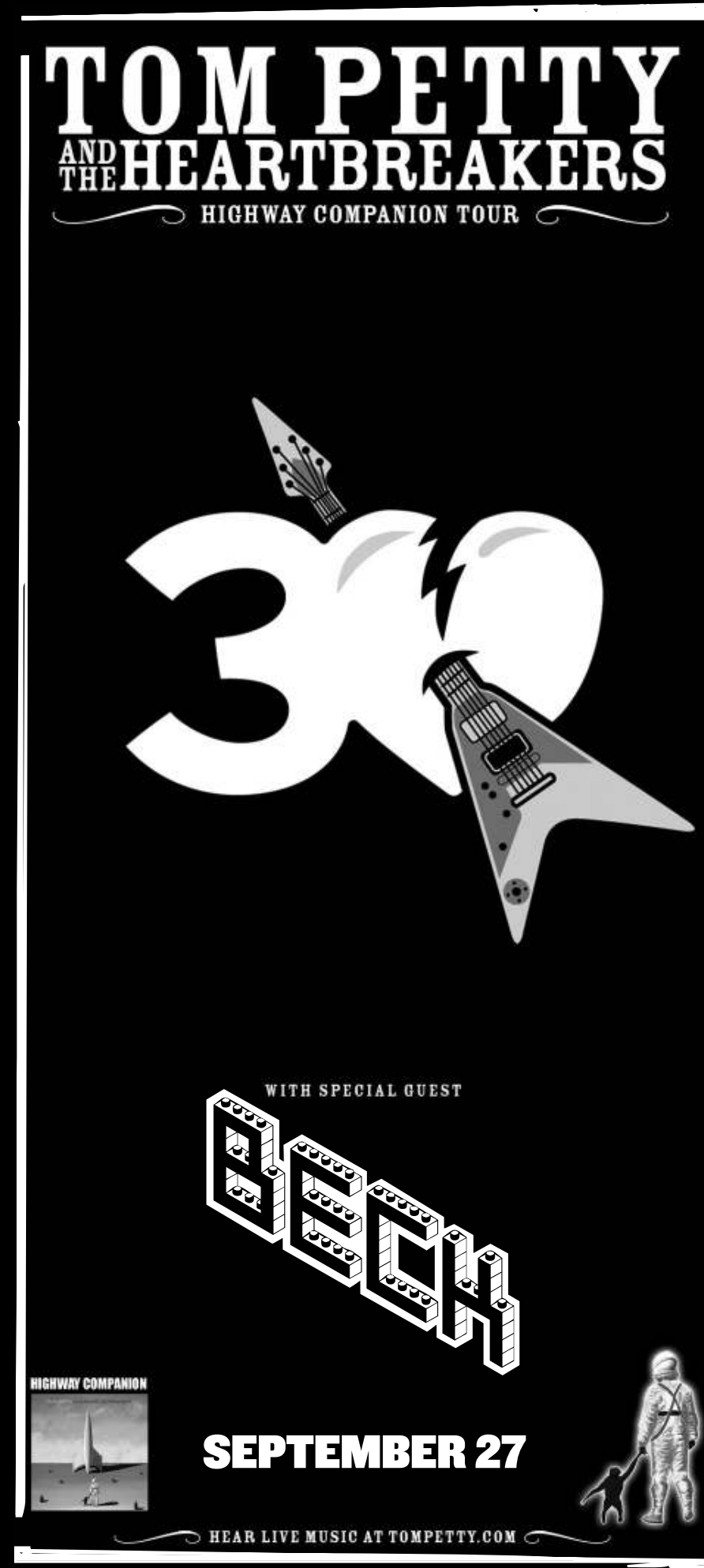

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"I had a lot of time to reflect on the things that should never have distracted me from my music," says the 33-year-old. "My parents put up my bail money and got me

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HAZELAAR ON A SUNNY DAY

out. Now, I'm just trying to save my house and my property and my life." Hazelaar returns to court September 25. Thicker Than Thieves are finishing a new album, slated for a fall release. The band appears September 22 at 710 Beach Club (formerly Blind Melons).

— Jay Allen Sanford

Chicks Dig Boats! "I love the ocean, and I love the water," says Ray Raposa, whose sailboat tour (with his band the Castanets) began on Saturday. Raposa, who was raised here and surfed competitively as a teen, still considers San Diego his home base. The singer-guitarist is hooking up with fellow "freak folk" artists Peter and the Wolf and Jana Hunter for a two-week float down the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway on a 28-foot sailboat.

They'll play shows in ports from New York City to Norfolk, Virginia, almost every other day. They expect to travel 35–50 nautical miles a day. "We're still finalizing the venues," elaborates Hunter. "They have to be close enough to walk to or within reasonable cab fare from the dock."

"But we're still gonna do some shows on the boat itself," adds Raposa.

The notion for a tour by sailboat arose while Hunter and Peter and the Wolf principal Red Hunter (no relation to Jana) were shooting pool a few months ago.

"Red's into unconventional touring," says Hunter, "and we were discussing alternatives to being in a car all the time. He wanted to tour by train; I wanted to tour by bicycle. Then we both got excited about the sailing idea — and then a friend of mine who was buying a boat…offered to be the skipper."

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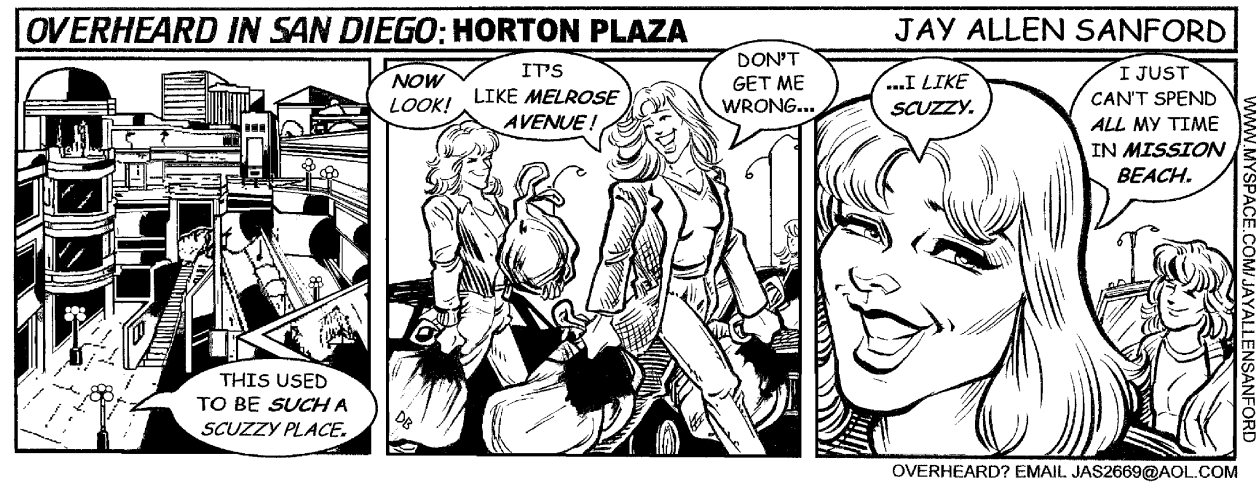
DOES RAPOSA BELONG ON A SAILBOAT OR WHAT?

What ensued was a minor media feeding frenzy when the story was spun as a fuel-saving approach to touring. The story was written up in *Newsweek* (and other publications) and broadcast on MTV, VH1, CNN, and ABC, including segments on *Good Morning America* and *World News Tonight.*

"I thought it was funny," muses Raposa. "ABC talked to Red for a goddamned hour, and the quote they pulled from him was something like, 'Chicks dig boats' — and he's a profound dude, he can say a lot of things!"

— David Stampone



He-Mahn vs. Skeletor "They didn't like my appearance because I didn't dress in 1983 Metallica fashion," says guitarist Chris Knowles of his brief stint with Skeletor (named after the villain in *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe* cartoons). "You know, denim vests with patches, tight jeans. They said I was 'false metal' because I play seven-string guitars and I like some bands that are frowned on by the true metal crowd."

In response, Knowles became the one-man band He-Mahn and recorded "A Nu-Metal Tribute to Skeletor." He posted the song on MySpace and at *sdmetal.org.*

"What I did was take a few of their riffs and change the drums to the more modern groove style instead of the '80s thrash, just kind of pokin' at them."

"He-Mahn is a complete joke," says Skeletor singer Jason Conde-Houston. "He thought our music was ridiculous and awesome, so he wanted to make something just as ridiculous as a joke. He only wrote four songs.… He takes riffs from two of our old songs, 'Nightstalker' and 'Riders of the Whermacht,' and turns them into Static-X style."

SKELETOR AIN'T NOTHIN' TO HE-MAHN

The odds of a He-Mahn-versus-Skeletor show are slim, given that Skeletor (extant for seven years) is relocating to Seattle and Knowles keeps busy playing around town with Under the Stone.

"I can't sing and play guitar at the same time," says Knowles, "though I have had a few offers from other nu-metal musicians to fill in."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Hey, Man, It Wasn't Me "There was an article in [the *Reader*] about a guy living in a trailer who was supposed to have been the drummer for Strawberry Alarm Clock," says Randy Seol, the band's drummer in the heyday of their 1967 hit "Incense and Peppermints." "I live in a motor home in a boatyard right now, so I guess it's not too far off, but that wasn't me."

Seol played at various times with the group. Gene Gunnels drummed on "Incense," but Seol sang backup on the single and replaced Gunnels as drummer on the album of the same name (the song's 16-year-old lead singer was a stand-in who never joined the group).

"I've been living in San Diego most of the time since then, or I keep coming back," says Seol. "My family's from here. Right now, I'm a shipwright; I work on boats doing electronic and lighting systems, fiberglassing, and I'm developing some solar-power projects."

Seol denies culpability for a late-'60s melee at downtown's Community Concourse where the band was booked but never appeared, resulting in the venue getting smashed up.

"Our manager double booked us. We didn't even know; we were on tour with the Beach Boys at the time. The promoter got sued and then came after us for the money.… I ended up remodeling the promoter's house, doing the woodwork and painting to pay it off."

SEOL LEFT KIT FOR SHIPWRIGHT CAREER

Seol drums locally with Cool Fever, which appears Saturday, August 26, at the Metaphor Café in Escondido.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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LISTS
JAY ALLEN SANFORD

'We recorded one of our live shows at Lestat's and mixed two video feeds along with audio," says Big Toe singer/guitarist Dave Gilbert of the tape that landed them on NBC's *Star Tomorrow* on July 31. "We were accepted and went up to L.A. to audition for the judge, David Foster, and guest judge Travis Barker. They liked us, so we recorded four more songs live — two covers and two originals — and that's what they're using for the competition as it moves online."

Big Toe bassist Mark Goffeney was born without arms and plays with his feet. "It's impossible to truly evaluate this," said Grammy-winning producer David Foster on the show. "I mean, what this guy does is amazing. He's a good bass player…he doesn't sing great, but he's a phenomenal human being. You should be able to use anything to get there, whatever the gimmick is."

"In my eyes, a gimmick would be something like Jimi Hendrix playing his guitar between his legs," says Gilbert. "He didn't have to play it that way, whereas Mark does have to play with his feet, because that's what he does."

As of this writing, Big Toe (Gilbert, Goffeney, and drummer Ben Taylor) have made it to the competition's third round. They perform Saturday, September 9, at Lestat's.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?
Ben Taylor:
1. Rush, *Chronicles* ("Love the musicianship.")
2. Bob Marley, *Greatest Hits* ("Just puts me in a good mood.")
3. The Black Crowes, *Shake Your Money Maker* ("I love blues rock.")
Mark Goffeney:
1. Stone Temple Pilots, *Purple*
2. "A mix with the White Stripes, AC/DC, and the Black Crowes."
Dave Gilbert:
"My CD player's busted, but my car radio is tuned to 94.9. It's that or 88.3, depending on my mood or the mood of the drivers around me. The radio in my bedroom is on 105.3."

DESERT ISLAND DVDs?
Taylor:
1. *Full Metal Jacket*
2. *Gladiator*
3. *Clash of the Titans*
4. *Big Fish*
Goffeney:
1. Kiss, *Alive* ("Before I knew it had been overdubbed.")
2. Alice in Chains, *MTV Unplugged*
Gilbert:
1. Jimi Hendrix, *Live at Woodstock* ("As a very young kid, it really cemented where I come from as a musician.")
2 and 3. *American Graffiti, Dances with Wolves* ("Both great, timeless movies.")
4. *This Is Spinal Tap* ("Because it's so damn funny!")

WORST GIG?
Taylor: "At a club in San Francisco called the Stone, I was in a band opening up for Nuclear Assault, and the stage was about ten feet high. The drums were on a piece of carpet attached to a sheet of plywood. Around the middle of the third song, the plywood was moving, and there was nothing under it but the big giant void that I eventually ended up in, along with my whole kit. The 3000 screaming people thought it was part of our stage show. I left very bloody and with quite the headache."
Goffeney: "At the 2001 IB sandcastle competition, we blew 103.7 the Planet's PA system. I was using a bass effect unit I didn't know how to use."
Gilbert: "At the NAMM show a couple of years back, a company wanted Mark to endorse their product. They didn't have a very big booth, and we had to play so quietly that it quickly became laughable. I'm doing windmills and Mark and I are sliding the necks of our borrowed guitars across each other at less than three decibels!"

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Big Toe

SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTER?
Goffeney: "I've had street lights pop out as I passed them, as many as three in a row. Sounds like coincidence, but I kinda had a certain feeling each time, just before it happened."
Gilbert: "I was playing in this hard-rock band on the day they announced that Kurt Cobain had died. When we took our break, we noticed some really wild lights up in the sky, on the northern horizon."

BRUSHES WITH CELEBS?
Taylor: "I saw Rod Stewart at the Rainforest Café in Disneyland, with his fiancée and her kid. The kid was throwing one of the worst tantrums I've ever seen and dumping his dinner on the ground. It was funny, but poor Rod looked mortified. I felt very sorry for him."
Goffeney: "I met and worked with many more celebs as a [handicapped] poster child. Prince Charles offered me the olive from his martini at a celebrity fundraiser. Looking back, I think he just wanted to see me eat with my feet!"
Gilbert: "My wife sat on Jon Bon Jovi's lap. It was huge for her, ha ha!"

POLITICAL CONCERNS?
Taylor: "Probably a tie between global warming, terrorism, and the earth's overpopulation."
Goffeney: "Our freedom seems more under attack than ever. I was deeply troubled that a mother was sharply escorted out of the Republican Convention for wearing a shirt saying, 'I lost my son in Iraq.'"
Gilbert: "Pet overpopulation, from people not spaying or neutering their pets or back-yard breeders selling all these new 'designer pets' — while animal-control shelters are still destroying unwanted pets by the thousands."

FINISH THIS SENTENCE: "IF YOU CAN'T SAY SOMETHING NICE ABOUT SOMEONE…."
Taylor: "…then shut your pie hole."
Goffeney: "…become a journalist."

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?
Taylor: "I do have a serious side, at times."
Goffeney: "I'm a degreed martial artist with about nine years' training in Okinawan kenpo."
Gilbert: "That I actually do give a shit." ■

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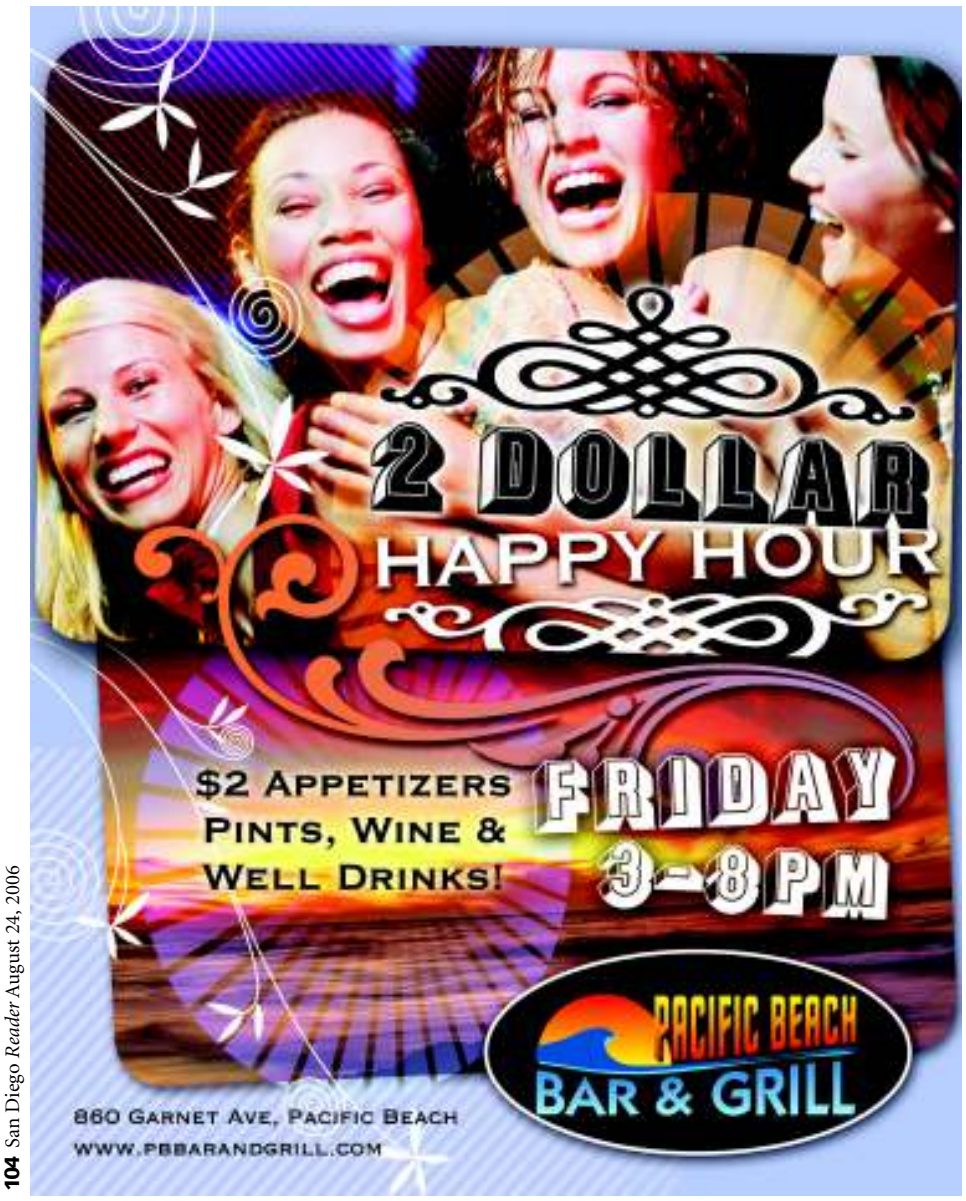

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

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.

FRIDAY

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.

Richie Havens: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, August 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

SATURDAY

The Dave Matthews Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

SUNDAY

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.

MONDAY

Rosanne 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.

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

The Little River Band: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

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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, downtown.

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. 619-445-5400.

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.

The Psychedelic Furs: House of Blues, Thursday, September 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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 South, 619-445-5400.

Paul Oakenfold: 4th & B, Friday, September 22, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Rosie Flores: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, September 22, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Saturday, September 23, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

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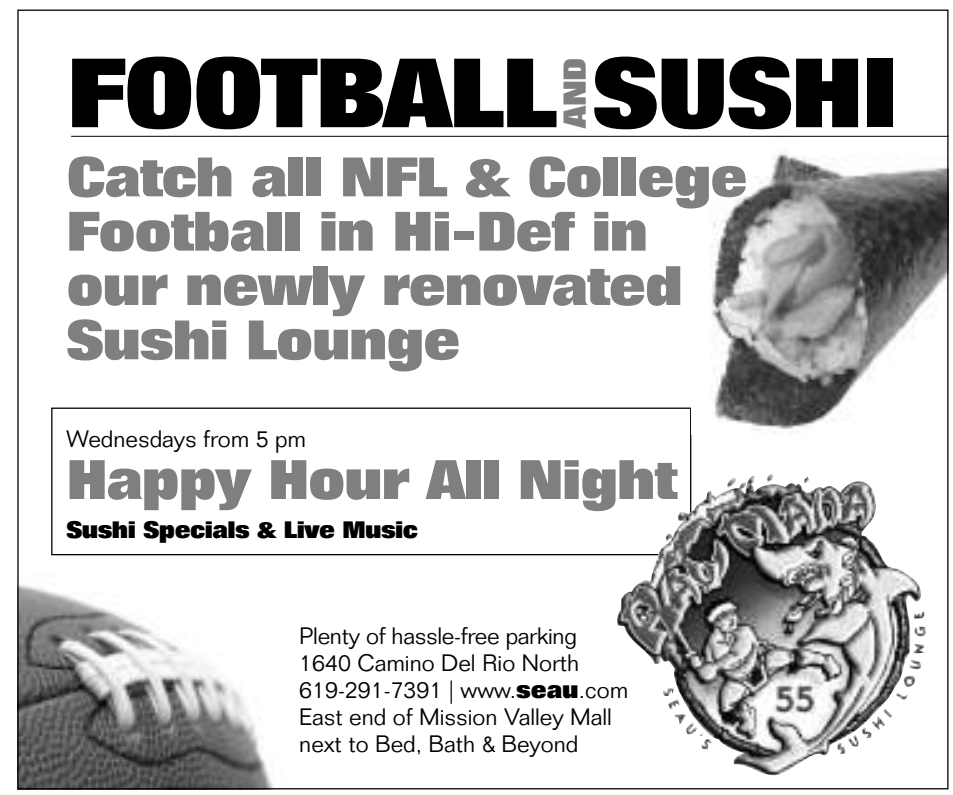

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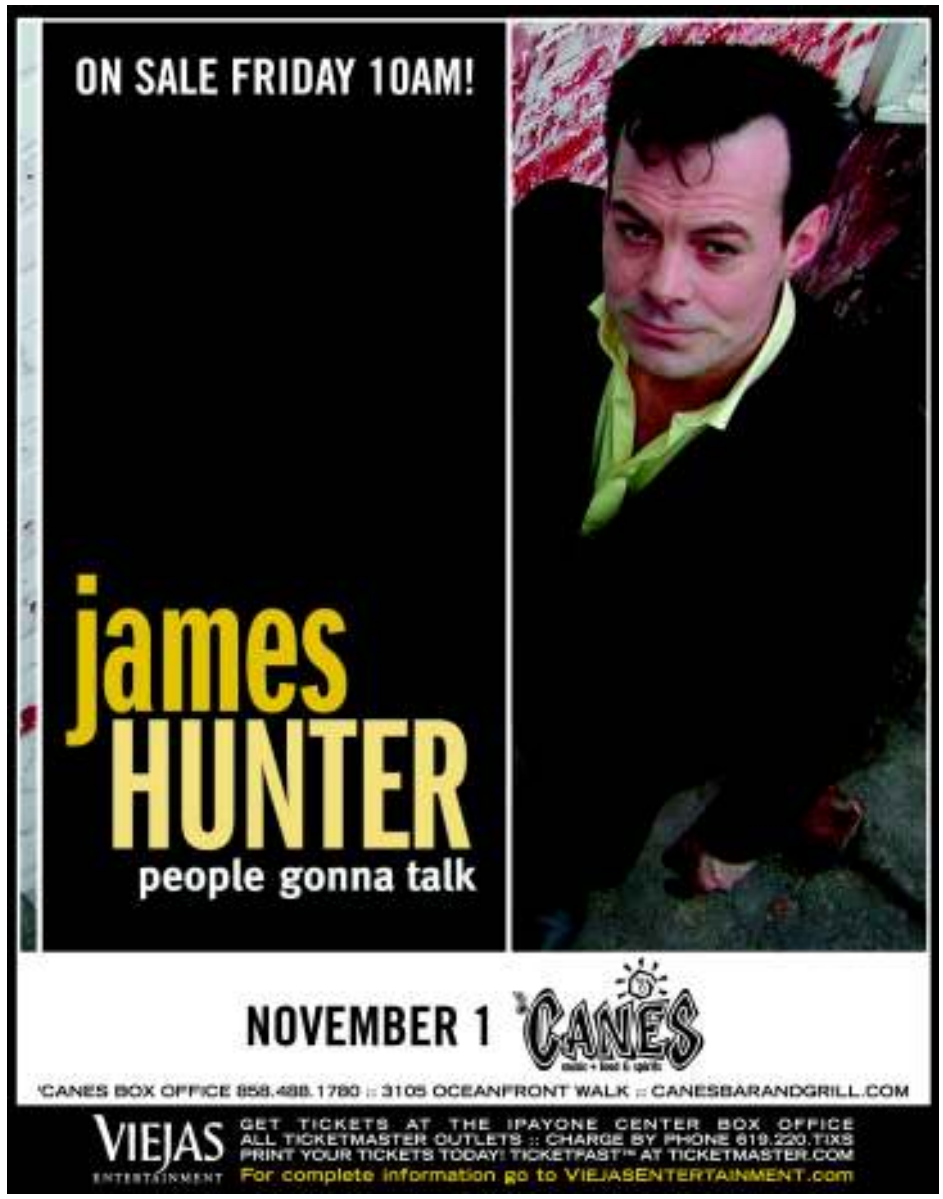

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The Temptations: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Nashville Star Tour": House of Blues, Sunday, September 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

John Mayer and **Sheryl Crow:** Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, September 26, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 27, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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. 619-659-3380.

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.

Wolfmother: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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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.

James Lee Stanley and **Peter Tork:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Madeleine Peyroux: 4th & B, Saturday, October 7, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Country Joe McDonald: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, October 7, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

Kasabian: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Larry Carlton Blues Project: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 12, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Michael Schenker: House of Blues, Friday, October 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

Placebo: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

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.

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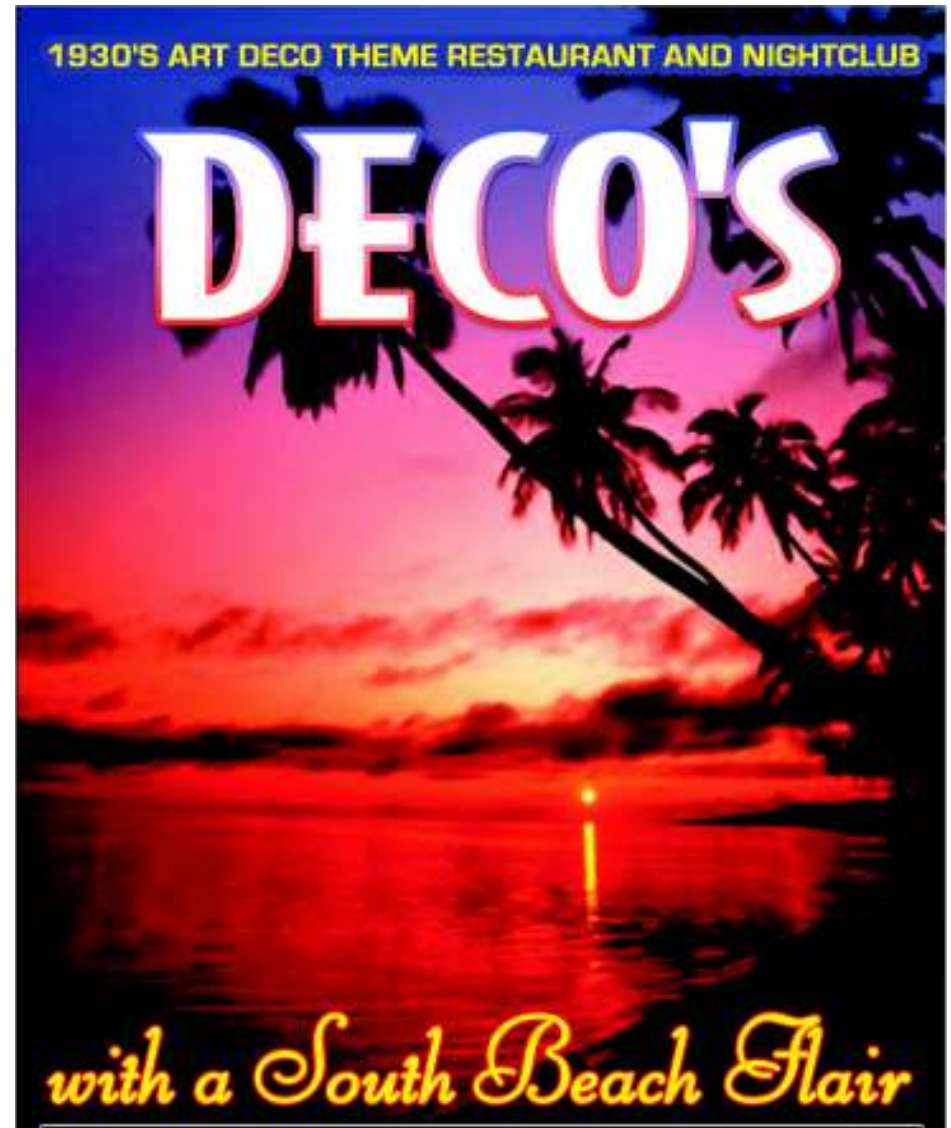

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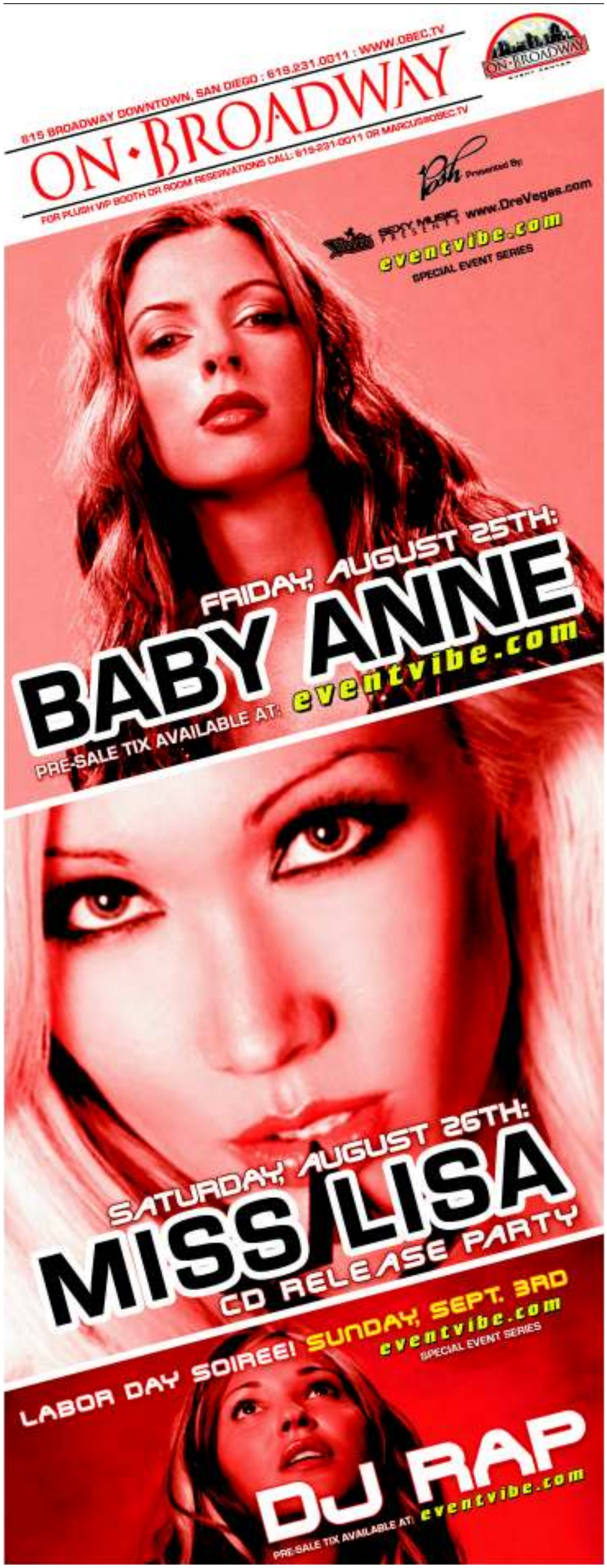
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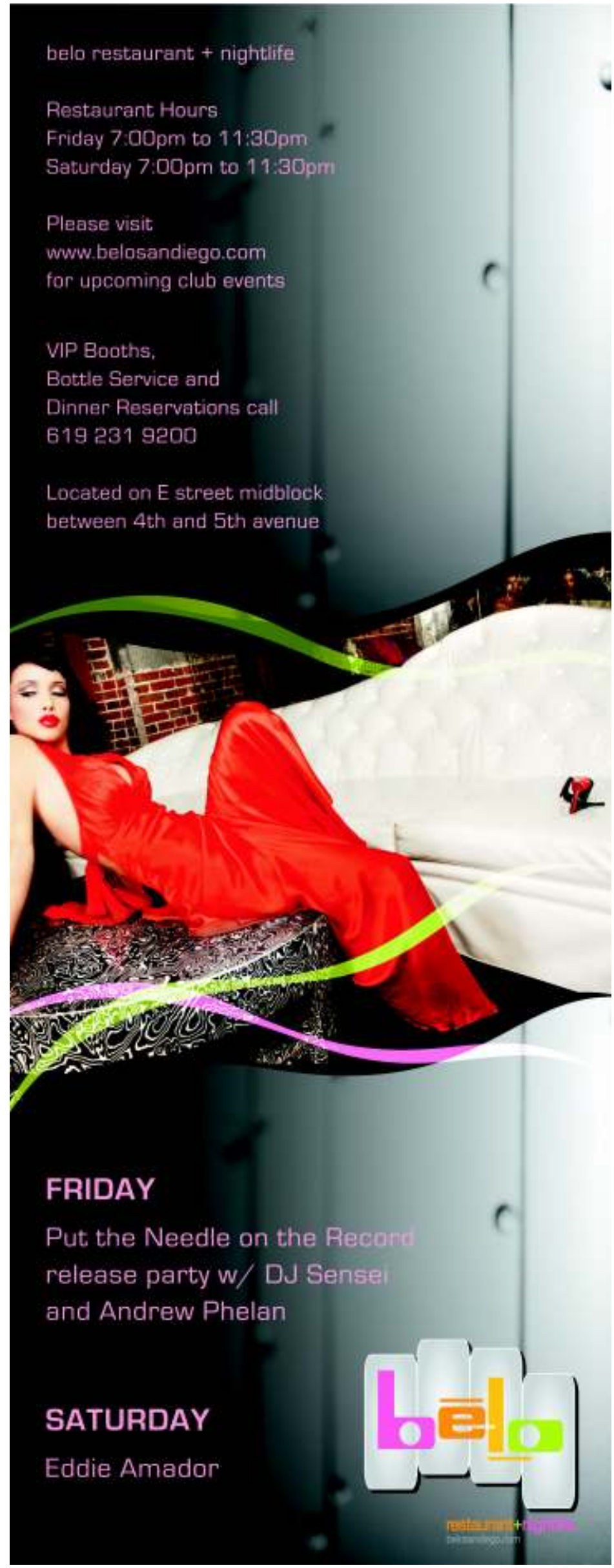
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Aerosmith and **Mötley Crüe:** Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, November 9, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Fray: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, November 11, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

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.

The Lemonheads: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, November 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

She Wants Revenge and **Pretty Girls Make Graves:** House of Blues, Tuesday, November 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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Geoff Muldaur: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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BrokenBeat Night: First Saturday of the month, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and EBM with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club '80s: Thursdays, nuwave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Atari. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electro pop, and '80s. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

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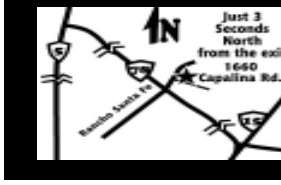

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Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

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 DJ Kool T. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school sophomore and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Manic Mondays: Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes the best of '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m. to close; 21 and up. No cover. Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-236-1616.

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.

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Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spin electrohouse and breakbeat, Clay Elliot on live horns, circus feats by local performers. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and fetish with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Underground Playground: Third Saturday of the month, house, progressive, and breaks with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Underworld: Saturdays, industrial, gothic, and dark electro with DJs Bryan Pollard, Cybian, and Harlot. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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Beaches

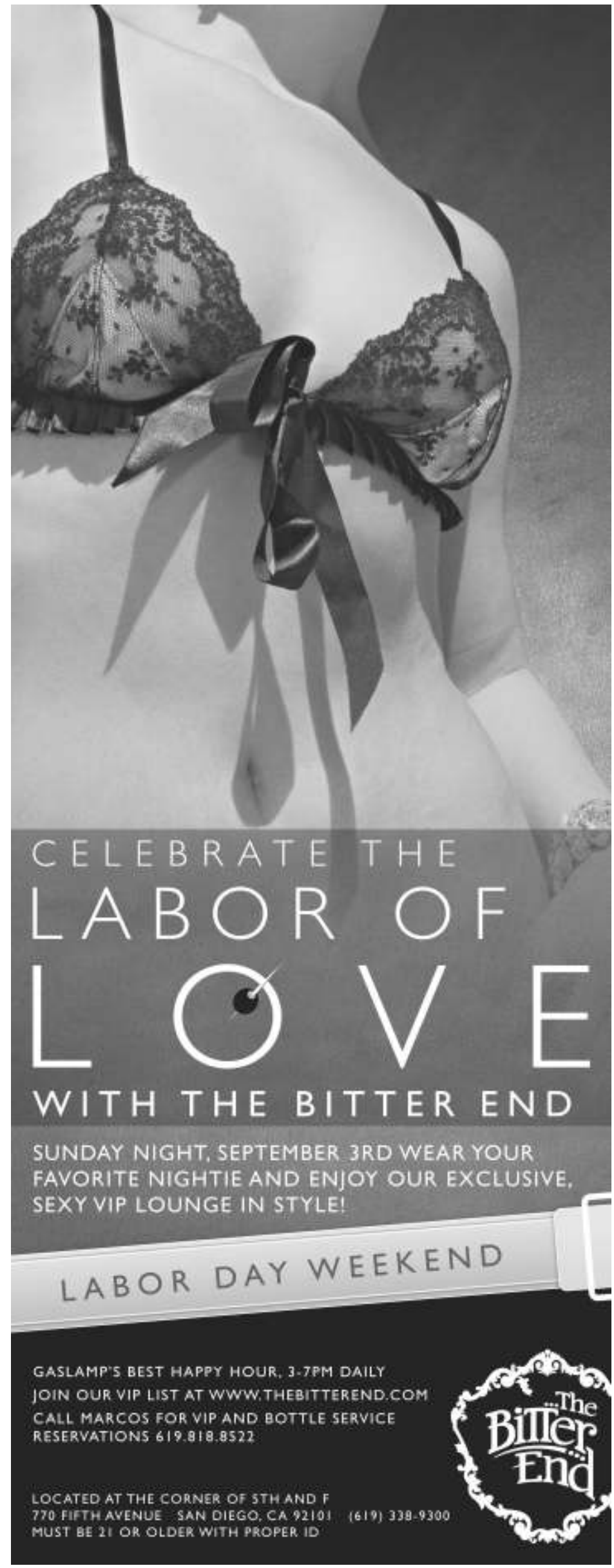
Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain,* jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.

Beach House, 25001 Dana Drive, San Diego. 619-496-7310. Friday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Nathan Welden,* easy listening.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, *the Wagon,* rock.

Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Friday and Saturday, live music.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-



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'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, *the Expendables, the Wagon,* and *the Dirty Heads.* Saturday, DJ event. Wednesday, *Cory Wilkins, the Coyote Problem,* and *Bob Deez,* acoustic.

Clay's (formerly Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge), atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Ritmo Tropical,* Latin jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Anthony Smith's Jamisphere,* jazz/funk. Wednesday, *Keith Jacobsen,* smooth jazz saxophone.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen,* smooth jazz saxophone.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is heavy rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Gasoline Chicken, Aorist Tense,* and *If Nobody Knew.* Friday, *Awaiting Samsara* and *One Inch Punch.* Saturday, *Cheva, Six Foot Deathtrap, Endrone, the Dead Serial Killers,* and *Aghori.*

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Hunter Harvey.* Friday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *DeCapulet.* Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rusty Jones.* Sunday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro.*

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, hip-hop.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Live rock, call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *the Buzzbombs,* rock.

Jack's La Jolla, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., *Soul Seduction,* jazz.

Ki's Coffee on Top, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Friday, *Patrick Berrogain,* jazz.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *West of 5,* classic rock. Saturday, *Plato Soul.* Sunday, *the Blues Brokers.* Tuesday, *DJ Marc Thrasher.* Wednesday, call club for information.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich,* jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross,* jazz.

Leucadia Pizzeria, 315 South Coast Highway, Encinitas. 760-942-2222. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke,* acoustic folk.

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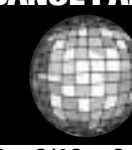

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The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila,* solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *the Disco Pimps.*

Pacific Beach Bar and Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *P. Trac Armenta, Gil Barron, James East,* and *Israel Maldonado,* Latin/smooth jazz/soul/pop. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Nick Fiore, John Giulino, Dave Scott,* and *Cynthia Hammond,* jazz.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Lori Bell* and *Ron Satterfield,* traditional jazz.

St. Tropez Bistro & Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen,* smooth jazz saxophone.

710 Beach Club (formerly Blind Melons), 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Spoken Gun* and *Shakedown,* rock. Friday, *Cash'd Out.* Saturday, *Third Row Back, Omenus, Sugarglider,* and *Variable,* rock. Sunday, *the Husky Boy Allstars.* Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Elephants in Mud.*

Shores Restaurant, 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla. 858-456-0600. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Breez'n,* smooth jazz/Latin/tropical/pop.

Tapenade Restaurant, 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-551-7500. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *the Tokeli Jazz Trio.* Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *the Glen Fisher Go Mango Invasion,* jazz.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine,* soul/blues/reggae. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot,* smooth jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective,* jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, 9 p.m., acoustic/folk music. Friday, *420 Blackbirdz,* blues. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Christopher Dale,* acoustic. Wednesday, *Zindu,* rock.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert,* piano.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Phix,* rock. Friday, *Agua Dulce,* Latin jazz, and *Brain Buckit,* rock. Saturday, *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations,* reggae. Sunday, *the Husky Boy Allstars.* Monday, *the Electric Waste Band.* Tuesday, 9 p.m., *On the One* and *the Genius of Soul,* soul jazz/hip-hop. Wednesday, *Karl Denson's KD3,* jazz.

Downtown

Belo, 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-9200. Call club for information.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer,* acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Kova,* pop. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Molly Jensen,* pop.

Cafe Cerise, 1125 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-595-0153. Friday, 7 p.m., *Brett Sanders' Soul Jazz Project.*

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Soft Lightes, Plural,* and *Manuok.* Friday, *TSOL, Black Flag,* and *the Wrecking Crew.* Saturday, *Jeremy Enighk* and *Oh No, Oh My.* Sunday, call club for information. Monday, *Talib Kweli.* Tuesday, *the Derailers* and *Whiskey Town.* Wednesday, *the Strangers, Six, Irradio, the Kneehighs,* and *Curtis Peoples.*

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet.* Friday, *Yavez.* Saturday, *Primo.* Sunday, *the Archtones.* Monday, *Dave Scott.* Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet.* Wednesday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen.*

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello,* pop piano.

Deco's, 731 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-696-DECO. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain.* Saturday, *West of 5,* classic rock. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps.* Tuesday, *the 86'd.* Wednesday, *the Ghost of Sada.*

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *David Negrete, Josh Nelson, Danny Weller,* and *Brett Sanders,* jazz. Friday, *Steve Garber* and *Dave Curtis,* jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the Powerhouse Quintet,* jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Jamie Davis & His Quintet,* jazz.

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Galileo, 101 J Street, San Diego. 619-702-7101. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Willovealot,* smooth jazz/R&B.

Heat, 762 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-398-9340. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Latin/hip-hop/dance.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack.* Friday, *Good Times.* Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Stilettos,* rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds,* blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *West of Memphis,* blues. Sunday, gospel brunch.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece,* jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *the Reaganomics,* '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight,* jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique,* jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue,* jazz/dance/Top 40.

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio,* classic jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Call club for information.

Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vintage Vegas,* jazz.

On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Thursday, DJ events. Friday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Bryan Cabrera & the Kings of Rhythm,* salsa/Latin jazz. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bryan Whitmer Cabrera & the Jazzmanian Devils,* jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Jamm.* Friday, *Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects.* Saturday, *Family Style.* Sunday, *the Bayou Brothers.* Monday, *Red Lane,* rock. Tuesday, *Blue Largo.* Wednesday, *Blue Four.*

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Bouchard,* piano.

Red Circle, 420 E Street, Gaslamp. 619-234-9211. Call club for information.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sally's Seafood on the Water, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Sally's Steel Drum Duo,* calypso.

Samba Grill, 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Edo Brazil,* Brazilian jazz.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Primo,* Latin/salsa. Tuesday, *Ritmo Caliente,* salsa. Wednesday, *Charanga Cubana,* 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.*

San Diego

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Friday and Saturday, two shows, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., *Richie Havens.* Sunday, *Louisiana Red.*

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

When you consider the era of his birth, as well as his talent, it would have been unusual had Iverson Minter become anything but a bluesman. Minter was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, or Bessemer, Alabama, sometime during the early 1930s — the accounts vary. But by then almost every blues performer of consequence in the Delta had been recorded. There was an astonishing variety of so-called "race" music to be heard from legends like Son House and Charlie Patton, Memphis Minnie, Tommy Johnson, Kokomo Arnold, Peetie Wheatstraw, and later, Robert Johnson. "It was one of the best periods for guitar-playing bluesmen who could carry their instruments with them and perform almost anywhere," Robert Palmer wrote of that period in *Deep Blues*.

LOUISIANA RED

By the age of 11, Minter was playing on an old hock-shop acoustic guitar. If his blues wanted inspiration, he needed look no further than his own baggage. Minter's mother died shortly after childbirth. A few years later, Klansmen lynched his father. Passed between orphanages and relatives until settling with an abusive aunt in Pittsburgh, by 14 Minter was a delinquent and a street musician. He spent a year in jail, then two more in the Army. When he got out, his grandfather introduced him to Muddy Waters. Thereafter, Minter began playing and recording in earnest as Playboy Fuller.

Minter would come to use a variety of aliases; since 1960, he has called himself **Louisiana Red**. His sound has been accurately pegged as a hybrid of country and city blues. The Handy Award recipient's electric guitar sizzles like grease in a frying pan, and his singing is an unexpected mix of passion and bone-chilling drama.

Minter lives in Germany now. That he is one of the last Delta bluesmen still performing the old school is a matter of luck and genetics. By living long and well, he has joined a small fraternity of aging remnants from an extraordinary period in American music.

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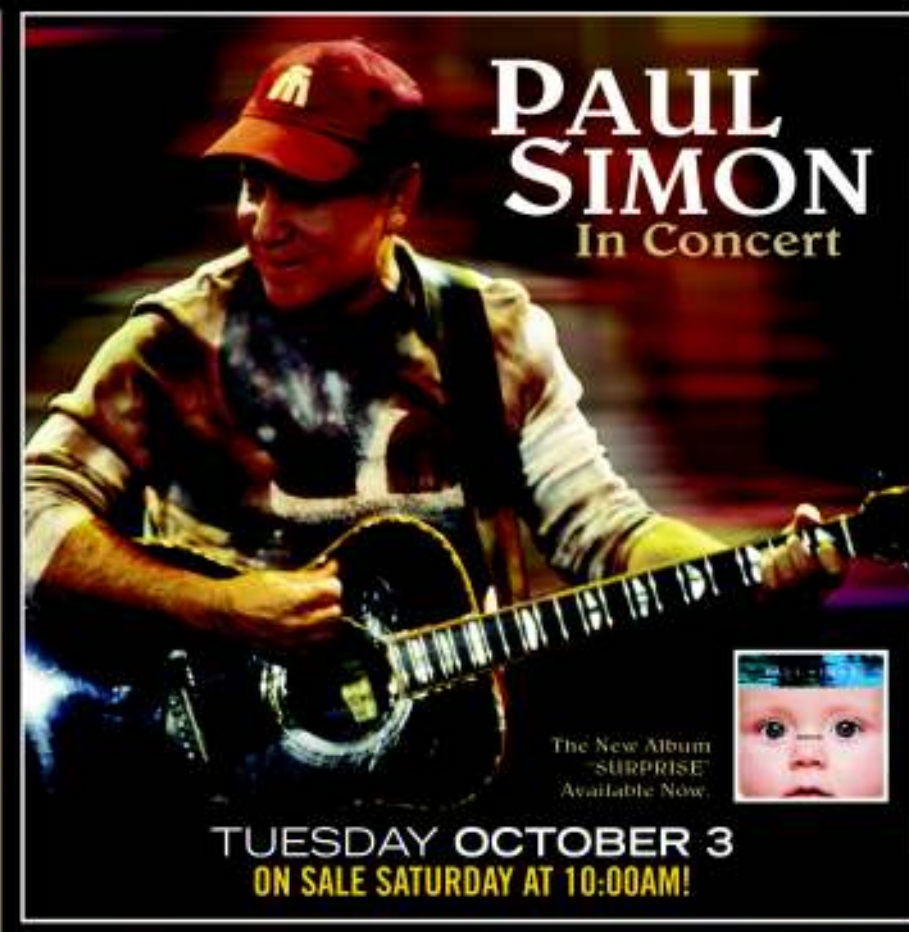

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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Chris & Harold,* Irish folk. Monday, *Pat & Joe* and *Allison Gill,* folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Terry Matsuoka,* pop.

Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-2233. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *the Big Fellas,* alternative rock.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Thor, Zolar X,* and *the Sess.* Friday, *the Frequency* and *the Kobbs.* Saturday, *Unset.* Sunday, *the Flying Circus.*

Dino's Nite Club, 3829 30th Street, San Diego. 619-291-3466. Thursday, '80s/house/hip-hop. Saturday, alternative music. Tuesday, *DJ Carlos Culture,* reggae. Wednesday, *DJ Jack Tripper,* house/progressive.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Saturday, *Dynamite Walls* and *Malbec,* rock/alternative.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Blue Rockit,* blues/rock.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings,* reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Bento Beatbox.*

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday 9:30 p.m., *Rockola,* classic rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Makai,* dance/disco. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Patty Zlaket,* folk, 9:30 p.m., *Curtis Salgado,* soul/blues. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Patrick Yandall.* Monday, 9:30 p.m., *the Eve Selis Band,* roadhouse rock. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola,* classic rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Boogiemen,* Chicago blues.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon,* pop standards/Top 40/variety.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.*

The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-543-0933. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Rob Grimes,* hip-hop/rap.

Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio.*

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Lindsey Troy* and *Lindsey Yung.* Friday, *Robin Henkel,* blues. Saturday, *Gregory Page.* Sunday, *the Erika Davies Band.* Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Amber Rubarth.*

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective,* jazz. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Willovealot,* smooth jazz/funk/R&B.

Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *the Bill Magee Blues Band.*

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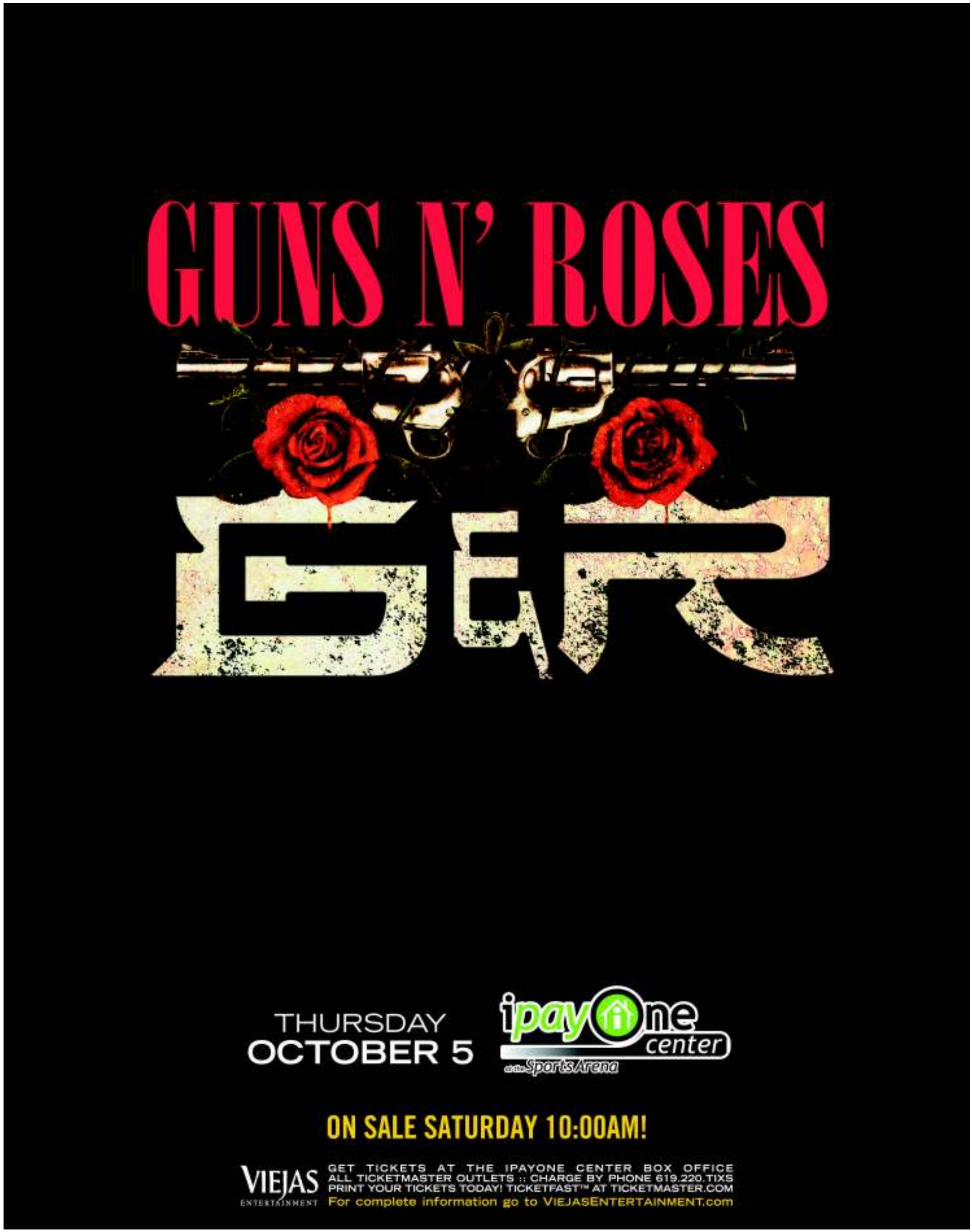
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O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. All music is rock/punk/metal unless otherwise noted. Friday, 8 p.m., *Arroyo, Mercy Road,* and *the Dog Rockets.* Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Screamin' Yeehaws, Run Barbara Run, Greenhaven,* and *the Smoky Mountain Skullbusters.* Sunday, 9 p.m., *Cory Wilkins,* rock. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Mystery Train,* blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *CDM, the Gizzards, 12 Cent,* and *Noise God.* Wednesday, *the Tijuana Marauders, Solis,* and *the Pete Rose Society.*

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Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big Band.*

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Life,* blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon 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,* rockabilly/blues.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Bloody Hollies, the Orion Frequency, Vocoder,* and *Mean Streaks U.S.A.,* rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Blind Date,* classic rock.

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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. Thursday, *Underminded, Escape the Fate, Carol Ann, Sever Your Ties,* and *Fate of Friends.* Friday, *Suicide Silence, All Shall Perish, Too Pure to Die,* and *the Aurora Complex.* Saturday, *Waking Ashland, Lydia, Brighten, the Future of Forestry,* and *Paradise Hills.*

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Sometimes Frank,* classic rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Los Fabulocos.* Friday, *the Farmers,* rock. Saturday, call club for information. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band.*

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jaime Valle, Coral MacFarland, Bob Magnusson,* and *Allan Phillips,* jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *An Island I Am* and *Chris Carpenter.* Friday, *Aramburo, Mobetta Loretta, Stasis Conger, the Green Water District,* and *Zosia.* Saturday, *Brian Greenwood, Elise Levi, Kevin Klein, Levi Kreis, Paisley Yankolovich,* and *Thomas Hodges.* 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., *the B-3 Four* featuring *David Mosby,* jazz.

The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD. Friday, 10 p.m., *the Wilder Penfield Experiment,* heavy rock.

North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers,* Top 40/pop.

The Backyard, 777 West Felicita Avenue, Escondido. 760-746-7322. Friday, 7 p.m., *Michael Tiernan,* acoustic/folk.

Beach Grass Cafe, 159 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-509-0632. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz,* Brazilian jazz.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Go Jimmy Go, Unsteady,* and *the Hi-Lites,* ska. Friday, 9 p.m., *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra, Vegitation,* and *Deadline Friday,* jazz/reggae/rock. Saturday, *Dave Alvin & the Guilty Men* and *the Hacienda Brothers.* Sunday, 8 p.m., *Primo,* Latin jazz/salsa. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Little River Band* and *the Farmers,* 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., *Primasi,* Eastern European folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Tom Boyer,* pop. Saturday, *Skibbereen,* Irish/Celtic folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Patty Hall,* folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Michael Gill,* pop.

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Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Breed Band,* pop/jazz. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bordertown,* rock/blues/folk; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *David Beldock,* folk/rock; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Gumboyaya,* funk/blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues;* 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Peter Sprague,* jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *North Star,* classic rock.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *5 Miles High,* classic rock.

Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort, 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Oasis Lounge: Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Diva Soul,* soul/R&B. Friday, 8 p.m., *Heatwave,* Top 40/dance. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Rising Star,* Top 40. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Uncle Boogie,* Top 40/alternative.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday and Friday, DJ events. Sunday, *Leo Rising,* rock.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub, 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271. Thursday, college jam. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., *DJ Kool T,* hip-hop, house, reggaeton.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick,* jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *U.G. Man, Charm, Condemned to Death, Evil Army,* and *Life Crisis.* Friday, 8 p.m., *Scar'd Sanity, Rev, Pound Foolish, Slant.* Saturday, *Frontline Attack, Drastic Actions, the Homesick Abortions,* and *Neon Hors.* Sunday, *the Dirty Angels, Simon Dawes, the Films,* and *the Strange Boys.* Wednesday, *New Day Mile, Call Me Alice,* and *Unknown Motive.*

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers,* country. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Vintage Vegas,* swing/standards.

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.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

If you know one thing about **Rosanne Cash**'s most recent album, *Black Cadillac,* it's that she wrote and recorded it in the midst of a two-year period that saw the deaths of her famous father, Johnny Cash; her famous stepmother, June Carter Cash; and her less-famous mother, Vivian Liberto, Cash's first wife. Maybe you also know that Rosanne delayed the album's release by a few months so as to avoid some of the hype associated with the opening of the Oscar-winning biopic about her father.

In spite of all that sad back story, the excellent *Black Cadillac* is not depressing to listen to. Its sound is warm, its songs mostly mid- to uptempo, steeped in the flavors of country music without clinging too tightly to formula. You might mix it together with songs by Neko Case or that album Jack White produced for Loretta Lynn. You might even call it adult contemporary or alt-country, but those tags don't seem right for an artist who has spent more than 25 years testing the limits of Nashville and who has nonetheless racked up dozens of hits.

ROSANNE CASH

Any way you look at Cash's career, she seems to have it both ways: She's adored by critics, and she's financially successful; her sensibility is sophisticated and yet the power of her songs lies in their simplicity; she gets a boost from her family name, but her work stands on its own merits. And with the success of *Black Cadillac,* she gets lots of attention for her public mourning, yet retains the right to resent strangers butting into her family business. If she weren't so damn good, she'd really be annoying.

ROSANNE CASH, Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. $42.

Pala Mesa Resort, 2001 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook. 760-728-5881. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Twice as Nice,* variety. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Cowboy Jack,* country.

Phil's Place, 2949 San Luis Rey 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.

Studio West, 11021 Via Frontera, Rancho Bernardo. 619-388-3037. Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., *the Jazz 88 All-Stars.*

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *the Taylor Harvey Band,* rock. Saturday, *Sugarbone,* rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure,* classic rock.

South Bay/Coronado

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa,* standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado,* jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian,* and *Scott Wallingford,* jazz. Wednesday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event.

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East County

Cosmos Cafe, 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-698-4217. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Nathan Welden* and *Michele Lewis,* acoustic/folk.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis,* classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Benchmark,* country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Ad Rox,* rock. Saturday, *Difficult Henry,* rock.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Whiskey Ridge,* country.

Sixty 7 Bar and Grill, 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. 619-561-6767. Friday, 9 p.m., *Nicky D. & the Whiskey Dicks* and *the Screamin' Yeehaws,* rockabilly.

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Wize Guyz,* swing/standards.

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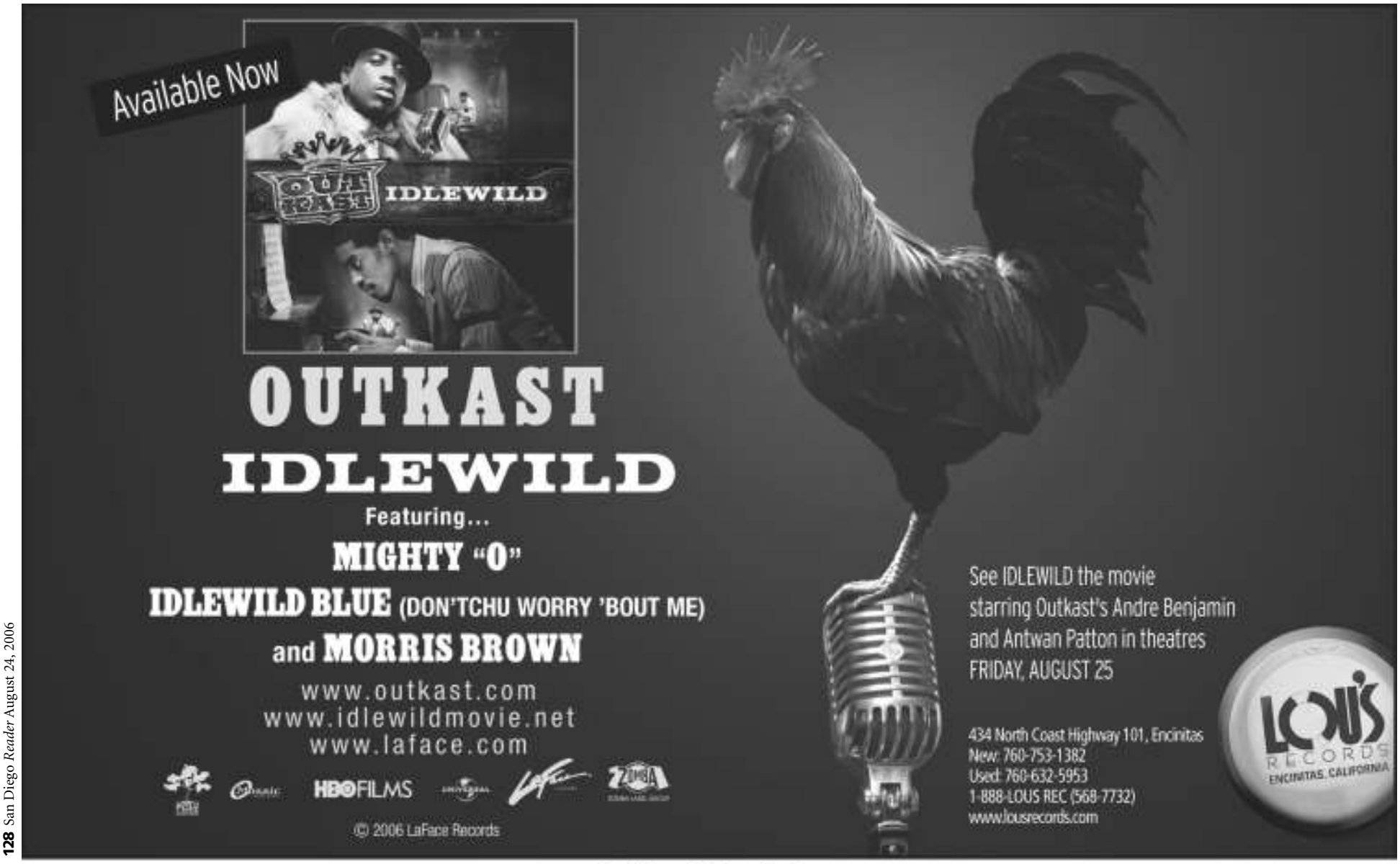

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The solos range from acoustic piano to bad synthesizer to *really* cheesy guitar. Not the smooth, mellow jazz guitar, but some songs feature a squealing, pseudo-rock, '80s-studio-band guitar solo, heavy with high notes that sound like a tamed Whitesnake or Warrant emulation.

The synthesizer employs a magical fantasy echo effect and artificial drumbeat that could have been the discarded score to *Mannequin 3, Police Academy 6,* or *The Last Unicorn.* The acoustic-piano solos are masterful, and I want to hear an entire album of only the piano work. The acoustic piano is sentimental and sweet in tone, slow of pace, and gives a quiet feeling of gentle rain.

John Pedersen

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Carnivorous Beltway

The Washington D.C. subculture has better liars than a used-car dealership.

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

When it came to campaign strategy, Francis was a genius. The "whiz-kid staffer" thought like a chess master, many moves ahead. He was so smart, so sane, that Washington politics "devoured" him. The student of Abraham Lincoln "went mental," and the only way to emancipate himself from the carnivorous beltway world was to withdraw into his idol, Honest Abe.

When John Strand's *Lincolnesque,* now in its world premiere at the Cassius Carter, begins, the real and the imagined blur in Francis's mind. Whether he's Francis or Lincoln, people urge him repeatedly to "focus." He is — or is not — an outpatient at St. Elizabeth mental hospital (I'm trying not to give away the ending; it may come as a surprise, to some). Francis is taking his meds, he swears, and hasn't heard voices in at least four months. He buffs floors and recites the words of our 16th president.

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in…" Compared to today's shallow political slogans, the "Lincolnesque" style — stately cadences, balanced antitheses, moral *gravitas* — resounds with an almost biblical authority.

John Strand built his play around a then-versus-now contrast. Instead of cautious, skimpy sound bites (which, said Washington columnist Meg Greenfield, has turned politicians into "full-time human captions"), when Francis quotes Lincoln, the words roar across time and illumine today. Of course, when it comes to the Washington D.C. subculture, which has even better liars than a used-car dealership, so do the words of William Blake: "Princes appear to me to be fools; they seem to me to be something Else besides Human Life."

Lincolnesque inches along and generates puzzlings about its craft as well as interest. The main plot concerns Francis's brother Leo, a fledgling speechwriter obsessed with winning. A political Salieri to his brother's Mozart, Leo writes dull words for a dull candidate. The campaign falls 15 points behind in the polls, and Leo's draconian boss, Carla, demands results. So Leo makes Francis a ghostwriter: just a few phrases from Lincoln, "the Shakespeare of American politics." Bigger words will make the candidate seem bigger! And Francis becomes the Cyrano of the campaign. He touches up his brother's speeches and saves the day. Sort of.

Since he's allegedly buffing floors, Francis has at best a passive-aggressive approach. But so does *Lincolnesque.* Trying to fool all the people all the time, and offend no one in the process, the playwright made the background generic. We never know the candidate's party, or Leo and Carla's, or even Francis's. Everything's nebulous — explained by the ending, true — but also too general and abstract. Lincoln's words gleam. But the rest of the play minces through a minefield, avoiding controversy to make its single point. As a result, it lacks bite and drama.

When actors pause too long, between or during speeches, they get a note to "take the air out," to tighten up their delivery. *Lincolnesque* needs air removed. Also, there should be more at stake. The play has the makings but is a draft or two from moving beyond a mild, cerebral evening to engaging drama. Beginning with the ending would take away the surprise, but the actual plight of the narrator could infuse each scene with more than mere nostalgia.

It would also erase nagging questions that de-

T. Ryder Smith, Leo Marks in Lincolnesque

Lincolnesque, *by John Strand*
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tract from the story: such as, wouldn't at least one person in D.C. recognize Lincoln's phrases? And why does everything seem so contrived (including the sudden 180-degree reversal with Leo and Carla)? It would also eliminate an ending that feels like an obvious gimmick.

The play needs work, but the production values at the Cassius Carter are top flight. A visual irony rules the stage: costume designer Anne Kennedy put everyone in charcoal gray suits (adding color only for ties and blouses); scenic designer Michael Fagin locates the drama on a white marble floor (a miniature of the Lincoln Memorial also serves as a trunk for props). So what we see is black and white. And what we hear is anything but.

T. Ryder Smith does a nice turn as Francis/Lincoln, drifting from one to the other and sometimes including both. He's especially adept at striking a pose without posturing — as when his character stands on the base of a lopped-off Greek column, his forehead haloed by Chris Rynne's expert lighting: is he the sage Lincoln or the possibly delusional Francis?

Leo Marks, as Francis's fumbling brother; Magaly Colimon, as the relentless Carla; and James Sutorius doubling as a homeless man and a soul-sucking D.C. mover-shaker — each fills in needed details for essentially one-dimensional roles. Marks is particularly effective as struggling Leo. He's in so far over his head that his stutter sounds like gasps for air. And his frustrations and ineptitudes are some of the only genuine notes, other than Lincoln's sonorous phrases, struck all evening. ■

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all wear bowlers

What 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? *Godot* is about waiting. Geoff Sobelle and Trey Lyford's *all wear bowlers* is about being unable to leave. The two clowns are stuck onstage. So they entertain with physical comedy and improvisation. The show has lulls, especially during audience-participation bits that deliver payoffs smaller than the time taken to produce them. But when Sobelle and Lyford are good, they shine. They do everything from spit takes to pratfalls, but their best work is with their hands. And their best bit creates a third, Magritte-like invisible clown between them (arms intertwined, they sculpt the figure from nothing). *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 make do solely with their imaginations, the show becomes a diverting, at times eye-popping entertainment.
Worth a try.

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Five Cups of Coffee

The Lamb's Players production of this world premiere is a tease. Director Robert Smyth and some top local actors work with such polish and devotion you'd almost swear that the fluff you're watching will evolve into something substantial. Not so. Gillette Elvgren's script, about stories related to a gourmet coffee bar, is a flabby mishmash. It wants to be a mystical comedy but ends up just a mediocre, preachy sitcom. Though they shouldn't, Hal and Rita fall in love, then out, then back in, *ad infinitum,* which enables the playwright to inject pseudo-intellectual claptrap about time, life, and the Wonder of It All, laced with mugs of esoteric coffees. A versatile cast and designers have the chops (Linda Libby as a controlling mother from Hell; Jeffrey Jones as the narrator; David Cochran Heath, K.B. Mercer, Doren Elias, all dressed in Jeanne Reith's splashy, fun costumes) 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 to which Elvgren's fizzle aspires — *The Time of Your Life!*
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit

Due to popular demand, the Theatre in Old Town reprises Gerard Alessandrini's musical Bronx cheer to Broadway: some of the sharpest, funniest theater criticism around! The framing device — the show's a Special Victims Unit for Broadway clunkers — doesn't last two minutes before it disappears. But no matter. Alessandrini's latest attempt to "turn the Great White Way gray" 's a winner, thanks to his ever-present wit and some amazing performances (especially by Valerie Fagan, co-author of *Six Women with Brain Death,* especially when she slanders Sarah Brightman). Along with lambasting *Spamalot* and *Wicked,* the show reprises old favorites: no *Forbidden Broadway* would be complete without some *Les Miz* and *Lion King* trashing (as when an animal sings, under the weight of Julie Taymor's gigantic headgear, "Can You Feel the Pain Tonight?") and Alessandrini's spoof of *Chicago* and how to dance the Fosse style ("bowler hats," "spread your fingers so") is a hoot. As are every last one of Alvin Colt's cartoony costumes, often changed backstage in split seconds. Amid near-constant laughs, the revue makes serious points about contemporary Broadway's disturbing penchant for "puppet" and "jukebox" theater (à la *Jersey Boys*) and its general dumbing down of late. All true, yet never put so memorably. (Note: the production has made cast changes.)
Critic's pick.

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4:48 Psychosis

Stone Soup Theatre Company presents Sarah Kane's drama about the exact minute, in the early morning, when "an afflicted mind is said to assume clarity." Rebecca Johannsen directed.
TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-434-9363.

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Lincolnesque
Reviewed this issue.
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

A Midsummer Night's Dream
You could subtitle Darko Tresnjak's staging of Shakespeare's comedy, "Dude, you would not be*lieve* how I spent my summer vacation!" Four teens graduate from an academy (late 19th/early 20th Century). To escape repressive Athens they hie to the woods, with suitcases, tennis rackets, and a teddy bear, and things fall apart. The production has Tresnjak's hallmarks: reverence for the text and irreverence for individual moments (there's an infectious sense of play here; the cast's obviously encouraged to invent freely). Imbued with rah-rah idealism, at first, and later with teenage angst, the lovers — Eve Danzeisen, David Villalobos, Owiso Odfera, and Julie Jesneck — are both distinct individuals and a sharp ensemble. The mechanicals, however, aren't "rude" enough (especially Jonathan Peck's stylish, studied Bottom the Weaver), and young Michael Drummond lacks the chops, and the menace, for Puck. York Kennedy's bold-day/mystical-night lighting, Christopher R. Walker's music, and especially Michael Urie's dual roles as Francis Flute and Thisbe are big plusses. In a play full of Ovidian metamorphoses, Urie does one of the best: as Flute is about to play the suffering Thisbe, something touches him, and the character takes over so completely you wonder who was more real, Flute or the role that transformed him. Which was "airy nothing," and which "something of great constancy"?
Worth a try.
LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29. (NOTE: *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *OTHELLO* AND *TITUS ANDRONICUS;* FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF EACH, CALL 619-239-2255.)

My Fair Lady
Welk Resort Theatre presents Lerner and Loewe's classic about a Cockney flower girl becoming a British sophisticate. Jon Engstrom directed.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH AUGUST 27; THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE THURSDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 888-802-7469.

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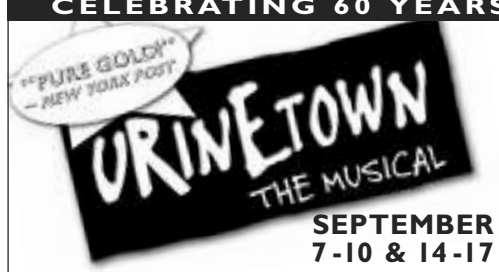

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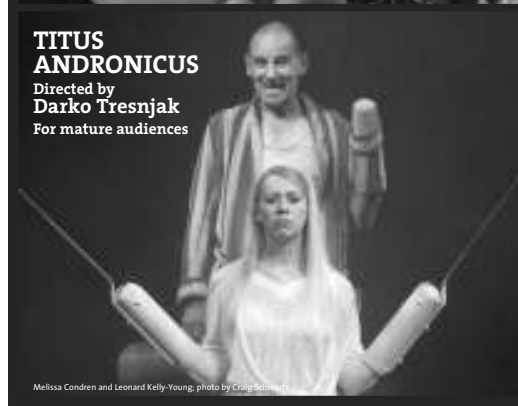

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National Comedy Theatre
Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.
Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Othello
"Have you prayed tonight, Desdemona?" — one of Shakespeare's most chilling lines, in the Jesse Berger-directed production's best scene. When she realizes Othello wants to murder her, Julie Jesneck's Desdemona battles for life and seems to become even more innocent, more loving. Jonathan Peck's sonorous Othello matches this urgency. The clash of the guiltless bride and stone-hearted warrior is at once primal, infuriating beyond belief — because this should *not* be happening — and deeply moving. The only irksome performance in an otherwise smartly staged *Othello:* Karl Kenzler runs Iago all over the map, from frat-brother/prankster to Halloween goblin. Kenzler's too facile in a role that requires some effort at dismantling the Moor, some surprise that his schemes are working. Dressed in Elizabethan garb, including white circular collars, the supporting cast does quality work (especially Michael A. Newcomer's two-faced Cassius, and Cileste Ciulla's Emilia, Iago's wife who, the angrier she gets, the more she becomes the play's *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, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 1. (NOTE: *OTHELLO* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* AND *TITUS ANDRONICUS;* FOR DAYS AND TIMES, CALL 619-239-2255.)

Readings of August Wilson's Plays: Fences
The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what "Grassroots Greeks" did for ancient Greek drama in San Diego. The companies present a series of staged readings of one of the American theater's rarely performed, but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for *Fences* in 1987 and *The Piano Lesson* in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the "largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade"). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. First offering: Antonio T.J. Johnson directs Wilson's *Fences.*
Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; *FENCES:* MONDAY, AUGUST 28, AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."
Worth a try.

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Othello

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Sordid Lives
For one evening only Leslie Jordan performs as Brother Boy, a drag queen in a mental asylum who channels Tammy Wynette. Del Shores directed.
STEPHEN AND MARY BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, AT 3:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. 619-239-8836.

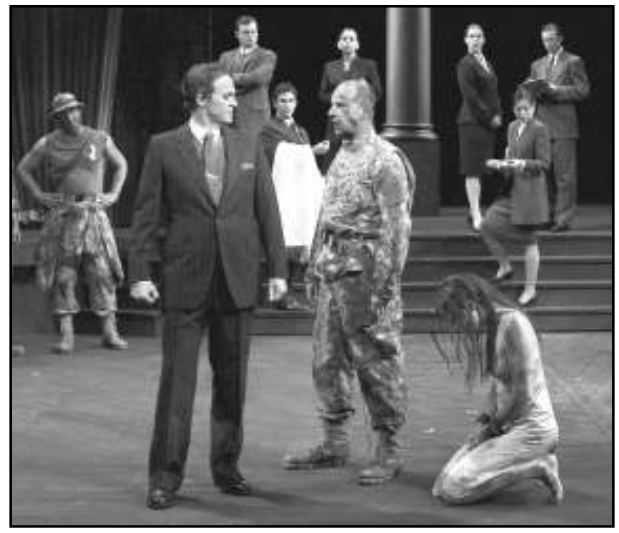
Southern Baptist Sissies
The North Park Theatre hosts a touring production of Del Shores's comedy about four "sissies' " clash with the Calvary Baptist Church of Dallas. Del Shores directed.
STEPHEN AND MARY BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, AT 8:00 P.M. 619-239-8836.

The Tempest
The Poor Players stage Shakespeare's late romance about a magical island and revenge abandoned. Nick Kennedy directed.
NEW WORLD STAGE, 917 NINTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 27; THURSDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-255-1401.

Thoroughly Modern Millie
Moonlight Stage Productions presents this send-up of the Roaring Twenties, in which Millie "resolves to marry her boss — when she gets one." Kirby Ward directed and choreographed.
MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE, 1200 VALE TERRACE DRIVE, BRENGLE TERRACE PARK, VISTA, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Titus Andronicus
Titus is the runt of Shakespeare's litter. Most likely it was his first attempt at tragedy, and most critics wish the "lamentable" (in the modern sense) potboiler'd never been penned. The murders, rapes, and massacres of revenge tragedy rule with such ferocity it's almost as if the play's a deliberate send-up of the blood-bathed genre. For the Old Globe, inventive director Darko Tresnjak resets the lunacy in modern times. Titus, played by Leonard Kelly-Young as a vaguely sentient being/Fourth 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 "huh-whoa?"). If the play's this bad, if it needs this much cutsie business, then why are we here? To learn that violence begets violence? And this should come as *news?* In effect, Tresnjak's staging is a send-up of a send-up. That's a double negative. It not only undercuts the play, it takes away an audience's chance to respond, be it with revulsion or schadenfreudian glee.
LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. (NOTE: *TITUS ANDRONICUS* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *OTHELLO* AND *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM;* FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-239-2255.)



Titus Andronicus

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid.* There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)
Worth a try.
HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

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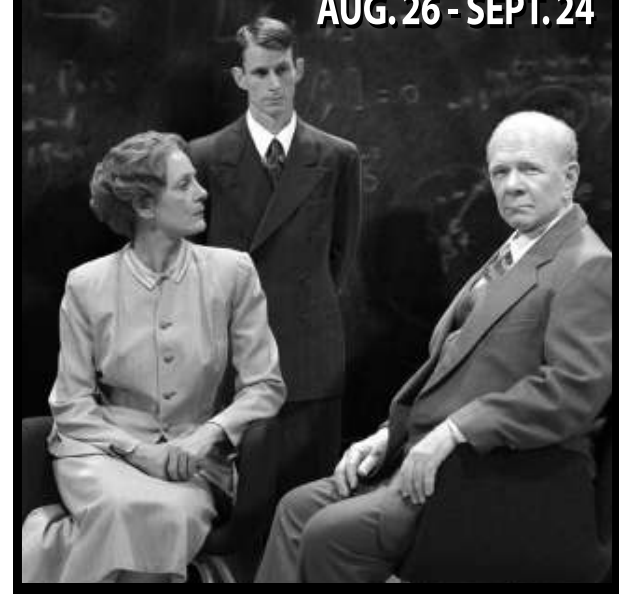

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Seeking Paradise

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There's a new blossom unfolding at the Flower Hill mall. Barely six months old, Paradise Grille brings fresh fragrances and flavors to Del Mar as chef Justin Hoehn hones his mixture of Caribbean, Polynesian, and California coastal cuisines.

Hoehn made a splash a few years ago at California Cuisine in Hillcrest, where I enjoyed some memorable meals. Then the chef vanished. (He'd quietly gone to Greystone, to toil in the realm of high-priced meat and mash.) When I discovered his reappearance in Del Mar, I recruited foodie friends Marty and Dave, who'd eaten with us at Cal Cuisine and were delighted to cross the Merge of Death in a pilgrimage to Paradise.

The airy restaurant is the first new structure to rise in the mall in ages. Planned at a cost of $2 million, construction expenses blew up to $3.5 million. Things took longer as a result of Hurricane Katrina, which caused a shortage of lumber, drywall, baseboards, and other materials. The owners, Conor and Shana Adair, had to pay carpenters artisan prices to create basic items that they could have bought ready-made at any home-improvement store a few months earlier.

Across the parking lot from Milton's Deli, Paradise occupies its own stand-alone building. A comfortable bar-lounge off the entrance is a hopping scene after dark. The hostess led us to a handsome dining room, where at one end an open kitchen afforded interesting views of chefs slaving over hot stoves. We were seated in one of the comfortable semicircular booths lining the walls; there are tables in the center (clothed in white linen, like the booth tables) for either very small or large parties.

Squinting at the menu in the dim romantic lighting, we selected an appetizer of grilled skewered shrimp, marinated in lemongrass and ginger. The skewers were thrust into large chunks of grilled watermelon, like flags at Iwo Jima. The monument was surrounded by an irresistible finely diced watermelon salsa sparked by grilled pineapple bits. "Look at this," said Dave, laughing. "The coating is made of — Rice Krispies!" ("We wanted the crunch but not the same old coconut shrimp," chef Justin later told me. "A sous-chef came up with it.") This dish was an exercise in food-as-fun.

Another edible witticism gave fresh life to a bowl of calamari tempura misto. At first, it looked like standard restaurant calamari. But the light panko-fried squid mixture included onions, young green beans, and thin, mysterious-looking mandalas. These turned out, on tasting, to be batter-fried lemon slices, a surprise substitute for the standard lemon wedges. Once you try one and unmask its identity, you can use them to supply needed bitterness and citric acid — bite by bite. The dish is also sprinkled with chili oil, which sinks to the bottom, leaving the food in the nether reaches of the bowl a tad greasy as well as spicy. Our waitpersons didn't alert us to its presence, and the hot stuff came as a surprise — a pleasant one for me, but I hate to think how a Del Mar blue-hair might react. A side of mild, herbal basil aioli was pretty much ignored at our table. Nothing wrong with it, just no need.

REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

Hoehn's signature, here and at California Cuisine, is his creative house-made flatbread, which serves as a canvas for a wide range of imaginative toppings. We tried the vegetable flatbread, resembling cracker-crust dish-sized pizza topped with roasted red pepper strips, portobello mushrooms, tomatoes, and balsamic *gastrique,* plus melted buffalo mozzarella. The *gastrique* made the bread soggy, but not unpleasantly so. "You can fold it like a New York pizza," said Marty, demonstrating the technique. "You think we can talk Luigi's into making this topping?" I asked my partner.

Guava-glazed pork ribs are small riblets, simmered until fall-off-the-bone tender before undergoing a glaze of house-made barbecue sauce, finished with guava purée and a spin on the grill. The guava lent crispness but barely a hint of flavor. Both the men at our table liked the ribs for their moist texture, but Marty and I both craved a more intense fruit flavor. The side was a pleasant slaw of Napa cabbage, carrot, and daikon.

When we ordered the pistachio-coated salmon entrée, I realized that I just couldn't stand to eat another tourist-pleasing overcooked dead fish. "Listen," I told the server right off, "we're not Yuman. We don't want our fish as dry as the desert, we want it moist and full of life." Our fish arrived cooked precisely to order. We were fascinated by the combination of pistachio and salmon flavors, the contrast of crispness over tenderness, and the skinny mustache of avocado cream running down the center of the plate. (Of course, we'd have preferred a full Groucho Marx or Wilfred Brimley rather than the Little Richard model.) The plate included undercooked fingerling potatoes with a refreshing pickled onion and cucumber relish.

In the horseradish-seared ahi tuna, the fish was an excellent grade, treated to the standard

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: California coastal cuisine with Polynesian and Caribbean notes. Extensive international wine list at below-average markups. Plenty by the glass. International beers.
PICK HITS: Skewered shrimp; calamari tempura misto; flatbreads; pistachio-crusted salmon; tamarind-brined pork chop; French toast.
NEED TO KNOW: Open kitchen in main dining room, may be noisy. Outdoor patio downstairs with fire-pit and lounge chairs, wheelchair accessible, with an outside ramp and an inside elevator. A few vegetarian choices. Customer garb runs the gamut from surfer shorts to Del Mar date-night. Reservations advised, especially for weekend dinners.

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raw-with-cooked-edges restaurant cliché. Alas, the fresh-grated horseradish that was supposed to edge the fish had fallen off — a technical problem evidently yet to be solved. (Elmer's glue just will not do.) The vanished horseradish made the superb accompaniments stand out even more: tiny, naturally sweet red beets touched with ginger and garlic, and astonishing quinoa "couscous." Quinoa is a nutritious but bland grain from the Peruvian Andes that's absolutely "good for you" but too often tastes like it — even in Peru. Here, it was cooked as a pilaf with garlic, onions, lots of butter, and chicken stock, finished off with roast tomato vinaigrette and chives. The vinaigrette provided the acidity that few home cooks would think of adding, and the neutral-tasting grain sang with such vibrant flavors you'd never guess it was related to mamacita's boring old quinoa.

Short ribs braised in plum wine were ultra-tender and beefy but too bashful in plum flavor for my tastes — I guess I wanted real plum, not just its wine. Again, the accompaniments starred: garlic mash and very sweet corn kernels. Thick, tamarind-brined Niman pork chops arrived cooked to our order of "rosy inside," with a tangy glaze and a topping of braised peach halves. Alongside were substantial onion gnocchi. "These are not airy or pillowy," said Marty, frowning. But Dave loved the contrast of the sweet peaches with the tamarind glaze, and the fine quality of the pork. I liked the dish a lot myself but was glad to have an enthusiastic taker for the very thick chop as I ran out of appetite.

The wine list is long and eclectic, full of boutique bottlings and interesting imports at relative "bargain" prices, because the markups are mainly 200 percent (versus most restaurants' 300 percent). There are some good choices around $30, and in the $40–$50 range, I found two mouth-filling French beauties from respected bottlers. A lively Olivier LeFlaive Puligny Montrachet complemented our appetizers and seafood, while a juicy Chateauneuf du Pape went with the meats.

For dessert, we relocated to Paradise's nicest dining area. Glossy wooden steps take you downstairs to a large, tropical-looking outdoor patio. In addition to the usual weather-resistant tables and chairs, the patio has thickly pillowed lounge seats and low tables set near the bar, along with cozy chairs around a natural gas firepit.

Most desserts come from Opera Bakery, and they're quite good for outsourced sweets. A raspberry-mascarpone cheesecake mousse was airy and not oversweet, with raspberry coulis cleverly surrounded by a thin line of dark chocolate (a refinement added in-house). Pineapple upside-down cake was also light. On the side sat an intense floret of pineapple spiced with clove (perhaps) — or a close relative. It came with coconut sorbet that vanished under four speeding spoons.

When a restaurant with as entertaining a menu as Paradise Grille's offers brunch, only a chronic layabed would resist. This time, we enticed the Lynnester to drive north by noon.

The brunch menu is long and painfully tempting — I wanted a half-dozen dishes from it. We finally zeroed in on three. French-toasted brioche soaked in a Tahitian vanilla batter was light and rich, served with a foamy white honey-whipped butter sauce and fresh-cooked peach and mango confit. The pitcher of maple syrup was an option we not only ignored but shunned, not wanting to spoil the near-floral flavor of the vanilla and the subtle sweetness of the butter.

Brunch also provided another opportunity to enjoy the flatbread — that cracker-crust pizza bread. Ours came topped with a thin slick of cream cheese, slices of house-cured salmon, and pickled onions and capers. Alas, somebody in the kitchen decided to heat the gravlax (this shouldn't have happened, the chef told me), which dried it into near-tough curls rather than lush slices. You could still infer the fineness of the fish, and we loved the combination of ingredients.

Crabcakes Benedict were an odd mixture of perfect technique and originality gone a bit awry. The poached eggs were flawless and the hollandaise exquisite (clearly made from scratch). "But this crabcake is — weird," said Lynne. "Taste it, am I wrong?" We passed bites around, chewed, and everyone said, "Hmm, strange." The crab is spicy with cayenne, but that's not a problem — the over-minced, grainy texture of frozen stone crab and a lump crab mixture (with the usual bindings) beggars description. But on the side was a spicy mélange of crispy home fries and slivered peppers and onions that got three thumbs up. If I went back for another brunch, I'd choose the low-risk Florentine Benedict, and my partner would jump on the jerk chicken sandwich.

At Paradise Grille, chef Justin is in charge of the menu — creating the dishes and selecting and purchasing ingredients — but in such a huge restaurant he can no longer personally control every dish. Hence, the menu choices are more cautious and simple than at California Cuisine; even so, some dishes may be imperfectly executed. Then, too, the restaurant's vast size and upscale location require pleasing a wider range of tastes, so Paradise can't be a cultish little foodie secret. It's not exactly heaven, then, but it's an enjoyable stop-off en route.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"I'm working at a new restaurant, I just got married, and I'm adopting a dog today — it's a Katrina dog, a mutt. So it's been an exciting time," says chef Justin X. Hoehn.

"I'm a native San Diegan, born and raised in the Ocean Beach–Point Loma area. One reason I have a passion for food is that my mother is an incredible gourmet chef. She grew up in postwar Germany and learned all the old methods of cooking. I started out cooking at Brigantine Shelter Island and then switched to bartending and managing for several years. Then I decided to get back into cooking and went to San Francisco to the California Culinary Academy." While studying, Hoehn cooked at the famed Hayes Street Grill and the Blue Plate, a faux-diner for San Francisco foodies. "But I'm a surfer, so I missed OB and came back as quickly as I could. I worked at La Valencia under executive chef Luke Patterson and then worked under chef Jason Schaeffer at Laurel and the Wine Sellar Group for over a year and a half. He was a really good influence for me."

His first job as top toque was at California Cuisine, a 60-seat restaurant in Hillcrest. After that, climbing the chef ladder, he wanted to prove he could handle a larger restaurant with more responsibilities. He landed at Greystone, a conventioneer-heavy Gaslamp steakhouse. "I needed to show I could manage a crew of 15 people in a $4 million-a-year operation. So I did my year and a half of steak and mashed potatoes.…"

This stint qualified him to take on Paradise Grille, a brand-new restaurant where he could train a staff from scratch and make the place his own. Staffing, however, proved difficult. "Most kitchen crews are incredibly hardworking guys who cook because they can do it, not because they love it — so teaching the subtleties is really hard," he says. "You almost have to design your menu to be bulletproof, unless you can be on top of every move. The hardest part of going from a place like California Cuisine to this — there, I cooked every plate. There were only three cooks in the kitchen, and everything came past me. When you have a bigger operation like this, you start losing that ability to control every situation. From the git-go we had 200 plates a night. Here I have an AM and a PM sous-chef, and both of them are great. My PM sous-chef is Matt Smith, who I worked with at Laurel. He left Laurel to go to the Cordon Bleu in France and worked at Taillevent in Paris, and when he came back he was a line cook at 910. My AM sous-chef…was at the Mission, downtown. On busy nights, I'll be on the line as well as my sous-chefs, and we have eight cooks, in addition. We have 240 seats, including all the bar seats.

"The owners and I are always on the same page of what we want and what we think the diners want. But it's 100 percent under my and my sous-chefs' creative control. And I have control over food purchasing. We use Manning Ranch for beef; they're naturally raised animals. Our pork is all Niman, our chicken is free-range. In San Diego, most of the time there's either fine dining or else there's Chevy's. What we wanted to do was shoot a little higher, but not so high that you're uncomfortable. Somebody can come in and order a $400 bottle of wine and find food that will match it, but somebody else can come in wearing shorts and flip-flops and buy a $30 bottle and order chicken, and that'll be fine too." ■

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It's 11 o'clock at night when I spot the counter. This is down where Fifth Street meets Miguel F. Martinez Avenue. Here, no lights. *Ti Wan* (Kumeyaay for "village by the sea," right?) is silent. Dark. Empty.

I was scurrying along, back toward the line, bound for *El Norte.* But the brightly lit corner-counter stops me, with its rack of street-side stools and smoky outside kitchen. Neon under the roof of the protective open-sided shed shows up puffs of cooking smoke, and maybe two dozen people on stools chowing and chatting. It's almost like a movie set.

It's also a big barn of a place. Cream brick columns hold up a large dining area behind the kitchen. Long, heavy-plank tables fill the area. A blonde-haired lady slaps tortilla dough about, then squeezes it in a hand-press. A couple of other cooks chop chunks of cooked meat into small slices. The customers sit heads-down, sinking teeth into cone-shaped tacos stuffed with meat.

Huh. Cone-shaped tacos. I pick a counter stool and park myself in front of a couple of pineapples. Feels good inside the pool of light, like there's no world out there.

Only problem: the menu listings are on the farthest wall. Have to strain to see what da heck they say.

"Have the *adobada,"* says this guy next to me. He's just pulled up in his yellow cab, next to another yellow cab. Except the driver in that one's just sitting.

Meanwhile, the *adobada* is slowly turning and spitting in front of a vertical gas-flame grill. The pork is pink, with grizzled edges. It looks too good. Heck, the smoke smells too good. I order an *adobada* taco (12 pesos, about $1.10) and a sangría (10 pesos — say a dollar). Claudia, the tortilla lady, slaps out a tortilla and flings it on the griddle. The cook slices off meat, adds avocado and other trimmings, makes the tortilla into a cone, and gives it to Antonio, one of the two servers.

I've got to say it: This cone-taco is great. No, this is bitchin' great…All the pork bits burst out the top, along with avocado, lettuce bits, onion. A bit of green salsa helps with the zip. The Sangría gives you a wine-y little side-slurp, too.

Antonio, who comes from Oaxaca, looks at me like he's asking, "Another?" I go for a carne asada. It's good, but not up to the *adobada.* About this time I notice these three guys at one of the long tables. They're talking away. Not English, but not Spanish either.

"Italiano," says one of them. They've just come down to TJ for the evening. "That's our taxi outside. The driver brought us here," says Anzo.

They've been eating tortas, burritos, tacos.

"So what do you think of it?" I ask.

"A month of this and we'd all be down for the count," Anzo says. "So much fried. Cheap meat."

"So spicy," says his friend Remo. Remo says he owns the Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood in the Gaslamp Quarter in San Diego.

"Shit," says the third guy. Gianfranco Langatta. Turns out Gianfranco is a famous abstract artist from New York and Rome.

Remo pays Antonio. Twenty-one bucks for the three. "That's $7.00 each," Remo says. "Wouldn't buy you a glass of water at Max's."

They take off back to their waiting taxi and the return trip to San Diego. For a moment I think of begging a lift. But, loyalty. I like this stuff. And I wouldn't want Antonio to assume I thought like those guys. Also, I can walk. Feel safer in these streets at night than in downtown San Diego. So I decide to order one more thing, to go. Something to share with Carla. Antonio shows me a printed paper menu I hadn't noticed before. Oh man. So the place does have a name. "La Chuleta." "The Cutlet." And then I see they have daily specials, all for about $3.75. Beef stew, "spine in red sauce," breaded chicken, kidneys rancheros. And they include soup, beans, or rice, chiles, a rice drink or dessert and tortillas in the deal.

Damn. That, I'm definitely coming back for. Meantime, I reckon the *torta milanesa* should be pretty good. Milanesa's the Mexican wiener schnitzel — thin slice of beef dipped in egg and breadcrumbs — and tossed into a *telera* bun with lettuce and tomato and maybe avocado.

So I order it (35 pesos, about $3.00) and pay up for everything while I'm waiting. Comes to 69 pesos. About $6.00.

Oh Lord. When it does arrive, fresh off the stove, I can't resist a couple of bites. Antonio has fixed some red salsa and a collection of pickled carrots, cucumber, jalapeños, onions, and limes. And picking at them while you munch on the main bun is strictly scrumbo-delish. Sharp, gentle, sharp, rounded. You can taste the egg on the meat. Turns out this dish is Mexico's gift to the rest of the Americas. It's also my gift to Carla — if I can stop myself before I get to her half.

I'm reluctant to leave. But Antonio's piling chairs, dragging tables. Claudia is putting away her tortilla-squasher. "How many have you made today?" I ask as I get up.

"Maybe 40 kilos."

That's 80 pounds or more. Wow.

"How many tortillas is that?"

She laughs and throws up her hands.

"Can you get me a job in America?" she says. ■

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"It started with couches," says Mike Kallay, co-owner (with his wife Stephanie) of the Cask Room, a wine bar in East Village. "It started with wanting a comfortable place to sit." Kallay had injured his back. He was sitting in traffic and thinking he'd like to take Stephanie to a wine bar. But he wasn't looking forward to two hours in a chair, or worse, standing. "I just thought, 'Hey — maybe I could own a wine bar.' " A wine bar with couches. "Then I started going over things — 'Wouldn't it be cool if there were barrels on the walls?' I had the whole look and feel of the place in my mind."

Of course, it didn't *all* start there. The wine bug had been buzzing around Kallay for years, starting with an in-house sommelier program at a hotel (he'd been hired to do accounting for their wine sales). "I started drinking a lot of wine and keeping journals. Even then, I wanted to make sure I knew why I liked or didn't like something."

Fast-forward a decade or so. Kallay is a software manager, burned out and sensing that it's time for a dramatic shift. He's vacationing up in Santa Barbara wine country with Stephanie, enjoying "a total *Sideways* moment — sitting under an oak tree at Andrew Murray's winery, having a picnic and a great bottle of Syrah. I was saying, 'Why do we both work so hard in jobs we hate just to get glimpses of this? I know it's hard work owning a winery, but it's a lifestyle. Family is involved.' That's where we really started talking crazy: 'Let's buy land and have a winery.' It seemed great until we sobered up, and then it was not spoken of again. But that fired something in me." Cue the couches.

Kallay started researching, trying to figure out what it would take to run a wine bar and still keep his life in San Diego. "I was going to wine bars after work, borrowing menus, guessing at the wholesale prices." Guesswork turned into hard numbers, and after three months, he had a business plan and an idea of how the place might work.

"My wife Stephanie and I had our very first date at a wine bar — Gaffney's up in Encinitas. We modeled this place, a bit, after what they had done. Specifically, in endearing the wines to people. Wine really is a commodity; you can get good wine all over town. We need to endear ourselves and the wines to people. If they get excited about the people who are making the wines — and they get excited because we're excited — then they're going to come back, and they're going to tell people about us."

Step one toward endearing: make the space comfortable. Leather couches, chairs, and loveseats — only the occasional table. Low lighting, dark wood, dark floors, earth tones complementing the wood of the barrel halves lining the walls. No TVs, and no DJs — just jazz. This is not a downtown hotspot. "I have two fears," says Kallay. "One is that we won't be busy, and the other is that we'll be too busy. I don't want to be a bar. I want to be a hangout — an oasis away from those bars. One customer called it 'the Living Room of East Village.' We're a locals' place; I'm betting on the neighborhood. We're part of the infrastructure. I've hosted parties. I'm open until midnight on the weekends, and I'll get people coming down after they run out of wine at their dinner party."

(Besides wine, Kallay will carry one or two interesting beers, but that's it. "And I'm not interested in being a restaurant. We have food on the menu — shrimp, crab cakes, salad — but it's there to support the wine. Oh, and there's also cake, brought in from Extraordinary Desserts, and cheese from Venissimo in Mission Hills. I'll send the owner an e-mail saying, 'I've got this Lava Cap Cabernet, and it's got these qualities. I'm looking for a couple of things that will match up.' *Boom,* she'll put four or five cheeses together, and I can go pick them up.")

Step two: free samples. "It's an educational thing with people," says Kallay. "I'll always give a sample before I'll let somebody commit to a glass. It goes under marketing. That way, people are going to feel comfortable and that I've got their best interests at heart. They might not like the Pinot I've got on the list right now. It's not a standard Pinot. But it's indicative of a place. Everything coming out of that part of the Central Coast — from San Luis Obispo up to Santa Lucia Highlands — it all, to me, tastes like cranberry. It's got that tart, kind of earthy quality. But it's polarizing; some people don't like it. So I'll give them a sample." And if samples make folks comfortable, Kallay hopes they'll also make folks more adventurous, willing to taste new things — say, a Malbec with more structure than usual. To help keep things interesting for the regulars, he changes the roughly 15-bottle list every two weeks.

Stephanie and Mike Kallay

Which brings us to step three: a general devotion to the wines. Most of what gets opened on a given night gets poured that night. What doesn't sell gets spilled out. "If it doesn't have the bouquet on it, I don't want it," says Kallay. "To me, that's wine. I would be mortified to serve somebody something that's corked or turned."

Most wines have to manage the tricky combination of being from small producers — things you might not find anywhere else in town, like the Renard Rosé or the Voss Syrah — and still running between $7 and $12 a glass, with bottle prices around $30. "I end up getting a lot of family

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wineries — people who were growers and started making their own wines." He carried the '04 Olivet Lane Pinot for a full month. The vineyard has long supplied some of the best names in Russian River Pinot Noir, and as he wrote in his newsletter, "This might be the best bottle under $30 we've had the opportunity to taste!"

The newsletter/magazine gives Kallay an opportunity to give background on the wines he's pouring — but if people seem interested, he'll do it himself. "I know the wines, and I know the wineries, and people appreciate that. We're making people feel physically comfortable and, I think, mentally comfortable." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. The scene is young and lively at this handsome, always-crowded eatery, with seating both indoors and on a patio with a view. The pleasing fare features modern Southwestern-Latino cuisine and a scattering of Pacific Rim flavors. The long appetizer list is a natural for group grazing. Sunday brunch à la carte. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with an à la carte Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria,* where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita.* Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Milton's Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei,* hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!,* so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin.* Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with deadly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a sep-

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Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Asia Vous 417 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000. Chef-owner Riko Bartolomei produces outstandingly inventive Asian-French fusion cuisine, remaking the classics with fresh twists and superb ingredients, including naturally raised meats and poultry. No one does "fusion" better, and there's not a culinary cliché on the menu: e.g., everybody else's warm goat cheese with beet salad is replaced with goat cheese tempura and braised fennel. The inspired combinations include sweetbreads with Chinese sausage, potato gnocchi with lobster and vanilla bean sauce, house-cured hamachi atop a flower-like heirloom tomato mandala, and a Kurobata pork shank treated like French "confit" but lightened by a sprightly salad accompaniment. Bartolomei's desserts are not only housemade but as brilliant as the earlier courses. The international wine list is adventurous — all this, plus the unpretentious atmosphere and considerate service, too. (But the place can get noisy when full.) Reservations urged, even for lunch. Parties of more than six accommodated only with set menus. Two vegetarian entrées (including one vegan) on the typical menu. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (11/05)*

Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565, with a Mexican-Italian menu.) "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything's a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights (Wednesday and Saturday). Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — *N.W. (3/05)*

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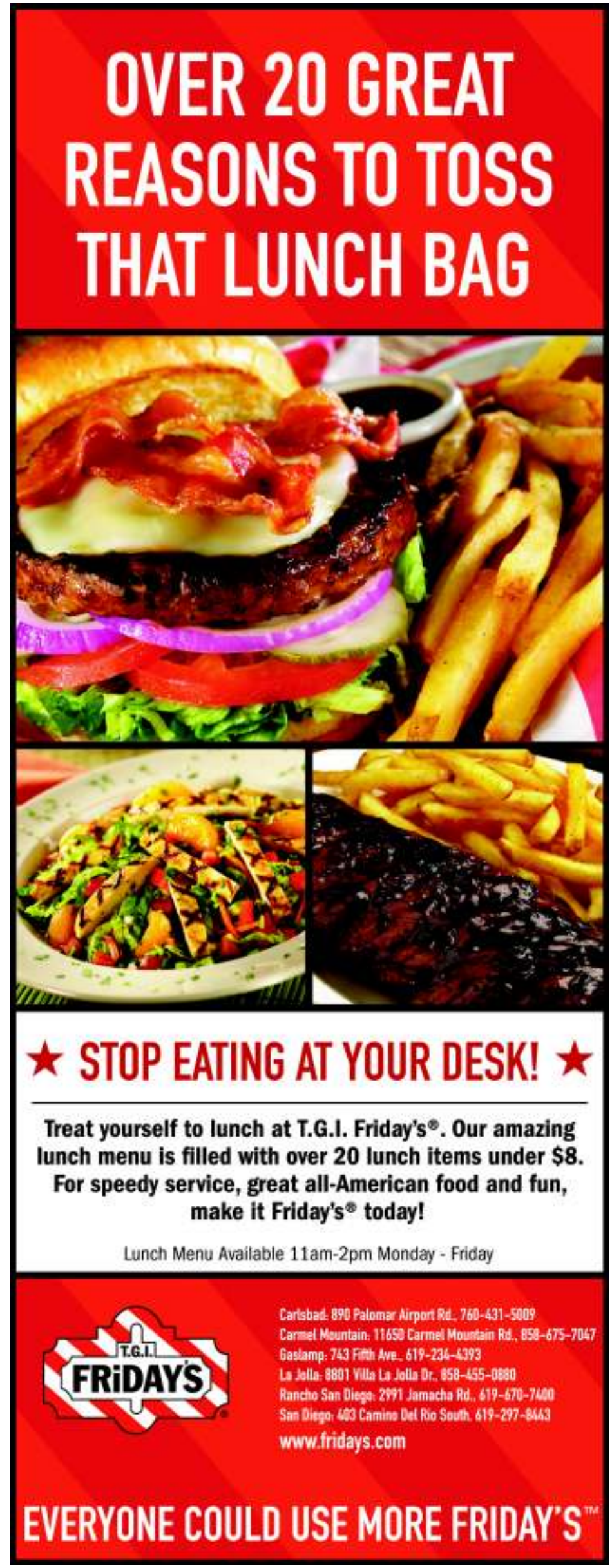
Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W. (9/03)*

El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. In this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway, Chef Gavin Kaysen features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. Desserts run fancy and very sweet. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road, to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant-goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise, there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambiance. Dinner nightly; Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/05)*

Fiore's Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species and a fine slow-roasted duck. For starters, the salmon tower and shrimp margarita are delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at Oystar Bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — *N.W. (3/05)*

The Grill 10920 Roselle Street, Suite 104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you'd expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but really cheap breakfast dishes like the feta cheese omelets and lunch specials such as luscious Philly cheese steaks. And they're flexible. Want bacon, sausage, *and* ham in your breakfast pita? They'll do all three, same price as with a single meat. As of this writing, the day of the three-buck breakfast ain't dead. Not in Sorrento Valley. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is



seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W. (9/03)*

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

LA JOLLA

A.R. Valentien The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. This is the closest in San Diego to dining at Berkeley's famed Chez Panisse — but the scenery is prettier. Chef Jeff Jackson's daily-changing menu of California cuisine emphasizes peak, in-season produce and top-quality meats and seafood, cooked to maximize and not disguise their natural flavors. For restaurant food it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than most. Some frequently served menu highlights include tuna carpaccio, date-marinated Colorado rack of lamb, roasted breast of duck, and dreamy brioche bread pudding. The long California wine list is pricey, but there's plenty by the glass or half-bottle, while cocktail prices are moderate. Reservations essential on weekends. Validated valet parking, free self-parking. Quiet and romantic unless packed. Business-casual to dressy-casual attire. Just south of the Torrey Pines Hilton; look for road signs to golf course and lodge. Three meals daily. Breakfast and lunches high moderate, dinners very expensive. — *N.W. (12/05)*

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Of course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Open daily, weekends to 8 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

George's at the Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. At George's dressy, comfortable downstairs fine-dining restaurant, chef Trey Foshee's superb California cuisine is based on prime ingredients, emphasizing local seafood and produce and cooked to highlight rather than mask the natural flavors. The menu changes seasonally, so don't miss such treats as squash soup, table-smoked salmon, Sea of Cortez scallops, or wine-braised prime short ribs when available. A long and serious (but costly) wine list at fair prices offers plenty by the glass or half-bottle, including rare dessert wines. Leisurely pace, attentive service — make a special evening of it. Reservations necessary. An informal Café is one flight up, and on the rooftop is the wildly popular Terrace, with its fabulous seacoast views, sharing with the Café a more casual and affordable menu; reservations advised. Wheelchair-access by two elevators; front desk staff will guide you (if arriving alone, ask valet parkers to fetch a staffer). Men's restroom upstairs; disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's facilities. Downstairs dinner only; upstairs lunch and dinner daily. Downstairs expensive to very expensive; Café and Terrace moderate. — *N.W. (12/04)*

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative *bento* boxes as well as sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations a must at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon,* luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners." Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Friday for lunch; daily for dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/03)*

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner daily. — *M.N. (12/99)*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery and breakfast daily; no lunch or dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M. (9/04)*

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M. (8/02)*

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's $5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; closed Monday. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (12/05)*

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Apertivo 3926 30th Street (between University and Lincoln), North Park, 619-297-7799. This wine bar-bistro offers "Italian tapas" of simple Italian classics lightened up and scaled down to medium-size portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter waft them before you've lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheesecake mousse. Parking via alley 1/2-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Plenty for vegetarians and vegans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday (weekends until 11 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/05)*

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Krakatoa 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

La Dona 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. Zoot-suitors drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharrones, menudo,* and *pozole*. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/05)*

The Linkery 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguisa,* Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better tasting than U.S. made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just

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east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/05)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera,* which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liqueur in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (4/03)*

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Johnny B's 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/05)*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung,* the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman,* labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum,* the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/04)*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable chardonnay (and beer works with this food, too). Closed Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

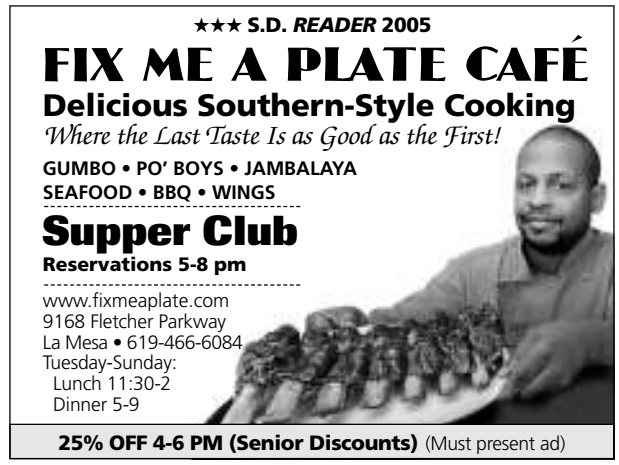
Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/04)*

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka,* and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi.* For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas.* And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B. (4/03)*



El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche,* ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca, chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or turkey Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Islander Grill Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen,* a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy "pot roast" is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/05)*

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal,* and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Laurel Restaurant 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth), uptown, 619-239-2222. Freshly remodeled and remade by Tracey Borkum, the owner of Chive and Kensington Grill, the restaurant looks like a million bucks (the price she bought it for). In a chic, creamy dining room below street level you'll enjoy modern eclectic cuisine with French and Mediterranean flavors showcasing premium in-season ingredients, including free-range chicken and pork. No bread unless you pay for it, but you get *edamame* to nibble while awaiting your order. The global wine list is extensive and expensive; selected bottles are half-price on Sundays. The full bar features creative cocktails and 20 sakes. Valet parking $6. Several steps down from street level; disabled access via carport on Fifth Avenue (phone before coming to ensure that entry is open). Open for dinner nightly. Expensive, but an early-bird three-course chef menu is moderate. — *N.W. (3/06)*

Max's 3000 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), uptown, 619-298-6445. Max's is the devil, tempting you across Fifth Avenue from Kung Food's health-food heaven. You'll definitely fall from vegan grace with Max's Breakfast Slam Sandwich, stuffed with a wicked sausage patty and three cheeses, or the meatloaf sandwich, or the delicious roast beef Ortega. Visually, the place is no Garden of Eatin', just a gray-and-blue stucco corner lot with a faux-tile roof. So how come passels of lawyers roll up regularly in their BMWs for take-outs? Or to munch, lunch, and number-crunch at the plastic sidewalk tables? Maybe it's Max's awesome American burrito. Still feeling guilty? They have a vegetarian sandwich, "stacked high" with fresh veggies. Open breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/06)*

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/99)*

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say, a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

DOWNTOWN

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini.* You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillotte.* There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Cafe Chloe 721 Ninth Avenue (at G Street), East Village, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar-seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar-nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle *beurre blanc* or, at later meals, mussels in saffron broth with *frites* or lamb with *chermoula.* Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, specialty root beer, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, everything available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Three meals Monday through Friday, brunch and dinner Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/05)*

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Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W. (3/06)*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls'" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys'" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M. (3/04)*

George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbited and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioneers on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Harbor House 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioneers, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto,* may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas).* The wine list includes interesting varietals. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Lunch delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Manales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Molly's Marriott Hotel Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive (at Front Street), North Tower level 1 (sub-lobby level), downtown, 619-230-8909. Liberate this restaurant from the conventioneer occupation! The old gal has come back to life as a lovely, fresh young thing, thanks to chef Brian Sinnott, arriving from San Francisco's top Italian restaurants. His seasonal cuisine offers clever, creative twists and superb local produce. Pick up a miniature menu at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you're eating — you'll appreciate all the more his astute combinations of unexpected ingredients. (Of course, some dishes are tried-and-trite clichés, however nicely prepared — conventioneers, remember?) Try the stuffed squash blossoms, pappardelle with chanterelles, or diver scallops on celery root puree when available. The vegetarian tasting-platter is tempting even to hard-core "carnies." Vast choice of California wines including half-bottles and generous pours by the glass, as well as a full bar. Reserve, even for two, or expect a wait. Free valet parking at hotel front door (Front Street entrance), validated for three hours. Open daily for dinner. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/05)*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta,* albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Soleil @K Gaslamp Marriott, 660 K Street (at Sixth), Gaslamp, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioneers, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters include a zesty fried calamari salad and crabby crab sticks, and desserts are witty as well as tasty. Entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds," full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/05)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautée items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot,* but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sunday, 9 a.m to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones and pizza by the slice. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarros* and pizza. *Tarros* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — *E.B. (2/04)*

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

La Espadaqa Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego.* Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadañas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (11/04)*

Mr. Fish Boulevard Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorvachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca.* It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada,* slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado…it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas,* from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), 686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcántar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the *tartaleta vallarta,* a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chile. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldo tlalpeño,* packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chile, will fill you nicely. The soy *hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta,* which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

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Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's…San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W. (7/04)*

St. Tropez If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini.* Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. — *N.W. (12/04)*

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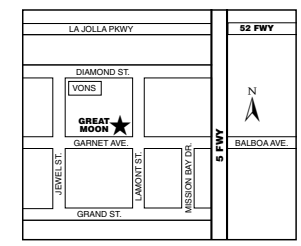

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REVIEW
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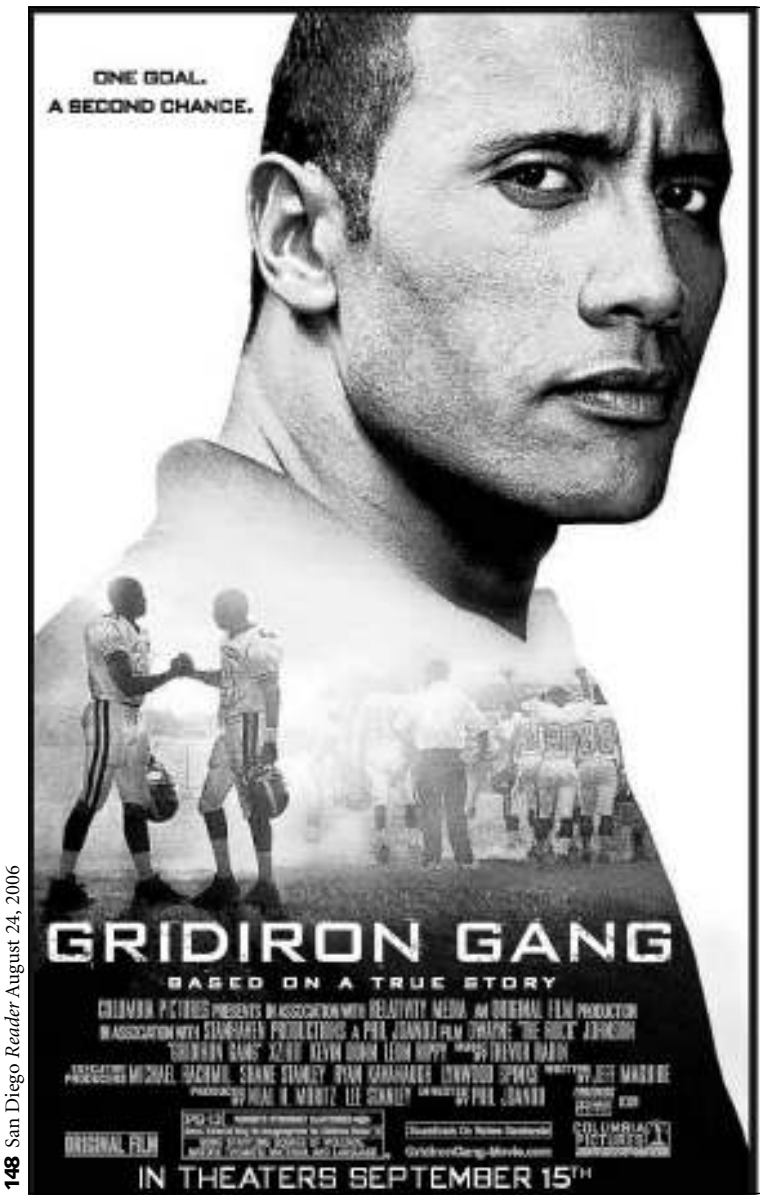
The dregs of summer....

Material Girls, a reasonable facsimile of a screwball comedy, to do with two pampered heiresses who must toughen up when their cosmetics empire trembles from scandal ("Our sales," announces the malaprop-prone CEO, "have plummeted precipitationally"), can be certified harmless beyond the target audience of tween girls. In the ongoing, earthshaking cultural conflict between Lindsay Lohan and Hilary Duff, I have always come down solidly in the camp of the latter, even though their respective totals of good movies have remained deadlocked at zero, and even though the favored one lost a little ground with me when she showed up in *Cheaper by the Dozen 2* with her face filed down from a spoon into a shiv. And now, as if further to unbalance a fair fight, she gangs up with an older biological sister I had had no prior knowledge of, Haylie, who turns out to be no less charming, energetic, pretty, and, to the naked eye, wholesome. Haylie, however, enjoys no individual moment as cute as Hilary's dance of readiness when she puts on her first pair of comfortable shoes in her ambulatory life: her "investigator shoes," inspired, along with a dash of cleavage, by the example of Julia Roberts in *Erin Brockovich*. (Lukas Haas exhibits a modest bit of charm himself as a legal-aid attorney who actually looks the part, inexperienced and unkempt.) Martha Coolidge, a slumming director of some sensibility, takes equal pleasure, equally merciful, in the sisters' initial ditziness and newfound fortitude — a soft-sell feminist, as temperate in approval as in reproof. In an area of cultural conflict even wider-spread than Lohan vs. Duff — a conflict enacted within the movie proper — I must ruefully come down on the side of Anjelica Huston, who has chosen to grow old looking like herself, in opposition to Maria Conchita Alonso, who today is recognizable only vocally.

Barnyard, by my count the sixth computer cartoon, not counting *A Scanner Darkly*, of this summer alone, raises the question — if the third or fourth did not raise it already — of whether animated features have simply become too quick and easy to produce. (At the show I attended, there were previews of three more in the near future.) Even the best of them — which would be *Cars* — is scarcely better than facile, and my only hesitation in branding this one the worst of the lot is that I didn't see *Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties*. Far and away the ugliest of the other animal tales — *Over the Hedge* being ugly and *The Ant Bully* uglier — it rounds up a group of pop-acculturated, smartmouth, bipedal farm animals who all look like kitsch knickknacks from a souvenir shop, a menagerie of cream pitchers, salt shakers, piggybanks, paperweights, and toothpick holders; rubber, plastic, ceramic; felt-covered, feathered, frosted. The focal figure is a bovine party animal who is expected to follow in his father's hoofprints after the latter has been torn to bits by coyotes and mourned for half a day. Father and son each appear to have a plumber's helper affixed to their abdomens (males with udders?) and more closely resemble gorillas than cows. Director Steve Oedekerk brings

Snakes on a Plane



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some experience, if not exactly expertise, from live-action films, *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* and *Nothing to Lose* most notably. Or rather, most notoriously.

Snakes on a Plane, all pitch and no movie, would more fully be labelled Computer-Generated Snakes on a Tangible Set of a Plane, such that the snakes seldom look to be actually aboard the plane but rather cut-and-pasted on top of it. In any case there are too many of them (whether digital or bona fide reptile) and too many passengers, Honolulu to L.A., for director David R. Ellis to keep track of, Samuel L. Jackson excepted as an FBI escort of a top-priority witness. The action, once it gets rolling, careens into chaos. As a warm-up, one snake slithers down from the disabled smoke detector in one of the lavatories while a pair of young lovers are enrolling in the Mile-High Club and bites the woman on the nipple. Another in an adjacent lavatory pops up from the toilet bowl while a man is relieving himself and bites him on the weenie. It's that kind of thing. Schlock unashamed. (That hiss you hear could be human in origin.) The Internet chatterers who feel a special proprietorship toward the movie are entirely welcome to it.

The Illusionist, directed by Neil Burger, is a ponderous amplification of a Steven Millhauser short story about a thaumaturge in turn-of-the-century Vienna (a fiercely scowling if not terribly intimidating Edward Norton), arrested on stage in the film's first scene and fast start. There follows a tedious childhood flashback to a forbidden friendship across class barriers and a clichéd shot of clutching fingertips poignantly pulled apart. The separated friends are destined to meet again in adulthood when Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell with a joke-shop mustache) volunteers his presumptive fiancée as a pigeon in the magic act, whereupon the magician immediately recognizes his long-lost sweetheart (Jessica Biel), while she fails to return the favor, perhaps because of his beard or perhaps because he has aged at twice the rate. The entire story, until at long last it makes its way back to its starting point, is ostensibly told to the Crown Prince by the Chief of Police (the unprepossessing Paul Giamatti), including information he couldn't know or wouldn't share. Questions of whether the magician's powers are supernatural or just prestidigital cannot be answered without Plot Spoilers, or Bean Spillers, though it's fair to say they are answered with trivial tricksiness. Production and photography, nevertheless, are sufficiently evocative of bygone times, even without the antiquated iris-out transitional device.

The Oh in Ohio, the feature debut of ad director Billy Kent, is an "indie" sex comedy as crassly commercial as possible with Parker Posey and Paul Rudd in the lead roles instead of, say, Jennifer Aniston and Ben Stiller. The couple in their public lives are, respectively, a Cleveland P.R. flack ("What was once the Mistake by the Lake is now the Roar by the Shore") and a high-school biology teacher, and in their private lives a sexually dysfunctional wife, meaning she has never achieved orgasm, and a dejected, borderline-despondent husband. The fun is really supposed to begin when the bony wife becomes "addicted" to her new vibrator and the fleshy husband finds solace with a precocious, preternaturally confident teenager. Really, though, the fun never does begin. Liza Minnelli, a walking joke if not a funny one, has a slurry cameo as the head of an adult-ed masturbation class: "Liberate your labia! Value your vulva! Claim your clitoris!" Danny DeVito, in such company, comes off as not just offbeat casting as a romantic prospect (for Posey, not Minnelli), but also comes off as halfway human.

Invincible, from the busy Disney sports department, is an implausible but true story made more implausible and less true (and not made "better" in the process), the football equivalent of baseball's *The Rookie*, wherein a thirtyish laid-off schoolteacher, part-time bartender, and abandoned husband in South Philly, name of Vince Papale, earns a spot on the Eagles roster at an open tryout under new coach Dick Vermeil in 1976. (Same year as that purely fictional Philly fairy tale, *Rocky*.) Glossy photography by Ericson Core, who also, à la Peter Hyams, directed; a luxuriance of Seventies hair and explosion of garish fashions; an occasional anachronism ("You disrespecting me?"); a nice, low-key, uncocky portrayal by Mark Wahlberg in the lead role and a complementary one by Kevin Conway as the pessimistic but proud papa; and a passable impersonation of Vermeil by the geeky Greg Kinnear. Vivid vignette: the rookie coach and rookie player throwing up in side-by-side stalls in the locker room (audio only, thank you) before the opening game against the fearsome Cowboys.

Heading South, a very professional, very proficient job by Laurent Cantet, director of *Time Out*, details the activities of lonely, middle-aged, largely American women (the vulnerable Karen Young and steely Charlotte Rampling, most prominently) at a Haitian resort in the Baby Doc era, enjoying the easy but not free companionship of ebony-skinned native boys (Ménothy Cesar, almost exclusively) and the camaraderie of their compatriots, although not always enjoying the competition therefrom. The film, meeting us at the airport and settling us into the resort, gets off to a smooth, seductive, enveloping start, like slipping into the shallow end of a heated pool, and it afterwards offers a good deal of dispassionate observation of languorous hedonism. The uncinematic artifice of confidential confessions to the camera (or in voice-over), by assorted members of the cast of characters, is more like having your head held underwater: "I moved my hand down his body. Such soft young skin," one guest reminisces. And then: "It was my first orgasm. I was forty-five." Why is she telling us this? Why need it be said? That the political backdrop stays forever in the shadows allows the movie to work very well, and not at all to work very hard, as a metaphor of American self-indulgence and ignorance vis-à-vis the Third World. It hardly raises a bead of sweat as a thriller or a bubble of suds as a soaper. Best of the week, easily. And in common with most of the best of the summer — *Army of Shadows, Lemming, Clean, Wordplay* — it is not strictly a summer movie but only a movie that arrived in the summer. ■

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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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Another Gay Movie — Sex romp of four high-school homosexual virgins, directed by Todd Stephens.
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The Ant Bully — Preachy computer cartoon, holding up the communal spirit of an ant colony against the every-man-for-

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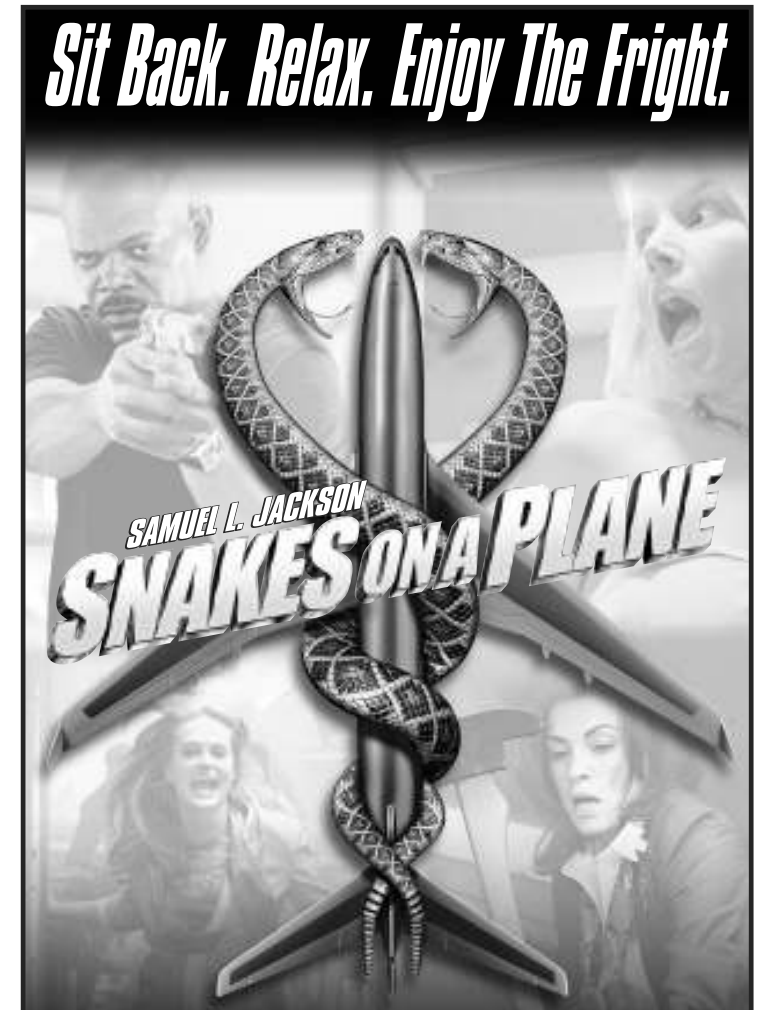

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himself ethos of humankind. As in *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids* (but by another method: the potion-in-the-ear method of *Hamlet)*, a human being gets to see the world from an ant's-eye view. Notwithstanding some clever touches, the normal ugliness of computer animation (creatures out of *Aliens, Starship Troopers, Screamers*, and elsewhere) has been mated to exceptional tastelessness: the taffy tongue of a marauding frog and the gaseous bog of his stomach; the scaly scalp and greasy nose hairs of a cigar-chomping pest exterminator. The exterminator, a Satanic villain advertising himself as Beals-a-Bug and swarming with flies, spices the preachiness with a pinch of fire-and-brimstone. Voices by Nicolas Cage, Julia Roberts, Paul Giamatti, Meryl Streep; written and directed by John A. Davis. 2006.
★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Barnyard — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Kevin James, Sam Elliott, Courteney Cox, and Danny Glover; written and directed by Steve Oedekerk.
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Beerfest — Comedy from the Broken Lizard troupe, with Paul Soter, Erik Stolhanske, and Jay Chandrasekhar, who also directed.
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Barnyard

Benny and Joon — Intolerably twee romance that fudges the border between madness and daffiness. A clinical nutcase (breakfast of milk, peanut butter, Cap'n Crunch in the blender) "wins" a semiliterate, Chaplin-and-Keaton-emulating clown during a poker game, and discovers in him a true soulmate (cheese sandwiches grilled by clothes iron, potatoes mashed by tennis racket). With Mary Stuart Masterson, Johnny Depp, Aidan Quinn, Julianne Moore; directed by Jeremiah Chechik. 1993.
● (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/26 AND 27, 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-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 ravages of time and to the elective disfigurements some people undergo to combat those ravages. Since some of the chosen clothes and hairdos are plainly intended as satirical, it's possible that some of the obvious surgeries are intended that way too. Dyan Cannon, Brenda Vaccaro, Sally Kellerman (no boob job for her — see?), Renée Taylor, Len Cariou, a well-preserved Joseph Bologna, and Michael Nouri, the pup of the group, are among the specimens on exhibit. 2006.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18)

Cars — The Pixar people, director John Lasseter in particular, envision a world of cars without people (Mommy, where do cars come from?), but of course anthropomorphized cars, such that the windshields are eyes and the hoods, grilles, and front bumpers form noses and mouths. The vision focusses chiefly on a hot-shot rookie race car called Lightning McQueen, who,

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en route to the Piston Cup championship on the West Coast, gets stalled in the sleepy little backwater of Radiator Springs (soon christened "Hillbilly Hell") off Route 66 ("the Mother Road"), which time and the interstate have passed by. Whether or not you can steer around the irony, or hypocrisy, or cynicism, or what-you-will, of a computer cartoon waxing nostalgic over the slower pace and simpler ways of the Good Old Days, this is one of the better specimens of this type of animation, the airless, vacuum-sealed, climate-controlled, machine-tooled type. The clean, sleek, toy-like shapes of the vehicles (straight out of an old Chevron commercial) are easily handled, and their personalities inventively differentiated. The town itself is wittily detailed: the single flashing yellow light on Main Street, the caution-cone motel cabins, the geodesic-dome garage for the psychedelic hippie van, etc. And, outside of the herd of flatulent tractors, the sense of humor refrains from the off-color. And having to listen to Owen Wilson is much preferable to having to look at him at the same time. Paul Newman, a racing enthusiast in real life, could be said to be well cast as the voice of the legendary Hudson Hornet, Piston Cup champ from 1951 to '53, who chose to put himself out to pasture at the height of his powers and to live out his years in peaceful obscurity. 2006.
★★ (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, Henry Winkler, and Julie Kavner; directed by Frank Coraci. 2006.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Da Vinci Code — Nonsensical retelling of the Dan Brown best-seller, premised on "the greatest cover-up in human history," namely the murderously guarded secret that Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene married and multiplied. (The additional premise that the disclosure of the secret would have the immediate effect of liberating the oppressed worldwide and bringing about an epoch of peace and harmony, and that nothing would please the Catholic Church less, seems dubious in the extreme.) The movie is of course its own separate matter, and inasmuch as it's a Ron Howard movie it's pretty much what we could have predicted, something dogged, diligent, uninspired, overproduced, and crowd-pleasing or at least crowd-pandering. The grainy, color-drained flashbacks, ranging back to the traumatic childhoods of the two principals — a symbologist and a cryptologist — and back, back, back to the Dark Ages, Ancient Rome, and the aftermath of the Crucifixion, testify to the unwieldiness of the transfer from page to screen. The trajectory of the narrative is an odd, dash-and-dot line of breathless chase interrupted by long-winded discourse on religion, Church history, Renaissance art, etc., a high-speed quest for the Holy Grail broken off for pedantic exegesis of what the Grail actually is. Tom Hanks, even with longer hair, does not make a credible long-hair. Audrey Tautou speaks English well enough to expand the market for her elfin cuteness. And Ian McKellen carries on in the grand tradition of stage-trained British thespians who have fallen in love with the sounds of their own voices. Still, the movie ought to be cut some slack for its abstinence from pyrotechnics, albeit no abstinence from high technology. And some more slack for its stress on the mental aspects of detective work, although even the code-breaking proceeds at a breakneck pace. And maybe, too, a bit more slack for its crescendo of rhetoric to a pitch typically in the upper range of apocalyptic science fiction. But that might altogether be too much slack for a movie with an acute predisposition to hang itself. Paul Bettany, Jean Reno, Alfred Molina. 2006.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Heading South

The Descent — Grueling and gruesome British-made horror film about six women friends (plenty for sacrifice), out for adventure, who enter an uncharted Appalachian cavern ("If there's no risk, what's the 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.
★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Devil Wears Prada — Working-girl comedy in the vein of, oh, say, *Working Girl*, the eager, gifted, underemployed, and underpaid secretary ("A million girls would kill for that job") and the imperious, capricious, queen-bee boss. An ice queen, more descriptively, with snow-white hair, just a bit of sludge showing through at the neck, and an anemic, cryonic complexion. Meryl Streep, in the latter part, is interesting as always, talking in a narcotized, uninflected voice that betrays no emotion deeper than a sigh. But Anne Hathaway, talking with a clothespin on her nose, doesn't quite fill the bill as "the smart fat girl." Or to put it more flatteringly, the offenses of her weight and her wardrobe are not overstated. Disappointingly, the possibilities of the fashion-industry setting, from Lauren Weisberger's fang-baring novel, largely go by in a blur of montages and a blizzard of name-dropping. With Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt, Simon Baker, and Adrien Grenier; directed by David Frankel. 2006.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

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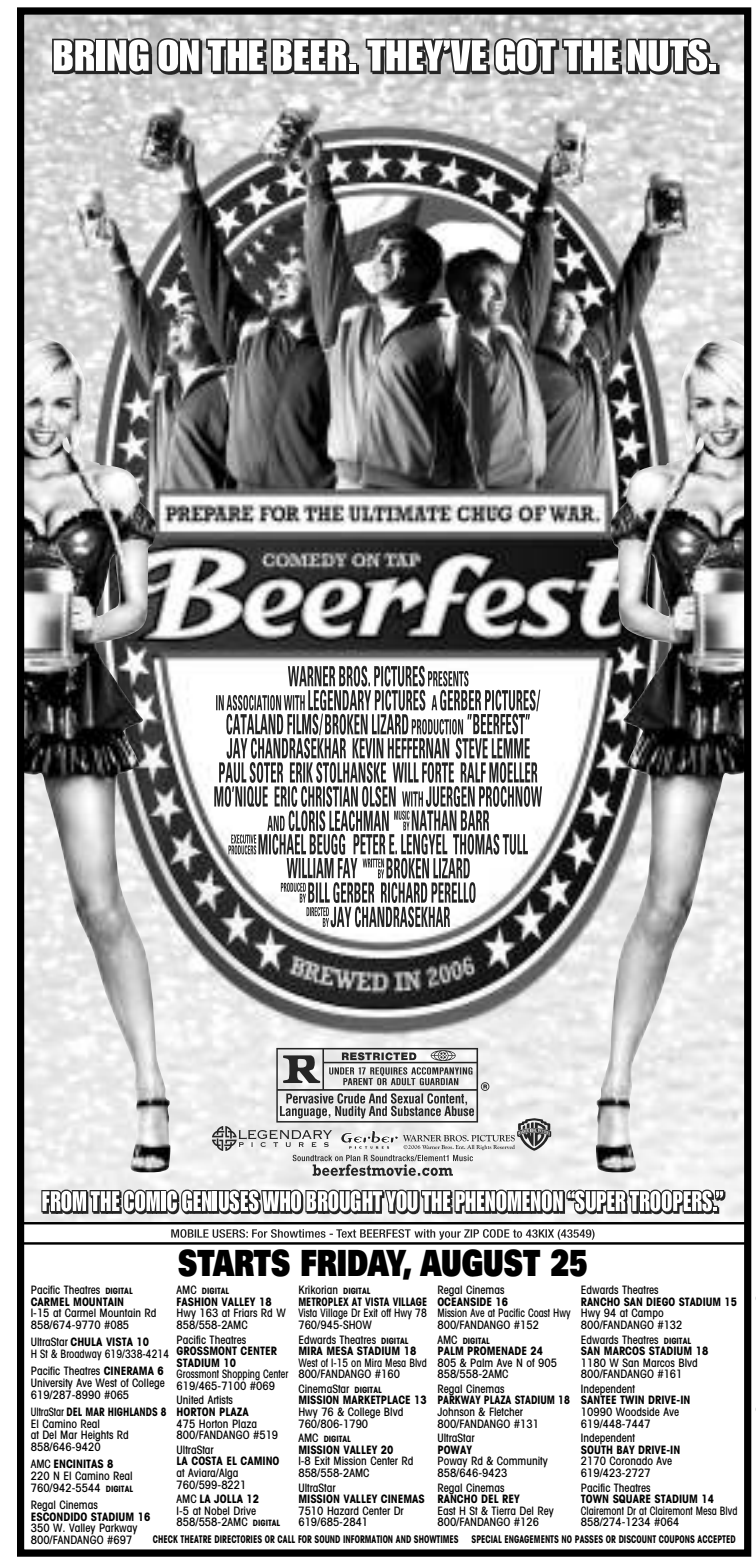

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★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/24 AND 25, 8:30 P.M.)

Heading South — Reviewed this issue. With Charlotte Rampling, Karen Young, Louise Portal, and Ménothy Cesar; directed by Laurent Cantet.
★★★ (KEN, 8/25 THROUGH 31)

How to Eat Fried Worms — Grade-school comedy with Luke Benward, Hallie Kate Eisenberg, Adam Hicks, and Austin Rogers; written and directed by Bob Dolman.
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Idlewild — Bryan Barber's Prohibition-period musical drama, with André Benjamin, Antwan Patton, Paula Patton, and Terrence Howard.
(CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/25)

The Illusionist — Reviewed this issue. With Edward Norton, Paul Giamatti, Jessica Biel, and Rufus Sewell; written and directed by Neil Burger.

The Illusionist

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An Inconvenient Truth — A documentary for the Don't-Blame-Me-I-Voted-for-Gore crowd. It has a nominal director, Davis Guggenheim, but it's Al Gore's show, a self-described "slide show," or illustrated lecture, and not really a movie, to do with the causes and effects of global warming. This is laid out explicitly as less a political issue than "a moral issue," and laid out, tacitly, as a doomsday science-fiction scenario (think *The Day after Tomorrow*, think *Waterworld*, or if you're a reader, think *The Drowned World* or *The Kraken Wakes)*, with a wealth of facts and figures for substantiation. "I've been trying to tell this story for a long time," remarks our lecturer, who estimates that he has delivered the presentation a thousand times around the globe, "and I feel as if I've failed to get the message across." Thus the movie. A new medium, a new conveyance. Needless to say, the identity of the messenger will by itself be enough to persuade a large fraction of the public to stay clear, on the presumption that all he wants to do is to take away from their annual stock dividends. They will miss an interesting, entertaining, and alarming show. 2006.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

Invincible — Reviewed this issue. With Mark Wahlberg, Greg Kinnear, Elizabeth Banks, and Kevin Conway; photographed and directed by Ericson Core.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/25)

Lady in the Water — The big surprise of M. Night Shyamalan's followup to *The Village* is that there is no big surprise at the end of it. It is instead a ritualistic playing-out of a prophecy — a whole-cloth mythology — and the only trick to it is to figure out who among the residents of The Cove apartment complex in suburban Philadelphia (where else?) plays what part in the prophecy: a Narf, a sea nymph from The Blue World, will require the assistance of a Writer, a Guardian, a Healer, a Symbolist, and a Guild, if she is successfully to evade the Scrunt, a growling canine creature with grass hair, and be airlifted back to The Blue World by a giant eagle known as The Great Eatlon. Among many miscalculations, the most grievous is Shyamalan's casting of himself in the role of the sought-after Writer — a/k/a The Chosen One — whose magnum opus, entitled *The Cookbook*, is earmarked to inspire a Great Leader who will set the misguided world back on course. (Cue, over the closing credits, a hesitant, unconfident, but hopeful rendition of Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'," by a group named A Whisper in the Noise.) The messianic tendency has become more and more pronounced in the filmmaker's oeuvre, ever since the outsized success of *The Sixth Sense* gave him leave, gave him license. But it has never before achieved such a height of public embarrassment. For 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 framings. If you're going to make a right bloody fool of yourself, you might as well make yourself a good-looking fool. With Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bob Balaban, Sarita Choudhury. 2006.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 System. 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 any-

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thing, 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 everyone"), 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 rude-sounding, unpredictable bleat after the horn gets stuck. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 8/25; ESCONDIDO 16, FROM 8/25; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER, FROM 8/25; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6, FROM 8/25; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18, FROM 8/25; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13, FROM 8/25; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 8/25; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 8/25; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 8/25; POWAY 10, FROM 8/25; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 8/25; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15, FROM 8/25; SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 8/25; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 8/25; VISTA VILLAGE, FROM 8/25)

Material Girls — Reviewed this issue. With Hilary Duff, Haylie Duff, Brent Spiner, Lukas Haas, and Anjelica Huston; directed by Martha Coolidge.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 confusion is evidently deliberate, first to cover up the genericness, and second to establish a degree of superiority, to let you know that even if you were sitting in on the planning sessions of drug smugglers and undercover cops, sitting right there shoulder to shoulder with them, you would glean only the dimmest glimmer of what's going on (or coming down). Adding to the confusion are the shifty camerawork, the distracted cutting, and above all, the underworld argot and discordant accents. If all this confusion somewhat diminishes your involvement, you still can't help but notice that Michael Mann is a filmmaker who takes himself seriously. You can see it in the pantheistic worship of the wind — the manifestations of it in sports cars, in speedboats, on rooftops and beaches, through expensive haircuts and arching palm trees and loose linen jackets. You can see it in the grainy high-def digital photography that fills the night air with phosphorescent mosquitoes and, in a romantic interlude in microscopic closeup, transmutes Jamie Foxx's flesh into lizard skin. You can see it in the awesome range of Alp-like clouds through which a private plane weaves its way on a routine business trip. And you can see it in the Desert Storm scale and severity of the violence. The final firefight is particularly gripping. But confusing. Colin Farrell, Gong Li, Naomie Harris, John Ortiz. 2006.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Monster House — Computer-animated kiddie horror show lowers its sights to an illusion of Claymation. The human figures are awfully stiff, but the space around them is wonderfully plastic and elastic (the fall of an autumn leaf, first thing in the movie, gives you a dizzying idea of what's in store), and the action moves right along until it runs into the overwrought, long-drawn-out finale. With the voices of Mitchel Musso, Sam Lerner, Spencer Locke, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Steve Buscemi; directed by Gil Kenan. 2006.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

My Super Ex-Girlfriend — Boy meets girl superhero. Boy dumps supergirl. Boy incurs superfury. A high-concept low comedy, with coarse photography and cheesy special effects. Luke Wilson, Uma Thurman, Anna Faris, Rainn Wilson, Eddie Izzard; directed by Ivan Reitman. 2006.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Oh in Ohio — Reviewed this issue. With Parker Posey, Paul Rudd, Mischa Barton, Danny DeVito, and Keith David; directed by Billy Kent.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/25)

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest — Sequel to *PC: The Curse of the Black Pearl*. And more than just a sequel: Part II of an afterthought trilogy. (It was not a matter of *thought*, exactly, as much as a matter of calculation.) Johnny Depp's heavily eyeshadowed, thick-tongued pirate got to be something of a tired act before the end of the first one. And a two-and-a-half-hour kiddie film goes against all traditional wisdom and common sense. And the tonnage of costumes, makeup, lighting effects, set decorations, CGI, etc., does not make it go any faster. And lastly, the up-in-the-air, to-be-continued ending is as big a cheat, as enormous an imposition, as that of *The Empire Strikes Back* or *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, the time-filling middle sections of their respective trilogies. Objectively viewed, the film looks like nothing so much as an ornate collection plate, the size of Australia, to be passed around the Disney congregation. The gathered pile could then be counted on to finance the manufacture of a new plate the size of Antarctica. With Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Stellan Skarsgard, and Bill Nighy; directed by Gore Verbinski. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

A Scanner Darkly — Druggie paranoia in the near future, when the drug du jour is Substance D (for Death) and the only cure is the torturous New-Path rehab center. Richard Linklater's adaptation of a Philip K. Dick novel avails itself of the rotoscope animation technique of his *Waking Life*, live-action photography covered over in a paint-by-numbers style. The undulating drawing doesn't disguise the bad performances (Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey, Jr., and Woody Harrelson, all perfectly recognizable under the paint), but it creates some noteworthy effects: the full-body "scramble suit" that conceals the wearer's identity behind a continuously shape-shifting mask; a couple of hallucinatory monsters; Winona Ryder's long-awaited first "nude" scene. 2006.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/24)

Scoop — A companion piece to Woody Allen's *Match Point* only insofar as it prolongs his revitalizing sojourn in England. The half-year interval between their releases is nothing out of the ordinary for the chop-chop Woodman. 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

SEEN ON DVD

DAVID BERMAN
Writer and political consultant

Errol Morris's documentary *The Fog of War* features former defense secretary Robert McNamara discussing with cool logic how our leaders make perfectly rational decisions that lead to imperfect and often immoral outcomes.

In *Match Point*, a social-climbing bounder ingratiates himself into the British upper crust. He chillingly calculates how to maintain his new status and, with allusions to Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, tries to hold on as his plan unravels. It's a Woody Allen film without Allen's usual leering, neurotic characters.

Rob Reiner's *The American President* stars Annette Bening as the lobbyist with a heart of gold who is swept off her feet by a president, played by Michael Douglas, who is articulate, witty, and committed to the environment. In other words, a fairy tale.

THE FOG OF WAR (USA) 2003, Sony Pictures
List price: $26.96

MATCH POINT (England/USA) 2005, Dreamworks
List price: $19.99

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT (USA) 1995, Warner
List price: $12.98

YVONNE NELSON PERRY
Author, *The Other Side of the Island*, and board member for the San Diego Book Awards Association and San Diego Writers and Editors Guild

I have Netflix and these three I just watched and would see again. I like strong protagonists, people with goals to root for. *The Station Agent* is about a man looking for solitude, and what he finds are all these friends. It's about looking for something and finding something else.

Antonia' s Line is a Dutch movie. I liked it because it showed an independent woman who goes back into the countryside after World War II to start a kind of commune. It showed the strength of a woman dedicated to her family and friends.

The Story of Qiu Ju is a Chinese film starring Gong Li. Once again it's a film that shows how, if you stick to something and believe in something, it can happen. The woman was demanding an apology from the town leader, and she pursues her goal with intense determination.

THE STATION AGENT (USA) 2003, Miramax
List price: $19.99

ANTONIA' S LINE (Netherlands) 1995, Fox Lorber
List price: $14.98

THE STORY OF QIU JU (China) 1992, Columbia/Tristar
List price: $24.96

CLAIRE HSU ACCOMANDO
Author, *Love and Rutabaga: A Memoir*

My favorite films, the ones I keep returning to, are *Becket, The Lion in Winter,* and *How to Steal a Million*. As I write down these titles, I realize Peter O'Toole stars in each of them, so I must like him.

What I love most in *Becket* and *The Lion in Winter* is the crisp writing and the intensity of the verbal duels between O'Toole and Richard Burton in *Becket*, and O'Toole and Katharine Hepburn in *The Lion in Winter*. The dynamics of these extraordinary personalities are enhanced by stunning photography and dramatic music. The performances are flawless. Each film is a masterpiece. The DVD release of *Becket,* though, has been delayed and there's an online petition to get it out.

How to Steal a Million is pure enjoyment. O'Toole and Audrey Hepburn are radiant, even when hiding in a museum broom closet.

BECKET (England/USA) 1964, MPI Home Video
List price: $24.98
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THE LION IN WINTER (England) 1968, MGM/UA
List price: $14.94

HOW TO STEAL A MILLION (USA) 1966, Twentieth Century Fox
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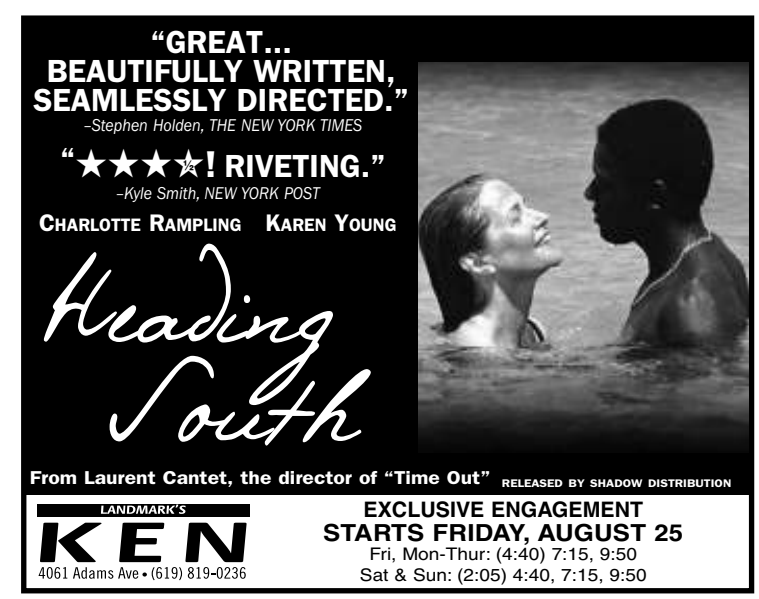
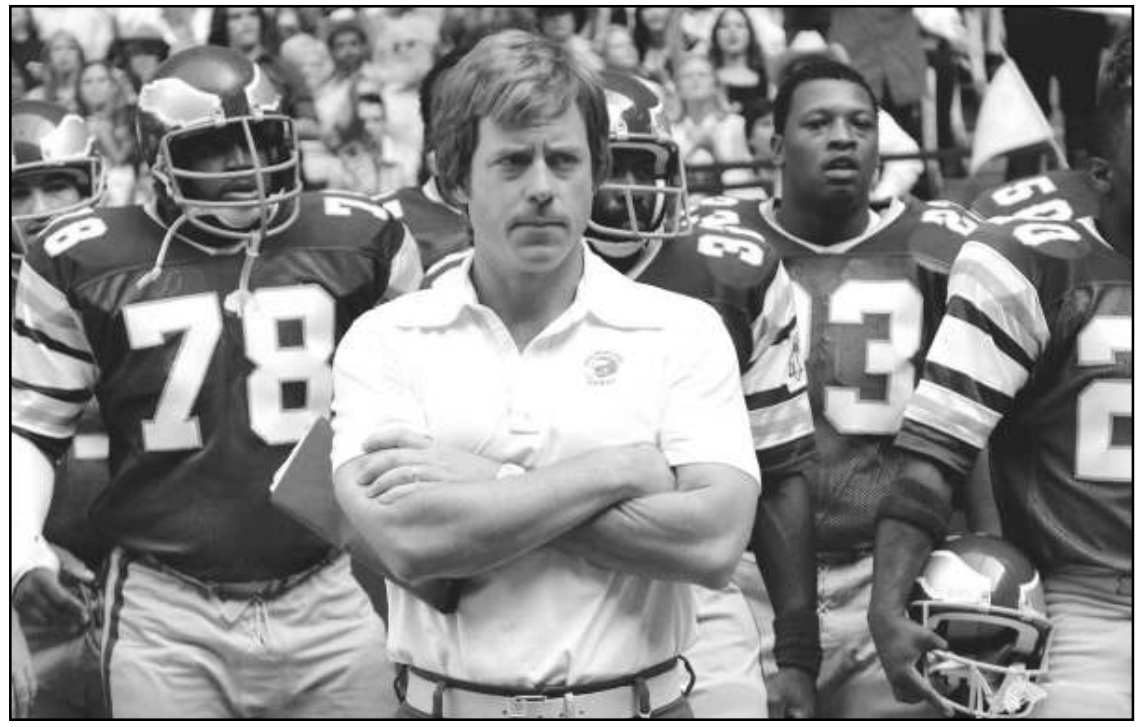


Mia Farrow. And the mood, in sharp contrast to the immediate predecessor, has turned decidedly light and playful, which is to say that when (inevitably) the filmmaker contemplates death, it's in childish terms of a literal barge on the River Styx, manned by a scythe-wielding Grim Reaper. The strictly 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 McShane. 2006.
★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)



Invincible

Snakes on a Plane — Reviewed this issue. With Samuel L. Jackson, Julianna Margulies, Nathan Phillips, and Rachel Blanchard; directed by David R. Ellis.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 easy-going (the bratty brothers' response to the news of their parents' divorce: "Yeah! Two Christmases!"), and the nonstop product plugging is satirically motivated (i.e., dramatically justified), and John C. Reilly and Gary Cole, along with Ferrell, have good eyes and ears for rednecks. With Sacha Baron Cohen, Leslie Bibb, Amy Adams, and Michael Clarke Duncan; directed by Adam McKay. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 8/25; ESCONDIDO 16, FROM 8/25; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER, FROM 8/25; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6, FROM 8/25; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18, FROM 8/25; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13, FROM 8/25; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 8/25; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 8/25; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 8/25; POWAY 10, FROM 8/25; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 8/25; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15, FROM 8/25; SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 8/25; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 8/25; VISTA VILLAGE, FROM 8/25)

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

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Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Beerfest (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:40; **Idlewild** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:50) 5:40, 8:25; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 8:05, 10:30; **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; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 7:00, 10:20

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Heading South (Not Rated) Fri. (4:40) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (2:05) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Benny and Joon (PG); **Fearless** (PG-13)

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Another Gay Movie (Not Rated) Fri. (2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15; **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, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; **The Oh in Ohio** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:35

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00 Sat.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 6:00; **The Human Body** Fri. 6:00; **Stormchasers** (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, 2:00, 4:35) Sat.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 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; **Beerfest** (R) Fri. (11:20, 2:05, 5:00) 8:05, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 5:00, 8:05, 10:50; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 6:30, 9:20; **The Descent** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:20, 10:00; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **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; **Invincible (2002)** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50) 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10) 4:20, 4:50, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri. (11:15, 1:55, 4:35) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:55) 4:35, 7:30, 10:15; **Material Girls** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:25, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:25, 10:10; **Monster House** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 4:10) Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 4:10; **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) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 9:25, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 9:25, 10:35; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:05, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:50; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:05; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 6:55, 10:00; **Zoom** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:30) 7:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:30, 7:00

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 4:50, 7:00, 9:15; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:10, 8:00, 10:40; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:55) 5:40, 8:20, 10:50; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:55) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:05, 10:15; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:55, 7:40, 10:20; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:25

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.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:25, 5:05) 7:30, 10:05; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:10, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:10) 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; **Beerfest** (R) Fri. (11:20, 2:20, 5:00) 7:45, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20, 2:20) 5:00, 7:45, 10:35; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:30) 4:30, 7:15, 9:35; **Idlewild** (R) Fri. (11:05, 2:00, 5:05) 8:00, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 5:05, 8:00, 10:50; **Invincible (2002)** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:35, 2:05, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:35, 2:05) 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri. (11:10, 1:50, 4:50) 8:05, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:50, 8:05, 10:50; **Material Girls** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45,

Phyllis Diller in the same movie? Martin Sheen narrates, to sharpen the liberal axe. 2006.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/24; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/25)

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 boat-rocker 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 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 tension-free, 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.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Material Girls

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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 3:00) 6:55, 10:20; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri. (5:10) 8:15 Sat.,-Sun. 5:10, 8:15; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri. (11:00, 1:45, 4:55) 7:25, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:55, 7:25, 10:15, 10:45; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 1:55, 5:15) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:25) 7:40, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:40, 10:25; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri. (1:10, 4:10) 7:10, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; **Zoom** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:35)

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. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 6:15, 8:30; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00; **My Little Pony: The Runaway Rainbow** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45, 10:45; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (2:45) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; **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); **Beerfest** (R); **The Descent** (R); **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG); **Idlewild** (R); **Invincible** (PG); **John Tucker Must Die** (PG-13); **Little Man** (PG-13); **Little Miss Sunshine** (R); **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)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:55, 5:15) 7:45, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05; **The Ant Bully** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:25, 4:50) Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:50; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri. (12:35, 3:00, 5:25) 7:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:40; **Beerfest** (R) Fri. (12:50, 4:15) 7:30, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:50) 4:15, 7:30, 10:25; **The Descent** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 10:45; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:05, 9:50; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:05, 7:20, 9:45; **Idlewild** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:40, 10:30; **Invincible (2002)** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 1:00, 2:40, 4:00, 5:20) 7:00, 7:55, 10:00, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:40) 4:00, 5:20, 7:00, 7:55, 10:00, 10:35; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 7:15, 10:15; **Material Girls** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 3:35) 6:55, 10:10; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:00, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:00, 10:40; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (2:00) 4:35, 7:10, 10:15; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 8:00, 10:45; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri. (12:45, 4:25) 7:35, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45) 4:25, 7:35, 10:35; **Zoom** (Not Rated) Fri. (12:55, 3:10, 5:30) Sat.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:40; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:35; **Miami Vice** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:20; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:05; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:40

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25, 9:45; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:05, 7:15; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:10) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:40; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; **Material Girls** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 4:50, 10:15; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00) 7:05; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:25; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15) 4:40, 7:40, 10:25

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 12:00 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 12:15 (2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 5:30, 8:00; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **My Little Pony: The Runaway Rainbow** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:15; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:00

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:00; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00 (2:45) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 12:00 (2:45) 5:15, 8:00; **My Little Pony: The Runaway Rainbow** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 8:30; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45 Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Call theater for program information

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Call theater for program information

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45, 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 3:40, 6:45, 9:35

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:35, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:35, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30; **Material Girls** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **My Little Pony: The Runaway Rainbow** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
The Illusionist (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Scoop** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:30 (3:45) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 12:30 (3:45) 7:00

ENCINITAS

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El arresto de Francisco Javier Arellano Félix, "El Tigrillo" se concretó el jueves en la corte federal de San Diego cuando el presunto narcotraficante fue presentado a las 3:30 de la tarde ante el juez Leo S, Papas.

El director de la DEA en San Diego, John Fernandes aseguró que la captura de el tigrillo representa el fin del cártel de Tijuana.

"La Organización Arellano Félix está muerta", afirmó Fernandes.

Al momento de ser capturado, Francisco Javier se encontraba acompañado de su sicarios Arturo Villarreal alias "El Nalgón" y José Luis Betancourt Espinoza alias "El Churka".

De acuerdo al Departamento de Rentas Internas de Estados Unidos (IRS), la dependencia ha detectado 290 millones de dólares provenientes de la venta de droga por parte de la organización de los Arellano Félix.

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Según el propio Benjamín Arellano Félix, señalado como la cabeza principal de la mayor organización de tráfico de drogas del País, el cártel con los apellidos de su familia fue un invento del gobierno mexicano.

El ex procurador de la República Jorge Carpizo McGregor los culpó del asesinato del cardenal Juan Jesús Posadas Ocampo, sucedido en el aeropuerto de Guadalajara el 23 de mayo de 1993, y fue entonces que los medios de comunicación comenzaron a hablar del "cártel de los Arellano Félix".

Los hermanos Arellano Félix, siete hombres y cuatro mujeres, son originarios de Sinaloa.

De acuerdo a versiones oficiales, llegaron a Tijuana hace 26 años procedentes de Monterrey, ciudad donde habian recibido estudios universitarios.

deportes

Paso perfecto

Atlas y Cruz Azul consiguieron triunfos sobre América y Monterrey, respectivamente, para mantenerse con paso perfecto dentro del Apertura 2006 mexicano, que vive su tercera jornada.

Los Zorros, con un par de golazos de Andrés Guardado, vencieron a las Águilas por 2-0, mientras que la Máquina se impuso por el mismo marcador a los Rayados. Ambos equipos llevan nueve unidades, pero los tapatíos son dueños del súper liderato por mejor diferencia de goles.

América no perdía con el Atlas en el Jalisco desde el 2004.

En el estadio Azul, la Máquina ganó con goles de Miguel Sabah e Israel López. Sabah, quien llegó a tres tantos en el campeonato, remató de pierna derecha un centro de Rafael García en el corazón del área de Rayados.

Junto con el Atlas y Cruz Azul, destaca la actuación de los Diablos Rojos de Toluca que también van invictos.

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¡Sucios!

Diablo

Ruedan cabezas

Fiscales locales anunciaron que dos policías fueron acusados de proteger al grupo narcotraficante de los Arellano Félix, cuyo supuesto cabecilla fue capturado la semana pasada por autoridades estadounidenses.

Los dos policías se suman a los numerosos agentes mexicanos implicados en ayudar a la banda de los Arellano Félix a introducir toneladas de cocaína colombiana y mariguana mexicana a territorio estadounidense, pero sólo unos cuantos han sido procesados.

Los policías Jorge Alberto Pérez y Salvador Cebreros enfrentan los cargos de delincuencia organizada y de estar involucrados en el homicidio de cuatro de sus colegas, que fueron muertos a tiros en julio, señaló la Procuraduría General de la República en un comunicado.

Los agentes están detenidos bajo custodia federal en el estado noroccidental de Baja California.

El cártel de los hermanos Arellano Félix opera desde la ciudad de Tijuana, que se encuentra en Baja California y colinda con la localidad estadounidense de San Diego, en California.

Francisco Javier Arellano Félix, de 36 años, fue detenido el lunes 14 de agosto por miembros de la Guardia Costera.

¡Qué vida!

Desborda miel Belanova

Dulce Pop

Sixto Gazpar

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El trío electro-pop Belanova de Guadalajara, Jalisco, se presentó en House Of Blues de San Diego en una noche calurosa, donde a unos minutos antes del comienzo, se agotaron las entradas y una centena de fanáticos los tuvieron que escucharon de afuera.

Y es que el grupo tapatío ha resultado toda una sensación desde el lanzamiento de su primer disco "Cocktail", pero ahora tras la edición de su segundo trabajo discografico "Dulce Beat" las cosas se han multiplicado.

En esta, su primera gira por Estados Unidos, el grupo llegó a la ciudad de San Diego para presentar la edición especial de "Dulce Beat 2.0", en un concierto lleno de energía y much "miel".

Denisse, Edgar y Richie hicieron presencia en el escenario y el público se desbordo, empezaron con el tema 'Niño.

Al llegar a el tercer tema, el grupo se lució con el invitado especial de la noche, nada más y nada menos que el popular guitarrista César "El Vampiro" López, encargado de las 6 cuerdas con Jaguares, viejo amigo de los músicos, por ser también un tapatío.

Desde sus inicios, en el año 2000, el grupo Belanova dio una muestra de originalidad, nadando en las rutas de lo electrónico pero con unos toques de pop muy accesibles y de gran calidad.

¡Qué vida!

LE CANTARÁN A 'EL TIGRILLO'

LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE

Cantan a 'El Tigrillo'

Eleazar Lopez

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A pesar de contar con nuevo material discográfico "Historias que contar". Los Tigres del Norte ya piensan en los próximos temas como la reciente captura de Francisco Javier Arellano Félix, el conflicto electoral en México y la crisis de maestros en Oaxaca.

En entrevista exclusiva con Diario San Diego, Luis Hernández, integrante del legendario grupo de música norteña y creadores de los narcocorridos, asegura que esta nueva producción es retomar las raíces de su sonido original.

"Si retomamos mucho la línea de los narcocorridos y creo que ya era tiempo que Los Tigres del Norte tuvieramos un corrido con esa fuerza y con esa agresividad en el buen sentido de la palabra, y creo que le dimos donde teníamos que darle, ya que la canción está muy bien desarrollada, tiene lo que necesita un corrido para poder colocarse y a la gente le agrade. Tiene buen ritmo y buen tiempo", dijo Hernández.

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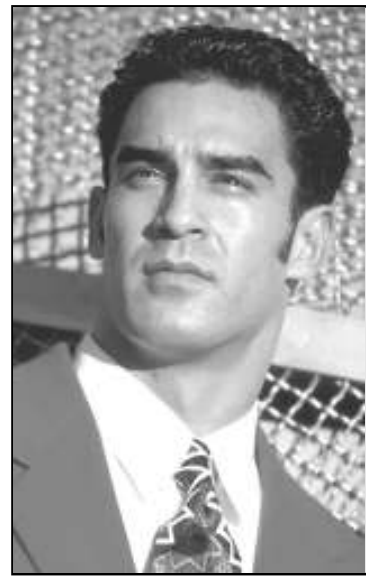

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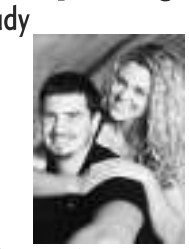

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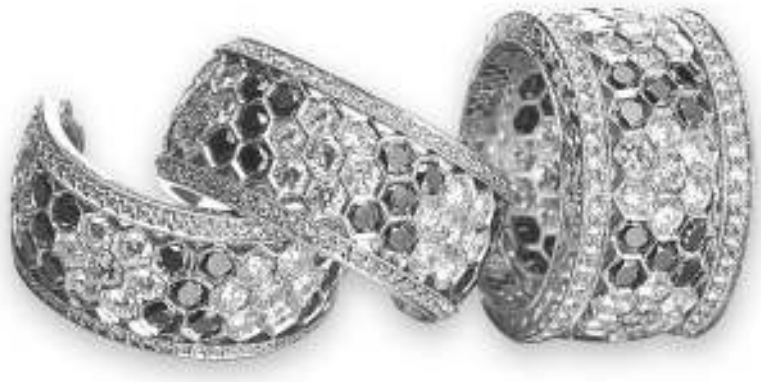

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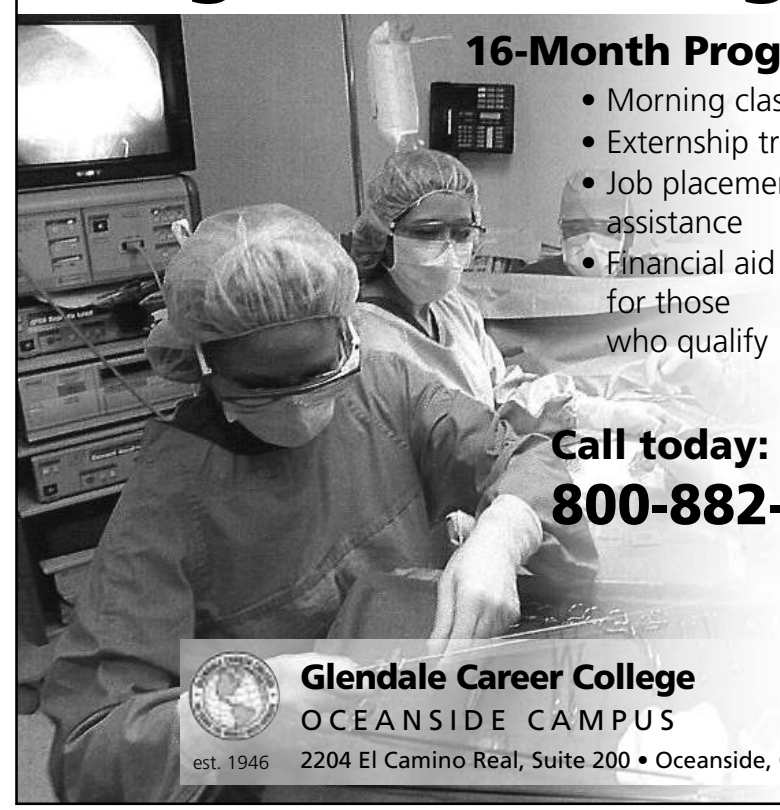

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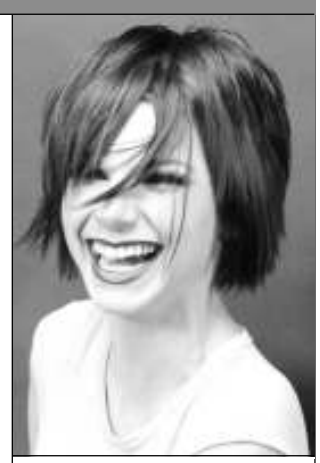

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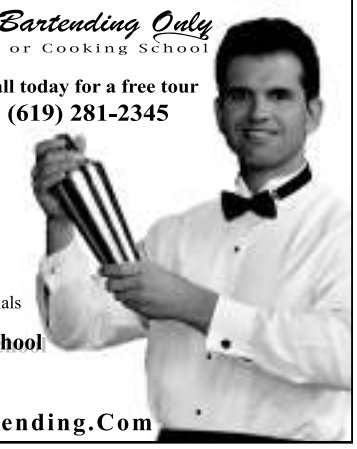

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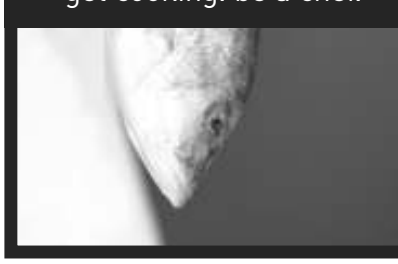

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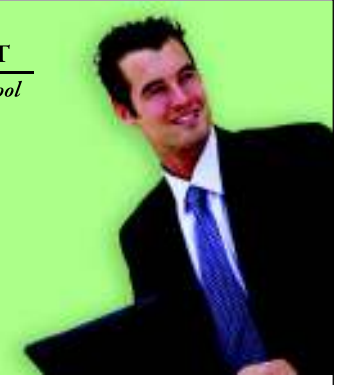

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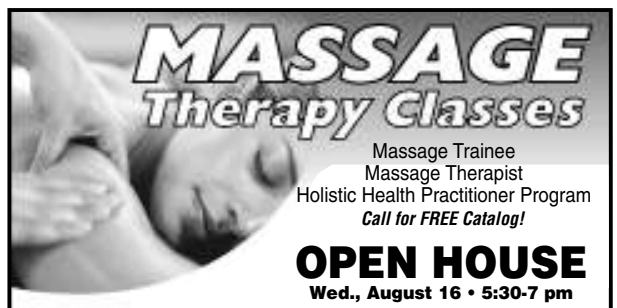

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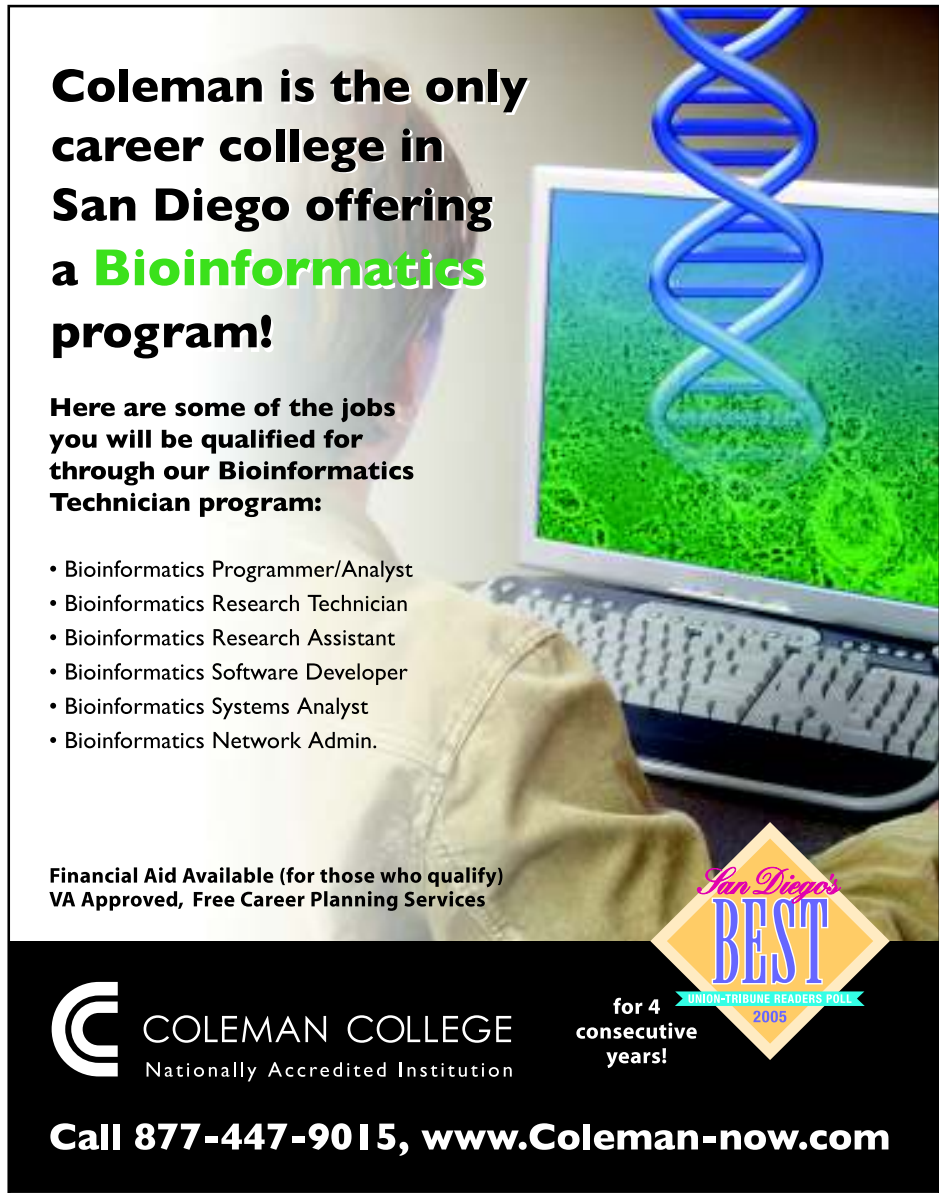

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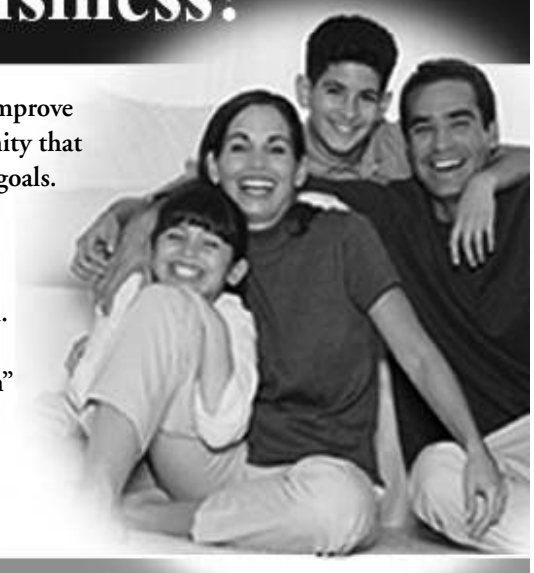

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MATCHES

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MATCHES

Women Seeking Men

VERY ATTRACTIVE, Slim, blonde professional. Seeks an accomplished romantic, tall, outgoing man for movies, concerts, fun times, 50-60. (8/30) ☎69502

FUN, LOVING, SEXY, And affectionate, full figured woman. Seeking warm, loving, sexy and good humored man wanting a "real" relationship. (8/30) ☎69506

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. Nonsmoking. (9/6) ☎69538

ROMANTIC COSTA RICAN beauty, 45, happy, professional, white, love to cook, beach. You: white please, happy, single only, professional, 50 or 60, for companion, travel. (9/6) ☎69537

ATTRACTIVE HEALTHY SENIOR, Blonde, blue eyes, 5'4", active, non-smoker, like outdoors, travel, music and fireplaces. Are you sincere, honest and fun? (9/6) ☎69536

ASIAN EXOTIC SEXY, Nice legs, curvaceous figure, 5'3", 115lbs, professional, childless, homeowner. Desires fun, fit, nonsmoker, upscale, successful, compatible, generous, 36+ Asian/Caucasian stable gentleman. (9/6) ☎69542

OUTGOING, WARM, Georgia peach. Seeks outgoing warm man between ages of 55-65 with interest in photography. Museums, travel, family, friends, pets, music, Balboa Park area. (8/30) ☎69518

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) ☎69499

ACTIVE POSITIVE LADY, 72 years, tennis, bridge, dining, crosswords, cooking, reading, volunteering, Democrat Unitarian. Let's share some activities and leave time for individual interests. (8/30) ☎69522

LOOKING FOR LOVE, Single white female, 33 outgoing, loyal and caring. Seeks white male 25, serious relationship, play, no games, loves life and kids must. (8/30) ☎69503

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SINCERE, ADVENTURESOME, Loving lady, 5'6", trim, no dependents, enjoys outdoors. Seeks tall, white, healthy, 57-69, to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (9/6) ☎69530

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) ☎69516

FRENCH, SEXY, ATTRACTIVE, Fit, 41, 130lbs, 5'6", romantic, golden-hearted, affectionate, stable, sports, outdoors/indoors, dancing, travel, socializing. Man 41-55, handsome, athletic, secure, trustworthy, sociable, similars. (8/30) ☎69514

BLACK PRINCESS, Looking for white prince. Seeking loving, affectionate, companionship, romance, likes indoors, fun 50+, financially secure, for long term relationship. (9/6) ☎69531

WHITE FEMALE, 40s, 5'4", blue eyes, brown hair, energetic, enthusiastic. Seeks white male who enjoys outdoors, sports, fishing, walking, etc. (9/6) ☎69541

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) ☎69497

VERY ATTRACTIVE, Blond, green-eyed, 5'6", trim European, spiritual, meditation, psychic, artist, educated, musical. Seeks refined gentleman slender, best friend, sole mate. (8/30) ☎69498

UNFORGETTABLE BLACK LADY, Prime aged, great personality, energetic, skilled, love life, homeowner, tall/attractive, business minded. Seeking tall, 50+ gentleman. Spoil and be spoiled forever. (9/6) ☎69524

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

DANCING ROSE, Very active, outgoing lady who loves to travel! Seeking honest, sincere gentleman with a great sense of humor for companionship. (9/6) ☎69534

WIDOW, PRETTY, SLIM, Blonde, 5'5", 60, educated, secure, outgoing, active. Travel, movies, theater, concerts, dancing, boating, dining. Seeks tall, fit, attractive, nonsmoking gentleman, compatible companion. (8/30) ☎69500

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IF I COULD CATCH A rainbow, I'd do it for you. 70 year, happy adventurer, stable. Life is great, possibilities are endless, take a chance. (9/6) ☎69532

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) ☎69509

ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, Long hair, nice legs, easygoing. Wants to meet very attractive guy, 42-55, healthy, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (9/6) ☎69525

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) ☎69510

MUST LOVE REDHEADS, Vibrant, vivacious 50s, 5'10", adventurous, passionate, spontaneous, spiritual with wild side. Seeks handsome rugged outdoors, 40-58, nonsmoker, to romp and play. (9/6) ☎69544

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. (9/6) ☎69529

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

WHATCHA WANT? Warmth? Love? Fun? Laughter? Come get it! Queen looking for a king to share time and create memories. You know you need it. (9/6) ☎69535

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) ☎69508

SMART, PROFESSIONAL, fit, fun, petite, love to travel, outdoors. Seeking nice, educated guy, fun and honest. I'm English/Spanish speaking. (8/30) ☎69507

PHOTO ONLINE, Attractive, smart, cheerful, affluent, Chinese, 53, 5'3", slim/toned, retired pharmacist. Seeks intelligent, flat-ab, nonsmoker male, in exploration of mutually enriching/fulfilling friendship. (8/30) ☎69511

VIVACIOUS REDHEAD, Great personality, loves to cook, romantic, homeowner, 61. (9/6) ☎69526

ATTRACTIVE WHITE FEMALE, blue eyes, blonde hair, fair skin. Looking for cute guy. I'm wanting a friend who'll be a partner. You're fun, honest, sincere. (8/30) ☎69523

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) ☎69504

BRITISH GENTLEMAN, Desired by green-eyed white lady, 47, nature lover, world traveler, sense of humor, healthy lifestyle. Please have similar interests/lifestyle. (8/30) ☎69512

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) ☎69501

PRETTY BLACK LADY, 5'4", 120lbs, college grad, 30s, UR professional, nonsmoker, athletic, financially secure, adventurous. Versatile, fine dining, arts to barbecues, beach, Chargers. Let's go! (8/30) ☎69505

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) ☎69520

MATCHES

Men Seeking Women

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs wanted. By attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share it with, large passionate woman wanting permanent relationship. (9/6) ☎69822

LONELY CLAIREMONSTER, 55, seeks Puff. Slim, playful author. Seeking slim, catless friend+ nearby. Retired or part-time worker preferred. Check my profile online for more. (9/6) ☎69839

NICE APPEARING BACHELOR, early 50s, trim, successful, childless, blue, brown, North County coastal homeowner, without encumbrances. You: 40-something, well groomed, not overweight, serious minded. (8/30) ☎69803

50-ISH? Well, life and love haven't passed us by. Another great romance awaits, that's all I have to say. Until we talk like real people. (8/30) ☎69804

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Architectural designer, house builder. Extroverted world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open communication, loves life, homeowner. You're 37-47. No cats, please. (9/6) ☎69827

PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, 6'1", 165lbs., 54, blue/red, shaved, swing dancer, road bicycle racer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking someone with the right chemistry/connection! (9/6) ☎69823

REGGAE MUFFIN WANTED, For laughter, dancing, fun with me at Viejas Reggae Sunsplash concert, August 30. You have car, dancing shoes, I have all else. (8/30) ☎69821

SPIRITUAL MAN, 47, 6', 175lbs, very affectionate and loving. Seeks spiritual woman with beautiful soul, passionate heart, and long dark brown hair for true relationship. (8/30) ☎69797

70 YEARS, Nice guy. looking for a nice lady, healthy, active, like road trips, movies, walk, cruises, retired, East County. (8/30) ☎69798

SUPER NICE GUY! Romantic, sensitive, young 56 (looks 45), attractive, humorous, Jewish, enjoys music, outdoors, dancing, movies. Seeks younger, petite, attractive, nonsmoking, unencumbered quality lady. (9/6) ☎69818

TALL, SLIM, RETIRED MECHANIC, 70. Seeks woman with R.V. for travel, Baja or ? (8/30) ☎69813

TOP GUN, 58, Mellow, financially secure gentleman. Seeking lady who enjoys fine food, ocean, Corvettes, good life in general. I'm very clean-cut, athletic, blond/blue. (8/30) ☎69806

AT YOUR BECK AND ALL: Handsome, attentive, dependable young male. Looking for mature quality lady, who is assertive, North County waiting to hear from you. (9/6) ☎70251

AFRICAN AMERICAN. Tall, dark, handsome, and more. Seeking loving, thick, down to earth lady, race unimportant, honesty a must in order to trust. All answered. (8/30) ☎69795

AFRO-AMERICAN, 48, tall. Seeking female 35-55 for fun and emotional fullfillment. You tall and outgoing, I enjoy the outdoors, like hiking, camping and fishing. (8/30) ☎69810

LIFE'S GOOD. 6'2", brown blue, athletic, educated, professional. Enjoys surfing, sailing, travel, diving, conversation, music. Seeking special girl, slim, 35-45, similar interest. Friends 1st. (9/6) ☎69816

ABSOLUTELY SINCERE, Fit, secure, Lakeside homeowner, 79. Likes camping trips, barbecues, quiet homelife. Offers lifetime caring and security to appreciative lady. (9/6) ☎70245

ACTIVE SENIOR GENTLEMAN. Likes Bridge, dancing, music, theatre, dining out. Seeking 70-80-year-old lady who is sincere, cheerful, tall and heavy set. (9/6) ☎69835

RETIRED YOUTHFUL WIDOWER, 60s, Caucasian, well groomed, financially secure, 5'7, 170lbs, fit. Seeking compassionate lady, enjoy good music, dancing, my cooking, quiet times, will respond. (9/6) ☎69829

I WANT A GIRLFRIEND. Tall handsome, affectionate, enthusiastic, great kisser, good listener. Seeks fun-loving, easy-going, people-oriented gal to have fun in sunny San Diego. (9/6) ☎70248

WIDOWER, 80s, Retired, healthy, active. Seeks retired compatible companion 70s-80s for friendship, romance, dinners, shows, concerts, travel, cruises around the rest of the world together. (8/30) ☎69789

ATTRACTIVE NICE ROMANTIC Man, well off, 38. Looking for nice woman under 45 who is stable; loves animals, beach, dancing, playing with kids. Call me, you won't regret it, honest. (8/30) ☎69796

HISPANIC BUSINESS MAN, 52, fit. Enjoys barbecuing, hiking, thrills, yoga, travel, theater, concerts, movies, most sports. Clean, neat, homeowner, a gentleman, lives alone with doggie. (9/6) ☎69841

HANDSOME BLACK MALE, 39, 5'10", 165lbs. Looking for serious relationship only, no games, age/race not important, honesty is. Serious only. (9/6) ☎69819

ASIAN OVER 30 DESIRED. White professional, 47 (looking 39), toned, smooth skin, shaven face, brown/green, 6', 200lbs., sweet, funny. I'll give you wonderful back rubs. (9/6) ☎69836

SENIOR ACTIVE GENTLEMAN, 69, good personality, sense of humor, easy going, good listener, good manners, many interests. Seeking classy lady, beach locations, for platonic relationship. (8/30) ☎69794

PLUS-SIZE FEMALE, For white male, 50s, sensitive, trim, muscular, successful businessman. You, confident, outgoing, tall, sane, age open. Fun dinners, day trips, conversation. (8/30) ☎69802

OLDEST LIVING TEENAGER, At 50. Seeking young-at-heart 40ish-60ish confident provocative woman, for theater, nature, walks, art, coffee, conversation, art. Keep it simple! (8/30) ☎69793

DIFFICULT BUT TRAINABLE Man, 76, 5'11", 160lbs, BA degree. Needs slender, educated, Caucasian woman, 65-75. Tennis, theatre, dining, travel. Rewards for effort. (9/6) ☎69830

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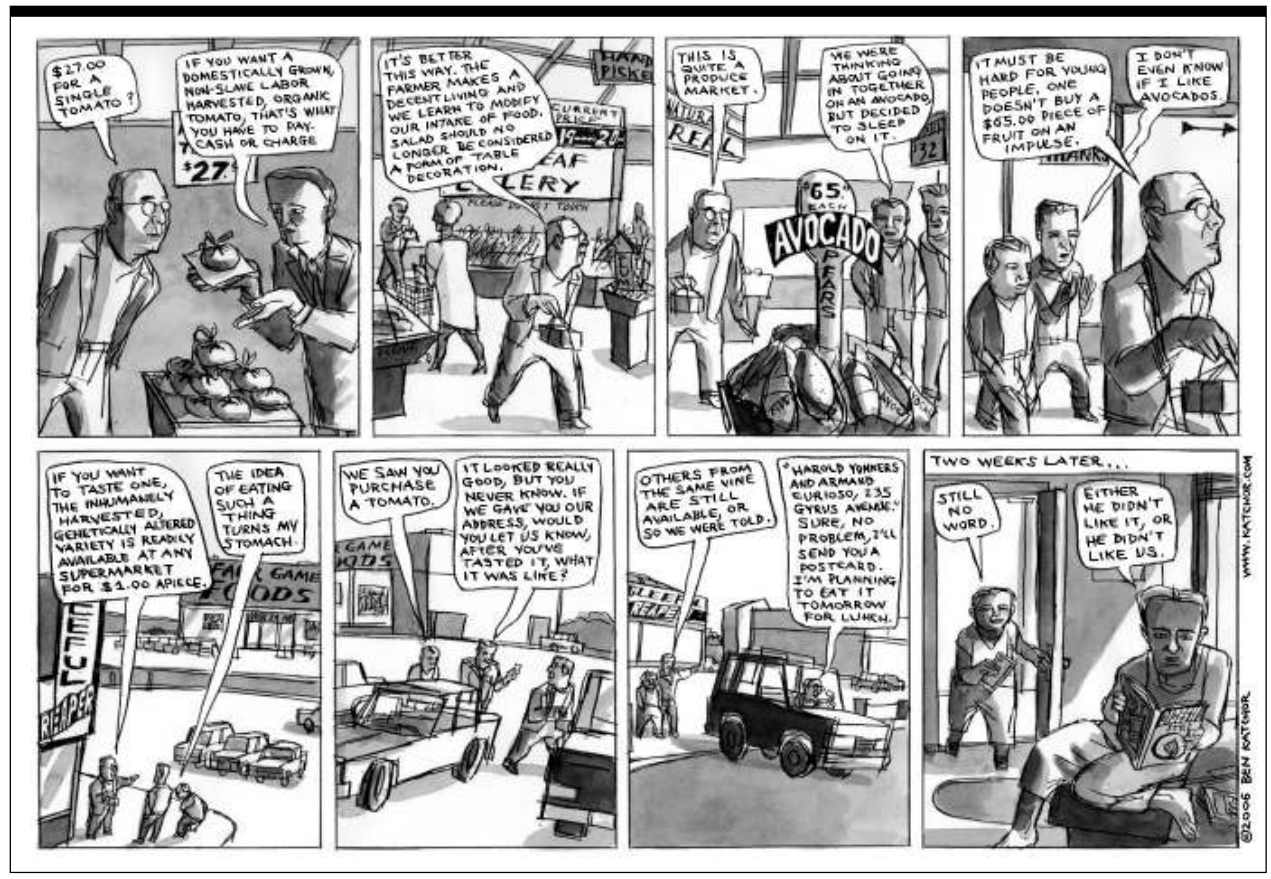

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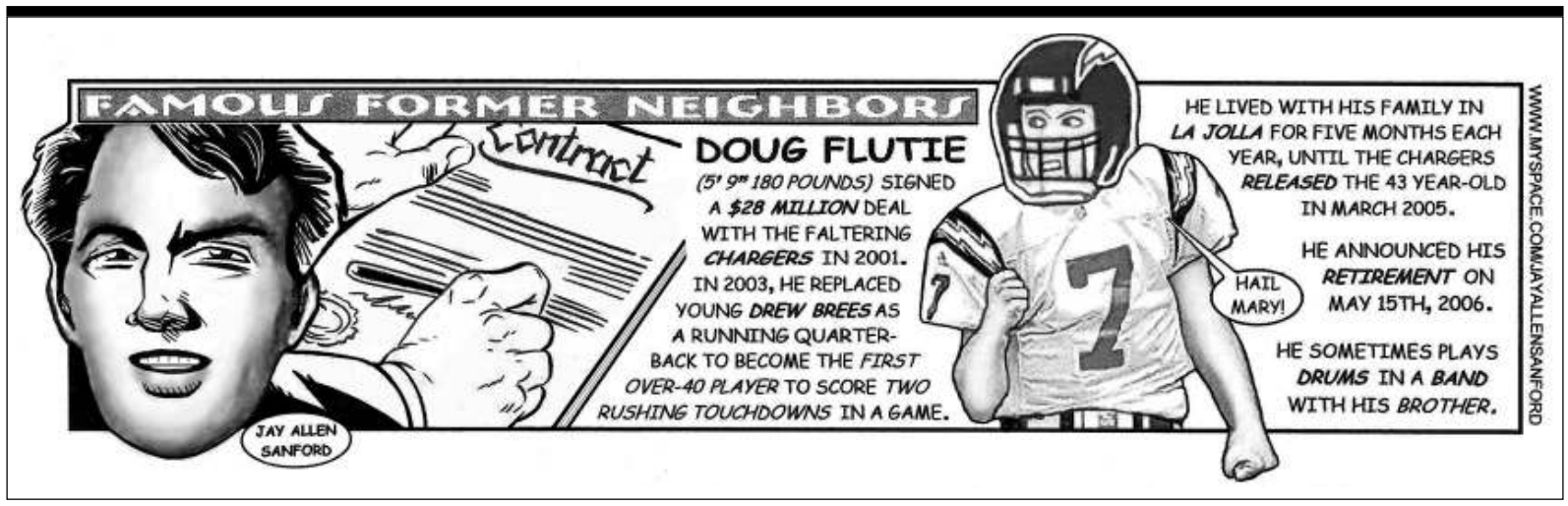

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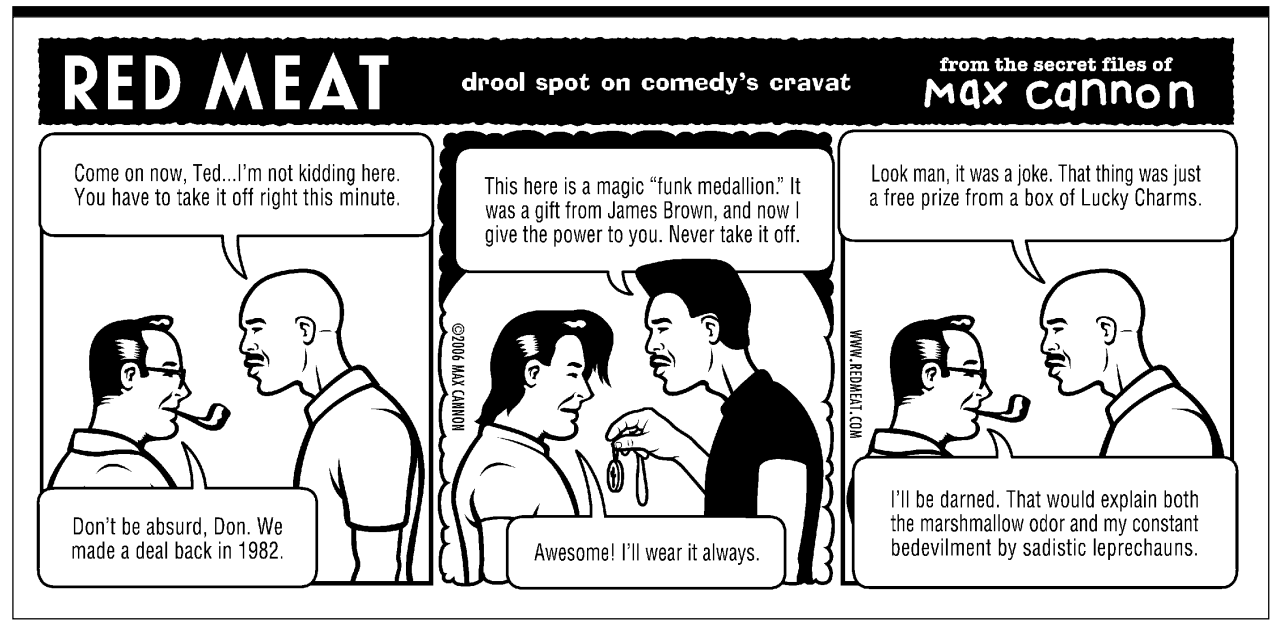

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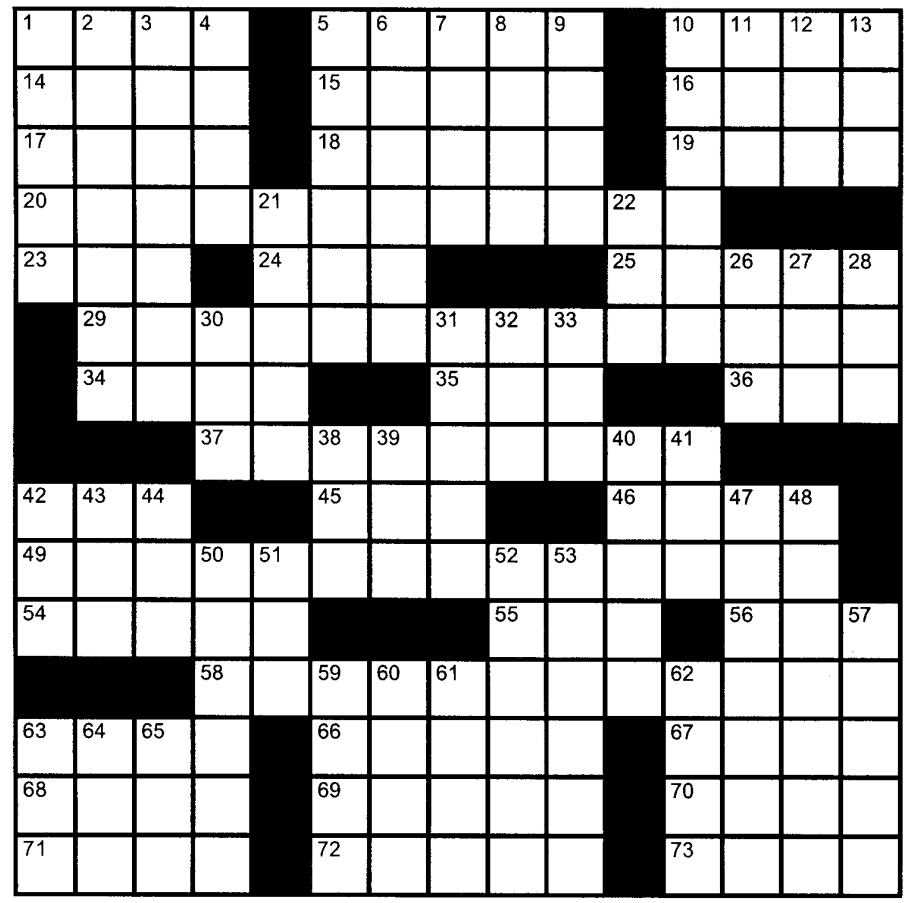

Across

1. Dubya's mom, informally
5. Frat letter
10. Ace
14. Sooty spot
15. Big pictures?
16. "____ Angel" (1933 Mae West film)
17. WNBA All-Star Leslie
18. Skim, as soup
19. Zilch
20. Metallic sound that's hard to place?
23. Rat-a-____
24. Police blotter letters
25. Sty cries
29. Any gentile?
34. Like two peas in ____
35. Goof
36. 12 meses
37. Shirt made from petroleum?
42. Co. with a triangular logo
45. A couple of chips, maybe
46. Simon and Garfunkel's "____ Rock"
49. Chauffeurs a limo stacked with liquor?
54. Chris Noth's "Sex and the City" role
55. Hi-____ monitor
56. A third of nove
58. This puzzle's motto
63. Rivers of comedy
66. Fancy tie
67. Double contraction
68. Prefix with knock or lock
69. Dickens title starter
70. Live nomadically
71. $6.15/hour, e.g.
72. Weary worker's wish
73. Airport that serves Paris

Down

1. Note above A
2. "Open, sesame!" speaker
3. 1956 Marilyn Monroe movie
4. Candidate's goal
5. "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" singer Neil
6. Medicinal syrup
7. Natural talent
8. Future doc's exam
9. City SE of Turin
10. Proceed without a game plan
11. Patient care grp.
12. B & B
13. Muppet friend of Elmo
21. Actress Oakes of "CHiPs"
22. Votes against
26. Long of "Boyz N the Hood"
27. Colo. neighbor
28. ____-Caps (candy brand)
30. Friend of Tigger
31. Jake's "Brokeback Mountain" costar
32. $200 Monopoly props.
33. Acrimony
38. Barbell units: Abbr.
39. Actress Arthur
40. Playground comeback
41. Caps lock neighbor
42. Naval VIP
43. Bruins great Bobby
44. Women's ____
47. One who accepts the charges
48. Part of ETA
50. John Travolta's character on "Welcome Back, Kotter"
51. It may need gratification
52. The Governator
53. Lease signer
57. A Hatfield, to a McCoy
59. Carson's predecessor on "The Tonight Show"
60. "The Thin Man" pooch
61. "Let me know if ____ help"
62. Early whirlybird
63. Rattle
64. "Cat ____ Hot Tin Roof"
65. Court figure: Abbr.

RULES OF THE GAME

1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 8/17/06.

There were 90 entrants.
The winners are:

1. Dominick McInnes, *San Diego*
2. Kristi Rodstrom, *San Diego*
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4. Tanya K. Kendall, *San Marcos*
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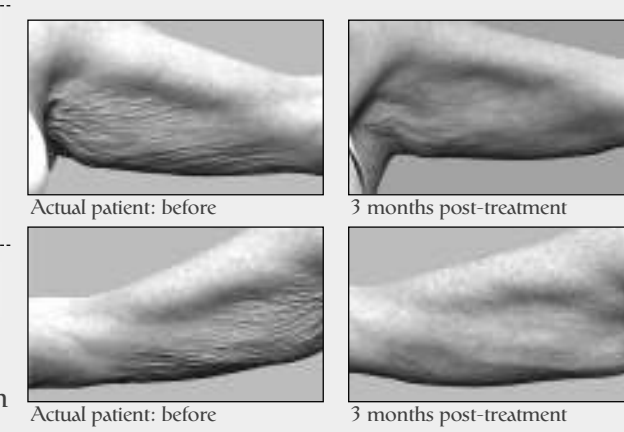
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No, of course not. Everybody knows a highly educated person who's unemployed. I have a friend of a friend, he's the smartest guy you'll meet, and he has his Ph.D. after 12 years of school, but it's all book smarts and can't find a job. After a year of looking for a job, he ended up going back to school. He doesn't have confidence in job interviews because of his lack of experience; there are some things a degree can't provide. In today's world, you need a degree to get your foot in the door. I didn't have the benefit of a college education, but I have no regrets because I wouldn't be able to help people with their similar issues. I'm a huge supporter of education, but mine were the only parents in all of San Diego to not encourage me to go to school. I don't have the benefit of a conventional education, but it's led me to a job I enjoy. Education is obviously essential. Luckily for me a college degree isn't the only prerequisite; I've learned more in the past month than I ever learned in my two years in school.

Sean Conroy
Retail Manager
Mira Mesa

No. I think it's a hybrid between experience and education; once you get the experience, you get the good job, but education alone won't get that for you. Sometimes an education gets you the good job, but you're in over your head. It's always possible for someone without a college degree [to have a good job] — look at Bill Gates — but they tend to have a glass ceiling. A college-educated person doesn't. I intend to get my master's, but I'm not in school now. If you want to move up high enough in a company, you want to have a college degree, but if you want a comfortable living, you don't need one. My parents don't have degrees; I didn't have a choice. It wasn't *if* I was going to college, it was *where* I was going to college. If I went to Harvard, I'd get a pretty good job. It sucks for people who come out with $50,000 in debt.

Jeff Ribera
Student
University City

Yes, it does, in my opinion. Both of my parents have college degrees. I don't like school, but it's for the best right now. If not, I'd be doing construction, something physical that would end up hurting me in the future. I have friends doing that, and they're already getting married, having kids, with their life unfolding. I'm studying to be a lawyer, but I'm getting my general education out of the way right now and transfer soon. Growing up with the influence of my uncle is pretty good for planning things out. Community college is good because you can choose right away what you want to do, or you can just take care of a couple of classes and get them out of the way. Some kids waste their daddy's money; they don't go to classes and they waste the opportunity given to them. Stay in school; you'll make the money back.

Patrick McDonough
Environmental Activist
Encinitas

No. I have a college degree, but I choose to do this. I know a lot of people that are struggling and not exactly doing what they want to do. A lot of people go out of high school and just automatically go to college without thinking what they want to do. Two of my best friends are college graduates, and they work for a beverage company delivering beer. It's not the worst job in the world, but they're at work at six in the morning and they could've done this job out of junior high. One of the guys is the smartest guy I know; he graduated from UCSB with a four-point grade average, but he figures that he'll be able to move up in the business because he's smart and they give benefits. There were a lot of random jobs that I almost took in the field I studied, but I didn't think I'd be too happy doing them. I liked what I studied, but the application of some of the things is pushing papers around. I want to go to law school and become an environmental lawyer. I would recommend my kids go to school, but I think college helps you figure that out.

Chris Smiley
Unemployed
Pacific Beach

It doesn't. I'm from New Zealand, originally, and parents are a little more relaxed about going to college. Out of my good friends, only one went to college. He has a pretty good job, but there's not a real huge difference from the jobs of my other friends. I probably would encourage my kids to go to college. I might have missed out on some extra partying maybe; the partying is younger in New Zealand because you can drink when you're 18. It makes quite a bit of difference. I like the system over here better; 21 is a better age. Twenty-one, you're a bit more ready to go out on the town and be less silly. An 18-year-old will usually hit it harder the first time they're in a bar than a 21-year-old would.

Anna Detweiler
Teacher
Pacific Beach

Definitely not. I took a different route; I did some office work and realized that that wasn't what I wanted to do. Anybody could've done my job, but it required a college degree. I think it's almost like having a high school diploma now. It depends on what you want to do; there will still be the jobs that no one wants to do, and people are going to make money from them, like garbage men. Nobody wants to do that. So many people are going back to get their master's degree so they can really focus on what they want to do; people are just going to start going to eight years of college. I don't think I'd ever push my kids into anything; you have to lay out what there is. You can't say you're going to push your kids into college because that could backfire. I didn't really want to go to school, so I took a year off. Then I realized that in order to make money you had to go back and get the education.

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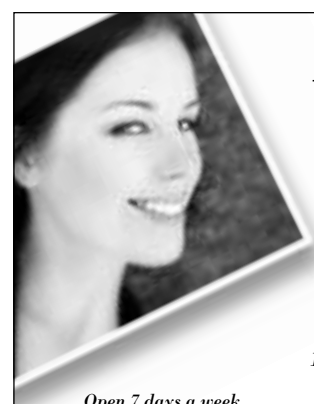
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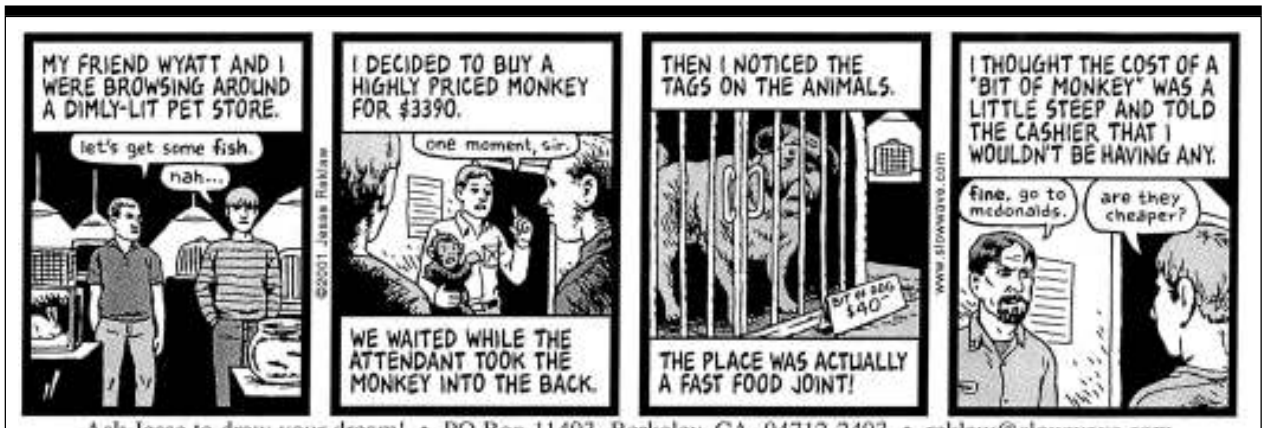

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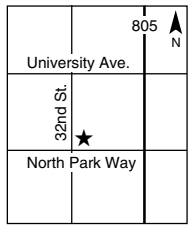

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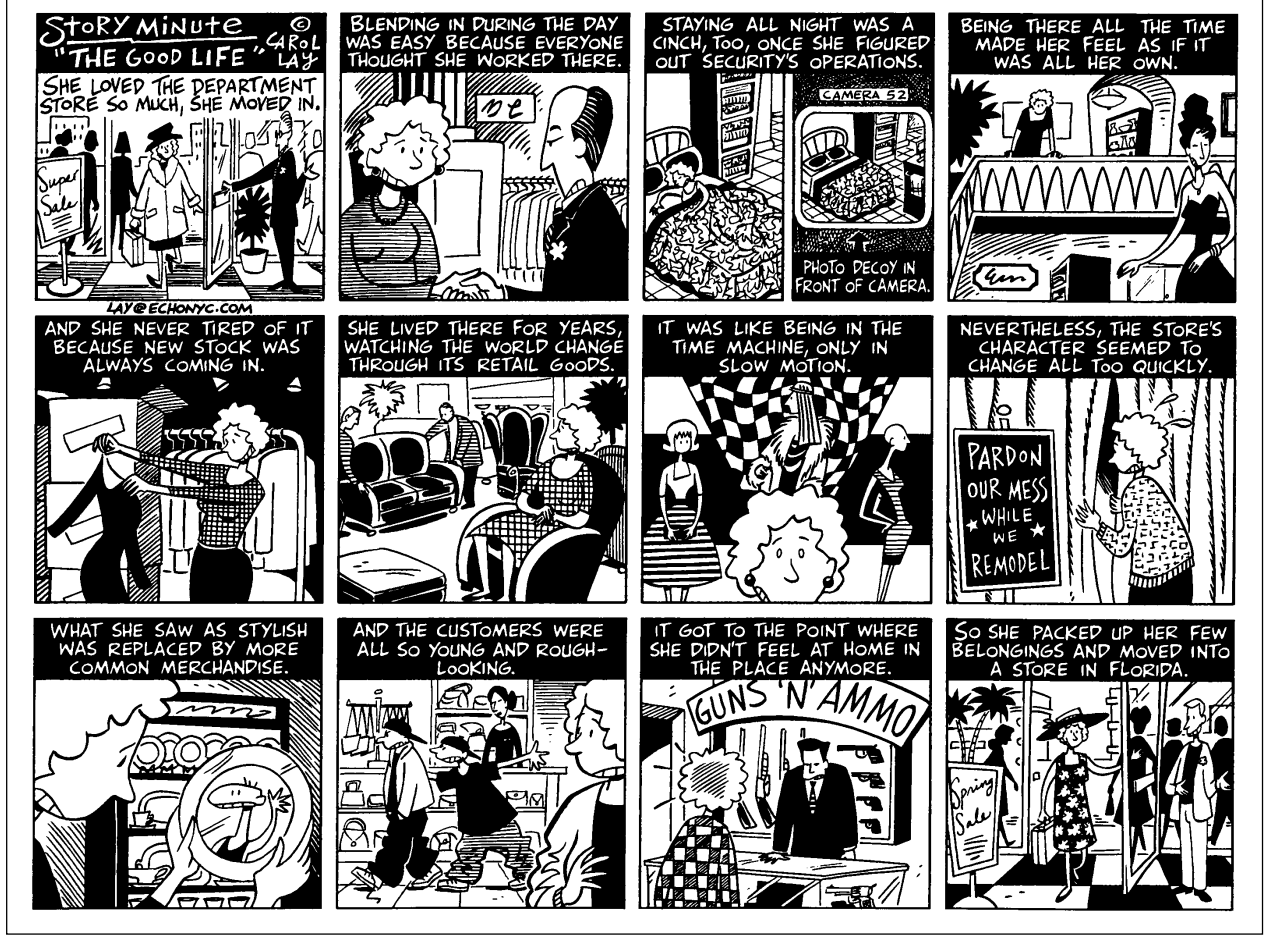

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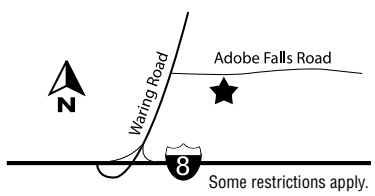

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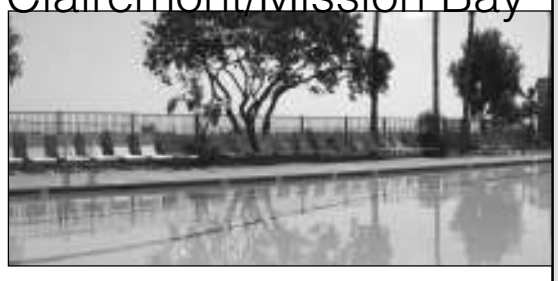

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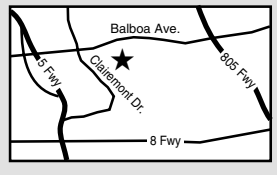

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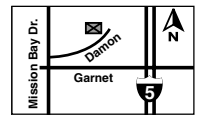

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LEAD STORY

— Not only has professional fishing grown so spectacularly that last year's leading money winner earned $547,000, but popular "fantasy fishing" leagues, similar to fantasy baseball and football, employ statistical breakdowns of fishing tournaments to help players pick winners, according to a July *Wall Street Journal* report. "Average weight per fish [caught] over careers," "margin of victory [in pounds]," and other data points are plotted by players, along with weather reports, depth, and temperature of tournament lakes, and intangibles such as "home-lake curse." The organization FLW Outdoors estimates 40,000 fantasy players, many of whom have never fished.

Cultural Diversity

— Despite education campaigns by women's groups, about one-fourth of girls in Cameroon still undergo ritual "breast-ironing" at puberty as their families attempt to squash their developing bosoms to make them sexually unattractive to boys and reduce their temptation to marry. The most popular "ironing" instrument is a heated wooden pestle mashed against the chest. Some girls are supportive, however, like the one who told BBC News in June that she just "wanted to [stay in] school like other girls who had no breasts."

— The streets of the town of Yap (in the Federated States of Micronesia) feature large stone coins (up to 12 feet in diameter) that historically have served as money, even though they are rarely moved around. Yap is a former U.S. territory that, according to a June *Los Angeles Times* dispatch, has been very slow to modernize, retaining a caste system, various discriminations against women, and certain society-wide, no-shirt rules for men and women. U.S. currency is used for smaller transactions, but several thousand stationary coins (some worth thousands of dollars) are still in use.

Latest Religious Messages

— In June, after the roof of the just-built Cedar Grove Methodist Church near Thorsby, Ala., collapsed (with no one inside), church officials revealed that they had never sought building permits, based on Pastor Jeff Carroll's assumption that "separation of church and state" meant that his church was none of the government's business. Carroll, whose day job is as a homebuilder, said volunteers designed and then built the church, but agreed to get a permit for the rebuilding.

— In June, the leading Hindu cleric in the Kashmir area of Pakistan demanded a judicial investigation as to why the holy phallus-shaped object (a "lingam") in the Amarnath shrine appeared not to be of naturally formed ice but of imported soft snow. The annual pilgrimage to worship it (the fertility deity Shiva) depends, the cleric said, on ice formations from inside Amarnath, and some leaders are upset that Shiva this year doesn't look right.

— God's Will: Clara Jean Brown, 65, praying for her absent family during a thunderstorm, had just said "amen" when a lightning bolt hit across the street, ran through a water pipe and exploded into her kitchen, knocking her down (Daphne, Ala., May). ... A 34-year-old woman, fasting to recreate Christ's 40-day, 40-night starvation in the wilderness, passed away of probable dehydration after 23 days (London, England, May). ... Father Claudio Rossi, 61, a Jesuit priest praying for his mother's health, plunged to his death when the poorly supported floor of the chapel gave way (Palestrina, near Rome, June).

Questionable Judgments

— In June, the school board in Waterbury, Conn., responding to a crisis in student absenteeism, proposed to make almost all absences unexcused and subject to a $25 parental fine. The fines would have been applied to medical absences unless a student was hospitalized or a physician attested that the illness was "serious and chronic." The board dropped the fine proposal and settled on the wording "serious or chronic." In July, officials promoted 500 of the 685 students who had 19 or more absences during the year.

— The tattoo-removal business is booming, according to a May Fox News report that highlights dissatisfaction with formerly trendy Chinese-language tats that were often either mistranslated as nonsense ("blood and guts" translated as "blood and intestines") or were jokes pulled on people too cool for their own good (such as Chinese words for "gullible white boy"). A removal service in Beverly Hills, Calif., said it takes off at least seven Asian tattoos a week.

Recent Notable Headlines

— (1) "Eyebrow Wax Herpes Lawsuit to Proceed" (a June *Journal News* of Westchester County, N.Y., story of a lawsuit against a nail salon). (2) "Port to Get Nuclear Detectors That Won't Be Set Off by Cat Litter" (a July *Press of Atlantic City* story about technology to reduce false positives from cargo with slight naturally occurring radiation). (3) "Man Once Convicted for Child Molestation Could Go Free Because Judge Accepted a Doughnut" (a July story on Northwest Cable News, Seattle, about a new trial ordered for a sex offender because the judge was too chummy with one juror).

Least Competent Criminals

— People Who Believe Marijuana Is Odorless: Two men were arrested at the drive-thru window at a KFC restaurant in Buffalo, N.Y., in June by narcotics officers who were eating inside; one of the men had what an officer said was "the biggest marijuana cigar you ever saw," which was making so much smoke that it was wafting into the restaurant. ... In Tucson, Ariz., in June, after police were called to one home, they noticed a strong marijuana smell coming from a neighbor's house; Jose Ortega Mendez, 35, was arrested when 220 bales of marijuana, totaling two tons, were found inside.

Obsessions

— (1) On July 18 (five days after Israel began its retaliatory assault on Hezbollah), swimmer Hilary Bramwill, 30, was picked up by rescuers a mile off a New York beach, despite her insistence that she needed to get to Israel. (2) A veteran Scotland Yard anti-terror detective was arrested in Trafalgar Square in London in July, where he said he was videoing al-Qaeda suspects, but according to police, he was shooting "upskirt" video of women.

Killer Machines

— (1) A 17-year-old apprentice was fatally crushed in the bread-drying machine at Karl's Good Stuff Bakery in Australia's Queensland state (July). (2) A woman barely survived after being pulled into spinning-brush machinery at Soapy's Car Wash in Ocala, Fla. (July). (3) In separate incidents, men drowned when the vehicles they were driving landed on top of them. (A man in Newburgh, N.Y., couldn't escape the lawnmower that pinned him down in June, and a dairy owner in Fresno County, Calif., was pinned by his tractor in a manure pit in July.)

CLARIFICATION: In a column three weeks ago, it was noted that a Baptist church in Manchester, England, had staged a fundraising car wash using water that a church spokesman called "blessed" (according to a BBC News report, whose headline writer referred to the water as "holy"). However, the church, in its members' bulletin, and contrary to the BBC News report, wrote that the runoff baptismal water was specifically not "blessed."

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

The calls for unity that abounded at last month's Democratic convention in New York seem to be spreading, as local party stalwarts lined up dutifully behind Jimmy Carter.

Former county Democratic chairwoman Rita Luftig, a delegate alternate for Gov. Jerry Brown, had no qualms about shifting her sympathies. "I found Carter to be a very open and likeable man, not your typical politician," recalled Luftig, who met the Georgian when he visited here earlier this year.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"RALLY 'ROUND,"** *Paul Krueger, August 26, 1976*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Representatives of the Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation recently talked with Ocean Beach activist Jackie Sanders about how that beach community would greet a KFC drive-thru. "I hope people like their chicken well done," Sanders joked. His reference dates to the fire-bombing of two local Winchell's donut stores in 1978 — the climax of a drive against Winchell's plans for an outlet at the corner of Voltaire and Sunset Cliffs.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"BUT WHO IN OB WOULD EAT THE STUFF?"** *Paul Krueger, August 27, 1981*

Twenty Years Ago

Madison was like most high schools, said Karen. "You've got rockers, punkers, stoners, and squids." Squids, she explained, are nerds. *Probably,* she demurred, speaking in tones as round and even as matched pearls, squids are nice. But she doubted that squids come to the beach. "They probably sit home and watch *Leave It to Beaver* on TV."

—**"THE GIRLS OF SUMMER,"** *Judith Moore, August 28, 1986*

Fifteen Years Ago

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—**"PHOENIX WITHOUT APOLOGIES,"** *Mary Lang, August 29, 1991*

Ten Years Ago

Next to the bed, in a box painted like a clock face, is a short history of our attempts to have a child. The folded pamphlets assist me in Understanding and Recording My Ovulation Cycle, the graphs chart my waking temperature in the spring of 1994, and the sonogram on facsimile paper shows the baby conceived and carried for two months. The sonogram could be a hurricane in a satellite picture. The baby is the dark eye of the storm that whirled itself out 26 days later. At the time, I thought I would conceive again in a matter of months, like my sister-in-law Jacki, my friend Ruth Ann, and everyone I knew who'd had miscarriages. The name itself is optimistic — miscarriage — as if my baby had simply missed the chaise-and-four and would be sure to catch it tomorrow.

—**"I KNOW THAT ONE DAY NOT VERY FAR OFF, IN A CORNER OF THIS WORLD SOMEONE IS GOING TO SAY, 'WE NEED YOU,'"** *Laura McNeal, August 22, 1996*

Five Years Ago

You don't read much about San Diego State men's basketball in this space. But then, you don't read much about SDSU men's basketball anywhere else. This is what 43 consecutive losing seasons will do.

However, I'm willing to speak up when human life is on the line…and human life is on the line, because, come November 17, our scrappy Aztecs will go up against the Texas Tech Red Raiders led by zero-tolerance fugitive, Bobby Knight. That's right, pilgrim, the Evil One lives.

—SPORTING BOX: **"SAFETY CHECK,"** *Patrick Daugherty, August 23, 2001*

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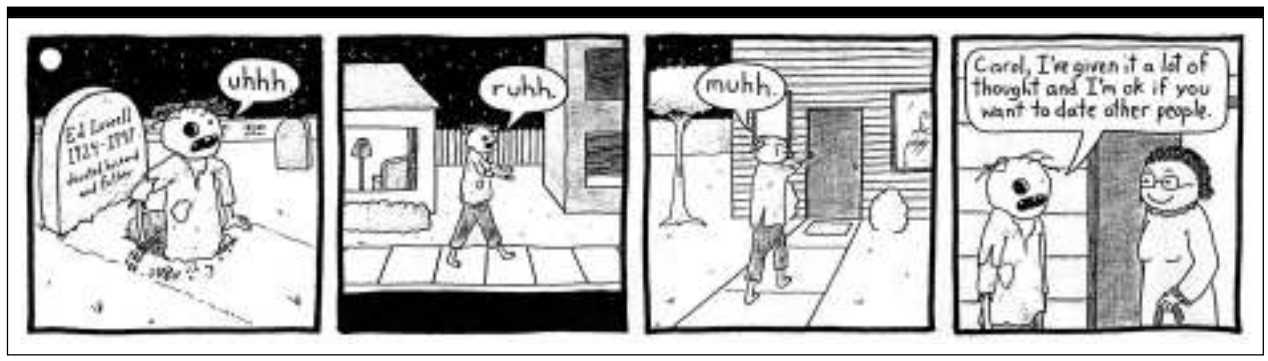

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Dear Saffron,

I'm 9½. My brother is 15. We get along well. He's always been a very nice brother. I took a new route walking home from school the other day, and I saw my brother from across the street hanging around with a bunch of his friends by this place where they have video games. They were all smoking cigarettes, my brother too. I just kept walking. I wasn't sure my brother saw me, but that night he came into my room and closed the door. He told me that I better not tell our parents I saw him smoking or he'd never speak to me again and never be nice to me again, either. I'm not sure what to do. In school we've been learning about how dangerous smoking is. I told him I thought he should stop smoking right now because it will wreck his lungs. He said it was his business and that he doesn't plan to smoke forever. I don't want him to be mad or never speak to me again, but I am also worried about him now and wonder if I should tell our parents anyway, for his own good. What do you think I should do?

LITTLE SISTER IN LINDA VISTA

Dear Little Sister,

This is a difficult decision. You've been put in a tough position here. Either choice you make could have unpleasant consequences. If you keep your mouth shut, you will feel anxious about your brother's harmful habit. If you go against his wishes and tell your parents what he's up to, no doubt he will be furious, and you may lose his trust. I can't tell you what to do here — I think you have to search your heart, think carefully about it for a while, and go with what you think is right. I'm probably going to get mail disagreeing with this (which I welcome, as long as it is civil), but I am leaning toward saying nothing right now. Tattling is a weird thing to do, and other people often resent you for it. Sometimes you have to report another person's bad behavior — if they've done something really dangerous or serious, or if they hurt you. I'm not sure that having seen your brother smoking qualifies as something so dire it's worth risking your good relations with him by turning him in. You are right that cigarettes are horrible and disgusting and your brother should not be smoking. I'm glad you realize this. I hope that your brother will figure this out on his own very soon. Even though you are younger, you have a smarter attitude about cigarettes than your brother! Maybe the fact that you talked to him about being worried about his lungs will make him think twice before he lights up again.

Dear Saffron,

I really wanted to find a nice boyfriend. I have dated so many guys over the past several years and have met some okay dudes and lots of jerks, but no one who seemed like a truly great person — whom I was also attracted to. Finally, this summer, I met someone who really seems to like me, who I think is wonderful, and who treats me well. After going out with him for three weeks and being dizzy with happiness — feeling like I hit the jackpot — I see this guy last night and he tells me he went to the doctor and found out he has mono. Now I am devastated. What does this mean? Mono is called "the kissing disease," right? So does this mean that while I have been having this big romantic time with this guy, he has been kissing other women? He says "no way," that he has absolutely been faithful, but I wonder. If he has been two-timing me I will be crushed. I thought this guy was so different. Should I believe him? Leave?

DISAPPOINTED IN POINT LOMA

Dear Disappointed,

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The air hostess didn't ask him if he'd like his tea remade. He was reclined in his seat, eyes closed, iPod playing; the teacup held by both his palms and a smug smile glowing on his face. She pushed the trolley. There were plenty of passengers left who were displeased with the excess sugar in their tea.

He took the last sip from his cup but continued holding it with both palms. He wasn't prepared to let go of it. Not just yet. It had been two decades since he'd last had tea this syrupy.

His was one of those families that had migrated from a village to a city. His dad was the last member in the family tree who had been born in the village. Every couple of years, the family visited the village during his school vacations.

He remembered those times better than any memory he had of the city.

Their village was an obscure place in the middle of the Thar Desert in Rajasthan. The kind of place that folk stories described as a stopover for hungry caravan riders and tired camels. A place where genies thrived and miracles occurred inside every earthen pot. A place that had neither a telephone nor a TV...but a place that the man's family, nevertheless, called home.

He remembered the first time he'd gone there. He'd fallen in love with the sand. He loved clutching a fistful of sand and watching it fall from his palm, blowing with the wind as it did. He loved going out with his dad every evening with a jar of water, making balls of wet sand, arranging them in a line, and then having a camel walk over the line. Rarely, if ever, had he been that thrilled.

He remembered the first time he rode a camel. The camel got up on its hind legs throwing him forward and then straightened up its front legs, almost shrugging the poor chap off its back. He was impressed by his own ability to stay put and by the camel's attempt to cast him off. He had always thought the camel looked cool. It had an indifferent countenance, walked like it couldn't care less, dragged its feet without hesitation, and ate food like it was chewing gum.

He remembered the peacocks and how his dad would wake him up early and sit with him in the veranda watching the peacocks pick on the grains he'd spread for them. If they were lucky, they'd see a peacock spread its wings in full majesty. If not, he'd have to be content with collecting the feathers the birds had dropped. He remembered trying to write with the feathers by dipping them in ink. He'd given up, exasperated, after a few words.

He still laughed when he thought of the cricket matches he played with the local boys there, especially that one smiling chap who used to do commentary as he ran up to bowl. He wondered what might have become of him. Whether he left the village and made a career or took after his forefathers and tilled the land. He wondered what would have happened if his own father hadn't made the move to the city. He could have been the same as that smiley guy. Maybe Nature does play dice, he thought.

He remembered the dinners. The *chapattis* cooked on an earthen kiln, a splash of melted butter on them, the generous helping of *jaggery*, the crisp *papad* baked on the kiln for after dinner. He believed the kiln added magic to the food. Somehow, the chic gas stove had missed a trick.

He remembered the tea they used to have after dinner as they sat on the terrace and gazed into the nothingness surrounding them. The

local folks loved the tea sweet. That was the only form of tea known there, and that was the tea he got used to when he was there. He felt teleported to a different world as his dad recounted stories from his time and those he'd heard passed down from generations. Wrapped in a warm blanket, sipping tea, watching the sand dunes change shape as the winds blew, he'd fallen asleep many a night in his mom's lap on the terrace.

He remembered going with his parents to the fairs in nearby villages: watching the puppet shows, the dances in traditional costumes to songs in an unknown dialect, listening to the cheers from those on the hand-operated Ferris wheel, and the din of vendors selling handicrafts and earthenware.

He remembered going up to the terrace by himself at dusk and looking at the camels and the cacti in the distance. He enjoyed the solitude and the emptiness around him. He loved the way the air became cool after sunset. Now, more than ever, he longed for those quiet moments. He smiled a wry smile.

C'est la vie, he thought, as he opened his eyes and searched for John Denver on his iPod — *Driving down the road I get a feeling that I should have been home yesterday.* "Country Roads" suited him for the moment. He reclined his seatback and got lost in the memories of those times gone by.

Back in the pantry, the air hostess smiled. A passenger had just asked her for more of the tea, "With extra sugar, if you please."

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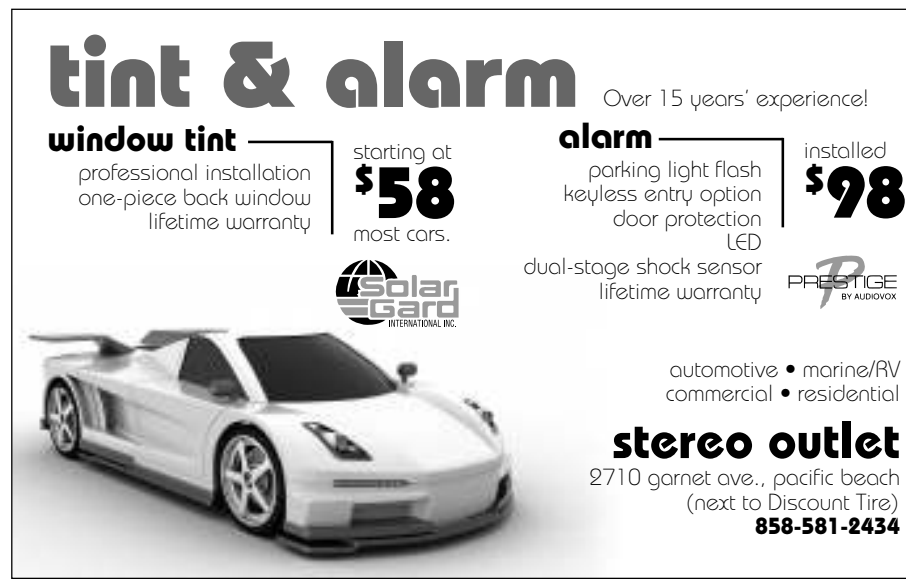

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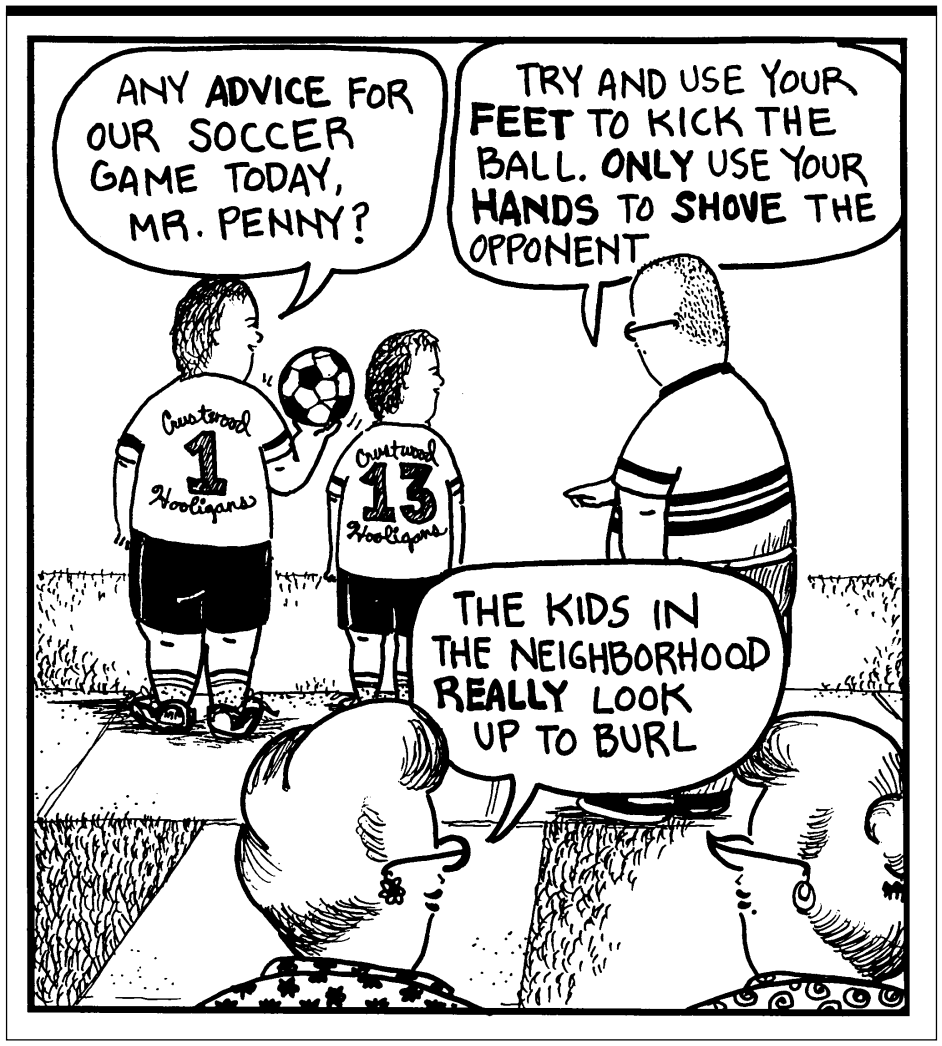

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HOME INVASION

Location: 9100 Cambon Street, Spring Valley
Time/Date: 1:07 a.m. on 8/8/06

Report: The 52-year-old male victim told deputies two black male adults wearing ski masks and dark clothing forced their way through the front and rear doors of his residence. One of the suspects struck the victim on the right side of his head with the butt end of a shotgun. The suspects took the victim's car keys, wallet, pants and change. The suspects told the victim to wait five minutes before calling for help.

DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING/PAROLE VIOLATION

Location: 5821 Sweetwater Road, Spring Valley
Time/Date: 3:35 p.m. on 8/14/06

Investigation: At 3:27 p.m., a patrol deputy and his K-9 partner were at Rohr Park in Chula Vista. The deputy, using his car computer, ran the license plate of a parked vehicle, which was occupied with two people. The car proved to be reported stolen from San Diego.

When the vehicle drove out of the park, the deputy followed. Apparently aware that he was being followed, the driver (later identified as Albert C.) stopped the car, in traffic, on Central Avenue in Bonita and exited the vehicle. When the deputy started to relay verbal commands to the driver, he re-entered the car and drove away. It was at this point that the deputy activated his emergency lights and siren and went in pursuit of the fleeing car.

The pursuit ended up going northbound on Sweetwater Road to the County Animal Shelter, where the road comes to a dead end. During the pursuit, the suspect collided with at least one other vehicle.

Once the suspect reached the Animal Shelter complex, he drove through a closed steel gate. It was at this point that the passenger (Deidre W.) got out of the car and fled on foot.

The pursuing deputy followed the suspect vehicle to the rear of the complex, where the deputy approached the stolen vehicle and attempted to take the suspect into custody. It was at that time that Albert C. rapidly accelerated the vehicle directly at the deputy.

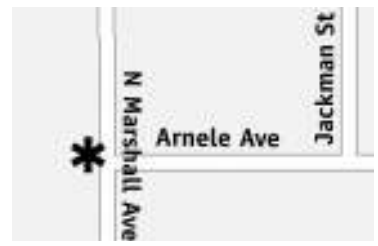
In response, the deputy fired two rounds from his duty weapon, striking the suspect.

The suspect was transported to a local hospital.... The passenger, who fled on foot, was taken into custody a short time later.

Both suspects are currently on State parole.

POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL

Location: 700 North Marshall, El Cajon
Time/Date: 11:00 a.m. on 8/3/06



Résumé of Incident: Traffic Officer Jeff Mowers was working radar enforcement.... He made a traffic stop on a subject who identified himself as Michael R. of Campo. Officer Mowers discovered that R.'s driver's license was suspended and prepared to impound the vehicle.

During an inventory search of the vehicle, a loaded handgun and a loaded sawed-off shotgun were found. As the vehicle was searched further, detonation cord and a blasting cap were found, along with a substance which was consistent with the appearance of explosives. Methamphetamine and marijuana were also found in the vehicle.

The area was cordoned off and the Sheriff's Bomb Squad was contacted. A detective from the bomb squad responded to the scene and seized the substance along with the detonation cord and blasting cap.

Tests were conducted on the substance, and it was determined to be an explosive material.

As a result of the weapons and explosives, detectives from the El Cajon Police Department obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence in Campo. The El Cajon Police Department SWAT Team served the search warrant at about 9:00 p.m. During a search of the residence, detectives found more marijuana, ammunition and five illegal immigrants who were turned over to the Border Patrol.

ALIEN SMUGGLING

Location: International Border at San Ysidro
Time/Date: 5:00 a.m. on 8/8/06

Investigation: CBP officers encountered the driver, a 33-year-old resident of Rosarito, Mexico, as he entered the port...driving a GMC Vendura van. The driver stated he was a citizen of the United States and presented a valid California identification and birth certificate to the officer. The primary officer noticed the driver's nervous demeanor during routine questioning and referred the vehicle and occupant to the secondary lot for a more in-depth examination.

In the secondary lot, CBP officers discovered three undocumented migrants sewn into three seats of the conversion van, including the driver's seat. CBP officers carefully extracted two men and a woman from inside the seats.

Officers determined that the two men and woman are citizens of Mexico; they are being detained as material witnesses in the prosecution case.

The driver was advised of his rights, charged with alien smuggling, and transported to the Metropolitan Correctional Center to await arraignment.

PAROLE VIOLATION

Location: 9630 Campo Road, Spring Valley
Time/Date: 2:50 p.m. on 8/13/06

Investigation: The Sheriff's Lemon Grove Patrol Station's Gang Suppression Team developed information that documented gang member, 24-year-old Muhammad H., was wanted for a parole violation and was staying at the Crown Suites Inn.

Gang Suppression Team members arrived and knocked on H.'s door. H. initially opened, then slammed it shut. The deputies could hear him run from the door and repeatedly flush the toilet. When they forced entry into the hotel room and arrested H., they found marijuana residue in and around the toilet. They also found two loaded handguns, cocaine, methamphetamine, and more marijuana.

— *Michael Hemmingson*

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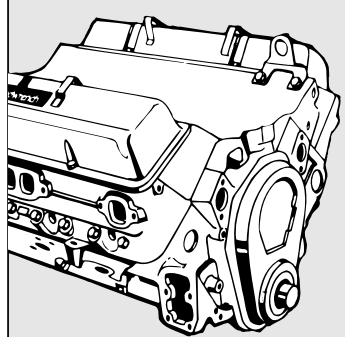

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ME: WHY ARE YOU WATCHING THE TEEN CHOICE AWARDS? YOU'RE 27.

Her: I just want to see Nick Lachey win an award for his new song. Because, to hell with Jessica.

Me: You're a good 14 years older than everyone else who's watching.

Her: Bull! It's for "teens," that means everyone up to 19.

Me: Do you honestly believe anyone 19 is watching this? Those are little kids in the audience. 9-year-olds up to, probably, a very few dorky 14-year-olds are watching this. And you.

Her: I told you I was waiting for Nick to get his award and then you can change it.

Me: Let's see what's on.

Her: Wait! My boyfriend from *Prison Break* is coming on. Then Kevin Federline is going to do that Popozao song. In one line he says "You know what you can do? Grab your socks."

Me: What does that mean?

Her: Shhhh. Here's Nick Lachey.

Me: Damn, he's a good-looking guy. He probably beds more women than I walk by in a day.

Her: No. He's got a girlfriend.

Me: Please. You think he wants to go back to having a girlfriend after he was with Jessica for...wait! Goddamn it! Now you've got me doing it. Why are we watching this!?

Her: Well, now we can't change the channel because you broke the remote. You feel better?

Me: It's not broken; the battery fell out when it hit the bathroom door.

Her: Well, next time you feel the need to...wait! It's that guy from *Prison Break*. He's my boyfriend, you know?

Me: Does he make you grab your socks? OW!

Her: Well, that's what you get.

Me: Do you know these people? You act like they're your best friends. You've never even met them, but you know exactly who's dating who, and why they broke up, and who's gay.

Her: Shut up.

Me: They're not real. They probably don't even...

Her: I said SHUT UP!

Me: Ow! Stop doing that!

Her: Britney's on. Oh! Look at that low-cut dress. Pregnancy's been very good to her boobs. But my God, you trailer park hooker, take the gum out of your mouth.

Me: She has a mouth? I can't take my eyes off...ow! Maybe later I can make her grab her socks...OW!

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

THE VIEW

ABC 10:00 A.M.

Since Star Jones has been canned from *The View,* she has some extra time on her hands. She's been spotted circling a desert oil refinery in a hot rod dune buggy, wearing leather bandoliers and a hockey mask and shouting into a loudspeaker system, "Work! Work! Make the gas! I am your Lord Humongous. Make the gas. And beef stew. Make beef stew. But don't forget the gas! Make gas too! But beef stew first."

TWINS IN PERIL: TWIN TO TWIN TRANSFUSION

DHC 9:00 P.M.

Have you ever seen those twins with really nothing in common? Well, I'm one of those types of twins. My twin is a meerkat. I've tried to dig complex tunnels beneath my apartment and pop out by the street and rest my little hands against my belly and swivel my head around on lookout for danger. I do it to make Reginald — oh, Reginald is my twin meerkat. I do it to make Reginald happy, but it's really not my thing.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

PIMP MY RIDE

MTV 9:00 P.M.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

CNN LIVE SATURDAY

CNN 11:00 A.M.

Let's see. Taliban gaining ground in Afghanistan? Crap. Israel and Hezbollah? No story there. 2600 American soldiers dead in Iraq? Zip. Millions of starving children abroad and at home? Nada. JonBenét's killer captured? Happy days are here again! Let's yank her out of the dirt and prance her around like a marionette. Maybe her dad still has some of that lipstick he used to force her to wear. Ew. I even grossed myself out on that one.

THE WOOD (1999)

TNT 11:00 A.M.

Ah, camping. Who doesn't love it? The logs, the beef sticks, the fishing rods. Even fiddling with the equipment can be quite enjoyable. First thing you want to do is unpack the meat. Find a good twig with a ripe set of berries. If you know how, you can start to get some heat even from only one good stick. That's when you should grab your package and pull out that kielbasa you've been saving for a special occasion, or maybe some pork and a cigar. Hey, wait a minute. I'm talking about camping, what are you...ugh, you sicko.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

FIRST COMES LOVE (1999)

WGNSAT 12:00 P.M.

Then comes marriage. Then comes baby in the baby carriage. Then comes arguing. Then comes withheld intimacy. Then comes drinking. Then comes the shouting and accusations at night, "My sister! You what? That's my sister, I can't believe you!" Then come the attorneys. Then the lonely days, empty uptown apartment, and scratching a 3-day-old beard. Then comes the soliloquy in front of the mirror, "If I'd only had the good damned sense to not sit in that tree k-i-s-s-i-n-g."

The Ultimate Coyote Ugly Search

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

THE 58TH ANNUAL PRIMETIME EMMY AWARDS

BRAVO 9:00 P.M.

If television could transmit smell, Joan Rivers would reek of desperation, sequins, and sweaty wig. The Emmys would lose most of their audience, but, hell, I'd probably tune in. You know, for the good schadenfreude.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

THE ULTIMATE COYOTE UGLY SEARCH

CMTV 8:00 P.M.

Oh, really? Is it the "ultimate"? Good. I'm tired of these half-assed, mediocre, "just okay" searches for the next Coyote Ugly dancing bartender. I've really had it up to here, and I've been waiting so long. Finally.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

PROJECT RUNWAY

BRAVO 10:00 P.M.

If real life was *Pulp Fiction* and I had a giant Afro, mutton chop sideburns, and a chrome .45, I'd track Heidi Klum down to a dingy South Central L.A. apartment and shout, "Say 'You will be in or you will be out,' one more time, **********! Say it!"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

THE COSBY SHOW

TVLAND 9:00 P.M.

They don't tell you this, but Bill Cosby only had one sweater. It was from a species of hybrid angora chameleon that scientists had created in a lab for the U.S. Army and a very interested Casino carpet baron. Bill was the test subject. The Army declined the winter wear line and the flooring merchant was never heard from again. Now you know.

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"I'm not a murderer or something. I just wanted a cigarette."

By John Brizzolara

The Volunteers of America at 1111 Island Avenue is in trouble. The wrecking ball is waiting in the wings. You can almost see its shadow from Market Street. It's the only detox facility in town (outside of emergency rooms where they might give you a Librium and send you packing) where you can spend four hours on a soft mat as an alternative to jail. The ten-day alcohol and drug education program and the long-term treatment center, Sobriety House, all in one small, decrepit building, are to be out by December 31, and no one wants them in their back yard. Pacific Beach objected loudly, like nobody gets drunk in P.B. It was the car dealers at the head of Grand Avenue, near where V.O.A. was to move, that were the loudest and most petulant. They figured the inebriated would come out and vandalize cars on the lot, as if it is a well-known fact that's what drunks do on a regular basis.

Detox at V.O.A. may be pathetic and unsightly to the lofted and condo'ed gentry surrounding it. It can also be pretty funny at times — that is, when it's not violent and sad.

For example, you are to stay on the mats for the full four hours, but no one can physically stop you if you walk out the door. They just call the cops who brought you there in the first place, in cuffs, and inform them you're loose. The cops don't always do a whole lot about it.

The Friday night of Street Scene, two SDPD coppers steered in a cuffed, worked-looking slattern in her late 40s, and maybe she spent 40 minutes on the mat before she left on her own unauthorized recognizance. She got to the corner at Twelfth and Market, the trolley stop, and a V.O.A. staff member known as Sarge for his warm, winning ways hailed down a slowing squad car. They'd been called to the Island Palms Victorian flea bag apartment building for another matter. Sarge barked at the cops, "Stop her, she walked out!"

Four trolley cops, keeping her there for the real cops, surrounded the soused woman, who looked like Tom Petty at 90. The real cops did not care. One of them called to Sarge, "We're here for somethin' else." Sarge was fuming.

The slatternly souse slurred, "I'm not a murderer or something. I just wanted a cigarette."

A cop replied, "No, you're not a murderer, you're just a drunk. Keep on moving."

Now the trolley cops were pissed; they wanted to hogtie this poor woman, gift wrap her for Las Colinas. But they were overruled by the SDPD, and they had to step aside and let her walk. She got around the corner by 7-Eleven, where she was grabbed by a guy known in the neighborhood as Skills (a skinny math genius with Keith Richards/Albert Einstein hair). He lives in the long-term Sobriety House, and he's got a gig walking the streets with a clipboard, registering voters, but only for the Republican Party.

So Skills walked side by side with this woman down to skid row, and she's giving him her date of birth and California I.D. number, and she signed the thing, shaking like a maraca, while the four trolley cops peered around the corner. They wanted to do something, but they didn't have a clue as to what. Republicans, however, have occasion to be proud.

Meanwhile, Mo "The Pin" Hyde was working the bullring, which is the horseshoe-shaped desk at detox, where inebriates are clocked in and their property is held for the duration. A stand-up comic and former wrestler (ergo, "The Pin"), Hyde prides himself on being able to take anyone at all to the ground.

The Monday after Street Scene, Hyde isn't feeling all that funny when it comes to discussing his volunteer work in the bullring. However, he does recall, "The police brought in drunks from Street Scene that night, and this one chick,

God bless her, was laying on the mat with her top pulled down, exposing her splendor. Me being in recovery, I'm a sick man. I thought it was lovely just seeing an incapacitated drunk lady with fine breasts. She was calling my name. I don't know if anyone else heard it, but I heard it loud and clear.

"[Working here is] kind of like bartending, but it's really the opposite, I guess. I wasn't jumping over the counter on anybody, but I did have this one guy trying to jump over the counter at a staff member while I was working the floor keeping everybody on the mats. I had to change his mind. I escorted him to the door. He didn't actually have to go to the floor. Let's say he got dribbled off the walls. We played a little basketball, him and me.

"Ironically enough, being drunk, a lot of guys and females think that anything is better than being confined for four hours. So they select the other option, plan B, downtown." Hyde means county jail, of course. "There's no plan C. God blessed me with the gift of not remembering those times."

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