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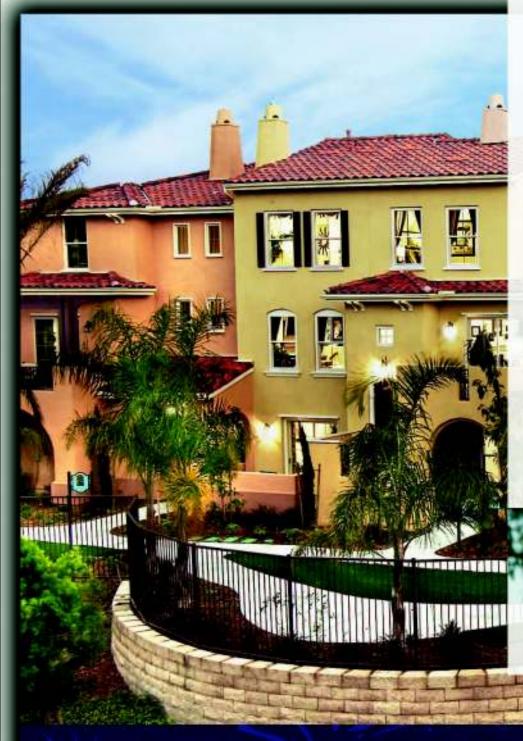
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By Don Bauder

The San Diego Reader has located Chuck Quackenbush, the first California politician/bureaucrat to self-destruct in this century.

Present and former San Diegans were involved in his plunge from grace. Quackenbush is the former insurance commissioner who resigned in mid-2000 rather than face a certain impeachment. Where is he now? He is a deputy sheriff in Lee County, in southwest Florida.

The former commish fell hard. According to another deputy sheriff there, Quackenbush's salary is "around \$33,000 a year," and he has been working the night shift. He was raking in \$132,000 a year as insurance commissioner. The tall, handsome former California State Assembly member from Silicon Valley, brimming with military spit and polish, had been groomed by Republicans for a run at governor or U.S. Senate.

After his resignation, he and his family beat it for Hawaii, where Quackenbush claimed he was doing political and military intelligence consulting. People assume that he is still there. I got a tip that he is a low-rung law enforcer in Florida. I reached a source at the California Department of Insurance who said that as far as he knew, Quackenbush was a deputy sheriff in Fort Myers. "We don't really care," he added.

Fort Myers is the secondbiggest city in Lee County. The county sheriff's department confirmed that he is on its payroll as a deputy sheriff. I left phone messages for Quackenbush and e-mailed him, but he did not answer.

His wife is a real estate salesperson in the area, according to ads in local media.

Quackenbush was elected insurance commissioner in 1994 and reelected in 1998. But the *Los Angeles Times* began writing about dubi-

Matt Potter is on vacation.

ous practices in claims settlements from the 1994 Northridge earthquake, which did \$27 billion of damage in the Los Angeles area. Several large insurers were subject to billions of dollars in fines



Chuck Quackenbush

because of their inadequate handling of quake claims. But according to a torrent of news reports at the time, the insurance companies were let off the hook if they would contribute a collective \$13 million to foundations that had been organized largely by former staff members of exgovernor Pete Wilson, who began his political career in San Diego.

These foundations were supposed to educate the public about the importance of insurance. "The foundations he created weren't for consumers. They were only there to help Quackenbush run for governor," said whistleblower and insurance department attorney Cindy Ossias not long after Quackenbush left.

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As the media pointed out, one of those so-called foundations, California Research and Assistance Fund, went astray with its money. As it turned out, \$3 million of that money went to TV ads featuring and glorifying the politically ambitious Quackenbush. Half a million dollars went to the Sacramento Urban League, of which Quackenbush was a boardmember. A

full \$263,000 went to the Skillz Athletic Foundation, a football camp attended by Quackenbush's children.

In late April of 2000, Quackenbush went before the Assembly Insurance Committee and said he was "mortified," although he conceded he had made mistakes in judgment. His staff members had never told him about where that foundation money was going, he insisted, although a top aide later denied that claim. Politicians of neither party were buying his story. Democrats said he had put together a slush fund with



Gail Stoorza-Gill

money that should have gone to quake victims. Republicans largely agreed and put much of the blame on former Pete Wilson advisers who were shoveling money to their own public relations firms.

One of those firms was San Diego's Stoorza Ziegaus and Metzger, which was the state's largest public relations firm, with more than 90 employees. (It went out of business in 2002, primarily done in by the dot-com/tech collapse.)

According to press reports, in 1999 the firm had sent out a memo telling how Quackenbush could use insurancecompany money to reverse the perception that the commissioner was "too closely aligned to insurance companies." A member of Stoorza's Sacramento office, Mitch Zak, had talked about the concept at the same time that Marty Wilson, who was with another public relations firm, was doing so. Both had served in the Wilson administration; Marty Wilson had been a close adviser of Pete Wilson (no relation) since Pete's days as mayor of San Diego. Marty Wilson did not respond to

queries

The Stoorza firm wound up getting a \$50,000 bonus and \$600,000 contract, to last through 2001. It helped set up a foundation, California Insurance Education Project, with former San Diego state legislator Lucy Killea on its board, along with still another Pete Wilson veteran. It's doubtful the Stoorza firm collected the whole contract, because the Quackenbush flap erupted in the middle of it.

In any case, the California Insurance Education Project was apparently not in on the bad stuff — the TV ads



Pete Wilson

and the diversion of funds to the Urban League, the sports group, etc. Gail Stoorza-Gill says her former firm had "absolutely no involvement" in the monkey business quarterbacked by the California Research and Assistance Fund, and evidence suggests that is true.

"Quackenbush didn't know

a thing about insurance; he was naïve, was used terribly," says Jeffrey C. Peterson of Escondido, executive director of the American Names Association, which is based in Rancho Santa Fe. The association represents Americans who in the 1970s and 1980s invested in the fabled insurance market, Lloyd's of London. At Lloyd's, individuals called "Names," along with corporations, come together to spread financial risk. American Names concluded that Lloyd's had recruited them only because it was in deep trouble from asbestos and



Lucy Killea

pollution claims. A group of California Names sued Lloyd's for fraud. So did the California Department of Corporations.

According to Peterson, Lloyd's members had provided reinsurance to the corporations that had insured structures in the area of the Northridge quake. So Lloyd's faced Northridge, asbestos, and pollution claims at the same time it was defending itself from fraud suits. But it had an ally in Quackenbush. Indeed, Peterson believes Quackenbush had been hurriedly picked for the insurance commissioner job by a San Francisco law firm that represented Lloyd's.

Quackenbush came to Lloyd's defense in the Department of Corporations fraud case. Quackenbush wrote a brief favoring Lloyd's. It's rare to have two separate state agencies opposing each other. The Department of Corporations suit was thrown out on a technicality.

In the California Names fraud suit, Quackenbush penned a brief supporting Lloyd's. The California Names lost at the district court level. A 3-judge appellate panel then overturned the lower court's decision. Then an 11-judge appellate panel overruled the 3-judge panel, and Lloyd's was home free again.

Next, the Department of Insurance received \$400,000 from Lloyd's and obfuscated the reason for the payment. The *Los Angeles Times* reported that the payment was covered up as "educational briefings." It was widely believed to be reimbursement for legal

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Apple Knows Who Stole Your iPod

By Cruz Medina

ne Monday morning last month, I found that my car, parked on Third Avenue in Hillcrest, had been broken into and my \$400

video iPod was gone. After filing a police incident report, I called 800-MY-APPLE to report the theft. An Apple service representative named David took my serial number and opened a case, but then he told me, "There's nothing really that this will do."

I decided to research stolen iPods online. I found J. Alain Ferry's website, StoleniPods.com.

ommends songs through the serial numbers of the last iPod connected" to a computer.

Doing business with customers possessing stolen iPods is illegal, Ferry thinks. "It's aiding and abetting in a crime." He points out that cell phone companies are responsive to customers whose phones are stolen, deactivating the phones so they can't be used.



On it, Ferry suggests that there is something Apple could do. "Apple maintains records of stolen iPod serial numbers," the website reads. "Apple's iTunes software records the serial number of the last connected iPod. Apple sells songs to people that enter their billing information into the iTunes software. So why isn't Apple doing anything to prevent the sale of songs to the person with YOUR stolen iPod?"

A recent graduate of Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Ferry started the site in May after losing an iPod. He'd been traveling from Detroit to Boston when an iPod he'd borrowed was stolen from his laptop-computer bag. Ferry had also called Apple and been disappointed. "I guess I assumed Apple would help," he said.

Ferry had hoped that Apple would refuse iTunes service to his stolen iPod. He knew that Apple tracked iPods because, he says, "iTunes rec-

Apple maintains that it won't service an iPod that it knows has been stolen. But to know that the iPod has been stolen, the service rep would have to run the serial number, and that isn't routinely

Ted Hekman, an IT developer for a Los Angeles-based online ad revenue company, suggests another step Apple could take. "Because iTunes has an e-mail address and credit card information," Hekman says, "Apple could use that information to track people down who use stolen iPods - or even charge them."

Furthermore, asserts Hekman, "Apple could go so far as to mess up an iPod internally, making it useless." But he admits that "a savvy computer person could bypass even that; you can reload a hard drive to make it work again."

Apple could track stolen iPods, but it doesn't want to, says Nate Glucksman, an Apple employee at San Diego State University's bookstore. "They don't monitor iPods," he believes, "because it would be a lot of hassle for them." When asked what he would do if his iPod were stolen, Glucksman said he would report the missing iPod and "I'd buy another one. If the reported stolen one were recovered, it'd make a good present."

An anti-Big Brother attitude runs through the technological community. On the Forum section of AppleInsider.com, a site devoted to Apple news and sales, the majority of members were against the idea of Apple's tracking iPod use. A member-user named "Ebby" had the idea of checking iPods and iTunes accounts against a list of stolen iPods but later argued, "It is when you store information on a user, tie it to an account, or can gather other information by the frequency of iPod use...that's when my problems arise." Ebby concluded, "The level of stuff they have to do to start cracking down would scare me, and I wouldn't get involved."

Apple's profits have been closely linked to the sales of iPods and songs. In October 2005, BBC News reported, "Apple has quadrupled its quarterly profits, thanks to global sales of more than 6.5 million of its iPod music players over the past three months." And in January 2006, according to the Washington Post, Apple cofounder Steve Jobs said in his opening speech at the Macworld Conference and Expo in San Francisco, "We've sold over 42 million iPods." He also said that the iTunes Music Store had sold 850 million copies of songs. The New York Times reported in January that "Apple music sales now account for 59 percent of the company's total sales."

Ferry hopes that Apple's decision not to track stolen iPods doesn't have to do with the fact that the more iPods that are stolen, the more iTunes users buy songs and the more victims buy replacement iPods. "I hope it's not about the bottom line," he says. "I have a lot of respect for Steve Jobs.

"By May, something like 50 million iPods were sold," continues Ferry."I think Apple should take a little money and create a unit of prevention for iPod theft. Apple needs to step up to the plate and create a program. It's business negligence, not doing anything when they could."

In the past, when music executives pressured Steve Jobs to charge more than 99 cents for iTunes songs, Jobs acted as an advocate for customers and called music executives "greedy." According to a September BBC News article, "Mr. Jobs vowed to resist such pressure, after revealing that

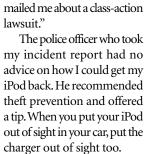
my iPod.' "

Ferry isn't sure what he'll do with all the names, addresses, and phone numbers he's accumulated."I want to start some kind of program or petition and create exposure through the website," he says. But if Apple can't find an innovative way to assist victims of stolen iPods, Ferry says he may take legal action. "I'm considering the possibility of talk-

Apple employee, suggested marking iPods with Data-Dots — laser-encoded dots the size of a grain of sand with a PIN that is registered in the national DataDot law enforcement database. For this to be helpful, the police would have to recover the iPod and read the DataDot.

When Karen Todd of Maryland gave her husband an iPod, she marked it in a more conspicuous way, according to a story in the Washington Post. She inscribed it with a line from his favorite song. Last year, after her house was broken into and the iPod stolen, she found the inscribed iPod on eBay. (After clicking on "see seller's other items," she also found her laptop computer.)

In Nottingham, England, Adrian Smith had an easier time. The manager of a store that carries Apple products, Smith recovered his stolen iPod when the thief, needing cables, brought the iPod into the store. As Smith told Macworld, "I immediately recognized it...and when I plugged the iPod into the Macintosh it came up as 'Adrian's iPod' straight away." ■



Nate Glucksman, the SDSU



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music firms were pushing for higher prices on Apple's iTunes Internet music store."

Ferry says he's had an "overwhelming response" to StoleniPods.com, receiving "well over a thousand e-mails" from people who filled out his mailing-list form. "Only one said, 'Stop whining.' Some are crazy. They say, 'My iPod is my life' or 'I'm lost without

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work done for Quackenbush's interventions. A federal grand jury in New York probing Lloyd's investigated that

\$400,000 payment. "The assistant U.S. attorney handed up an indictment proposal to the Department of Justice in Washington," says Peterson. But the document hit Washington right around the time of 9/11, while international

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factors were in the forefront; the case evanesced. When you fight Lloyd's, you fight the British government, notes

But Quackenbush got some nifty trips abroad paid for by Lloyd's and insurance companies, according to the Times.

In 2002, federal and state probers dropped their investigation of Quackenbush. In the end, two people in the case, including one of his close aides, were convicted criminally and a third was hit with a

misdemeanor.

In 2003, Quackenbush wistfully told the Insurance Journal that he had trusted that aide because of his record in Pete Wilson's administration.

In 2002 his wife, Chris, told the San Francisco Chron-

icle that her husband was the victim of a "witch-hunt." At the time, they were in Hawaii and he was not working. "It's very difficult for someone who has been at the top to take an ordinary job," she explained. ■

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Where Skyscraper Geeks Meet

Just wanted to say that I enjoyed this week's informative cover story entitled "Machines for Living" by Geoff Bouvier (August 24), regarding downtown.

If Mr. Bouvier is interested in more information on the future of downtown San Diego high-rises, he can check out "Skyscraperpage. com" and click on the "Forum" section, then the "City Compilations" to find the "San Diego Boom Rundown" thread. There are many skyscraper geeks out here who love tall buildings.

via e-mail

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URL Confusion

Re: my letter concerning Indie radio (August 24). In transcribing my e-mail in print, the period at the end of Indie 103.1 FM should read *Indie1031.FM*. In the Long Beach–Los Angeles area, it is 103.1. However, I meant to give reference to the Internet format, so *Indie1031.FM* is the correct address.

John Allen Wise via e-mail

Clarification

An August 17 "Blurt" item ("With Rebel Yells?") about the August 12 Billy Idol show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds quoted Del Mar Fair vice president Craig Dado as saying, "There were 39,000 people, bigger than we expected." The 39,000 figure referred to the estimated number of people attending the races that day. Considerably fewer people attended the concert.

Good Faith Might Be Restored

The "Blurt" article "First Gangs — Now Cults!" published in the *Reader* on August 17 lacks originality and is offensive to local Wiccans. The content of the article regarding the recent problems at the Crystal Ballroom comes almost word for word from a *Union-Tribune* article written July 31, 2006, by staff

writer Mark Arner. Furthermore, your newspaper used photographs from the Calafia Local Council website without the permission of either the organization, the photographer (who legally owns the photographs), or the individuals in the photographs. When contacted by Calafia's public information officer and asked not to use any of our website photos, your staff refused. The photographer and the individuals in the photographs are still deciding on whether to pursue this matter legally.

The inflammatory word choice used in the title typecasts Wiccans as violent cultists, yet the text of the article does not go far enough to dispel dangerous and damaging stereotypes about our religion. The fact that the article was in the middle of the music section is no excuse for freelance author Jay Allen Sanford to suggest a controversy exists when neither anyone at the Reader or at the Crystal Ballroom has ever seen a hard copy of the alleged flyer. The author never contacted anyone at the Crystal Ballroom to confirm the existence of said flyer but rather spun a story based on flyer text e-mailed to him from an unnamed author, who was paid a \$25 fee for the tip. Did it ever occur at anyone that the whole thing might be a hoax or perhaps the brainchild of a single alarmist?

Furthermore, Mr. Sanford waited until Sunday afternoon to contact Calafia for our comment and in the process alerted us to the existence of flyers calling for our event to be cancelled. We responded Monday, only to find out that Monday was the deadline for the article and we were too late to comment. How surprised we were then to see quotes in the article. Quotes no member of Calafia ever made! Although the quotes were not erroneous in content, they were not from anyone associated with our organization but rather were synthesized by Mr. Sanford from our website.

Needless to say, Calafia Local Council was disappointed by the article. Good faith might be restored, however, by doing a follow-up article by an objective reporter on the Witches' Night Out event to amend the false and damaging stereotypical image perpetuated in your last article. If contacted within a reasonable time frame, Calafia would be happy to set up interviews with local Wiccan clergy and find individuals who would willingly be photographed for your article. Calafia recently had a very positive experience with the media





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when Ms. Lacey Nadeau wrote her May 11 article "Misconceptions Often Follow Wiccans Wherever They Go" for the *Union-Tribune*. The *U-T* article was respectful, accurate, and original!

Calafia Local Council has been sponsoring the Witches' Night Out event for 19 years without incident or complaint by any venue. Up until recently our event took place at the Scottish Rite Center. We have never been cited for noise violations nor had any violent altercations and always clean the hall of any trash before departing. We do not serve alcohol as WNO is a family event for the pagan community. It is clear that the flyer's unnamed authors are ignorant of Wicca's benevolent philosophy. Our annual Witches' Night Out is at its heart a community fundraising event. In the past we have used the money raised to fund our scholarship program and also donated proceeds to the San Diego Food Bank. Our event is also a Halloween party. Halloween is the secular name for our religious holiday, Samhain. We celebrate our holiday in much the same way as Hispanic culture celebrates Dia de los Muertos, by honoring our ancestors and loved ones who have passed from this world into the next.

Jennie Wiseheart Calafia Local Council Covenant of the Goddess Public Information Officer

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Blatant Caption Blunder

I apologize for writing a letter about old news, but I just figured that someone in San Diego would have commented about the severe misprint in last week's article about 91X versus 94.9 ("A Pit Stop on the FM Band," Cover Story, August 17). After criticizing the hardworking band Rise Against, the author put a large picture of a random band with the caption "Rise Against" under it. It was not a picture of Rise Against, and if he is criticizing a band, he should know what

he's talking about first. Other than this blatant typo, I found the article to be just another trite article from a self-proclaimed cynical music critic, which in actuality was just regurgitating material from other so-called critics.

Sarah Parkington via e-mail The editorial department mistakenly used a photo of Good Charlotte instead of Rise Against. — Editor

Pure Torture

Have you gone insane? The cover article for the August 17 issue ("A Pit Stop on the FM Band") was the worst piece of "writing" I

have ever seen in a publication of any kind in my entire life. Did you have a "write the worst story in the history of the world" contest? Was the entire *Reader* staff taken hostage by a deranged pack of complaining, spoiled teenagers intent on writing feature articles? Was it "Take Your Remedial"

English 101 Class to Work" week? Please have pity and never subject the poor *Reader*-loving public to that kind of torture ever again.

Mike Borders via e-mail

R.I.P, STP

In response to the Conor Lastowka story ("A Pit Stop on the FM Band," Cover Story, August 17), thank you. This has been long overdue. 91X and 94.9 both get away with murdering songs by repeatedly replaying them to the point of insanity. Also, wasn't the grunge scene played out ten years ago? Please let bands

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LETTERS

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like STP, old Pearl Jam, Nirvana, and Soundgarden rest in peace. Or at least play a more obscure track that hasn't been played out so that now it resembles a desiccated husk.

John Maltman via e-mail

Mass Pleasure

Hey, Conor, thank God we have people like you to tell us how to think ("A Pit Stop on the FM Band," Cover Story, August 17)! I had no idea radio was mass media until you showed me the way! Before you go bagging on the only two decent radio stations this city has, consider this: there is a reason radio is in business — to please the masses. Now granted, we realize we are not as enlightened or deep as you, but quite frankly, we are happy nonetheless. Spend some time listening to Big Sonic Chill or Music without Boundaries before vou make such bold comparisons about how boring radio is. Yeah, maybe "Zombie" is a horrible song, but really, is it any worse than the poppy crap that so many love? I applaud your effort to bring light to mass media, just without the "you're all stupid for listening" bit. It could be worse — we could just have Star 94.1 and Jack FM! Maybe they should be your next diary.

Amanda Knous Encinitas

Big Fish Wall

Dear Fred (Letters, August 17), I'm too young to be senile, but I'm old enough to remember, and as my family has been in San Diego for around 100 years, we have a pretty good working knowledge of its history.

What I remember is this, in 1962, when George Millay had the idea of building an underwater restaurant on the 22 acres of land he bought in Mission Bay, the original name of his new business was to be Sea World Restaurant. After some thought, that name was canned in favor of Atlantis. Now, if my memory that you question so much serves me right, the underwater concept proved to be either too expensive or difficult to engineer and was abandoned in favor of an above-ground structure with one of the largest single-wall fish tanks ever built. My family also ate there occasionally in the '60s, and, yes, it was considered to be one of the finest seafood restaurants around and was kind of an adventure to go to 'cause it was all by itself way out in the middle of nowhere.

When I say that it never happened that a restaurant was built out there named Sea World, I meant a restaurant of that name and only a restaurant on the site instead of the theme park that it became two years later in '64 with the addition of the small saltwater tanks that would soon hold the two orcas named Shamu and Kilroy in '65. The name of the restaurant really isn't the point, anyway. The point of all this is that it no longer is and has been allowed to grow into the disruptive monster that it is now.

You should try to be nicer to people who share your basic political beliefs. I wouldn't say that San Diegans as a whole are not very bright. There are a lot of highly intelligent people here; they just tend to be apathetic, especially the old-timers who have been surrounded by corruption and greed for so long that they essentially have given up. This is something that really needs to change (if you let them take away your rights, they will do it every time).

If anyone can prove me wrong on any of my info, I will be the first to admit I'm wrong, but please try to remember the old saying: united we stand, divided we fall.

> James Comstock via e-mail

A Celebration Of Lowbrow Humor

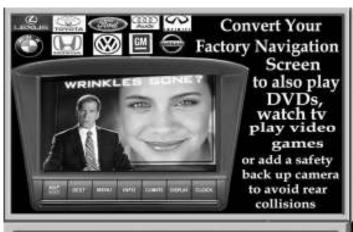
This letter is in response to the letter "Bad City! Bad City!" by Quentin Proulx (August 17). In his letter, Proulx expresses how "shocked" he is at the participation of the City of San Diego and the San Diego Fire Department in the Over-The-Line (OTL) World Championship Tournament on Fiesta Island. In particular, he was shocked at a picture of Porta Potties with "Jews," "Muslims," and "Real Women" signs on them that appeared in the "Crasher" article (August 10) where Josh Board wrote about his experience at the tournament this year. And to that I would like to say, "Lighten up, Quentin." This year was the 53rd

annual tournament here in San Diego, and healthy, irreverent humor has always been its trademark. Even though it's a far cry from the complete debauchery it was through the 1960s and 1970s (the City of San Diego insisted that OM-BAC tone down the behavior in the 1980s and 1990s), the annual tournament is a place where people can check their political correctness and bad attitudes at the gate and just go out and have some R-rated fun. The tournament is not a family event or for those who are easily offended. Because everywhere you turn — from the raunchy team names that are constantly being announced on the PA system to the signs, T-shirts, and displays throughout the tournament area — participants and spectators are treated to a steady diet of lowbrow and offensive humor, sprinkled with titillation. And the fact that 40 to 50 thousand people show up at the tournament each year seems to indicate that they appreciate and enjoy that kind of atmosphere.

So for anyone who was shocked and/or offended by the description of the World Championship OTL that Josh provided in his article, here's a tip: Don't go to the tournament. You won't have any fun. And we don't want you there, anyway.

One last thing: As far as the participation of the City of San Diego with the OTL tournament, OMBAC receives a proclamation from the sitting mayor of San Diego each year declaring OTL Tournament Days on Fiesta Island for the two weekends that it is held. This year, OMBAC also received a proclamation from Governor Schwarzenegger. And the city services that are at the OTL tournament (fire and police protection) are paid for by OMBAC as part of the permit required by the City of San Diego for

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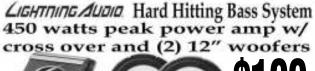
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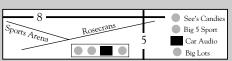
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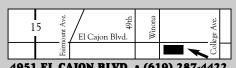




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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



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Hey, Matthew:

Why don't owls eat mockingbirds that are singing all night?

— Bob, telephonically

We're now past the mockingbird all-night-warbling season, since the new crop of mockers is off the nest and composing next spring's annoying trills and screeches. The most reliable way to shut them up is just to wait it out. But owls might work. They're raptors, like hawks and falcons and eagles, so a midnight snack of mockingbird isn't out of the question. And since most owl species hunt at night, a whistling, cackling, yodeling feather sandwich on a high, exposed perch would seem like a sitting duck, as it were. But given their choice, owls prefer to graze at the rodent, $reptile, and small-animal \ buffet. \ Owls' strong \ feet \ and \ sharp \ beaks \ and \ talons \ subdue \ them \ easily.$ Taking on a feisty, territorial male mockingbird that's going to fight back is another question. If an owl doesn't have to work that hard for dinner, he won't. But mockingbird is on the list of owl food, so owls can glide in silently and catch a mocker by surprise. I guess they just don't do it in your neighborhood.

Dear Matt:

I know Queen Elizabeth has had plenty of family troubles over the years, but the tabloids haven't told me the one crucial bit of information I've always wanted to know about Her Majesty. What the heck is her last name? Do queens even have last names?

— Hiz Maiestv, Serra Mesa

Seems to me the only good thing about being queen is having the right to say "Gimme that" and having your subjects hand over the goods. And that would probably include a last name if she didn't already have one. But since she's a so-called "royal," she's simply known as Queen Elizabeth. On official documents and her notes to me, she signs her name "Elizabeth R" (Elizabeth Regina, Elizabeth the Queen). Truth of the matter is, though, Liz's family does have a surname. She's Liz Windsor, or was until she married. Now the whole lot of them are the Mountbatten-Windsors, a combo of dad and mom. Andrew and Charles, also royals like Elizabeth, are known simply by their given names plus any inherited titles (Prince of the Royal Blood, Prince of Wales — that kind of junk). Nonroyals would be known as, say, Percival Mountbatten-Windsor or Prudence Mountbatten-Windsor, people who are probably no fun at parties.

My girlfriend and I have a long-standing difference of opinion. I live directly under Lindbergh Field's flight path. On most planes I can see a thin stream emanating from the wings as the planes approach a landing. I say this stream is fuel being released upon approach. My girlfriend says what we are witnessing is condensation coming from the wings of the plane. Which of us is

— Nameless, in the flight path

In the 80, 90 years I've been toiling at this gig, I've noticed an interesting phenomenon. When hubby/wifey, loverboy/sweetiepie, whoever, have a disagreement, it's always the man who's so sure he's correct that he's wiling to air the issue in public. But nine times out of ten, the woman has the right answer. I draw no conclusions from this statistical oddity. In fact, Nameless might be just a darned fair-minded guy who simply wants the argument settled once and for all. But of course, Nameless's answer is wrong. The reduced air pressure above the plane's wing produces an area of lowered air temperature, which causes the condensation to form. Fuel dumping is strictly an emergency procedure for aircraft.

Why do some people have a white moon on their fingernails and others don't? Does this mean you're lacking something in your diet or that you might have a health problem?

The little moons rising over some people's cuticles are called lunulae and are as devoid of meaning and purpose as any body part can be. Their presence or absence is no indicator of physical health, nutritional habits, moral rectitude, personal hygiene, manual dexterity, intelligence, breeding, sexual orientation, bank balance... It's one of the few physical attributes that, no matter how one might try, cannot be used to further separate us human beans into us-andthem categories. The white arcs are merely air trapped between fingernail and nail bed. Some people's nails fit more closely to the skin below and have tiny moons or no moons at all. It's possible to have moons on some fingers and be moonless on others.

There's one esoteric contribution made by lunulae and nail beds. You can check blood circulation in a person's extremities by checking skin color that shows through his fingernails. Well-oxygenated blood reaching the tiny capillaries in your fingers will make the nail beds appear pink; poor circulation will give them a blue cast. But of course this works whether or not you have moons over your manicure.

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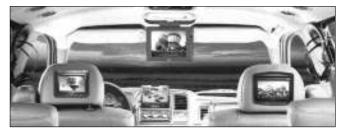
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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Coach Of The Year

ootball is upon us, and the corporate sporting press floods the valley with pigskin-preview articles. The Box can do no less. Introducing Borrego Springs High School JV and varsity football coach Randy Peyakov. Borrego Springs (go, Rams!) competes in the Citrus League. Other league members are: San Pasqual Academy (Escondido), Warner (Warner Springs), West Shores (Salton City), Calvary Christian (Vista), and San Diego Jewish Academy (San Diego). Peyakov, 40, two kids, one wife, is beginning his fourth year

Borrego Springs claims 159 students, plays 8man football on varsity and 11-man on JV. I wanted to know how many kids tried out this year.

Peyakov says, "I've got 32 kids total, varsity and JV. Last year I played with nine guys and still made it to playoffs.

"Nine players. Every boy must have played offense and defense."

"Yeah," Peyakov says. "Of course, I used a couple fillers from my JV, just for bodies. The first year I coached I also had nine guys. We went through the season and came in dead last. Didn't have any athletes; they were all overweight, too big, couldn't move...'

"Must have been discouraging."

"It was discouraging. Then, that summer, a girl gave my running back some pharmaceuticals and ended up killing him." Silence. And more silence. "So, I didn't have a team. A lot of people moved away, couldn't handle the situation because of the death. And this kid was a good kid, never took drugs or anything. It was an eye-opener for the whole district."

"What was your record that first year?"

"One and nine," Peyakov says.

"And nobody showed up the second year?" "Nobody showed up."

Now, that's discouraging. "Tell me about your third year."

"I'm a teacher in the district, so I talked to kids and told them they could succeed in different aspects of their life and sports is a good way to do that. I just pushed and pushed and pushed and had kids persuade their friends to come out." Peyakov laughs, "It's all flying by the seat of your pants. I think I had 18 kids last year, JV and varsity. I was ecstatic. We finished seven and five and went to the playoffs against San Pasqual Academy." Silence. "I'm trying to build a program in Borrego. Before I started coaching we hadn't won a game, a single game, in ten years.

That's not discouraging; that's a shamanic curse. "And then you made the playoffs last year. Borrego Springs must have danced in the streets."

"Everybody was thrilled. The kids' academics have gone up because of it, and eligibility has gone

"What happened?"

"The kids were tight. I had three seniors who were good leaders and pumped up everybody else. And, I was learning how to coach, how to get them into condition."

"Who was your stand-out player?"

"My fullback and defensive end, Ely Smiley, as far as athleticism," Peyakov says. "He made All-League second team. He never got off the field, and he loved it. My running back was Rene Navarro, a talented athlete. Ely was the team, as far as blocking for Rene and everything else, but Rene made the

That must have been fun to watch. "How about defense?

"That's where Elv [as defensive end] got All-League second team. Richard Rethoret was my quarterback and my other defensive end. In eightman football, you have so few men on the field, the defensive ends have to attack and force the play inside, get the runner to the middle linebackers and the middle linebackers will make the tackles. If you can do that, you'll succeed."

And now for the mindless mainstream sports questions... "How's the team look this year?"

"Pretty good," Peyakov says. "I have a new quarterback, Matt Bailey, up from JV where he was a phenomenal player. I think we have a little better chance this year.

"What are you looking to accomplish as

"Teach these boys how to become men and how to be responsible people and responsible athletes. That means look good out on the field, look good in your classroom, look good towards the smaller kids. We want to start up a Pop Warner eight-man program in Borrego. I would like my graduating seniors to go through the summer and coach younger kids who are in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade.

I'll be following the Rams this year. "The town must love what's happening."

"Yeah. We do football a little different in Borrego. We don't have people sit in stands. We have stands available, but I have all the parents everybody — put their lawn chairs right on the out of bounds line. They're about two yards back, or whatever the ref says is acceptable. They're all right there with me. Family.3

Go get the lawn chairs. The Rams open their season at home against Sun Valley Charter School, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 7.

The Vegas Line

NFL Preseason – Week 4 (Home Team in CAPS)					
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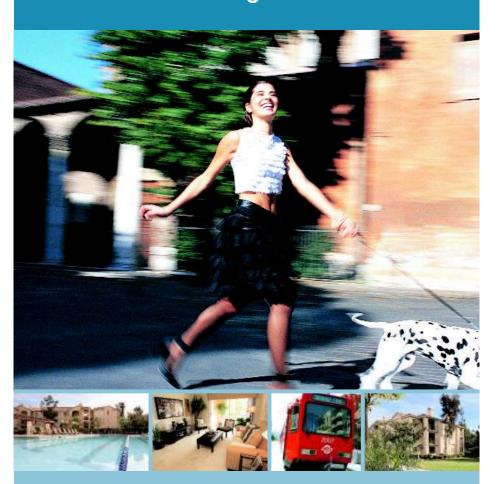
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Founded locally: 1976 Senior pastor: L.J. Thomas Congregation size: 200 Staff size: 10 ministers **Sunday school enrollment:** 50 Annual budget: around \$210,000 Weekly giving: around \$4,000 Singles program: no

Dress: semi-formal, plenty of dresses and button-down shirts

Diversity: mostly African American, some Hispanic and Caucasian

Sunday worship: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes Website: none

"We're going to make some noise today!" proclaimed one of the choristers from the stage of

the auditorium. "Oh, bless the Lord with the fruit of your lips! We serve an awesome God!" The drums kicked in, heavy on the syncopation. The synth started up, heavy on the funk and the twangy bassline. And the choir — six women, one man fired up "He Reigns" loud and fast, swaying side to side, bringing half the congregants to their feet, and starting heads bobbing among the rest. "Our God/ Is an awesome God, He reigns/ From heaven above...'

Second hymn: "Rain on Me," a plea to the Holy Spirit, belted out deep and slow, with a sing-song prayer at the end: "Ooooooopen the floodgates of heaaaaaaven...heal my mind of confusion, renew my spirit within me...whatever you need God to rain down on you this morning, to remove out of your spirit, all you gotta do is...ask God to rain on

Third hymn: the chorus slowly pouring out, "Draw me, draw me, Lord, and I'll come running after you." The soloist, lilting, "Lord, I thirst for you, and I long to be in your presence." And one chorister, nearly doubled over, almost yelping, over and over. Working her arms up and down as though kneading a great lump of dough, until one hand reached up behind her and began to flutter and she cried out, "Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, Lord..." The rest of the choir, staying together: "...in the beauty of Your holy name.

"God loves hearing the praises of His people," said the chorister, "and he also delights that we commune with Him in prayer.... Sometimes, you've got to make your way, you've got to amend your flesh to do what God says.... You've just got to go to Him. You've got to scream a little louder.... Not that He's deaf - you're just letting the devil know, putting him on notice." Around 20 people gathered at the foot of the altar, and her words became a stream as she prayed. "I thank you, God, for, oh, God, so many of us, oh, God, oh, God, are pressing through, God, desiring more of you, God, going deeper in you, God, so, God, I thank you, God, for answering prayers, God. God, I thank you for those whose healings you have obtained...." She finished her praises "in Jesus' sweet holy name, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah," and the people applauded and headed back to their seats. The chorus sang: "Have your way, have your way, have your way..." (For all the fervor, a certain mannered formality showed forth: ushers in white gloves, the male chorister assisting each female as she descended the stairs from the stage.)

When Pastor Thomas announced, "We're going to take up our morning offering at this time," a cry of "Hallelujah!" slipped out of the crowd amid a smattering of applause. "For our guests," explained Thomas, "the reason we clap and get excited is because the Lord said it is more blessed to give than to receive and that our giving should be the kind where you're

overjoyed at the opportunity."

Thomas had just returned from vacation, where he had developed a ringing in his ear. "But I still have praise in my heart. I'm learning, like Paul...I'm going to praise God when I'm well, and praise Him when I'm not well. I have enough sense to be thankful. Tell your neighbor, 'I'm so thankful!"

Thomas's sermon anticipated the church's next Friend Day, when congregants were exhorted to bring an "unsaved" friend to the service. At the previous Friend Day, he said, "we were blessed with many decisions...people coming to Christ, people connecting, and joining the church." He read the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus' answer to the lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbor?" "If a believer does not know who their neighbor is," said Thomas, "they may not know who the Lord is." The

priest and the Levite saw their fellow Jew wounded in the ditch and passed by. But the Samaritan helped him, even though the Jews hated the Samaritans for being "a mixture of Jewish and Syrian blood.... Who is my neighbor? The one who has the same skin tone?

"The Samaritan placed compassion before prejudice.... He took off earthly mindedness and put on spiritual-mindedness. I'm going to tell you today that many are not going to see God in glory, because they think they're...loving God, but they can't do anything with their brother they see every day. Jesus came for the brokenhearted. He came for the lost" - and here, as elsewhere, his pitch rose in tone and import while his phrasing grew short and pointed: "and I'm so glad — I was lost — and somebody came — and found me!"

What happens when we die? "If you're a believer," says Thomas, "you

go to be with Christ."

— Matthew Lickona

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-EVE KELLY

My pal Bernice's parents are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this winter. I've been hearing a lot of the planning over our weekly coffee meeting. "It's going to be huge," Bernice said, eyes popping out of her head. "My sister is going overboard with the party. She's hiring a mariachi band for the hors d'oeuvres hour, followed by a big band for dancing. She's already reserved a plane to fly over the reception with a sign saying "Congratulations

Bob and Mary," and she is thinking of having an ice sculpture at the party." The last item had not yet been settled and I offered to do a little digging. Bernice was relieved. "That's my duty for

the party, and I am just not good at all the details," she added. No more needed to be said. Eve was on it.

'We do sculptures for corporate events, for private events, such as wedding, anniversaries, birthdays, the whole gamut," said Christiana Donovan, president of SoCal Ice Productions. "The sculptures are done in advance here at our studio and generally we need at least a two- to four-week advance notice. So, for example, if someone were to call today for an event that is happening tomorrow, in all likelihood they probably wouldn't get it. We have a large walk-in freezer where the work is done. Some of the sculptures are computer assisted."

Donovan explained computer-assisted technology. "It is a CNC machine, which is a Computer Numeric Command machine for ice sculptors. So if the client had a specific design in mind for the artwork, we ask them to send us artwork in a specific format, or we create the artwork, and it is then sent from the computer to the cutting machine. It might cut the exact design; for example, with a corporate logo, it will cut the exact corporate logo, and then we do the finish work. We do all the details around it, cutting the outside of it and such. But that is really just for one- and two-dimensional designs. For threedimensional designs, it has to be finished by hand."

What tools are used? "For the rough cut, a chainsaw is used and then the details are done with Japanese ice-carving chisels. They are professional chisels that are designed specifically for ice carving. And we also use some power tools such as Dremels, sanders, and grinders. We have one full-time artist and twopart-time artists. On average, depending on the design, it takes anywhere from two to five hours to carve a sculpture." How is the sculpture displayed?

They are delivered with display equipment. There's a clear tray that sits on the table that has a small drain hose that goes off the back into a bucket under the table, so the water is being safely drained away from the sculpture as it melts. And then there is a small light that is placed behind the sculpture to illuminate it. The event coordinator every couple of hours

"Drink luges are ice sculptures where a martini or a mixed drink is poured through the sculpture."

needs to monitor the water that is in the bucket. Usually it is not going to melt enough for them to be concerned, but they just need to keep an eye on it to make sure that nothing is backing up, that it doesn't overflow. The typical size is about 3 feet tall by 20 inches wide. It will melt in anywhere from two to five hours depending on whether it is inside or outside. We deliver about an hour before guests arrive."

Do you do colored ice sculptures?

Yes, we have a special process called color inlay that we use when clients request color. It's more of a special request. I think if the color is important to a person's logo or to their theme, then it will definitely add to the overall effect. If it's not crucial, and they want the clarity and the crystal effect of the ice, then they would usually just have a clear sculpture.

SoCal Ice Productions has over 50 designs on their website (www.socalice.com) that clients can choose from. Or, clients can bring in their own design. "The average price that people

are spending on their sculptures is between \$450 and \$500,"

offered Donovan. "What's really popular right now are drink luges and ice bars. Drink luges are ice sculptures where a martini or a mixed drink is poured through the sculpture. It's an interactive ice sculpture, basically, and that's what makes it kind of special. The bartender will pour the drink through the ice sculp-

ture and the guest puts the glass at the base to receive the drink. An ice bar is kind of an interactive way for the guest to enjoy an ice sculpture. They walk up to this gigantic seven-foot ice bar and they get served whatever beverage they want. It might have their corporate logo on it, or the bride and groom's monogram on the front of the ice bar, and then they have the bartenders behind serving the drinks. There might be drink luges on the ice bar, too. There are lots of ways that people can enjoy the ice sculpture other than just looking at it." Drink luges cost about \$450 to \$500. Ice Bars range from \$2750 to \$3500.

SoCal Ice Productions also offers ice shot glasses and ice sorbet dishes. "We deliver them in an insulated box with dry ice. They take as many shot glasses out at a time that they are anticipating using. They let them warm up for a couple of minutes and then they pour cold vodka or whatever they are serving inside the glass. Then they serve it to the guest, by putting a napkin on the guest's hand and then putting the shot glass on the napkin. They can get two or three shots per glass out of it. It is definitely more for a kind of 'wow' effect. It is so unusual that people really remember it." Ice shot glasses cost \$2.50 each, with a minimum order of 50. The ice sorbet dishes cost anywhere from \$5.50 to \$8.50 apiece, and they're usually used for intermezzo (a small palate-cleansing dish served between larger courses).

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by Josh Board

vla Morales called to tell me about a party raising funds for her motorcycle-racing pursuits. She knew a lot about the sport and was informative. She talked about wanting to go to Nashville to race. From the sound of her voice, I assumed Morales was in her early 20s. I was shocked when she told me that she was 14.

I headed down to the Hot Monkey Love Café, where Morales's benefit was taking place, and met her dad at the door. I said, "This must be an expensive hobby. Couldn't you have talked her into piano lessons or something cheaper?"

"Yeah, it's expensive," he said, "I don't want to think about what I've already spent. Maybe \$25,000 to \$30,000. I tell my kids, 'We'll spend a thousand bucks on your hobby. If you aren't good at it, we won't continue spending money on it."

I asked why it was so expensive. "Gas is \$26 a gallon. It makes me laugh when I hear people complaining that gas went up to \$3 a gallon. We have to use something that is 110 octane. It's pure, without the additives. We also have to pay for track time. Kayla doesn't have her license yet, so she can only ride her bike on the track."



When you win, there are more companies that will sponsor you or pay you. We have the Dunlop stickers on the bike." He handed me a list of all her spon-

and changed the subject. How dangerous is this?

I asked Mr. Morales if sponsorship helps. "Well, a company like Dunlop, they give us tires. sors and asked if I could mention them in my story. I laughed

"They wear all the armor. A

Top: Kayla Morales (on far left, front) with friends outside the Hot Monkey Love Café; Bottom left: Mini mosh pit during bands; Bottom right: Kayla Morales on her bike At first she wasn't moving. We

were worried." "And why didn't you insist

on giving her piano lessons?"

"We do have another child that's a musician. A guitarist. She's at Washington State."

did show up, she'd explain the different parts of her bike, which was parked outside. She pointed out the dent from her accident.

I asked her if it was tough working with her dad. "He pushes me as far as I can go. It's great. He's my manager, mechanic, everything." As she went running over to hug another friend that showed up, I said to her dad, "She's at the age where girls try to impress boys. No better way than with a fast motorcycle." He said there was a boy she liked that was

When Kayla's mom showed up. I asked her if she worried about her daughter on the track.

"A little. But, really, the toughest thing is that the nearest track is four hours away."

Kayla's uncle Dave owns a shop called ACME Motorsports. ACME was the first sponsor to jump on board. He was also the first person to let her ride a motorcycle.

He grew up racing bikes and is still passionate about the sport. He said, "I worked there 19 years ago. I basically bought it to support my hobby." He handed me a business card and told me that he is the person on the bike in silhouette. It reminded me of Jerry West on the NBA logo. I asked him, "Can you prove this is you?" He said, "I have the picture!"

When I asked about his niece's accident, he said, "She went flying. She was out for two minutes. The paramedics were all around. Seven days later, she took second place in a race."

Dave and I talked about our favorite punk bands. He had seen a lot of shows at the Whiskey a Go Go in L.A. back in the '70s and '80s. And then he took me outside to see his bike.

When Kayla's uncle and her dad told me that she needed to work on her speed, I asked what her top speed had been. They said 160 mph. "On the shorter tracks, 140," her dad added.

"She crashed going over 100 miles per hour. At first she wasn't moving. We were worried."

back protector, elbow and knee pads, boots, gloves. That keeps your skin on. She complains it's heavy and hot. But after her first crash last week, she was happy to have it. The gas tank landed on her knee. It was really jacked up.... She crashed going over 100 miles per hour.

When I saw Kayla's younger sister near the racing bike, I asked her if she was going to race. With a grin, she told me that she wanted to be a photographer.

Kayla apologized to me for not having more people there. As she greeted her friends that

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Alma, the owner of Hot Monkey Love Café, is generous about doing things for the community, as she supports local musicians, photographers, and poets. When I talked to Alma, she told me, "They just wanted to have a bucket set up near the register to try and raise money. I suggested we get bands in here and do a fundraiser."

I staved for two of the bands — Jews for Jesus and the Jack Rabbits. The musicians looked to be in their early teens. One of the singers was only ten years old. Hearing a little kid yell punk lyrics was bizarre — "throwing firecrackers on a baseball field!" (That rebel.)

When it got to be too loud, I headed outside. Near Kayla's bike, I heard her talking shop with her dad, a detailed discussion about gear shifts, suspension, and how she handles turns. It was unusual to listen to a young girl who was knowledgeable about such topics.

Between bands, Kayla got up on stage and thanked everyone for coming and then thanked a list of her sponsors.

One of the drummers had an Afro and wore a psychedelic shirt. He reminded me of the drummer from Grand Funk in the '70s. His mother was at the party with a pleased smile on her face, proud of her boy. I thought of Little League parents who watch their kids and scream from the stands. This is one endeavor where you could watch your kids and scream and you'd fit right in. Someone limped by me

on crutches, and I wondered if his injury was from a motorcycle accident.

Another person walked by covering his ears, and though I could feel his pain, I thought it was a rude thing to do in front of the young bands.

I asked Dave about the dangers of motorcycles. "There was a kid that lost his thumb. He was trying to shift his bike by hand. I had a group that was riding to

Palomar Mountain, and each week we'd lose a guy. Someone would hit a tree or something. It can be dangerous if you aren't careful."

When I left the party, I was sure to put my seat belt

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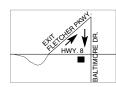
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by Barbarella

Pain in the Neck

Never a lip is curved with pain that can't be kissed into smiles again.

— Bret Harte

knew something was wrong when I flipped back the covers, rose to a standing position, and felt the tightness in my right trapezius, the stiff, residual grip of muscles made tense by a night filled with animated dreams. With a prickle of awareness that matched the

I heard several
sequences of
labored breathing
followed by a
jarring cracking
sound, a brief
silence, and then a
long moan suggestive of either
orgasm or agony.

pins-and-needles sensation radiating outward from the unreachable spot on my back, I cautiously began my morning routine.

After brushing my teeth and winding my hair through a scrunchie without incident, I breathed a sigh of relief — just a little stiff, nothing to worry about — and tossed caution away as nonchalantly as I'd dropped my comb onto the bathroom counter a moment before.

In horror movies, it is always after a character relaxes, having determined the cause of a frightening noise to be nothing more than a troublesome cat, that terror chooses to strike. In true thriller form, convinced I was safe from harm, I reached for my socks with one swift jerk of my arm and then froze as the tightness in my shoulder became a pyre of agony, its white-hot flames licking up my neck and down to my elbow. *Not good*.

Three hours later,
David found me sniveling
in pain and frustration as I
shifted relentlessly on the
living room sofa in a futile
attempt to find relief.
Because I don't scratch my
nose without announcing
it to my lover, David was
well aware that I'd awoken
with a stitch in my shoulder, and it was impossible
for him to ignore the audibility of my suffering,
which seemed to grow with

each passing hour. As all of my effort was devoted to escaping the sharp stab that held my upper body captive, I had no energy to muster a graceful mask to hide the unsightly cringe that was my face.

David looked at me in consternation for a few embarrassing minutes, during which I added "pathetic lack of dignity" to my growing list of woes. I assumed when he disappeared to his office that he had been too disappointed by my display of distress to stick around, but he reappeared a moment later and handed me the phone. "I think you should call Dr. Leo. The number's already typed in, you just need to press 'Talk,'" he said.

I took the phone and tossed it on the cushion next to me. "Do you really think he'd be able to help with this?" I shifted and groaned. "GOD, it's just so FRUSTRAT-ING! What's that Mark Twain quip you're always reciting, 'Never underestimate the value of the headache, for when relief comes it's worth a dollar a minute?' Man, this hurts like a bitch. But I'll be fine, I'm sure, I don't need to call anyone; I just slept weird; it's like a kink or something; it'll go away. Just watch."

Four minutes later, I grabbed the phone and brandished it at David like a feral street-kid with a dagger. "Type that number again, will you?" I shrieked. I had never been to a chiropractor, and I was skeptical as to what a bone-cracker could do for what I was convinced was a pinched

nerve, but Dr. Leo, whose office in Kensington was in the same building as our old apartment, seemed like a friendly and familiar prospect.

At 6:30 p.m. I was hunched like Quasimodo's illegitimate daughter, waiting for Leo to enter the examination room. Above the trickling water of the fountain in the lobby, I heard several sequences of labored breathing followed by a jarring cracking sound, a brief silence, and then a long moan suggestive of either orgasm or agony, depending on which direction one's mind is more likely to travel.

David sat on a chair in the corner, flipping through the magazine he'd brought with him. I had asked him to come, but insisted on driving — David's job during the ten-minute trip down Adams Avenue was to look left, as my neck was not allowing me to do so myself.

A friend once told me that all chiropractors were giants, and Leo is no exception. Not long after the last moan, his towering frame filled the doorway and he ambled into the examination room sporting a combination of disarming smile and dangerous disposition that was reminiscent of James Bond as played by Sean Connery.

I quickly learned why being big and strong is an advantage in the chiropractic world — Leo lifted and twisted, guided and bent, snapped and cracked, and pressed and yanked with his large hands as if I were as light and easy to handle as the little

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- Abandoned in Atlanta

Dear Abandoned:

Try using less vermouth when you mix your husband a dry martini. That's why he's upset.

And rightfully so. Vermouth should be sprayed lightly on top of the gin, not sloshed around like you're filling the kiddie pool. The sooner you realize that, the sooner your husband will be willing to answer your question about helping. And his answer should be "no."

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- Fed Up in Phoenix

Dear Fed Up:

Bah! Do you really expect an answer to such an inane question? Of course you shouldn't switch to WaMu! Those people aren't real businessmen. They give their checks away for free, for Benjamin's sake. Stick with your old bank. They know what's best for you. How? They're rich men. What's good for you is good for them.

stuffed redhead, Raggedy Ann. David later said it looked as if we'd been playing Twister.

After the third adjustment, my nervous laughter had reached the point of hysterics. It's not that I don't love to snap, crackle, and pop like a bowl of my favorite childhood cereal — with a flick of my arm I can snap my elbow; a simple turn of my leg and I can pop my knee, ankle, and toe; by doing an old yoga move I learned in a book, I can set my spine straight with an audible crackle; and my knuckles and neck are just as satisfying to correct.

But the shoulder thing was new, and anything new has a tendency to make me nervous. After turning my head to the side with the gentle pressure of his thumb, Leo's hands moved to cover the source of my pain and then, to my horror, he pushed, hard and swift, and, more from surprise than pain, I filled the air with a litany of "Fuck!"s.

With an understanding smile, Dr. Leo advised I soak my sore shoulder in water filled with Epsom salt, as hot as I could stand it. "Your shoulder is going to hurt a lot tomorrow, but then after that you

should be feeling much better," he said. I tried to smile, but ended up scowling at the nice doctor who stayed after hours to fit me into his very busy schedule on the same day I called. My scowling reduced to a self-pitying whimper, I thanked Leo, punctuating my gratitude with an unsure, "I think," and allowed David to escort me to the car that I still insisted on driving.

We stopped at Vons and I paced back and forth while David selected a carton of Epsom salt and carefully read the back of boxes containing pain patches and heat pads. "OW. Come on," I whined. David, sweet, dear, patient David, scooped up a few of the boxes and hurried through the check-out.

David looked left for me all the way home. When I turned to the right to look at him in the passenger seat, I could see my agony reflected in his face and wondered how much of his torment was from empathy and how much from simply having to put up with my histrionic suffering.

I frowned my way up the stairs, harrumphing with each step. Dr. Leo had also suggested I drink plenty of water; when I reached the bathroom, I paused to guzzle half of the bottle I'd picked up at Vons. David had already dimmed the lights and was seated on the side of the tub, his hand under the running water to gauge its temperature. "You're so good to me," I said.

Maintaining the dramatic spectacle of one whose every movement is torturous, I shed my clothing. I can't stand hot water. My showers are tepid at most. So when my toes dipped into the tub, I sucked and blew the air in quick, shallow breaths and I released my swan song of

complaint for the day, a melodic, tapering mantra of "Owowowow! Ow. Oh. Ahhhh."

Once all but my head was submerged, I sighed with pleasure and looked at my blue-eyed savior, who was on his knees by the tub, using his hands to collect and drop a steady stream of hot salty water around my neck.

"What did I do to deserve you?" I asked.

"I'm still waiting to find out," David joked. I flicked my fingers in the tub to splash water on him and, laughing, he leaned over and kissed me on the forehead.



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hawn Powell and I are driving south on Jackson Drive, carrying three opossums in Powell's Hyundai Santa Fe. Our mission is to liberate them. We could stop and dump them out on the sidewalk, but that would be injudicious. They'd be apt to wander into the road and become roadkill. A volunteer for Project Wildlife, the local animal-rescue group, the 34-year-old Powell expends an extraordinary amount of time and energy nursing young and injured opossums to where they're fit to survive in the wild, so she likes to give them the kindest possible launch. She has a spot in mind for the two juveniles contained in one of the plastic kennels on her back seat: a park abutting Lake Murray. It's dusk when we reach it, and Powell scans the grassy expanse to see who else might be using the area. "This doesn't look too bad," she says. "Usually I come here when it's a little darker, but I think this is okay."

In the distance Powell and I make out the figures of a dog accompanied by its owner. Dogs are everywhere, Powell points out with a shrug. "When I first started doing this, I thought the farther away from people and dogs, the better, but I've changed that view 180 degrees over the years. Now I think [the opossums] do better around people because there's more garbage. There's more food. There's water sources." She also likes "anyplace along the river anywhere in San Diego, because you've got that immediate water source. I also really like canyons. If there's landscaping where I can see it's being cared for and watered, I'm okay with releasing them."



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Powell told me she thought the two opossums inside the kennel were around seven or eight months old. The little male had been rescued from a swimming pool. He'd almost doubled in size in the ten days he'd been in Powell's care. His female companion had been picked up from a house near El Cajon Boulevard and 50th Street. "She just had a lot of fleas on her," Powell said. Otherwise, her only problem was her small size, but a steady diet of opossum formula and cat kibble had fixed that.

Now Powell grasped the carrier and strode to the edge of a thicket where the land sloped downward. Within a few steps, we found ourselves at the base of a huge eucalyptus tree, amidst a cluster of palms. Powell sprinkled a Baggie containing cat food into the litter of fallen leaves underfoot, confessing that she had no idea whether the opossums would linger to eat it. "It just makes me feel better," she said. Then she opened the carrier. The lighter-colored female streaked down the slope, but the little male stayed close, sniffing the air.

The jangling collar of the dog, along with the voice of its owner talking, grew louder. Powell and I and the male opossum froze, hoping to remain unnoticed. But with a confidence that seemed almost psychic, the dog, a German shepherd, made a beeline for our hiding spot. As soon as its owner realized her pet was about to confront us, she called it away. But her curiosity had been aroused, and when Powell and I returned to the car, the duo circled back to where we'd just released the two opossums.

"I'm gonna go talk to her," Powell said, leaping out of the driver's seat. When she returned, she

reported that she'd told the woman she was a Project Wildlife volunteer who had just released some young rabbits. "A lot of people don't like possums. So I tell people bunnies, and they're, like, 'Oh, cute little bunnies!' "The ploy seemed to work on the German shepherd's owner, who returned to her car with the dog and drove off.

Powell said that one of the hardest parts of doing the animal-rescue work was not knowing what happens to the animals after they're released. "Everyone always asks me, 'Well, how do they do?' But we don't know." Project Wildlife doesn't have the resources to put radio collars on the animals to track what happens to them, but Powell said she wished some local biology students would decide to study opossums and share the information.

Some already have. Back in the early 1970s, a

San Diego State professor named Don Hunsaker was one of the world's leading experts on opossums, and his laboratory on the SDSU campus was a hotbed of marsupial-related activities. Hunsaker edited and contributed two chapters to The Biology of Marsupials, a 1977 book that still ranks as one of the most thorough scientific discussions of New World marsupials ever published. He later retired from teaching to

become a fellow at the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute and today spends most of his time studying the effects of human activities on the endangered California gnatcatcher and least Bell's vireo. But he

sounded delighted when I told him I wanted to learn more about why he'd worked with opossums and what he had learned about them.

In Texas, where Hunsaker grew up, "It was Possum City," but it was reptiles and lizards that initially fascinated him, and he resolved to become a herpetologist. While studying zoology at the University of Texas, he was the first to discover that the "pushups" performed by cer-

tain lizards are a form of body language that tells other lizards what species they are, what sex they are, and if they're feeling aggressive or amorous. He got his doctorate in 1960, then moved west to join the faculty at San Diego State University, where he turned his attention to geckos. While researching the local lizard and snake populations, he founded the San Diego Herpetological Society and became its first president. "I get all involved in whatever I'm doing, but after a while, I answer the questions I'm interested in, and I move on."

By the late 1960s, Hunsaker felt he'd demonstrated that reptiles — driven primarily by instincts rather than what they've learned were "a real good model" for studying animal behavior. He was ready to study creatures that were less instinctual yet still primitive. He spent time at the San Diego Zoo pondering various possibilities, and the kangaroo and wallaby colonies caught his eye, in part because the marsupials' reproductive systems are considered to be more primitive than those of placental mammals, and their social systems also aren't very advanced. (Although they congregate in groups, membership within those groups

appears to be fluid.) The only problem was that studying wild kangaroos and wallabies would have required more long-distance commuting than Hunsaker found appealing. So he started to reflect upon the marsupials closer at hand. Geological evidence indicates that the first marsupials developed in North America about 100 to 120 million years ago. For the most part, mammals outcompeted them here, but one species that

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years ago, Didelphis virginiana, was a tenacious little survivor. (Its correct common name is the Virginia opossum; the word "possum" is slang, if commonplace.) Hunsaker says topological and climatic barriers confined the Virginia opossum to the Southeast for most of its history. It took a human being to transport at least a couple of them across the Rockies and the great Southwestern deserts around 1890. Once here, the opossums thrived. "A basic rule of thumb is that all species expand to the limits of their environment, and the possum's a good

example of that," Hunsaker says. "Today they're one of the most common mammals in the state."

Hunsaker thinks whoever imported them into California was dreaming about dinner fare — he can't imagine anyone wanting an opossum for a pet. "They're mean. They bite," he says. In the years when he was studying the animals, he was nipped so many times he became allergic to opossum saliva. "And they've got extremely strong jaws." Backing up that chomping power are more teeth than found in the mouths of any other

American land mammal (50, as opposed to 42 for coyotes, foxes, and bears), and "they can snap real quick at you." But he could imagine working with them as research subjects.

These reflections coincided with an opportunity to work in South America, home to more than 70 species of opossums (as opposed to North America, where the Virginia opossum is now the sole remaining marsupial). As part of a U.S. State Department technology-transfer project, he was assigned to the Colombian Department of the Interior, and over a two-year period he observed a number of the South American marsupials in the wild. Some of them looked like otters or squirrels, bright-eyed and inquisitive. "That's where I got the idea that these marsupials were much more sophisticated than anybody had ever thought."

Hunsaker wound up buying land in Colombia and using it as a research station. After his stint with the State Department project ended, he continued traveling with graduate students from SDSU to do more research in South America, encouraging other American scientists to follow suit. He set up a New World marsupial laboratory on the San Diego State campus, and for a number of years, he and his students conducted experiments involving both the Virginia opossum and its

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South American cousins. "We did a lot of behavioral work," he recalls. "But the field work was easiest to do on the [North American] opossum, because they're local."

Some were living on the campus, so Hunsaker taught his students how to set up wire traps that would detain the animals without injuring them. (The open ends snapped shut when the animal stepped on a treadle in the center of the device.) "We'd put a little notch in their ears or put a tag on them or just paint a big number on their backs," he says. After releasing the opossums, "We'd see if we could find them again." More often than not, they couldn't. The professor and his students also trapped and released opossums in the Santa Margarita River valley (south of Temecula) over a period of years, and that work confirmed that the local marsupials are almost constantly on the move. They do build nests out of leaves (which they can carry by coiling up their prehensile tails) but normally don't use any den for more than a few nights. "They're very opportunistic animals," Hunsaker says. "They eat everything, and they don't have really welldefined territories like some other animals do. They just kind of work the area." To anyone who frets about spotting an opossum in the back yard, Hunsaker offers this advice: "Wait a week, and it'll be gone."

The only time males and females interact is during the 36 or so hours when the female is in heat, a state in which she might find herself between one and three times per year. Mates find each other by following scents laid down in urine and saliva. The males "have a very characteristic reaction to a marked object," Hunsaker has written. Among the more bizarre stories published about the Virginia opossum's sex life have been reports of the species copulating through the nose by using the male's twopronged penis and, later,

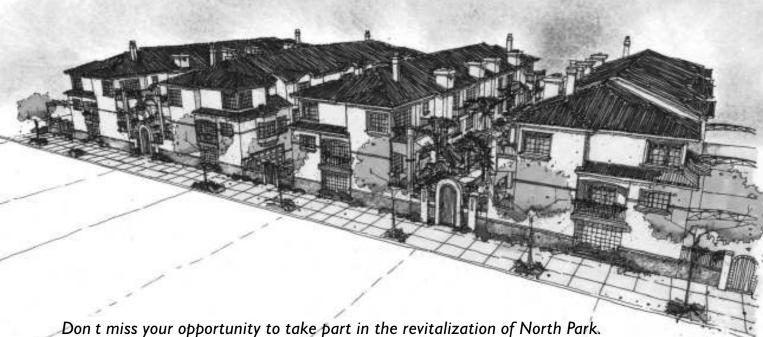
babies being "expelled into the pouch of the mother by an explosive sneeze." The truth, according to Hunsaker, is more mundane. Males court the females by nuzzling and following them, and "Receptive

females are very passive and allow the male to approach closely, [and] sniff the genital region...." The Virginia opossum male mounts "the female on the back, grasping her neck in his jaws and her shoulder

region with his forefoot," while restraining her hind legs with his hind feet. "The complete act of copulation lasts for approximately 20 minutes, with a range of 5 to 30 minutes.... Ejaculation apparently occurs

about 15 minutes after intromission, since the thrusts increase in force and then cease." The female disentangles herself from the male's embrace and then toddles off, never to lay eyes upon him again.





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Hunsaker says he continued his work on opossums for a short while after the publication of The Biology of Marsupials. But violence springing from the Colombian cocaine traffic was growing so intense "it got to the point where I couldn't take a graduate student down there, and I would have been nuts to go myself." He'd also reached a point where he felt he'd learned most of what he had wanted to know about the North American opossum. He'd concluded that the animal's behavior was more reptilian than originally expected. With vocalizations limited to just four distinct sounds (a lip-clicking, a hiss, a growl, and a screech), the animal instead relies upon "a lot of chemical

communication." Opos-

sums "don't live in social

hierarchies or family

groups, and that's very

typical of what we find

with the reptiles." Furthermore, he'd come to suspect that "whatever IQ means, there are some lizards that probably have an ability to learn that's as good or better than an opossum's."

Hunsaker concedes that the question of intelligence can be a thorny one. When one researcher in the early 1950s devised a way of comparing the ability of various animals to negotiate a maze with that of human subjects, he found that Virginia opossums scored 58.9 percent as well as the humans did, compared with 47.5 percent for pigs and 45.3 percent for dogs (the two next most successful animals). Hunsaker thinks this is understandable in the context of the opossum's nomadic natural

behavior. In other research situations, opossums have demonstrated extraordinary obtuseness. One researcher found, for example, that in 300 trials of shocking opossums' forelegs, the animals never learned to move their limbs to avoid the unpleasant stimulus nor, in a separate experiment, did they ever learn to run away as

a way of avoiding shocks. Unlike the higher vertebrates with their bigger brains, which can figure out appropriate responses to threats, "With these things, everything is: Open your mouth, hiss at it, and if it's too close, bite it. Otherwise run, and if you can't run, then you sometimes just fall over and play dead."

"Death-feigning" is rare among opossums, Hunsaker adds; he believes it's a response that occurs when the animal's nervous system gets overloaded. Paradoxically, when scientists record the brain waves and heart patterns of death-feigning opossums, they've been almost indistinguishable from those of normal, active animals. Even weirder is the fact that death-feigning Virginia opossums always assume the same pose: eyes open, mouths open and drooling, bodies positioned on their sides with the tail curling up between the legs. Hunsaker has written, "It appears that the animal has definite opinions as to what a dead opossum is supposed to look like, and will assume these positions if changed by an investigator." If the

researcher closes the animal's eyes, the "dead" opossum will open them. If it's shifted into a position where its tail is straight and belly is on the ground, it will roll back onto its side and recurve its tail.

What explains this? "That's one of those mysteries of animals that make things so fascinating to me," Hunsaker says. He doesn't think anyone has solved it, and it may well be that no one is trying. Most biological research funds today are going into biochemical investigations. "If I were in charge of distributing money and I was really objective about it, would I want to throw \$500,000 into a study [of opossum death-feigning] instead of a cancer cure, or work on an endangered species or a national park creation or something like that?"

Endangered species also tend to attract research money, but the Virginia opossum isn't endangered or even threatened. It's faring so well that you might think no one would care if local opossum babies were being left to die in the street because their mothers had been struck by cars or attacked by

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Of all the local opossum-rescuers, it's hard to find one more knowledgeable than April Bauer. A relaxed, efficient woman who lives with her husband in an immaculate house in a semirural section of Vista, she found herself with spare time on her hands ten years ago. When she saw a brief television report about Project Wildlife, she volunteered at the organization's animalcare center near the foot of Linda Vista Road in San Diego. At first she cleaned cages and fed baby birds, but she soon joined the opossum team and began to care for local marsupials in

her home. She thought the exposure to animals would be good for her two 12-year-old twin sons. "But they lost interest after a year," she says. "I stuck with it."

That's an understatement. About three years ago, Bauer became the head of the opossum team. As such, she directs the efforts of roughly two dozen volunteers while caring for up to 200 opossums a year herself. All together the team aids between 850 to 1200 opossums annually, one of the largest such efforts in the country. "We have a real high survival rate," Bauer boasts. "They do very well. They've been around for a long time."

Bauer says opossums will eat just about anything — mice, rats, snails, slugs, insects, and dog and cat food, not to mention fruits and vegetables. But before the winter rains begin, Bauer points out, "the pickings

are slim." From October through December, the opossums rescued by Project Wildlife tend to be starving and anemic and loaded with fleas. "They look gnarly. The fleas suck them dry and chew up all their hair." Some animals die from the infestations.

As winter progresses and baby mice are born and the rains boost the snail population, opossums fare better. Males move around more, looking for mates. But some are injured, like the two animals caged in Bauer's back yard when I visited her in early January. The older, a mature male, had been shot in the head with a pellet gun. A veterinarian had extracted one of the pellets, but five remained lodged in the animal's skull. "Hello, honey," Bauer crooned to a dark form curled up and sleeping on a shelf at the back of the enclosure. "C'mon, sweetheart.

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Turn around." The furry form stirred, then swiveled its head around to stare at us. "Possums are so mellow," Bauer murmured.

A moment later the gunshot victim bared his teeth at us. "See, now he's mad." Bauer sounded delighted. The animal would need to rely on its defensive instincts to survive in the wild. Bauer pointed out that the opossum's lip drooped, a sign of nerve

damage suffered as a result of his injury. That and a lack of aggressiveness had made some of her fellow rescuers doubt it would be possible to turn this animal loose. If he couldn't be released, he would have to be euthanized, since state law prohibits individuals from owning wild animals. But Bauer was hopeful about avoiding that grim alternative. As if to confirm her optimism, the animal started

trembling. "See, he's getting nervous. That's good." Another positive sign was that "at night he seems fearful of me. He wants out. He's been pacing. And he's been eating well. Mostly he eats kibble, but also chicken wings, and some avocadoes and vegetables. I left him a mouse last night."

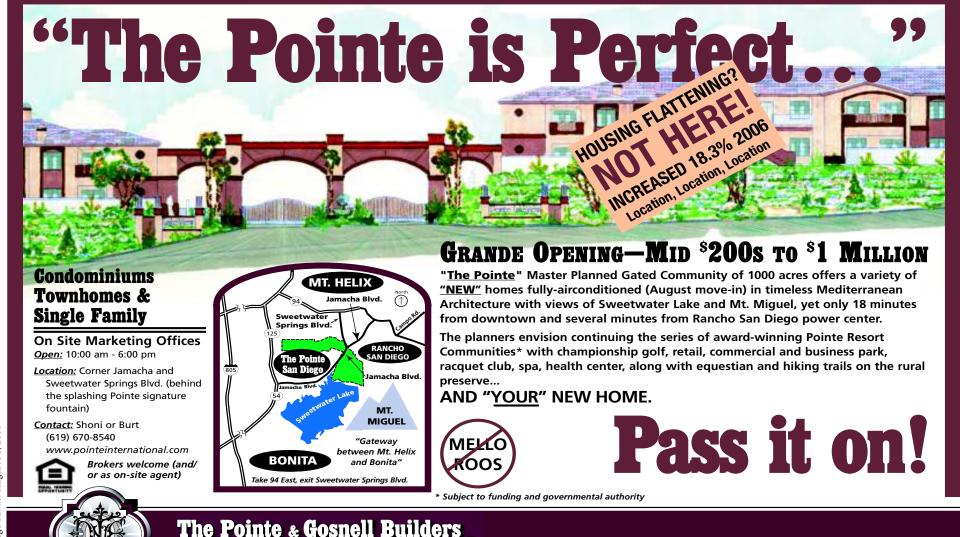
Bauer secured the door of his cage, then took me to another enclosure. "Someone found this one here on the street," she said about the young male hidden

within a cardboard box. A car had hit the animal and fractured its skull, an injury from which recovery is often unlikely. Although this opossum appeared to have suffered some mild brain damage, it had otherwise rebounded, and Bauer thought it might make a good "education possum" - useful for taking to schools and other public forums (an activity for which Project Wildlife has special permits).

"Do you want to come out?" she asked the automotive victim.











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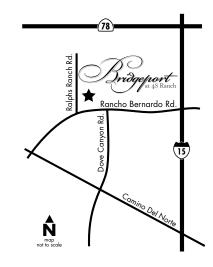


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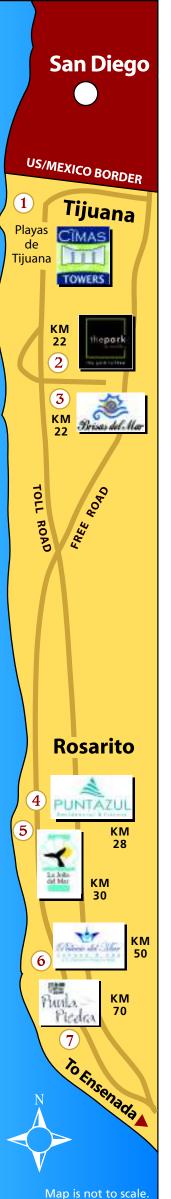


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When it reacted by opening its mouth to display its incisors, Bauer again exclaimed like a mother presented with her preschooler's handiwork. Gently, she reached into the box. I asked if she ever got bit. "I have. But it's no big

Did the animals ever draw blood? I pressed. "Oh, I've been bit pretty bad," she admitted, adding that it was possible to get "a pretty good infection." But opossums never carry rabies, parvo, or distemper because "their body temperature is lower than those diseases need."

Once within Bauer's grasp, the little male seemed docile. Bauer settled him on a clean white towel upon her lap, and he stayed calm, wafting his long white snout as if to better take in his surroundings. Adult opossums have faces that are almost perfect triangles, and this one's was pure white except for a thin brown strip running down the middle of his broad forehead. Two leathery ear flaplets marked two corners of the triangle, while the palest pink knob of a nose occupied the third. Halfway between the nose and the ears, the animal's close-set eyes looked too small for its countenance. It didn't flinch when I reached out to stroke its back. The fur surprised me in its soft luxuriance.

"Normally, I would never do this with [an opossum] that didn't have a head injury," Bauer said. Handling the animals can inure them to human contact, a potential death sentence out in the world but not a bad thing in an education opossum. Bauer also let me touch the hairless dirty-pink tail. When I commented on how snakelike it felt, she said, "That's why a lot of people don't like them. But I love it. I think it's beautiful."

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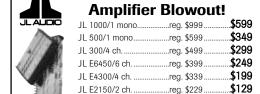
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followed by a low growl. "She's tough," Bauer remarked. "But mamas always are." We couldn't glimpse the tiny creatures inside her pouch, and Bauer didn't want to disturb the animals further. I understood. But I also felt disappointed. Few things about the Virginia opossum are more amazing than the beginning of its existence. For the first seven days after an opossum ovum is fertilized, all that develops is, in the words of one writer, "a hollow vesicle lined with three cell layers...only a tiny rudiment of the embryo." Yet six days later, the babies are born.

They're still little more than embryos. About a centimeter long, they weigh about .13 grams — less than a paperclip and one-28,000th of their adult size. (One researcher has noted that "if a human infant was born at a comparable stage, it would weigh as much as a U.S. nickel.") But the newborn opossums can breathe and digest opossum milk — assuming they can crawl across the five-centimeter distance between their mother's vagina and her pouch (a journey she does not facilitate). They also must survive a race against death inside the pouch, as they compete against typically 20 to 30 birthmates to find one of their mother's 13 teats. Only when each victor has latched onto a teat

do the surviving embryos get a break. Barbs on their tongues fit into tiny grooves on the nipples, which also swell, ensuring a secure attachment. For about two months, the babies remain locked on, with the nipples stretching out to accommodate the growing animals over

In the wild, opossum

babies usually stay within their mother's pouch for roughly two months before venturing out. But lots of things can disrupt that timetable. "During baby season, a lot of moms are out wandering, and some get hit by cars," Bauer told me. "And if there's a dead possum in the street, people will stop and look." Any babies in her pouch may well be alive, and it's common for Project Wildlife to get calls to go out and pick them up. "Or we get a lot of calls about mamas dropping their babies. Maybe the mom hasn't been getting enough nutrition, and some of the babies aren't nursing that well. Or maybe they just weren't paying attention when mom decided to get up and take off. They didn't have a good enough grip, you know. Sometimes people will find tiny little

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babies on the concrete that have fallen out of her pouch. So we end up with lots of those."

Bauer predicted that in a few months she'd have plenty of opossum babies, and when I returned on a sunny April morning, she counted about 40 in her care. Only two other members of her team were comfortable taking care of the smallest opossums and the tubefeeding they require, she said. When I arrived, Bauer was at her kitchen sink, adding water to a commercial formula

powder that's made especially for the marsupials. After she stirred it to a milky consistency, we headed once more for the room adjoining her garage.

She opened the lid of a large plastic tub sitting on a counter, revealing a mess within: sodden newspapers splattered with opossum formula and ground-up cat-food gruel. At one end of the box lay a blue fleece-lined sack. Most of the babies within it came from a mother who was attacked by a dog in a yard, Bauer said. The

man in the family had thrown the animal's body into the trash, only later to discover the babies. (The couple then brought the entire trash bag to Bauer.) It's a common scenario, she claims. "People will throw them in the trash, and then three or four days later, they'll go out to dump another bag and the possum will be sitting there looking at them. Because it will just have been playing possum, you know."

This particular group of babies had begun eating on their own two days before, but Bauer was still keeping a close eye on their weights. She likes to see them weighing at least 80 grams before she stops supplementing their nutrition. "If anyone dips below that, I'll feed them," she said. She reached into the cloth pouch and extracted a little male whose ears and eyes looked huge, relative to his tiny face. He made a series of high-pitched chirps call for his mother, according to Bauer. She placed him in the dish of a scale and pronounced, "He's only 68 grams." So she filled a syringe with formula and connected it to an orange-colored tube as thin as a spaghetti strand. She held the tube against the animal's body to gauge

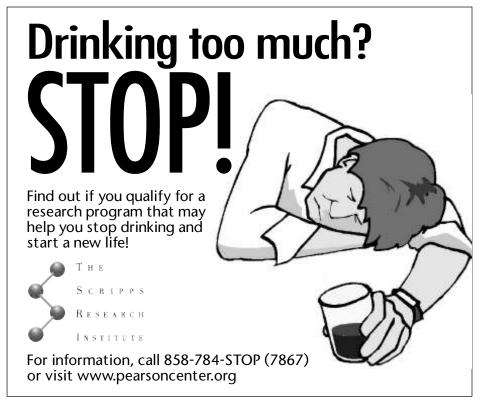
how much of it to insert, then with a swift, deft motion, threaded it into his mouth and down through his gullet. He didn't squirm but moved his mouth as if to chew on the tube. "He'd like to be nursing still," Bauer remarked, as she pushed down on the syringe plunger. A second later, she popped the tube out.

"And then we potty him," she said. Grasping the little fellow in one hand, she rubbed his genital area with a ball of cotton, producing a bloom of yellow urine on the cotton. "They're pooping on their own," she said. "But they're not peeing real well on their own." In the wild, the mother opossum would lick her offspring to stimulate their urination and defecation. "Sometimes I pick them up and they feel like little grapes," Bauer said. "They just still aren't old enough." A mother dog would do the same thing for her puppies, Bauer

She placed the male in a holding container, then pulled one of his siblings out of the pouch and weighed her. "She's a little fatty. She's 86 grams. She needs to poop, though." As Bauer rubbed the animal with the cotton, she pointed out the faint outline of her pouch. I commented on how passive the babies seemed as Bauer helped them to eliminate their body wastes. "I'm sure they would relax for their mom, or she'd give them what-for."

Bauer continued to weigh each of the other







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babies from the artificial pouch, as well as others that she had in other containers, and as she worked, she talked about the challenges involved in tubing the animals. It was no big deal, once you learned how to do it, she said, but the procedure held pitfalls for newcomers. "You can put it in their lungs by accident and kill them. And also with some of the tiny ones, you can poke through [tissue or organs], if you force it. Sometimes the tube gets under their tongue, or you can go through the back of their throat." Most unnerving is that "the animals never complain," she said. They just die. That's why many volunteers shrink from the tube-feeding. But Bauer claims the procedure has saved the lives of more opossums than it has injured.

She says that when she first started volunteering, the opossum team members used to tube any baby, no matter how small it was. Yet for the tiniest animals the outcomes were usually grim. "They would live for, like, two weeks and die. Or maybe one of them would live, and it would be kind of a little oddball. Sometimes they

would be blind. It's just like a premature baby. They have problems." So in recent years, the opossum team had decided to euthanize any babies under 25 grams, rather than tube-feed them. More recently, the team members have been thinking of increasing the limit again, to 30. "But that's real hard to do," Bauer said. "And it depends on the condition of the mom. It also depends on how swamped we are. You've got to take care of the ones that are going to do best."

In the main part of

the garage, Bauer walked over to a two-by-fourfoot wire cage containing a hamster wheel and an overturned shoebox with a door cut into it. The nine opossums asleep within the makeshift house had come from Escondido. "Their mom was impaled on a sprinkler head for days before anybody found her," Bauer said. "It went through her pouch and out her side. Somebody found her and cut the sprinkler head off and brought her in to the Humane Society." When Bauer had collected her from there, "I thought, 'Oh wow, it's just her pouch. She'll be fine.' But

she died on the way to the vet." The babies were doing well, though. Most were approaching 90 grams, and "They aren't even getting up in the daytime," Bauer said. "They're perfectly nocturnal. Last night there were, like, six of them on the wheel. It was going around, and they were just hanging. It was really cute." With practiced, economical movements, she changed the newspaper lining the bottom of the cage. When she lifted up the shoebox, all the babies within it opened their mouths to show their teeth. Their tails curved and wriggled like fat pink worms.

In a day or two, Bauer planned to move this bunch to another member of the opossum team who would keep them in an outdoor cage. "Then after that, once they're 250 grams, we move them into a run." Typically four feet wide by eight feet long by six feet high, the runs help prepare the animals for life in the open and make them less likely to attack or even cannibalize each other. They're usually released once they weigh about a pound. Bauer says not enough of the team members have opossum

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runs. Because she has three large ones, she often winds up getting the animals back during the last month or so of their captivity, and then the stressful job of releasing the animals falls on her shoulders.

"It's hard to find places to release them," she explained. "I don't know where to go most of the time." Bauer says her favorite spot is an older neighborhood like hers, "where there are some shacks and brokendown cars. I prefer that. At least I know there's cat and dog food out for them." But she doesn't want to release too many opossums in the same area, lest their presence attract predators. "So I drive around. I used to



be able to find empty lots in the older neighborhoods on the coast. But now there's hardly any empty lots anymore. So I drive around Vista and look. It's just hard." Bauer told me that a

lot of people ask why she bothers with all this. " 'There are a million possums,' they say. 'Who

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cares?' "The animals' lifespan out in nature is estimated to be only about two years on average. But Bauer says she and the other opossum team members all feel their actions matter to the individual animals they're helping. "I'm happy to take care of them," Bauer said. "I don't mind at all."

She urged me to talk to some of the other team members, so a few days later I met with Wendy Millard. She's the leader of Project Wildlife's raccoon team, but she also takes care of opossums. You might guess that if you walked into Millard's home in Sabre Springs. There's a raccoon statue in front of her fireplace and an

image of a raccoon on the living-room rug. Paintings and sketches of opossums and raccoons hang in almost every room. I got the impression that Millard's an easy friend to buy presents for — that a nice opossum or raccoon knickknack always makes her happy.

Tall and thin, with long auburn hair, Millard works out of her home, managing commercial properties owned by her family. She first started helping to rescue animals in need when she volunteered at the Fund for Animals in Ramona. "I learned a lot up there." She says she helped care for coyotes and raptors, along with nonpredatory animals

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She added the raccoon responsibilities about four years later. Millard notes that the two species differ markedly. The raccoons are "more intense. They're harder to work with." For one thing,

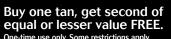
"You have to worry about more diseases." They can catch rabies and distemper, and they're capable of harboring "a parasite that's unfriendly to people. So you have to be real careful. You have to be really clean."

Raccoons "like to interact with people, unfortunately," she says. "They're highly intelligent, and they're full of personality." It's hard to bottle-feed the babies without inadvertently taming them to the point that they lose their aversion for humans. But they never learn to comport themselves like cats or dogs. "If you let a raccoon in your house, you might as well kiss everything goodbye," Millard warns. "They're very destructive. They get on everything. They're out of control." After about two years, when they reach their sexual matu-

rity, "They start getting bite-y and nasty." While the opossums are easier to handle than raccoons, they "don't like to be cuddled," Millard says. "They're way more independent than cats. They don't want to interact with you."

Working with the animals throughout the years has changed her, she reflects. "I've come a long way. When I was young, if I saw an animal on the side of the road, I'd fall to pieces. Now I'm way past that." As an animal rescuer, "You're dealing with a lot of death. At the busiest times, it can be almost daily. And a lot of people can't handle that. There are a lot of rewards, but you also see a lot of bad things. We're not picking up healthy animals, and that's what you've kind of signed on to do. But I don't think you realize it until you get into it."

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The work also tied her down. "When the raccoons are here, it's literally impossible for me to go anywhere. Raccoons are way more work than the possums." But Millard, still childless, sounded serene about this. Her husband also enjoyed the animals and had built elaborate shelters for them. "It's really a full-time nonpaying job, and we do it for the animals."

Asked why, she laughed self-consciously. "It just gives me a good feeling to know that if we didn't do it, these animals would die. Or they'd be out there, suffering. That's why." She also gets a lot of personal pleasure out of caring for the mothers and babies. "I think it's just part of my balance of life."

I asked how other people react when they learn that she rescues opossums. "The reaction usually is: 'Why possums?' They're the most misunderstood animals. People think they're just big rodents. They're dirty. They carry disease. They're vicious. None of that is true. That's why when I do go out and educate people, it's my favorite animal to talk about. 'Cause they're so misunderstood! I mean, they're very good for the environment. They eat all those things you don't want in your garden the snails and slugs and rats and mice. They're not aggressive. They don't carry disease. They groom a lot. After they eat, they wash their little faces. They spit on their feet, and then they clean themselves. It's very cute.... I'm constantly preaching."

Millard also has mentored a number of other opossum team members over the years, including Shawn Powell. "Wendy was my angel the first year," Powell said on the afternoon I first met with her. We were talking in her condo, just south of Mission Trails

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Regional Park. Although her training at the Project Wildlife care center covered a lot — reading syringes, giving antibiotics, administering subcutaneous fluids, and more — Powell said that "when you rescue an animal that's been attacked by a dog, it's still difficult to know what to do. So I think I called Wendy almost every day for a while. She was so nice, and it made a huge difference to me."

Outspoken and gregarious, Powell joined Project Wildlife in the spring of 2002. She was hoping to work with wild raptors. "That was what really intrigued me." As it turned out, however, the volunteer organization didn't need any more raptor-team members in that area at that time, so Powell had to pick something else. She says she selected opossums for no reason

she could identify. Only later did various members of her family point out that her grandfather had raised a couple of litters of orphaned baby opossums on the 40-acre orange and olive ranch in central California where Powell grew up. "It must have been when I was really small, because I don't remember it at all," she said. "I mean, my connection with possums when I was growing up was seeing them smushed on the side of the road. Or my grandpa would take us for what he called possum hunts out in the olive grove. He would take a flashlight and go out at dark and shine it up in the trees, and sometimes we'd see a possum there. And now I just love them. Go figure."

Powell's introduction to the opossum team "was sort of a trial by fire. Because that was right in prime baby season." Before she'd even finished her apprenticeship, she got a call asking if she could go out on a rescue. "I said, 'Well, I don't know if I'm allowed to go on rescues yet.' And whoever it was said, 'Well, here's your first chance,' so I said okay. It was down in a part of town I'd never been to before, kind of Southeast San Diego. The possum had crawled under a deck where there was a hot tub in the back yard." Powell peered at the animal, which had made its way to the very back of the foot-high crawlspace. "The girl who was there said, 'Are you the only one here? Where's your team?' And I said, 'I'm the only one.' And she said, 'Well, I don't see how you're going to get it."

Powell wasn't sure herself. "There were all





these bugs and spiders. I didn't know what to do, and I had no frame of reference. But I knew I'd been sent out there to get that possum, so I'd better get that possum." Somehow, she wriggled all the way under the deck. "They had told us never to pull a possum by the tail if you suspect a back injury, and I did suspect a back injury. But that was the only part of that animal I could get. So I pulled it out, and it ended up having a broken back. It had to be euthanized. I felt really good about the fact that I saved that animal a lot of suffering. It would have died a long, yucky death under that deck." But retrieving the animal was "a nasty experience. I mean, the girl could not believe I did it." Powell could hardly believe it herself, but she says, "Compared to that, every rescue since has been a piece of cake."

Powell told me that only twice had she rescued dead mother opossums that still had live babies in their pouches. In both instances, the babies were too tiny to be rehabilitated. "They were itty-bitty, still pink," she says. "So I had to have them euthanized." The first time this happened, last year, she says the veterinarian from whom she sought help refused to comply with her request. Powell then consulted with April Bauer, who advised her to wrap the mother up and put it in the freezer, a humane way to kill the babies. The only problem, according to Powell, was her husband. "He's not a real animal lover, okay? He's a possum tolerator. He's a good husband, so he lets me do it. But he looks disgusted most of the time. And where he draws the line is that anything having to do with the possums cannot go in or near our refrigerator. He even bought me a little refrigerator to put all my food

for them in — even if it's just cat food." This sits in Powell's crowded kitchen, with stuffed toy opossums perched on top of it. But its freezer was too tiny to accommodate the baby-filled

mother opossum's corpse. Powell says she wound up using the big freezer at Project Wildlife's care center. But making all these arrangements took a couple of days. "It was awful. I was

so worried about it." When another dead mother with tiny babies came into her hands again more recently, she says her vet agreed to put the babies to sleep. "They know me now, so they'll

take my word for things, whereas before, they weren't sure."

I asked Powell to tell me about her daily schedule. When she only has older animals, she refrains from feeding them until the evening. "They're nocturnal, and you don't want to encourage them to be out eating during the day. But right now, several of the groups I have are so small they need





food available whenever they want to eat." At such times, she has to rise every morning at 4:30, in order to get everything done before going to her job as an underwriter for a local mortgage company. The Powells' condominium has only one bathroom, and she and her husband share it with his three daughters from a previous marriage. They're 9, 13, and 14. "So we're on a strict schedule. I have to be in the shower at 5:30 every morning, 'cause the girls need the bathroom at 6:20." In the hour before she showers, "I have to change all the newspaper in the cages. I have to wash all the dishes, because [the opossums] poop in their water dishes." (Powell eschews using water bottles because she thinks, "Well, they're not going to drink out of a water bottle in the wild, so I'm

not going to give them one here.") Every morning, "I have to make new formula for them and feed them all. And they like different things. Some of them want mushed-up cat food. Some want formula." Other enticements might be yogurt or baby food. "I have to remember who wants what."

When all the animals are healthy, the evening chores take no more than 20 or 30 minutes. "But where it gets really hairy is when I have injured ones or ones that require additional care." Sometimes adults require fluids, and for that Powell uses an intravenous bag that hangs up in her kitchen. She warms the electrolyte solution and inserts a needle connected to the bag under the animal's skin. "It just drips in there," she says, a process that can consume 10 or 15 minutes. "You have to make sure the animals stay still, so you have to stand there over them the whole time." Wounded animals may require multiple daily applications of disinfectant or antibiotics. All that extra attention requires extra time.

Powell has a ready explanation for why she does all this. She says she thinks about what would happen to the animals if she and the other Project Wildlife volunteers didn't step forward to take care of them. "That's really what keeps me doing it. I hate getting up at four in the morning or being called on three rescues in a row and getting home late. But what would happen to the animal if I wasn't doing that? You know? If it needed to be euthanized, it would have died an awful death." At least when she responds, "I



can kind of ease its suffering a little bit." Or she can give a second chance to the babies that would have died because their mother was killed.

More than altruism drives her actions, she says. Sometimes she stands on the patio and watches the babies in their cages the way some folks watch TV. "They're so funny. They climb all over everything. They're just so cute. One group are the biggest pigs. They eat and eat and eat. They don't walk around the cage. They don't get on the wheel. You pick them up and their stomachs are always full." Others have different personalities. "I mean, you have some that are really evil that hate you and want to bite your head off. Others are curious, like cats. They want to come up and sniff you, and they know you bring them their food, so they get all excited."

Besides the babies, "The other great feeling is when you bring an

animal back that was badly injured. I think that's probably the most rewarding thing of all." She recalls one animal she came to call Frankenpossum. The survivor of a vicious dog attack, he "had a shunt coming out of his side. He had stitches everywhere." But Powell nursed him back to health over the course of a month and developed a special fondness for his spunkiness. Another opossum that stands out in her memory had sustained a major head trauma when a car hit him. "I had him for three days, and he just kept going downhill, downhill." On the third day, Powell thought, "Oh, he's really suffering. I'm not seeing any improvement." She took him to a local veterinary office to be euthanized, but one of the doctors on duty asked if she wanted to see if some steroids might improve his condition. "I said, 'Of course!' So she gave me

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some steroids and suggested we try it for two or three days to see what happens. Boy, those steroids made a huge difference. I mean, total turnaround. He ended up healing completely." After a day or two, the male opossum was so anxious to escape his cage that Powell grew afraid he might hurt himself. "So I was getting up every four hours in the middle of the night and letting him run around on the patio for a half hour, then putting him back in the cage. Because otherwise I was afraid he might tear the cage up. But I couldn't let him go until he finished his medicine." Once he did, Powell released the opossum near Lake Murray. She says that experience taught her how fast opossums can move, when they're motivated. After she let him out of

his cage, she tossed a piece of apple a few feet away from the animal. "He pounced on it like a snake. That fast! And I thought, 'Oh my God!' That's when I started to feel much better about releasing them. Because I saw a capability that I hadn't known was there."

On the evening that we released the two young opossums next to Lake Murray, Powell said again that she enjoys setting free adult opossums, like the occupant of the other carrier we were transporting. Powell drove for a few minutes to a spot where a broad gulley intersected Lake Shore Drive in San Carlos. By the time she parked, the sky had darkened to a deep azure, a sumptuous backdrop for the waxing moon. We walked away from the road along a dirt path lined with banks of wild daisies,

and Powell told me about this third opossum we were about to set free. "I wouldn't call her an old girl, but I wouldn't call her a young girl either. She's probably a vear and a half." She'd been cornered by a dog in someone's back yard, and someone had taken her to a county animal services office, even though there was nothing wrong with her. Since she had room, Powell kept her for a couple of days. "The only treatment I gave her was a dose of Advantage for the fleas and as much food as she could eat." She expected her to disappear the instant she opened the carrier door.

Powell commented that one of her worst releases ever had taken place at the very spot where we were walking now. It involved a group of four juveniles that she thought had seemed "a

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Powell worried about that group all night long.

Only once was she forced to abort a release attempt. That involved an adult male who'd been on antibiotics for several weeks in the wake of an injury. Life in the wild is hard, Powell notes, and it seemed to her this fellow found it "a bit of a vacation to live in a little cage and have people bring him food and clean up after him." Whatever the reason, as soon as she tried to let him go, he fell to the

ground and assumed the Dead Possum position. "I'm like, well, okay, I can't leave him here," Powell said. "This was along the San Diego River. So I had to pick him up and take him back home again. It took me two more tries before he would finally stop doing that and go. Some of them are such scaredy-cats, and he was the scaredest one I've ever seen."

For a moment, it seemed as if Powell might have another sissy on her hands. When we stopped and she unlatched the cage and tilted it downward, no opossum emerged. Powell and I listened to the night sounds: the soft shushing of a nearby sprinkler, the rhythmic creak of a cricket, the occasional whir of a ground bird. The air smelled moist and fecund. "She knows we're out here," Powell whispered, lifting the cage higher in an attempt to dump the animal out. The opossum's head

finally emerged, tentative, and after another nudge from Powell, it dropped gracefully to the ground, then slunk away from us, catlike. Six feet away, her motion was all that caught my eye; within another six feet, she had disappeared.

Powell told me she'd come to have a lot of respect for the opossums' resourcefulness. If they could make it through the first couple of nights, they'd probably be fine, she told herself. They would

know — by instinct that it was okay to eat crickets. They'd know how to search for water. With any luck, they'd avoid wandering into the path of a car or a coyote. She couldn't help worrying, Powell confided, but she could remind herself that Project Wildlife's motto isn't "Long Lives Guaranteed for All Wild Animals." It's "A Second Chance," and for both the opossums and their rescuers, that has to be enough. ■

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a woman president. Will the tradition of electing male presidents be broken in my lifetime? Women are capable of completing the job, but no opportunity seems to have arisen until now.

Hillary Clinton currently sits as the Democrats' top pick for the next presidential election. In 2008, she may be given the chance to prove what a woman can do for the country. She seems to be the perfect pick for the Democrats, with previous experience as senator of New York and as first lady of the White House. The question is, will she be able to break the stereotype of women being incapable of handling the presidential position? I'm afraid a few things will hinder her campaign for president.

First, she's Bill Clinton's wife. Although Bill Clinton, a two-term president, was successful in many areas, people in the United States still seem unsure and skeptical of him. Nowadays, he's notorious for his affair with Monica Lewinski, which also gives Hillary a somewhat bad reputation. Although Bill made Hillary a well-known politician, his past hinders her chances.

Another problem is centuries-old tradition. Over the years, women have broken down the boundaries of jobs thought to be only for men. For example, women can now pursue careers in engineering and mathematics. However, one view still remains in the minds of the young and the old: the idea of a male president. Although America has grown in accepting women in the workforce, American society is not ready for a woman president.

I think that the most capable person for the job should take over after President Bush, even if that means a woman. I hope American society can prove me wrong and show

that they are capable of disregarding their prejudices and voting for the best candidate.

— Bryanna Schwartz, Westview H.S.

is a woman!?! Well, maybe not yet, but why not? Though the Equal Rights Amendment failed, feminism and politics still make for good conversations among patriots, whether they're fanatical or near apathetic.

Mention Hillary Clinton and your conversations will take a sharp turn for the better or worse. For that precise reason, however, Hillary Clinton has very little chance of receiving the title of pres-

ident of the United States. Her gender does play a role in her ruined chances, but more of a problem is the polarizing effect she has on Americans. Everyone either thinks she is next to godliness or that she is straight from the liberal inferno; this is quite a problem when our country is already dealing with some "divided-we-fall" issues.

As for the long-enduring female sex, a representative thereof could relatively easily win the election if she (1) didn't rely on her gender to bolster votes, and (2) isn't too much of a donkey or elephant, but rather a nice medium such as, say, a donkephant — nice and well-rounded.

Complaints abound about the stubborn conservatism of the Republicans and the wily upstart Democrats. The number of registered Independents is growing. "Moderate" is the fashionable (and profitable) way to swing votes nowadays, and anyone who can convincingly milk that stance will win — male or female.

We can always call on Geena Davis or Bill Pullman — they make great mediafriendly presidents, and the issue of gender



Hillary Clinton (photo illustration)

would be drowned out by our awe at having a star president. Maybe Governator Schwarzenegger can give them political tips in exchange for Constitutional amendments here and there.

– Mary Lindquist, El Capitan H.S.

inally! It's about time that a woman steps up to the presidential plate. And I can't think of anyone better than Hillary Clinton to hit that home run for the United States. We as a nation have come far in accepting women into positions of power. Some have done well and some have not, but, overall, I believe that Mrs. Clinton would do well for us

Of course, no one should forget about Clinton's opponent, John McCain. Right now, he is the top choice for the Republican party and is supposedly doing well. Personally, I think it is about time the U.S. had a Democrat for president. Not Clinton per se, but someone from the Democratic party.

With the war going on and Bush's approval rate plummeting, it would be

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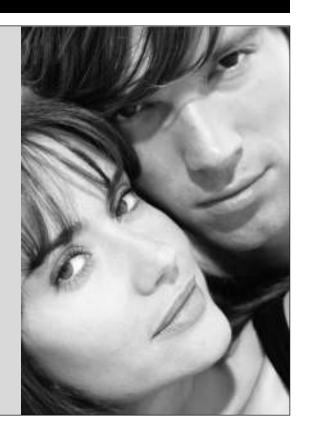
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refreshing to have someone in charge with a different outlook. Troops are dying every day, and the same things are being said to assure us that this war is a good thing. I think it would be good to hear the views of someone else for a change, and maybe Hillary Clinton can give Americans those views.

Even though the election is not for another couple of years, it is a good idea to consider the future of our country now. Why should the country be limited to only male presidents? There will be people who say that women are too emotional, too willing to please, or too unstable. But what about men? It has been recorded in our nation's past and present that men have made poor choices. Look at Johnson's Vietnam, Nixon's Watergate...or Bush's Iraq War. All of these men seem to have some sort of justification, but look at all of the death and scandal that surrounds them all. So, why harshly criticize the presidency of women when men are just as susceptible to mistakes?

> — Lee Ann Gonzales, Monte Vista H.S.

wish very much that Hillary Clinton had a chance at becoming president. Although (as much as I hate to say it), I don't think Americans are ready to accept a government run by a woman; I think Americans believe women are not as strong leaders as men. The reputation of Bill Clinton may also limit Hillary's chances because people tend to be judged by those with whom they associate.

Even though Hillary had no major part of the Bill-and-Monica scandal

(other than being the victim), she may seem to be a weak person who is taken advantage of easily. But I believe that is not the case at all; Hillary has stood tall and stayed above everyone's criticism. She stayed in the public eye, which indicates strong character. Hillary shows a great deal of morality by helping families of 9/11 victims and by granting health care for "ground zero" workers. Clinton also serves on the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee.

Considering that John McCain is a former military leader, Hillary Clinton may be more qualified for the job of presidency. With the current military-based president, our country has been in shambles.

> — Natalie Venolia, Ramona H.S.

merica the beautiful is so attractive that mostly men have had the privilege of running her. Is it possible to have a woman as president of the United States? Well, Hillary Clinton and her supporters think it is.

At this point, America is not emotionally stable enough to handle a woman

president...especially Hillary. Who knows why she wants to run? Is it to show up her oh-so-loyal hubby? Besides that point, the thought of a woman who has such a power-hungry and manipulative reputation running the country scares me. Rumor has it she set up a system to monitor her husband's girlfriends. Now, if we had a president that used that form of control, America wouldn't work so well. Don't get me wrong—I don't know all the facts about Hillary, but the pieces of information I do know are unsettling.

Luckily for me, and Republicans, John McCain will run in this next election. A man going up against a woman for president is an interesting situation to think about, but I think we all know who stands a better chance. People aren't sexist, but I don't believe they're about to choose a woman over a man yet.

America is indeed beautiful, and its spirit strong. To keep this country thriving, I think we ought to stick with tradition and stay out of the unknown realms that could lead us to destruction.

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regarded his office as shortby termed and urgent: setleff ting policy and solving
Smith problems, from mining
disputes to smuggling

rings, and stretching the royal estate's slender finances. The demands of the job—he wrote at least 4500 letters to the Minister of the Indies alone—had become an "intolerable fatigue."

Bucareli had only 2000 soldiers to defend New Spain's "Indian Frontiers," shifting northern boundaries from Texas to the Pacific Coast. And since the threat of uprisings was ever-present — 300 to 600 Kumeyaay had destroyed Mission San Diego in November 1775 — Bucareli needed, but couldn't afford, 2000 more troops.

Alta California, lowly outposts at the edge of a much larger problem, perplexed him. He never received "trustworthy" information: "Monte Rey, the Californias, I don't know how they are governed...God grant me strength to disentangle myself from the confused management of these vast provinces."

The assault on Mission San Diego intensified a long-standing feud between Commandant Fernando Rivera y Moncada, the military governor, and Father Junipero Serra, president of the missions. Put simply: Serra wanted to save native souls; Rivera, to save Spanish lives.

On July 11, 1776, the packetboat *San Antonio* sailed into San Diego Bay from Monterey. Wearing his crimson uniform, his iron gray hair tied in a long braid down his back, Rivera scaled the deck ladder to greet the passengers with a military flourish. When he saw who had made the trip, unannounced, a "great fear" froze him.

Father Serra.

"He was horror-stricken at the sight of me," wrote Serra, "as everyone on the boat remarked. And he had no sooner got back to the Presidio when he took to his bed, ill." They'd last seen each other in April. Carlos, a leader of the Kumeyaay assault, had hidden in the presidio chapel. Though warned priests would excommunicate him if he removed Carlos from his "sanctuary," Rivera threw the chief in the stocks. Father Lasuen banished Rivera and his soldiers from their religion. Shaken, Rivera went to Monterey to ask Father Serra for absolution. Serra refused, ordering him back to San Diego to hand Carlos over to the priests. They lifted the excommunication and, in an act meant to humiliate the commandant, returned Carlos to jail.

On April 13, as he rode to Monterey, Rivera wrote that he was too troubled even to read. The 51-year-old, who looked at least ten years older, and who considered himself a "great Christian," feared that demons were undermining his authority.

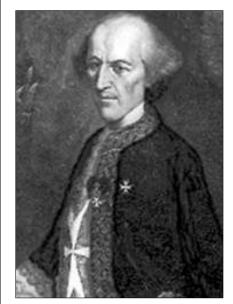
After Father Serra's arrival in July, Rivera stayed in bed for several days. His soul was in such "profound upheaval," he told Father Santa Maria, he wanted to begin a new life in the Third Order of St. Francis, "without any possible delay."

"It seems," Rivera added, "that devils are trying to make me break with the fathers."

"Now, *Señor*," Santa Maria joked, "resist the temptation."

When Rivera finally went outside, Father Serra fired a question at him: "Have you pacified the area?"

"Yes," said Rivera, startled by the jab at his competence, "I already wrote you." The commandant didn't mention



Antonio Maria Bucareli

that two leaders of the November assault had boasted that 1000 warriors were preparing to storm the presidio and massacre all Spanish intruders.

All his life, Rivera had a morbid fear of being overwhelmed in battle by impossible odds. Father Serra, who noted the commandant's nervousness, believed Rivera was afraid that Viceroy Bucareli would follow Serra's advice "in everything. And that is how the poor creature came to be seized with such terror at the sight of me!"

Father Serra found the natives "peaceable enough" and wanted to rebuild the mission. Rivera counseled caution.

Serra began visiting Carlos and the other prisoners. The padre became obsessed

QUOTATIONS

1. Father Francisco Garces, the first explorer to name it, called the Grand Canyon "Puerto de Bucareli" — Bucareli Port.

2. James A. Sandos: "To Serra, Indians were pawns. That Indians could also be seen as Franciscan pawns

was a point Serra could not admit and perhaps not imagine."

3. Ronald L. Ives: "Rivera's behavior at times was somewhat irrational, and he quarreled with all, including many who could have helped him."

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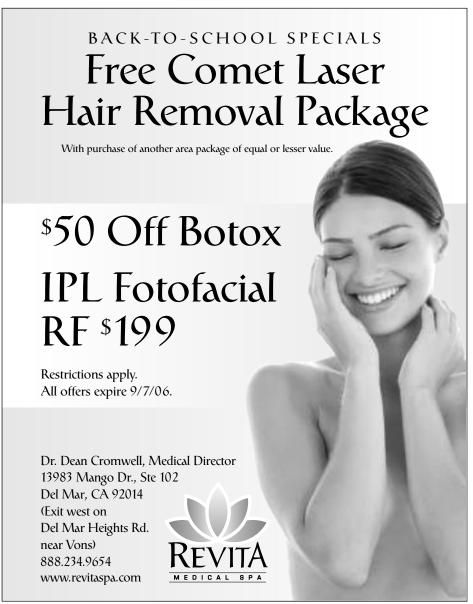
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with converting an unnamed "gentile" who had helped organize the 1769 and 1775 attacks and who, many alleged, was among those who clubbed Father Luis Jayme to death. Every day, Serra "summoned all his energy" to get the man to speak. But he remained silent.

Serra preached with such passion, writes Father Zephyrin Engelhardt, he converted several other prisoners. "But despite all sympathy and loving appeals, the obstinate pagan would not utter so much as a word."

Again and again, Serra promised forgiveness and salvation. Still the man refused

On the morning of August 15, 1776, seven years to the day after the first attack on the presidio, the silent Kumeyaay hung himself.

Since soldiers wouldn't do manual labor, and since the San Antonio wouldn't sail until October, Father Serra asked the captain, Diego Choquet de Isla, if his crew would help rebuild the mission. Choquet, whose patron saint was San Diego de Alcala, not only agreed, he promised to pitch in.

Serra sent a letter across the plaza to Rivera. We are rebuilding. Give us protection.

Rivera detailed a corporal and five soldiers. On August 22, as the troops stood guard, 20 sailors armed with swords and pistols, 30-40 neophytes, Choquet and his pilot, Juan Perez, went to work. Since the original had no stockade, they banked up the earth, erected thick adobe walls, and dug deep trenches. From afar, the site resembled a Spanish fortress more than a mission.

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But, writes Serra's biographer, Father Francisco Palou, "the enemy" — Satan — "tried to impede rebuilding, not by means of the pagans...but through the military commandant."

Joseph Maria, a neophyte, warned Rivera that Kumeyaay were swarming at Meti (Spring Valley) and La Punta (south end of San Diego Bay). The hundreds of natives in the November attack had gathered at these villages. Rivera sent Sergeant Mariano Carillo to investigate.



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On September 8, as Father Serra celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady at the presidio, Rivera rode up the valley to the mission. "The pagans will strike again," he warned Choquet. Sailors must return to the ship at once!

Why? Choquet wanted to know. Other rumors proved false. "All the Indians are contrite and repentant. If you're so afraid, give us more powder and add three men to the escort!"

Rivera: "I am recalling the guard for my own defense. Please notify the Fathers, for I will not tell them, as I know they will feel bad about it."

"I see no reason to withdraw," Choquet told the priests. "But I care not to quarrel with this man. Therefore I am resolved to leave."

Father Serra proclaimed, "Let the will of God be done, who alone can provide a

remedy!"

Choquet read cowardice in Rivera's "timidity"; Father Palou, a psychological assault on Father Serra: "Each measure taken by the commandant that impeded conversion of the pagans was to the Father President an arrow sharper than those that took the life of Venerable Father Jayme."

he wrote Juan de Echeveste, a friend, "I am going to punish the insurgents if disturbances break out in one of the missions? I shall be reduced to ashes and my bones will have whitened in the sun before reinforcements will arrive. That is, alas, the fate that awaits me."

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In letters to Viceroy Bucareli, Rivera demanded more weapons (and musket balls the same caliber as the muskets), skilled gunsmiths, uniforms, food, better mounts, tobacco, soap. Most of all, Rivera needed more — and more capable — soldiers.

"How do you expect that with the 25 miserable soldiers I have at the presidio,"

block apart at the presidio, Rivera and Serra refused to speak. The commandant paced the plaza, head down, mumbling, "Here is the devil once more, driving me to harass the fathers."

Rivera doubled the guards of the presidio and livestock. He fortified the walls against an onslaught by an enemy real or, as some believed, invented to "pierce

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the heart" of Father Serra.

In mid-September, runners from Baja said soldiers were coming to San Diego.

On September 25, Corporal Guillermo Carillo, leader of the company, sent a runner to announce their arrival in three days: Carillo brought 25 soldiers and important letters from the vicerov.

"God's will!" said Serra: Bucareli had sent them to protect mission-building.

No, contended Rivera: the viceroy will strengthen the presidios and his policy of swift reprisals. Asked to find out which, however, Rivera refused to send a courier.

Bucareli had written on March 26 and April 3. On September 29, Father Serra and Rivera eagerly broke the sealed envelopes of their duplicate copies.

Bucareli had changed his mind. From now on natives "must receive kindness rather than the destruction of their villages." Bucareli ordered Rivera "not to punish instigators of the uprising; the mercy with which they are treated may teach them to live in peace and docility." The viceroy also said that if Rivera hadn't already begun rebuilding Mission San Diego, to do so at once - and establish missions at San Juan Capistrano, San Francisco, and Santa Clara, and consider sites for three more on the Santa Barbara Channel.

The six-month delay of letters from Mexico City, writes Palou, combined with Rivera's "demonic" sabotage, caused Father Serra the pain of a "bloodless martyrdom."

Serra rang every bell at the presidio. He sang a High Mass "for the health and well-being of the Viceroy" and the "spiritual conquest" of Alta California.

Although fresh troops may have warded off the attack he feared, Rivera reacted with mute resignation. He assigned 12 soldiers to San Diego, 10 to San Juan Capistrano, 2 to San Gabriel, and 3 to the presidio. Then he made a slow trek to Monterey. By the time he arrived, Bucareli had deposed him and named Philip de Neve governor of both Californias. The viceroy based his decision, in part, on a letter from Captain Choquet about Rivera's "light excuses" for suspending rebuilding. Demons didn't rule the commandant, said Choquet, who had overheard Rivera's remark, just unfounded fears.

Before Rivera left for his new post as lieutenant governor of Baja, natives attacked the San Francisco presidio. At Mission San Luis Obispo, on November 29, flaming Chumash arrows torched the thatched roofs of log-framed buildings. Only the church and granary, made of adobe, survived. Rivera tracked down two ringleaders. Contrary to Bucareli's wishes, he locked them in the Monterey jail.

On February 2, 1777, Lieutenant José Francisco de Ortega ordered all San Diego troops to attention in the plaza. Guards brought out Carlos and the other 11 shackled prisoners. As they adjusted to the light, they saw rows of soldados holding muskets.

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In the 1775 assault, only Ipai, villages south of the San Diego River, banded together. A month after the cannons declared a "termination," rumors spread that Manuel, chief of the Soledad Tipai, and 21 villages north of the river would attack the presidio. Troops went to Mt. Soledad, captured Manuel, then released him with a warning not to test "the King's mercy" again.

Carlos and his brother Francisco led the assaults of 1769 and 1775. Rivera wanted the "dangerous pagans" exiled to Baja. In a letter to Bucareli, October 4, 1778, Father Serra exclaimed that the brothers had become "such models of loyalty, they are the main support of the padres and have now been confirmed." Serra named Francisco the first native alcalde — a figurehead magistrate — of San Diego.

Two years later, Francisco was back in the hills organizing a revolt, an astonished Serra reported, with

insolence" with a preemptive, three a.m. strike. They burned down the village, including three natives who refused to leave their hut. Soldiers made a bonfire of 80 bows, 1500 arrows, and hundreds of macana warclubs.

A year after Father Serra extolled his model behavior, Carlos led a large party of Christian and "gentile"

SERRA IMPLORED FATHER LASUEN, LEADER OF MISSION SAN DIEGO, TO PREACH TO THE PRISONERS. "TELL THEM I CONSIDER THEM TO BE MEMBERS OF MY OWN FAMILY."

"a considerable number of followers."

In March, 1778, four Tipai chieftains dared the Spanish to fight them at Pamo—"come up here and die"—in the Ramona hills. Sergeant Carillo and eight soldiers "castigated their

warriors against Jalo, a neophyte village in the mountains. Twelve died. When soldiers caught Carlos and two other leaders, Rafael and Luis, they found a cache of weapons as large as at Pamo.

For three years, Carlos, Rafael, and Luis worked

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forced labor at the presidio. While others wanted to ship them to San Blas, Father Serra said no. He had a "particular affection for them and longed for the salvation of their souls." Perhaps, he mused, they should be "sentenced to life imprisonment or consigned to the stocks" to receive daily religious instruction. At least that might help them to "die well."

Serra implored Father Lasuen, leader of Mission San Diego, to preach to the prisoners. "Tell them I consider them to be members of my own family."

In April, 1782, Lasuen secured their freedom. Days later, they disappeared.

"California has suffered confusions," Bucareli wrote to governor Felipe de Neve, shortly before the Viceroy died of overwork. The only solution: "harmony and cooperation between the royal ministers and the reverend missionary Fathers." Instead of compromise, de Neve fought Serra's "boundless, unbelievable pride" and "surreptitious conspiracies against the government and its laws."

Carlos, Raphael, and Luis didn't disappear. De Neve had them kidnapped and banished to Baja.

Serra objected: they will "die away from their native land and be without confession, since no one will understand their language."

"No Father," de Neve replied, "all speak Spanish."

Father Serra died in 1784. To the end he prayed for Carlos's salvation — and couldn't understand why the rebel kawapai would want anything else.

In 1785, Father Lasuen petitioned for the exiled

chieftains' release. "They have wives, who are not old, and children, who have continued to live the Christian life in the midst of relatives and associates who are pagans."

In 1787, Commandant General Pedro Fages granted Lasuen's wish.

A year later, Lasuen wrote to Fages: "Through your clemency, Carlos was brought back to his country and his mission and united with his wife and family." But instead of being grateful, "he immediately became the ringleader in the very same kind of agitation for which he had been expelled."

Carlos got a life sentence at Mission Santa Clara. Since his wife and children weren't to blame, Lasuen said they shouldn't suffer such a "heavy punishment." Therefore, he ordered them to "make the sacrifice of becoming strangers to their husband and father"—to remain at San Diego, in other words, and never see him again.

Carlos disappears from the historical record at this point.

Commandant Rivera y Moncada, who blazed the 300-mile Baja trail for the "Sacred Expedition" of 1769, had a morbid fear of being overwhelmed in battle. In 1781, his fear became his

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A couple of months ago a friend of mine named Gregg wrote from North County asking if I could spare a week to camp and fish with him in Baja. Gregg is a teacher, 37 years old, with a capillary-red nose and a beard more white than black, and with a head of graybrown hair at just that point of thinness that he likes the way he looks in a hat. His wife is a sort of miracle worker, a slender Barbra Streisand who single-handedly anchored the home with rich Victorian furniture, then kept it afloat by waiting on tables and buying Gregg's clothing at the Salvation Army. "Folk person" is the phrase that came up several times last year when Gregg's department chairman, and others, tried to expel him from the faculty of the junior college where he's employed, and it probably refers as much to his folksy wardrobe as to his style of teaching, which is looser than an old flannel shirt and about as comfortable.

Shorty had come to Baja to escape the law. He had beaten a man with a chair so brutally as to get himself sent to prison for several years, and shortly after his release had found the man he'd beaten and finished the job, shooting him dead.

Since Gregg's semester break didn't coincide with the free time his two daughters had from school, his wife agreed to stay home with the kids, who detest camping trips to Mexico anyway. She said she envied his going away for a week of fishing, and during that week itself, Gregg said more than once that he believed she'd really meant it. For my part, I was eager to get him in the proper mood for telling every detail of his days as an Air Force bombardier, when he couldn't urinate in a B-52.

The camping site was about six hours down Baja's Highway 1, and we drove it on a Sunday morning in Gregg's station wagon, a white Volvo. Once we got untangled from the border towns, with nothing but broken clouds and the zebra-colored highway ahead of us, Gregg settled down to sweet country driving. You could see he likes to drive, that it relaxes him. He hung his hands on the wheel and seemed to let the car itself choose the lane of least resist-

ance. We passed through country that reminded me of Ireland — low green hills whose soil broke at every crest and ridge to show an underlayer of stones; the houses against the hills looking (in Julian Mazor's phrase) quaint and a little poor, but painted a totally un-Irish color polished turquoise. The fences, of course, were made not of slate or stone, but of straight, dry sticks such as grow in the desert, and which never lose their look of stricken dryness. Every spare acre of the valleys had been planted with new wheat and alfalfa to take advantage of the winter's rainfall.

Teacherly Gregg explained it all to me, hardly letting a kilometer slide by without some remark on the land and the sights. He wants to write a book about this country, when he gets the time and (he says) the confidence, and I think he could be a vivifying historian. He sees the Baja peninsula as the only frontier he's ever known, in the sense

of being a land that still attracts frontiersmen, people with nothing to lose. Although the Spanish discovered Baja long before the rest of California, they never civilized it. Even the tenacious Jesuits lost their hold. There was simply too little rain to sustain agriculture in the long term. When Junipero Serra was made father-president of the missions in Baja California, he ignored that land entirely, establishing missions in the more hospitable north—and this from a man who personally delighted in hardship, who scourged himself, sometimes during a sermon, and who for years sustained an ulcerous wound on his leg as an emblem of man's travail and life's mission.

"All kinds of life out there," said Gregg, looking up to the boulder-strewn hills, which to me seemed about as luxuriant as rumpled cardboard. "Just take a Buck knife — you could live out there for months."

I groaned. "Come on, Gregg." "Oh, yeah," he said. "Nuts

and berries? Hills are full of 'em."

I laughed. "But look at this car!"

"What?" he said.

I do like Gregg. His daydreams are so unself-conscious. Here he imagined himself in the hills with nothing but his Buck knife and a jock strap, whereas in reality he was driving a station wagon that he had fitted with new shock absorbers to counter the weight of equipment we were hauling. The stove alone had a butane gas tank the size of those you see on travel trailers. And just in the way of personal effects, Gregg had brought two suitcases of clothes, three pairs of shoes, rain slickers, Cop-

pertone sunscreen, a Crown Colony iar that had been emptied of oregano and filled with dusty, filigree buds of homegrown pot, a packet of red Zig Zags, two suits of long underwear, and a leather case packed with an automatic SLR camera with a 35millimeter lens, plus a telephoto (which never got used). I'd brought nothing remarkable except for a pair of double-thick woolen slacks from L.L. Bean which my mother had given me at Christmas, and which feel like a blanket for a sick horse (not that I've ever worn one). When I told her the pants were too damn warm, she said there was no such thing.

Gregg had told me that

our camping site would have no water or electricity and no communication with the nearest town, and so I could see the need for some of the stuff we'd brought. But finally, when we had passed the last town and were fording a stream, and could hear the water sloshing at the car, I began to have that tentative, expectant feeling of adventure, though my idea of adventure is throwing a party and waiting for the guests to

"¡Hola!" said Gregg, getting out of the car and walking with outstretched hand toward a small group of men, village elders, who were standing in the shelter of an unfinished cinder-block house.

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Still on our way to the campsite, Gregg had stopped to greet some of the people he had come to know on previous trips. The four men stood unmoved, calm, dignified, each of them holding a cigarette, watching Gregg hustle up to them. I don't know why I felt so intensely embarrassed — I guess because I didn't know how the men would react to Gregg and me — but I did understand just then why Gregg's little daughters don't like these camping trips. At their age, everything is embarrassing.

The men unfroze and gave us warm handshakes. We chatted a minute in Spanish, and although mine is much better than Gregg's, I didn't say much, but hung back slightly to look things over. One of the men was obviously the leader. Later I learned that this was his house we were standing in, one of the few around that wasn't made of wood and tarpaper. He was wearing a pale blue suit and a white shirt, tieless, and his overcoat was perched on his shoulders like a cape,



which made him look aristocratic. His name was Agustin. Next was Chuey, a broad, powerful-looking man who seemed well-known to Gregg. He asked about Gregg's wife and children, all by name, and Gregg asked about his. The third man was tall and thin as a Mexican fan palm, and I didn't catch his name, or remark him in any other way. But the fourth turned out to be Gregg's favorite an abalone diver whose name, in rough translation, was

Shorty.

Gregg had told me his story on the way down. Shorty was from somewhere in the deep interior of Mexico, but had come to Baja to escape the law. He had beaten a man with a chair so brutally as to get himself sent to prison for several years, and shortly after his release had found the man he'd beaten and finished the job, shooting him dead. Now Shorty lived alone almost two miles from the village, which itself was 20

miles from the nearest municipality with a court and a jail. In appearance he wasn't so formidable. His face and hair were Dylanesque — he had the look of a worried angel and his clothes made him look like a cartoon hobo. He wore an old sports coat with the sleeves rolled up to his wrists, a nondescript sports shirt, dingy slacks, and track shoes with pink, luminescent stripes. I guessed he was my age — late 20s — but his hair was graying and his front

teeth were gone. He was the sort of man many Americans meet in Mexico, find useful for a time, and quickly forget. The first time we tried to shake hands, he came at me with the brotherhoodpower handshake, which we fumbled while he looked quickly away. I saw that Gregg treated

Shorty and the rest of the men with equal politeness and respect, although he realized the social distances among them. Of course I would expect Gregg to be egalitarian, but I couldn't help suspecting that his attitude, however noble, was helped along by his scanty knowledge of Spanish. My own knowledge is basic but solid — I can carry on a conversation in Spanish but not an argument — and it didn't take long to realize that Gregg was blind to most shades of meaning in his own conversations. And I almost envied his blindness. It forced him to be plain and just, and pay no attention to the murky things people say about one another, especially when they joke.

Gregg had brought a new shovel to present to Shorty, who needed one for digging clams near his house, and when he pulled it out of the car and gave it to him, Chuey said, "Where's mine?" which produced a nervous laugh from most of us, but not from Gregg. He nodded, smiled, and with a carefree wave, climbed back in the driver's seat.

We arrived at our campsite just before dusk and had barely enough time to raise the tent, fish for our dinner (halibut and perch), filet and cook it, light the Coleman lantern, and read awhile before falling into the restive sleep of vacation's first day.

This was the routine for the next five days: we caught fish, cleaned it, fried it in a skillet with Puritan oil, washed it down with Tecate beer or, in Gregg's case, Heradura tequila, and slept it off. For variety we baked a fish and steamed some clams and boiled some lobsters.

I caught on pretty fast that this was, above all, a fishing trip, and my only choice was to fish or read Even Cow-

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girls Get the Blues, which I had brought in case of boredom. I decided to fish. When my brothers and I were in Little League, our father bought a 14-foot fiberglass boat with a black, recalcitrant Evinrude engine, which nobody but him and God were allowed to meddle with. I say God because Dad was always standing over the engine and calling on Him to damn it, which apparently He did. Anyway, Dad tried to teach us to fish, and I have forgiven him for it. He was only trying to be a pal, the pathetic fallacy that strikes so many fathers when their kids suddenly turn finicky and critical, and maybe there is something fundamentally good about teaching a child to carve a vomitous squid and prod an inky blot of it onto a hook and drop it overboard, out of sight. I know that I and my brothers have all grown up to have a tolerance for nausea that is almost existential.

The thing that was great about fishing with Gregg was the way he put his whole heart into instruction. Maybe this was because he seemed so eager to do what he was teaching. Every morning he was casting into the surf while I was still brushing my teeth. I saw Gregg in a new way, as one who wanted to be kept from thinking about himself, and who had found that fishing did the trick. He went

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to it for a kind of relief, like lightning to a weather vane. "Just watch me," he said when he started to teach, and then he lost himself in the activity, giving himself no time to brood about what he was doing, or snag himself on a bit of irony. Showing me how to rig a sinker on my line, he said, "This is the fisherman's knot. See that? Only kind of knot that doesn't put stress on itself." Then he watched me tie it and that was it.

Gregg often announced secrets to me — the secrets of doing things. The secret of fording a stream is to drive through the spots of shallow water, because the water indicates where the ground underneath is hard. The secret of steaming clams is not to add any water to the pot, but to let them cook in their own juices. The secret of growing pot is to eradicate all the

male plants in a patch, which induces the female plants to bloom like crazy. I believe he was always talking about secrets because he saw his own experience as just so many blunders, and his life's work was to learn from them. He'd taken up fishing because he had nearly killed himself trying to scuba dive. Sixty feet under water one day he'd lost his air and tried to drop his weight belt and rise to the surface, only to have it tangle in his own nylon line, which he tried to cut, but dropped his knife, and ended by thrashing his way to the surface and finding himself somehow still alive, gasping for air on the deck of a boat.

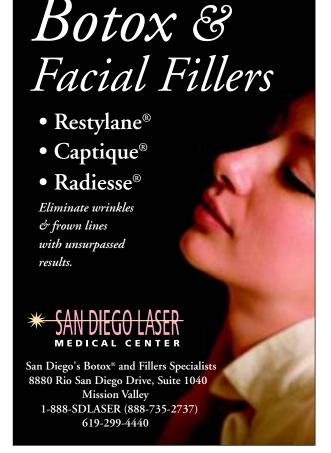
Since then he'd certainly turned into a good fisherman. Apart from some lucky hits I got (I was always out of patience, and casting and recasting into the sea whenever I didn't get a bite right away), it was Gregg who knew where to cast for the big ones, and who, rather like a teacher, was willing to outwait all the fishes in the sea until they came around to investigate what he had for them.

The weather turned foul on the second night. The tent grew humid as a locker room, and for a while it looked as though we'd have to spend a couple of days inside it. Our stores included two and a half cases of Tecate. I said. "Hey Gregg, it's straight out of a Hemingway story." And he said something obscene.

Undaunted on that first wet morning, we took our cane poles and the Crown Colony jar and drove about half a mile up the coast to a beach that faced the white-capped Pacific. We parked above some sandstone cliffs, like the ones above Black's Beach, and walked down to stone outcroppings that were exposed by the low tide, and which looked at a distance like great fallen trees.

I can't forget how spectacular that day became from the moment we stepped onto the rocks. A dozen intensities of light had broken through the clouds at various distances, so that looking along the coast in either direction you seemed to catch sight of a dozen scenes at once, some dark, some lighter, some clear, and some blurred with rain. To our left, where the waves broke into sunlight, the ocean had turned the color of a swimming pool, and beyond this was a tall, guano-covered rock, where a few dozen black cormorants were sitting in even rows on a slope like keys on an adding machine — if that isn't too farfetched.

The sea life on the rock we fished from was more abundant than any I have seen in California. Most of the rock was covered with mussels, which were flinty under



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A hard rain fell now and then in the afternoon, and we had to run for cover in some caves at the base of the cliff. Gregg said later that these had been his favorite moments of the day — waiting in the cave, smoking, and not saying much, just watching the rain pass over. But for me the best moment came when we left the beach and trudged up a gully to the top of the cliff, rushing for cover against another storm, and

reaching the car just as a blast of wind hit us in the back, then turning, a little out of breath, to see everything—the ocean and the black rocks — and realizing that for a while, at least, I had lived as fully in my eyes and my hands as I usually do in my brain alone.

The next day was rainy again. We rose at the usual hour and did some useless casting. Gregg was discouraged. He's the sort whose unhappiness turns into a sort of broadcast silence. This can be tiresome if it becomes your task to coax the unhappiness into speech. But on the other hand, it is just as easily ignored. And I ignored it.

The only kind of therapy on a fishing trip is fishing. And so we drove up the coast again to scare up some action, but found no more than rain. The two of us were standing under my umbrella, the surf washing up to our feet, while above us a couple of villagers crouched on the edge of the cliff, cackling.

"Look at that," said Gregg, screwing up his eyes at the onlookers. "They've never seen anything as crazy."

"Fuck 'em," I said. "I'm going for marlin," and I cast as far as I could, landing my hooks and sinker on a rock about the size of a putting green.

After half an hour it was harder to ignore Gregg's misery. He was wet and hadn't caught a fish: and here he was probably thinking that I was having a miserable time at his treasured fishing spot. But for all of that he looked as good as a Kool advertisement, with his red watch cap and his green sweater, and his cigarette looking long and just lit. I know I have a moral obligation not to see beauty in terms of a magazine ad, but it isn't easy.

Luckily, an interruption occurred. From far down the beach, two figures approached. One of them was Shorty. Gregg hailed him like the Messiah sent to deliver us from bad fishing, and Shorty himself seemed pleased to have come upon us. I wasn't ready to trust him, though. I don't know why. Almost immediately it was settled that Shorty would take us clamming later in the after-

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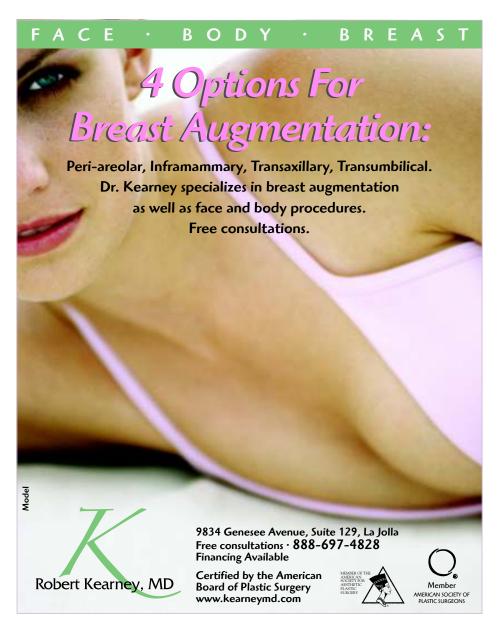
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noon, then Gregg suggested we all share the lunch he had packed. I had no idea where we would sit to eat if we were standing on wet, bare rocks—but Shorty seemed to take command by picking up the bucket with the food in it and starting up the cliff's trail. We followed, heads down against the wind: Before I realized where we were going, we'd already arrived at the shanty belonging to Chuey.

Acute embarrassment set in. We with all our gear and heavy coats, with most of our appreciations set by advertisements, were barging unannounced and uninvited into one of those shacks I had only seen from the window of a car or train. Somewhere a dog was yipping. We left our gear by the water barrel and the clothesline in front of the wooden awning, and then stepped under it while Gregg called out for Chuey.

The first to appear was a teenage girl wearing wellpressed slacks and a disco blouse. This was Chuey's daughter, Marta, who laughed when she saw us and ducked inside to bring some chairs. Chuey came out, zipping up his coat, and greeted us as casually as though we were standing in a pastry shop. We sat under the awning and passed around our hardboiled eggs and cans of Tecate. Two teenage boys, whom I guessed to be Chuey's sons, appeared briefly, then split to leave Chuey to do the talking.

After a minute, Chuey invited us all inside and showed us to seats at the kitchen table. I trailed along, feeling welcome but wary—like that bird that picks the teeth of the hippopotamus. Of course, I had no reason to feel that way: everyone else was acting natural. But uptightness is my natural state of mind, and I have noticed that it often increases one's power of observation.

The kitchen was about the size of a dorm room, but with a low, black ceiling. The room next to it, separated by a lace curtain now drawn aside, looked mostly taken up by a double bed with a smooth, white spread. Sprigs of artificial flowers had been stuck here and there among the rafters, and an Air Force traveling bag hung by the door.

Marta disappeared into a room beyond her parents' bedroom next to us, and reappeared at the very instant our plates needed clearing. Her mother, meanwhile, had heated tortillas and frijoles, accepting our thanks with a smile and no words. Almost everything in her kitchen the table, drainboard, and open cupboards — was underlaid with oilcloth of brilliant pink and blue. The colors almost glowed under the dark ceiling, and the picture of us gathered at the table was like van Gogh's The Potato Eaters — but painted during his late, colorful period.

Chuey's wife, whose name I didn't catch, kept her dishes and silverware in a rack that had once been part of a dishwasher. From her spot in front of the stove, she could look out the front door to her right, or out the porthole to her left, and never be in doubt of what the dogs were barking at. Once I caught

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her looking at me, but then her gaze went instantly to Chuey, and stayed there a long time. She was wearing nice slacks and a sleeveless cotton blouse and deep-red lipstick. I couldn't think of a word to describe her then, but now it occurs to me that she was solid, like a Mexican coin. Chuey did most of the talking, about lobstering and so forth, but his wife could not resist saying that the family owned a permanent house in town, with electricity and potable water. She also asked after Gregg's wife, whom Chuey called "an excellent woman."

Shorty left us to start some chores at Agustin's house up the hill. I gathered that he makes his living from odd jobs when he isn't diving. And I suppose that showing us where and how to clam was one of his odder jobs. We found him hauling sand at Agustin's, which he seemed glad to leave off doing. He led us to a beach that was strewn with loaf-size rocks, barely covered by the tide. It was raining so lightly that you couldn't feel the droplets, but could see the targets they were making everywhere on the still water. Shorty, in his slacks and track shoes, waded in and started pulling up the rocks in the lee of a boulder, working his way down to the sand and pulling up the first clams while Gregg and I were still as dry and uninitiated as priests. Gregg took to the clamming, I'll say that for him. He certainly felt a lot more sympathy for Shorty than I did. He was squatting right next to him, digging at the cold rocks and trying to work as hard and as well as the Mexican, which was the last thing I wanted to do.

Later, when the bucket was filled, Shorty carried it back to the car. Then all of us drove back to camp, where I hoped Shorty would leave us alone, but didn't. He rigged a fishing line with a hook, rock, and a beer can, and walked with us out to the windward point. I happened to be wearing Gregg's parka, which looked like an astronaut's suit next to Shorty's coat. I found Gregg's pack of Kools in one of the pockets, and since Shorty was standing right next to me, fishing, I offered him one, which he accepted. He was completely comfortable (he ended up catching a perch), and I was completely phony.



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"Believe me?" said Gregg, who'd just come up behind

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we were driving down that fishing is the ultimate..."

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He wet his lips. "Anyway, my point was that you don't have to catch fish to find out what's important about fishing."

I looked at Shorty, who was looking at the sea. "Right," I said. "The Zen of fishing. You should be governor."

"I should be governor," Gregg repeated, eyes uplifted. "Me. Never in a million, million years."

That afternoon Gregg and Shorty finished the liter of tequila, and at dusk the three of us blazed into Chuey's house to give him some of the clams. It was instantly decided that we should have a fresh clam cocktail. As darkness closed, Chuey put two kerosene lamps side by side on the kitchen table, and while the rest of us sat in chairs (with Chuey's wife and daughter lying on the bed, side by side), Shorty split and gutted the clams.

Gregg was so drunk that you could see him straining to keep his eyes wide. And Chuey, certain that Shorty was just as drunk, watched him like an antique dealer with children in the store. After a while it was apparent to me, but not to Gregg, that Chuey and the others were jiving Shorty. "Drunk and crazy — that's you, Shorty," Chuey and his wife would say. And then to me and Gregg, "Shorty's drunk. And everybody knows how crazy he is."

All this while Shorty smiled and shook his head, holding each clam against the chuff of his hand and cutting toward himself with a boning knife, splitting the clam's lips and breaking open the shell, shucking the meat, and finally spilling the juice carefully into a little bowl, not losing a drop, and sipping from time to time on a beer.

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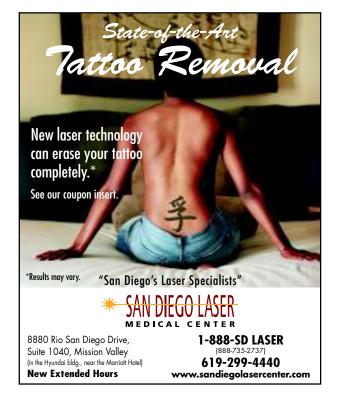
Two days later we left. Gregg was exultant from having landed two white sea bass on the last morning, a Friday. "It's an eagle," he said. "The eagle of the sea." The fishes' heads and dorsals were starry blue, and their bodies white as foam. A small group of villagers came by to admire the catch, and one of them said he'd bring Gregg some black abalone before we left.

Shorty came to watch us break camp, escorting a couple of boys who were interested to see us. He rigged them fishing lines like the one he'd done for himself a couple of days before, and

then he sat down with us and shared the last meal. I happened to be standing at his side when the car was all loaded and we were about to climb in, and Gregg turned to insert a hundred-peso note into Shorty's sport coat, the chest pocket. Shorty gave the slightest nod, but you couldn't tell if he was acknowledging the money or letting us know that he was trying to decipher whatever Gregg happened to be saying this moment in Spanish. Maybe, too, he felt my eves on him.

He asked for a ride back to Chuey's place, and sat on the front seat between us. On the road, Gregg stopped for the villagers who were bringing the abalone. Seeing Shorty in the car, one of them said, "What's that fucker doing in there?" And Shorty replied, "Me — I'm headed for the States," which got a laugh from everyone but

During the drive home,









I asked Gregg if he had any idea of the way the villagers treated Shorty.

Gregg looked sideways at me.

I said, "They treat him like something between a clown and an outcast." And then Gregg blinked as if some bright idea had just turned visible. A while later he said that Shorty might be just the man he needed to bring his book to life. He'd thought about basing the book on Chuey and his family, but it was Shorty, after all, who incarnated the spirit of the place — the frontier that protects no one but the outcast. "Just about everyone who comes here from the interior is on the lam from something," he said, and then kept quiet for 20 minutes. "Okay," he said suddenly. "That's what I guess I'm going to do. That's refreshing. I think this trip was just worth it."

What with the sea bass that morning, and now an idea for an unwritten book, Gregg seemed ready to be asked about the B-52. I waited till dark, when the beer was nearly gone and we were

driving through the hills north of Ensenada, almost home.

"Haven't I told you that?" he said.

"A little," I said encouragingly.

Gregg said he hadn't expected to become a bombardier in the Air Force, but was willing to go along with the training. His mind was, anyway. He had little trouble learning the combinationlock procedures by which the bombardier arms the bomb, transforms an impotent missile into a nuclear warhead. But his body refused to go through with it. He found himself unable to urinate on the plane, which was normally aloft for 12 to 18 hours. An Air Force psychiatrist conducted long, suggestive talks with Gregg about the pleasures of being at ease, of walking in the woods, for example, utterly free.

Soon Gregg was being sent aloft again, his only duty on the training mission to stand in the navigator's booth, where the urinal is located, and let himself go. Three months of training passed,

and Gregg finally came to terms with himself. He truly wanted to conform, to do his duty as proscribed by the military, and so he found that his body could function as long as the place carried conventional bombs, which arm themselves by means of a tiny propeller at the back of each one, the propeller turning as the bomb drops through the air, arming, the explosive at the eighty-sixth revolution. But he swore that if ever he were called to fly with nuclear warheads, in a war situation, he would head for the jungle. In this way, he completed his duty in Vietnam.

I said, "Then you were a bombardier who was physically incapable of starting a nuclear war."

He thought about that overstatement, and said, "Maybe that's right. But... I did get into being a bombardier. I mean, there were parts of it I liked, and got good at. I'd say I was probably — no, I'd say I was the best in my squadron at celestial navigation."

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nearby, could easily be extended directly to it.

Brown Field is sur-

Brown Field is surrounded by flat, usable land and could easily be enlarged to accommodate another runway or perhaps even two more, not to mention the room available for a new terminal and all the other buildings needed.

Now let's discuss the socalled problem of nearby mountains to the east. The nearby mountain is Otay Mountain, height 3566 feet. But it is seven miles away. The Laurel Street parking garage is about two blocks from the incoming end of Lindbergh Field, directly in the flight path. Planes miss it by about 18 feet! Don't you think the pilots could miss Otay Mountain, since it is seven miles away?

Of course, the residents of Imperial Beach and San Ysidro will hate it, but Brown Field was already there when they moved in, so it doesn't come as a surprise. I'm sure they will all fight it desperately.

Now let's talk about what to do with Lindbergh Field after it becomes defunct: Sell it. All of it. The City could make billions on the sale of that land, enough to build a new airport and solve all their money worries for years to come. I would, however, suggest that a good portion of the land be made into a park, since it is probable that in about 100 years from now, much of it will be under water.

> Jack Nelson Hillcrest

San Diego: An Empty Shell

Having seen my first issue of the *Reader* in about six years since I moved away from San Diego, I was struck by the changes, some of them good and some, well, you and the

readership can decide. Good: art, design, layout, editorial content of the publication itself. Debatable: the ad content, which overwhelmingly suggests that your readership and therefore by extension most of San Diego's younger generation are (1) in dire need of physical rearrangement of each and every body part; (2) have serious drug/alcohol addictions and/or mental illnesses; (3) commonly likely to need legal representation for either item 2 above or other assorted legal skirmishes including felonies; (4) need counseling and/or dating services to establish relationships with one another; and lastly, can't afford a real house.

The last item is not a criticism of youth per se, but more a reality check. To wit: if you can't afford to live in a residence larger than 1000 square feet, why are you here? The rebuttal is that, of course, it's San Diego, and everyone wants to live here. But do they? Notice the article in the August 10 edition on the flight of some high-tech jobs to Florida based on the very high cost of living here compared to marginally higher salaries ("Florida Overpays for San Diego's Cluster Outfits," "City Lights"). And how about the traffic? Fun? Cost of other goods and services including California's income tax, gas tax, etc.? General civility and concern for one's fellow man?

We left 6 years ago partly to go sailing on our boat for an extended cruise and partly because this is not the town that I first admired 35 years ago. Yes, I'm an old f**t, but the conclusion is still relevant: I'm sorry, San Diego, but there is no there here.

Greg Vach via e-mail





The Versatile Guitar

Concert in North Park

he gypsy jazz guitar is sweet-sounding but very fiery, almost like a flamenco jazz guitar," says Anthony Leigh Adams, cowriter and director of *Primal Twang: The Legacy of the Guitar*.

On Thursday, September 7, this "theatrical concert" will debut at the Birch North Park Theatre. Featuring nearly 20 musicians, the chronological narrative will demonstrate guitar styles from 1500 B.C. (as imagined by the writers) to new compositions and predictions for the next development in each style.

Gypsy jazz was spawned by Django Reinhardt in the 1930s. "Reinhardt was an

LOCAL EVENTS excellent player, but in a circus fire most of the fingers on his left hand were melted together, leaving only two fin-

gers, or stumps, [with which] to play. It was only when he had that impediment that he started playing vertically [up and down the frets] instead of horizontally [across the fretboard]," says Adams. Gypsy jazz tends to include a lead guitar, violin, rhythm guitar (to supply a steady beat for the melody of the lead guitar), and, on occasion, an accordion, but no drums.

The classical genre denotes a style of music that originated in Europe in the 18th and 19th Centuries from the work of composers like Mozart, Beethoven, and Haydn. "The classical six-string guitar has nylon strings as opposed to steel strings," explains Adams. For *Primal Twang*, contemporary musician Andrew York will play a classical song followed by one of his own compositions in a new style known as "progressive classical."

"Andy tunes his guitar in alternate tunings, which is unheard of in classical style. His new thing is to play jazz harmonies and rhythms from other styles, like reggae, on a classical guitar," says Adams

Adams insists that
before the 1960s, guitar
styles (like flamenco, which is
"bright and percussive," country, and blues) were rarely mixed.
"In the '60s, on one bill you'd have a
jazz group, a rock group — a diversity of
the lineup that was not done before. But hippies mixed it all up. That started the ball
rolling with the synthesis of styles."

Many styles are born of marriages between two other styles. Jazz is a combination of ragtime and blues. Bossa nova (think "The Girl from Ipanema") merges jazz with Brazil's samba. Musicians tend to take from their predecessors and add their own flair; several styles are even named after those virtuosos who made them popular. Chet Atkins, a country music guitarist, is one such example, who drew from other greats like Django Reinhardt and Les Paul to create his own sound.

"Chet learned to combine moving bass with melody, like a piano, playing melody and chords and moving bass at the same time," explains Adams. Contemporary guitarist Doyle Dykes will perform a classic Chet Atkins tune and play an original composition that "combines a classical guitar tremolo technique while keeping an independent moving baseline with this thumb and playing

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a melody in harmonics, which means every note sounds higher than it actually is," says Adams, adding, "To my knowledge, this has never been done by anybody in any style."

The Chet Atkins model of guitar, made by Gretsch, produces a "twangy" sound. "If you tried to do Chet on a solid body, it wouldn't work well. You need an electric hollow body to get the acoustic effect of finger picking," explains Adams.

Musicians continue to experiment.

"Eric Johnson's music combines rock, country, new age, jazz, and blues. He'll play the classic delta blues song 'Crossroads' with the energy of rock — instead of the original, played on an acoustic guitar with a bottleneck, he plays it on a Stratocaster plugged into a Marshall stack turned up to ten. It's very high volume and has the sexual energy of rock 'n' roll, even though it's the same chords and words as the original." Johnson has also combined Celtic

melodies with jazz and rock lead structures.

John McLaughlin's band, Shakti, blends jazz with classical Indian music and employs a custom-made guitar with "sympathetic strings," which are the resonating strings often found on sitars.

"The '70s was progressive rock, and the guitar moved forward on an electronic level," says Adams. "All of the sudden, at the end of the '70s into the '80s, things started getting elemental, with the Cars and the Pretenders. New-age music became incredibly popular; the acoustic guitar was soothing and meditative. From the '80s into the '90s, people went wild with open tuning and made the guitar

According to Adams, one popular genre now is newgrass. "Newgrass combines elements from other styles of music into the formerly very traditional bluegrass. The Dixie Chicks started out with traditional countryslash-bluegrass, but if you listen to their new album they're on tour for right now, it sounds like rock 'n' roll with a country flavor."

sound like a different instrument.'

— Barbarella

Primal Twang: The Legacy of the Guitar Thursday, September 7, through Sunday, September 10 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday Birch North Park Theatre 2891 University Avenue (corner of University and 29th) North Park Cost: \$29.75 to \$49.75 Info: 619-239-8836 or www.primaltwang.com





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"Los Mexicos de Mariana y Ampolsky," photo show and lecture by Emma C. García and Robert Córdoba Leyva, Friday, September 1, 7 p.m. at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Fair, music, food, and entertainment at Palenque September 1–3. Vicente Fernández performs Friday and Saturday at 11 p.m.; performance by Erasmo Catarino on Sunday, 11 p.m. 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

Gala Flamenca, music, food, entertainment, Friday, September 1, 7 p.m. at L.A. Cetto, Cañón Johnson (downtown). \$60 (includes dinner). 011-52-664-685-3031.

Baja Vino Tours, outing to Guadalupe Valley, Mexico, Saturday, September 2. Event includes

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Organic Electronic Summer Camping Festival, electronic music, Saturday, September 2, 7 p.m., by mile marker 51 along the Rosarito Beach-Ensenada tollfree highway. \$25 U.S. More information: 011-52-664-634-1011. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Rock Group Motel performs in concert Saturday, September 2, 8 p.m., at El Foro on Revolution Avenue, \$15 U.S. More information: 610-734-2333, Free, (TUUANA)

Tijuana Grand Prix, Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3, at Etapa Zona Río. More information: 011-52-664-105-5595. (TIJUANA)

Bullfighting, matadors Eulalio "Zotoluco" López, José Luís Adame, and Arturo Macías perform on Sunday, September 3, 4 p.m. at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. More information: 011-52-664-686-1510, (TIJUANA)

B.C. Bike Ride, comedic ride tours through Tijuana, Rosarito Beach, Ensenada, Tecate, and Mexicali, Monday, September 4, through Sunday, September 10. More information: 011-52-664-215-9000. (TIJUANA)

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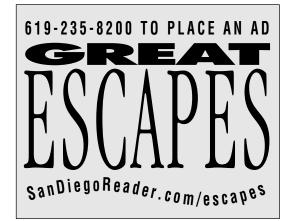
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diation will mean that less and less energy will be supplied to the ocean waters offshore. These waters will soon be shedding more thermal energy than they receive, thereby keeping the coastal area comfortably balmy for several weeks after the end of the summervacation season. Don't give up on the beach after Labor Day — the water's only a bit cooler, and the beaches are relatively uncrowded.

Shore Birds migrating southward are beginning to arrive in San Diego County. Through fall and winter various ducks, sandpipers, and plovers will be spotted in increased numbers in the county's remaining coastal wetlands. Best bird-watching spots include the Tijuana River estuary, south San Diego Bay, the San Diego River flood channel, Peñasquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, and Buena Vista Lagoon.

Jupiter now hovers over the southeast horizon at dusk. September will be the last month to make effective telescopic observations of its cloud belts and four Galilean satellites (moons). Those starlike satellites, so bright they can often be glimpsed in binoculars, swing around the planet at intervals ranging from approximately 2 days to 16 days. You'll note drastic changes in the satellite configurations after only one day passes, just as their discoverer, Galileo, did with his rudimentary telescope four centuries ago. After being hidden behind the sun for most of October and November, Jupiter will become

easily visible again in the early morning sky by mid-December.

California Gold! See matchweed, goldenbush, and lemonadeberry with trail guard during outings at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, September 2, 3, and 6 in Mission Trails Regional Park. Meet at Visitors' Interpretive Center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. Reservations: 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Clean Up! Learn differences between native plants and weeds, help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, September 2, 8-10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them: water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473, (OCEANSIDE)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk of Balboa Park, including architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, September 2, 10 a.m., from visitors' center. Free, 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, September 2, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park (at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Friends of Ruffin Canyon seek help cleaning up the canyon, maintaining native garden on first Saturday of each month, including September 2, 2–3 p.m., at Taft Middle School (9191 Gramercy Drive). Free. 858-560-8327, 858-268-0106. (SERRA MESA)

Explore the Egyptian District, Vermont Street bridge, and Irving Gill architecture when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari walking tour, Saturday, September 2, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations and departure point: 619-944-9255. (HILLCREST)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, September 2, 8 a.m., and Sunday, September 3, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuvamaca first Sunday of every month, including September 3, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuvamaca Recreation and Park District Center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (JULIAN)

California Native Plant Society Walk on Sunday, September 3, starts at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

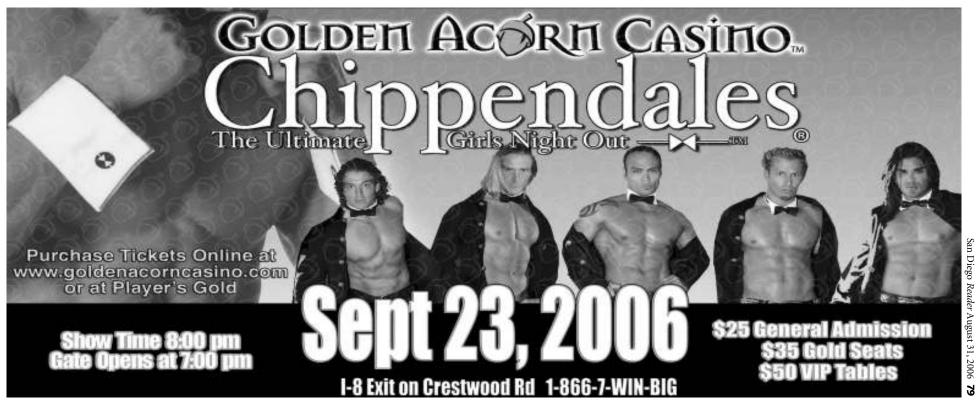
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Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, September 3, 1 p.m. Led by Spanish-speaking guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Nature Center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

The Highest Tide for the month of September (+6.6 feet), associated with the full moon, is predicted to occur at 8:44 p.m. Wednesday, September 6. The month's lowest tides (-0.9 feet) will occur Wednesday morning, September 6, at 2:57 a.m., and the following morning at 3:31 a.m. By early October, negative tides will begin occurring during afternoon periods, a far more convenient time for exploring tidepools.

DANCE

String Theory makes music and Martha Wild calls for contradance, Friday, September 1, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550, (NORTH PARK

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USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month, including September 2, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7. 760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

Volva Ukranian Dance Ensemble performs as part of Ukrainian Festival 2006, Saturday, September 2, 7 p.m., at Kroc Performing Arts Center (6845 University Avenue), Adults \$25, children 5-12. \$10. 619-460-

5733. (ROLANDO)

Sunday Afternoon Ballroom **Dance** and lesson, September 3, at Cheek2Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Waltz lesson at 2 p.m., general dancing 2:30-4 p.m. DJ is Cal Senechal. \$5. 858-270-7100, (PACIFIC BEACH)

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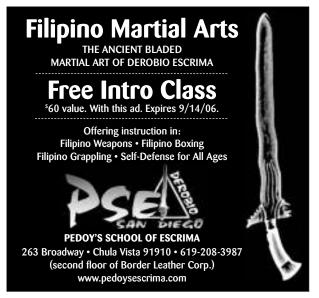
(which include all-day trolley pass) are \$25 general, \$15 seniors, \$10 students, people in wheelchairs and strollers free. Reservations: 619-867-8749, (SAN DIEGO)

FILM

"Cinema Under the Stars," enstarring George Clooney, John Turturro, and Tim Blake Nelson, Thursday, August 31, through Sunday, September 3, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Next up: Toni Collette and Rachel Griffiths in Muriel's Wedding, Thursday through Saturday, September 7-9, 8:30 p.m. \$12. 619-295-4221, (MISSION HILLS)

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"Friends with Money" stars Jennifer Aniston, Catherine Keener, Joan Cusack, and Frances McDormand, screens for Film Forum on Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

LECTURES

"Pirates and Fishing," presentation and book-signing by G. Bruce Knecht, author of Hooked: Pirates, Poaching, and the Perfect Fish, a story tracing the rise of the Patagonian toothfish (known as Chilean sea bass to most), Thursday, August 31, 6 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). Required reservations: 858-534-4109. (LA JOLLA)

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

ROAM-()-RAMA

nown by some as the Convict Road, Shoemaker Canyon Road really should be called the "Road to Nowhere." The dead-end road was the first phase of a projected 23-year effort to build a 2-lane highway up the formidably steep East Fork San Gabriel River canyon to as far as Angeles Crest Highway. (In the bottom of the river canyon below Shoemaker Canyon Road, there stands a marooned structure, dating from an earlier and unrelated failed road project, dubbed the "Bridge to Nowhere.")

During 1954-69, the Los Angeles County road department, utilizing



Yucca at sunset. Shoemaker Canvon Road

prison labor, managed to carve out and grade 4.5 miles of new roadway on almost impossibly steep slopes. What was the rationale for this road project? So that people from the L.A. basin could quickly escape the effects of a feared nuclear attack! Why was the project abandoned in 1969? Because of budget cuts, opposition by conservationists, and a muting of Cold War paranoia. The creation of the Sheep Mountain Wilderness area in 1984 finally put to rest, once and for all, a project that would have irreparably scarred Southern California's deepest canyon: the Narrows of the East Fork.

Today you can drive the first 1.8 miles of Shoemaker Canyon Road on payement. then walk or mountain-bike the remaining graded-dirt section,

going steadily uphill, to reach a pair of tunnels. Don't do this in the hot midday sun, as there is virtually no shade except for the tunnel passages.

From Highway 39 north of Azusa, drive east on East Fork Road 3.3 miles to where you bear left on the paved Shoemaker Canyon Road. Continue 1.8 miles to a sturdy gate and parking area. Travel ahead by motorized vehicles is prohibited. Parking here requires a National Forest Adventure Pass.

Head uphill on the dirt road that continues beyond the gate. After 1.7 miles of walking or biking, you reach the first tunnel, about 400 yards long, completed in 1961. Ahead lies a small abyss — Shoemaker Canyon. It was never bridged; a narrower road contours around it and continues northeast to a second tunnel, about 250 yards long, dated 1964. On the far side of that tunnel, you can veer right and backtrack, circumventing the tunnel by way of an old road bed. There you'll have the best view of the "Narrows" part of the gorge, which lies beyond the Bridge to Nowhere. On the right (east) side of the Narrows, the canyon wall soars a vertical mile to the 8007-foot

summit of Iron Mountain.

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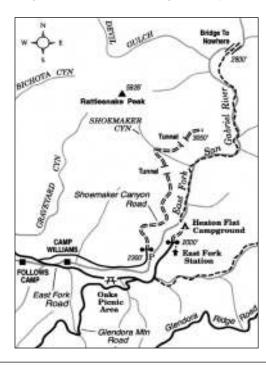
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"Children's Fall Flu Care — Naturally!" Preventative care and natural treatments shared Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m., North County Naturopathic Health Care, 609 South Vulcan Avenue, suite 201, \$10 person, \$15 family. 760-632-1665. (ENCINITAS)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 6. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. \$8.50 general. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Life and Language of the Bard" kicks off History Alive lecture and performance series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society, Thursday, September 7, at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Former Homicide Detective and current author of more than 125 true-crime stories, Tom Basinski speaks for Sisters in Crime, Thursday, September 7, 7 p.m. at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$3. 760-735-9313. (HILLCREST)

"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

"Pirates and Fishing," presentation and book-signing by G. Bruce Knecht, author of Hooked: Pirates, Poaching, and the Perfect Fish, a story tracing the rise of the Patagonian toothfish, Thursday, August 31, 6 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). \$8. Required reservations: 858-534-4109, (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



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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)

The Backyard concert series continues with performance by Steven Ybarra on Friday, September 1, 7 p.m., in amphitheater at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Art by local artists on display. Free. 760-746-1322, (ESCONDIDO)

"1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular!"

2006 Summer Pops season comes to a close with performances Friday through Sunday, September 1...3. Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto, "March Slav," "1812 Overture," and ballet music from Sleeping Beauty are to be featured, as well as 13-year-old guest pianist Peng Peng. Fireworks

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1812 TCHAIKOVKSY

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(SEE IN PERSON)



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"Back to School," Hawaiian roots reggae concert with Ooklah the Moc and Koko, Saturday, September 2, 8:30 p.m., in World-

Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). \$17. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

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The Mark Lessman Band gives garden concert Sunday, September 3, 1 p.m., at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive). Free. 760-753-5786. (ENCINITAS)

Toy Piano Festival at UCSD's Geisel Library, Tuesday, September 5, 12:30 p.m. Sue Palmer and Japanese composer Satomi Saito will premiere new works, including "My Dream of the Scott Paulson Action Figure and Instrument Playset (Stage Sold Separately)," by Chilean composer Nicolas Ignacio Carvajal. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

"¡Expresión Libre!" Open-mike poetry reading first and third Wednesdays, including September 6, 8 p.m., at Chicano Perk (616 National City Boulevard). Free. 619-474-7375. (NATIONAL CITY)

H3: Hamilton, Houston, and Hashimoto performs for Jazz in the Park, Wednesday, September 6, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

STICKBALL TOURNAMENT in Little Italy, September 2 and 3

(SEE SPORTS)



Poetry Unlimited showcases Melanie Marsh and her Hoover High School poetry students, along with music by Jared Paguio and Josh and John Seligman, Wednesday, September 6, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

John Gorka performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, September 7, at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Kensington Trio plans First Thursday Concert September 7, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Siren, women's open-mike night resumes at the Rubber Rose the

first Thursday of each month, including September 7, 8 p.m., at the Rubber Rose (3812 Ray Street). Free. 619-296-7673. (NORTH PARK)

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"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.

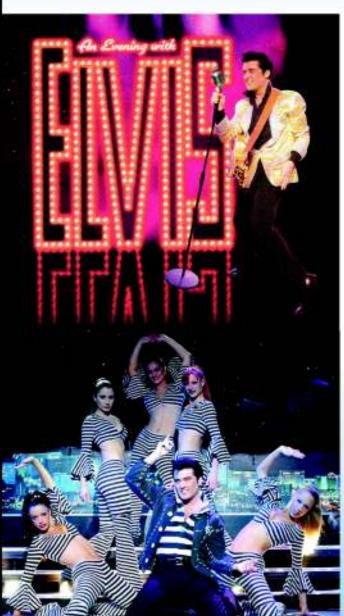
Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$29.75–\$49.75. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

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

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Calendar Local Events

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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

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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)

Journalist and Author James Fallows signs, discusses Blind into Baghdad: America's War in Iraq, Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., Point Loma Library (3710 Voltaire Street). Fallows, national correspondent for the Atlantic, argues that U.S. occupation of Iraq is a debacle because "a vast amount of expert planning was willfully ignored by the people in charge." \$5. Reservations: 619-687-3580. (POINT LOMA)

SPORTS

Showpark All-Seasons Summer Tournament Horse Show continues through Sunday, September 3, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real); free admission, parking. Showpark Grand Prix is Saturday, September 2, starting at 7:30 p.m. 8-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Padres host Cincinnati Reds September 1–3, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Home stretch continues with games against Colorado Rockies, September 4–6, at 6:05 p.m. on Monday, 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets for future games: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

Two Bicycle Rides are offered every Saturday, rain or shine, start-

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COMMEDIA DELL'ARTE

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(SEE LECTURES)



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Little Italy Stickball Tournament, eighth annual event takes place Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Columbia Street between Beach and Cedar, and on State Street between Ash and Beech. Free. 619-299-9323. (LITTLE ITALY)

Head to the Hills for the 50-mile Pine Valley Loop with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Saturday, September 2. Ride starts at 9 a.m. at the old fire station on Alpine Boulevard. (MISSION BAY)

Rancho Valencia Cup and Seventh Chukker Party hosted by San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, September 3. 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)

Kayak the Calm Waters of La Jolla during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium at Scripps, Sunday, September 3, 8–11 a.m. Naturalists will guide paddlers from La Jolla Shores to caves at La Jolla Cove. Beginners welcome. \$60. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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.

Louis XIV plays for 4:00 Fridays on September 1.

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, crackerbox racers, model hydro racing; live entertainment. Viewing is free around bay, with some ticketed areas. 619-225-9160. (MISSION BAY)

Action Sports World Tour U.S.A. Championships take place September 23 and 24 at ipay-One 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

"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, pho-

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

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 book-sellers 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, book-seller must-reads. Find Warwick's at 7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347. Free. (IA IOLIA)

Barona Pow Wow, food, gourd dancing, intertribal dancing, hand drumming, contests, arts and crafts, more, September 1–3 at the Barona Stars Baseball Field on the Barona Indian Reservation (1095 Barona Road). Friday 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m. to midnight, Sunday 1–9:30 p.m. Free. 619-443-6612. (LAKESIDE)

"Democracy in America" by De Toqueville examined when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Saturday, September 2, 2 p.m. 619-440-5625. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

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













TOY PIANO FESTIVAL at UCSD Geisel Library, September 5

(SEE SPECIAL)



Labor Day Celebration features garden concert by Mark Lessman Band, art walk, trinkets and treasures sale, lunch (for purchase), and kids' activities, Sunday, September 3, at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive). Lunch at 12:15 p.m., concert at 1 p.m. Free. 760-753-5786.

The House of Ukraine presents lawn program with dance, music, and cultural costumes at International Cottages at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 3. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

"Truck Tribute" during San Diego Auto and Cycle Swap, Monday, September 4, 6 a.m.–2 p.m., at Qualcomm Stadium. Vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (MISSION VALLEY)

Yoga for Four Seasons, focus on healing techniques for endocrine system to alleviate "allergies, fatigue, or loss," Tuesday, September 5, 9:20 a.m., at La Jolla Cove Bridge Club (1160 Coast Boulevard). Fee: \$10, \$5 seniors. Reservations: 858-456-9964. (LA JOLLA)

"Whatever Happened to the Feminist Movement?" Discussion starts at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 Univer-

sity Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911.

FOR KIDS

Wacky Science Sundays with Ms. Frizzle and Magic School Bus, Sunday, September 3, 12:15 and 2:15 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Kids explore "mysterious creatures, fascinating habitats," hands-on science. Included in regular museum admission. 619-232-3821 x8. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sea Strollers," the "A, B, Sea Club" for kids up to 24 months meets 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tues-

day—Thursday, September 5–7, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Class includes aquarium exhibits, live animal encounter, free-play. \$23 per adult/child pair. Preregistration required: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"Cinderella" performed by Puppet Express and Weaver's Tales through Sunday, September 3, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble takes stage for *Bitsy's School Adventure*, September 6–10. 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)

"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)

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Reading

A Sudden Country: A Novel



ABOUT THE BOOK:

By Karen Fisher Random House Trade Paperbacks, 2006, \$13.95, 400 pages

A vivid and revelatory novel based on actual events of the 1847 Oregon migration, A Sudden Country follows two characters of remarkable complexity and strength in a journey of survival and redemption.

James MacLaren, once a resourceful and ambitious Hudson's Bay Company trader, has renounced his aspirations for a quiet family life in the Bitterroot wilderness. Yet his

life is overturned in the winter of 1846, when his Nez Perce wife deserts him and his children die of smallpox. In the grip of a profound sorrow, MacLaren, whose home once spanned a continent, sets out to find his wife. But an act of secret vengeance changes his course, introducing him to a different wife and mother: Lucy Mitchell, journeying westward with her family.

Lucy, a remarried widow, careful mother, and reluctant emigrant, is drawn at once to the selfpossessed MacLaren. Convinced that he is the key to her family's safe passage, she persuades her husband to employ him. As their hidden stories and obsessions unfold, and pasts and cultures collide, both Lucy and MacLaren must confront the people they have truly been, are, and may become.

Alive with incident and insight, presenting with rare scope and intimacy the complex relations among 19th-century traders, immigrants, and Native Ameri-

cans, A Sudden Country is, above all, a heroic and unforgettable story of love and loss, sacrifice and understanding.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: Starred Review. Fisher builds a grand, mesmerizing novel on the bare chronicle left by her ancestor Emma Ruth Ross Slavin, who was 11 when her family joined the 1847 Oregon migration. Emma's mother, Lucy Mitchell, is a widow, remarried despite her grief for her first husband and resenting the decision of her second husband, Israel Mitchell, to emigrate. James MacLaren is a Scottish trapper for the Hudson's Bay Company, uneasy both with the emigrants and with the Native Americans, whose fate is bound up with his own. When MacLaren

loses his children to smallpox and his Nez Perce wife to another trapper, he tracks the trapper to Lucy Mitchell's wagon train. Lucy and MacLaren's charged encounter opens her up to the land and him to his own need for roots as he signs on to guide her little band on their trek from the Iowa banks of the Missouri to the Columbia River in Oregon. Fisher tells their stories, past and present, with a poet's sense of the sound and heft of each word. Her compassionate, unsentimental eye makes even minor characters unforgettable. She reveals the labor of running a household when there is no house; equally well, she shows us mountains of death and splendor. In the collision between household and wilderness. Fisher brilliantly illuminates both the

tragedy and the new life wrought by manifest destiny. This is a great novel of the American West.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Karen Fisher has lived in the West as a teacher, wrangler, farmer, and carpenter. She now lives with her husband and their three children on an island in the Puget Sound. For her first novel, A Sudden Country, she has won numerous awards, including: 2006 Best Fiction Award – Mountains and Plains Booksellers Association; 2006 First Novel Award, Virginia Commonwealth University; 2006 Sherwood Anderson Fiction Award. Ms. Fisher was also a finalist for the 2006 Pen/Faulkner Award, the Los Angeles Times First Fiction Award, and the Spur Award.

"As a young girl I used to sit, during those horrible family car rides, and I would mentally make everything that was new disappear."

MUSEUMS

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

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

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 pas-

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

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.

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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. For further information, call 619-420-

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

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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)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, Children Around the World videos

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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

I phoned Karen Fisher on a Saturday afternoon in early August. Her sons were hanging out at the local farmers market, her daughter was at a birthday party, and her husband was working. Ms. Fisher was taking advantage of the lull to revise a screenplay of A Sudden Country. She started writing this story of Oregon immigration when she and her husband became impatient with the work of other authors on the same subject.

"What was it, specifically, about those other books that you did not find satisfying?"

"So often it seems like writers are very comfortable at their desks and don't really spend enough time, particularly when they're writing about the 19th Century, with the lives and the artifacts of the time they're writing about. It seems like men are always very good at writing about guns or something like that, but when it comes to animals, cloth-

ing, the practicality of living outdoors, building fires, or just the elements of living in the world, there are sometimes such peculiar inaccuracies or inabilities. We knew what it was like and we knew what it should sound like, and writers who had always stayed behind their desks were just pretending."

Karen Fisher's parents both attended U.C. Berkeley in the early '70s. "How does a kid who grew up in Berkeley develop an affinity for trappers and traders from the Hudson's Bay Company?"

"I think some things you're just born with. I know I was born with a deep, desperate abiding love for horses. Even as a youngster, I had this sense that the world was too crowded and too well-known. What really appealed to me were places where people hadn't been before. As a young girl I used to sit, during those horrible family car rides, and I would mentally make everything that was new disappear. I would eliminate things from the landscape

so I could be in the wilderness again while we were driving through cities.

"When I found my first books about mountain men and trappers, I realized that there really had been those people. Although I was just a kid, I realized that I'd been looking for that story for as long as I knew."

"Where did you first encounter the phrase, 'sudden country'?"

"It's trapping slang, and I think I found it in one of Frederick Rugston's books. It referred to a region where everything conspired to make for the possibility of danger, a place where something could happen very suddenly. It had a great double meaning, too. Between 1833 and 1849, Oregon went from being a jointly occupied territory, where barely any Europeans were, to being a state in the United States."

Ms. Fisher worked on her book for nearly 15 years. While doing so, she taught history and English at a high school in California and then moved with husband David to a 50-acre farm in Idaho, where they raised organic produce. In 1998, Karen, David, and their two small children moved on to a houseboat. A year later, having given birth to their third child, the family built and moved into a one-room cabin on an island in Puget Sound. I asked her how these experiences helped shape her work.

"When I first started to write the book, I tried to learn the truth about what it was like to be these characters and to live in this time, just by reading about it. I was sort of cocky, and I kept thinking, 'I know all about animals, and I've been in the mountains and I've camped out, and I know what it's like to be dirty, so I'm qualified to write this book.'

"But it wasn't until I'd lived through the experience of poverty and having children and being pulled away from the things that made me comfortable that I was able to write something that was deeply true, emotionally. Every "I wanted to stop playing bad guys and good guys and understand that misunderstanding."

time my kids got hurt, or an animal died, or I got horribly ill, it made its way into my writing. Instead of keeping a journal day by day and month by month, everything that happened would find its correct place in the book. And then, because those things were happening to me and I was learning what it felt like, the plot would start to change. I was constantly revising."

"What political land mines did you have to wade through in order to write about the interaction between settlers and native peoples?"

"As much as anything, what I wanted to redress in this book

was the dual legacy that I'd grown up with. My grandfather had been a cowboy, and he bought me my first pair of cowboy boots. I remember fighting over the television on *Gunsmoke* night. I was proud to be part of the legacy of 'The Golden West,' and then I went to college. It was during the height of the AIM movement and *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*, and the awakening of white guilt — of accepting of our responsibility for the destruction of a whole culture.

"It shook me up. I really didn't know how to deal with it. It just seemed horrible. Then, as I was working on this book, I

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are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-

1915, with "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. Free. 760-476-1042.

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,

"NASA Accomplishments: In Space and On Earth" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our everyday lives?

Ongoing exhibitions include "More Than Meets the Eye"

(through May), "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





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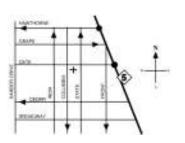
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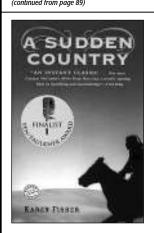
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Reading



started to read contemporary sources.

"It struck me that, in fact, the ennobling of Indian culture and vilification of whites had skewed the picture yet again. We'd really romanticized Indians, Indian culture, and unfairly I began to think accused whites of being much

more violent and aggressive than anything that I read really bore out as truth. It doesn't make the outcome of the story any happier for either culture, but the fact was that it was just a terrible, terrible misunderstanding.

"I wanted to stop playing bad guys and good guys and understand that misunderstanding. I think that's really the only way I can go forward happily and accept my own past and what happened, and forgive. It seems a necessary approach to all cultural conflict to ask, 'what's happening here and why?'

"It was very important to me to get it right. Unfortunately, I didn't feel like I had enough help from anyone who could have advised me well. The whole subject is still so tender. The history of tribal people is personal and they don't want it appropriated by anyone for any reason that they don't understand.

"I didn't even know how to start. I wrote a few letters, I got no reply, and I tried to work in a couple of different ways to get some advice and answers and just to ask, 'Is that right, what I've written? Am I representing this correctly?' I just got

nothing.
"So I just had to read as much as I could and live as much as I could in the minds of the people at that time. I had the Nez Perce dictionary, so I would sit and read night after night after night, trying to absorb those words. I studied what words were there and what words were not there, as a way of understanding what thoughts are available in that language and what thoughts aren't available.

As Ms. Fisher is talking, I remind her of a section in the book where an aged Indian woman is speaking with one of the main characters about her perception of white culture. She wonders at white people's constant movement and why they don't stay put in the place that's made 'home' by the stories of the people who live there. "It sounds like you've

been a wanderer your whole life. For you, what does home mean?"

"That chapter was really a

gift to me from this island where I ended up moving. I had been so far from any community or sense of community, that I didn't know that I was missing it. I had always been happily living in isolation, and I had no idea what it was like to live in a place where people really knew each other. Not only do they know each other now, lots of them really know each other. They know you, and they know whose various kids are whose and whose husbands used to be whose and whose wives used to be whose. If they know your children who are in preschool, they will know them when they are graduating from high school, they will know them as adults, and they will know their children. That whole concept was so unfamiliar to me. It was such a revelation to finally realize what a tribe is.

"Do you think you will stay on the island?"

"It was such a revelation to finally realize what a tribe is."

"It's a battle now. If we hadn't recognized the importance of this community, we probably would be thinking of relocating. My daughter is 13, and she only has seven kids in her graduating class. We all feel like we want a little more room to expand, but none of us can quite fathom

leaving."

"After 15 years of writing, what are your children making of your success?"

'Well, they're trying to cash in on all the things we've been promising them all these years. We always had the line, 'When mom gets the book published, we'll do, or get, this or that.' Now, their sights are rising. First my son wanted a skateboard, but now he

wants a scooter. My daughter got an iPod, and now she wants a computer.'

"During that long writing process did the children feel a sense of sibling rivalry with the book itself?"

"The real problem in terms of sibling rivalry is that we actually have money to buy a couple of trophy horses. They were my treat for the book's success. So, now the kids are insanely jealous because my husband wants to work with the horses a lot, and we sit around talking horses, horses, all the time. 'We don't want to hear any more about horses!' the kids keep saying."

- Jerry Miller

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

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the 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 woodcarying 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 view: 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). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (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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Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$10-\$70; special family price: \$30 for up to two adults and four children, available by calling 619-235-

Civic Organist Emeritus Robert Plimpton in concert with soloist Richard Geiler, Sunday, September 3, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

"Enigma Variations," exhibit of new paintings by San Diego artist John Rogers opens with artist's reception, Friday, September 1, 5 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201). 858-459-3917. Closes Saturday. September 30. (LA JOLLA)

"Harvest Moon," juried awards show of 90 water-media paintings is on exhibit through Saturday, September16, at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Meet artists during reception on Friday, September 1, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"L.A. Women," exhibition "is a celebration depiction of the ladies of Los Angeles." New work by Estevan Oriol, Mr. Cartoon, Patrick Hoelck, Tony Ward, and Gregory Bojorquez, opens with reception on Friday, September 1, 4 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). Show closes Friday, September 29. 619-235-6922. (DOWNTOWN)

Margaret Larlham showcased in "FLUX: Time and Change and Landscape," opening with reception on Saturday, September 2, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Closes Sunday, October 1. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"Vitreousity: Visions in Enameling," San Diego Enamel Guild's juried exhibition of enamel artwork and jewelry on display through Thursday, September 14. Reception Sunday, September 3, 4:30 p.m., Gallery 21, Spanish Village. 619-233-3672. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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)

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,

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Over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," continuing through Sunday, September 3. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

"Cerca Series: Yvonne Venegas, Tijuana Portraits" continues through Sunday, September 3. Venegas created portraits of artists in upcoming "Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana" exhibit, asking each artist to select location for portrait; resulting pieces record physical and physiological spaces connecting places and their inhabitants.

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is also on view through Sunday, September 3. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" - exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Breaking the Frame: Pioneering Women in Photojournalism" examines photographs, films, newsreels, and cameras from the late 1920s to mid-1950s that changed the world. Exhibit celebrates first women in photojournalism such as Margaret Bourke-White, Grace Robertson, Thérèse Bonney, Hansel Mieth, others. Through Sunday, September 24.

Discover how the introduction of 35mm cameras and faster film impacted field of photography and the public's access to information in "Shooting in 35: The First 35mm Photographs." Includes images by Erich Salomon, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Robert Capa, others.

Concurrently, see "Today's Pioneers: Women Photojournalists in Iraq and Afghanistan, Andrea Bruce and Stephanie Sinclair." Exhibit showcases 35 images by Sinclair and Bruce, capturing not only active combat but domestic life in Middle East. Both close on Sunday, September 17.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado: 619-238-7559, (BALBOA PARK)

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," 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."

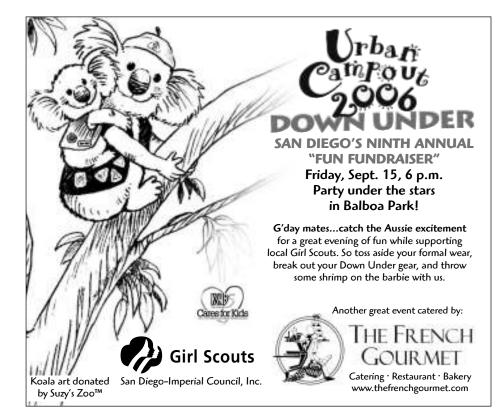
"Transmission: The Art of Matta and Gordon Matta-Clark" is described as the "first comprehensive examination of the relationship between the work" of this father and son artist pair. Exhibit includes approximately 80 works including paintings, sculpture, drawings, and photographs. Both artists were trained as architects who "strongly relied upon concepts of architectural space in their mature artwork." Through Sunday, November 12. "Winslow Homer — Ameri-

can 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.

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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 eyepopping entertainment. Worth a try.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UCSD, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

Attorney for the Damned: Clarence Darrow

6th@Penn presents Joe Nesnow in David W. Rintels's drama about the "distinguished defender of the underdog. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 9; SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Copenhagen

Cygnet Theatre presents Michael Fravn's Tony Award-winning drama about physicists and former friends Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg; the former opposed the Nazis, the latter tried (or didn't, he says) to build them an Abomb. George Ye directed. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3.

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



Five Cups of Coffee

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 de-

signers have the chops (Linda

Libby as a controlling mother

rator; David Cochran Heath,

from Hell; Jeffrey Jones as the nar-

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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 "cos- $\label{eq:mic_vaudeville} \mbox{mic vaudeville show"} \mbox{$--$ the genre}$ to which Elvgren's fizzle aspires The Time of Your Life! LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SAT-URDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600

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.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OPEN-ENDED RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SATUR-DAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE WEDNESDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

4:48 Psychosis

According to Sarah Kane's drama, 4:48 a.m.'s the time when "an afflicted mind is said to assume clarity." It's the minute when the speaker(s) will see clearly enough to commit suicide. Everything in the grim one-act (first produced in 2000, after Kane took her life in a hospital) leads to that moment. Two beings, part of the same woman - body and soul? - rip at each other and the world, represented by an orderly/doctor/therapist. They go through a process reminiscent of

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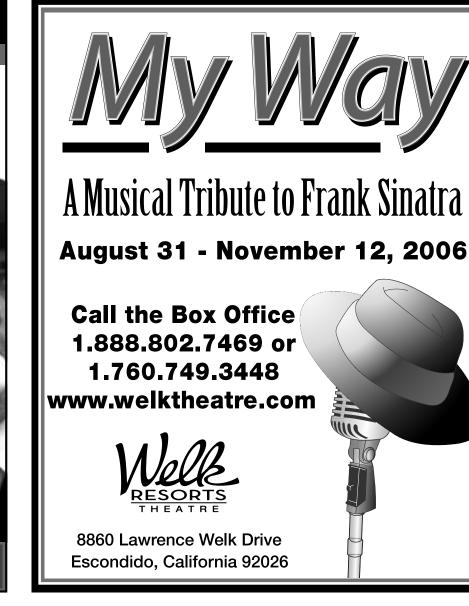
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Kubler-Ross's "seven stages of dying" and in the end choose not to be. On paper, 4:48 isn't a play: it's a long prose poem with no stage directions. And the writing often settles for shopworn abstractions to make its points ("the pariahs of reason," "state of desperate absurdity," "corrosive despair"), and at times catapults over the top ("behold the eunuch of castrated thoughts"). In part because the playwright's tormented specter hovers behind it, but also because of its unflinching insistence on a via negativa — the speakers refuse to ingratiate themselves to the audience — 4:48 has an undeniable power, though often between the lines. As does Stone Soup's production. One could wish the actors modulated their voices much more, since just about every word gets emphasized. The story's told best in Ericka Aisha Moore's choreography. Bodies rolling over each other like waves, or inching backwards toward a collision these and other moments of stark theatricality take the script beyond Kane's sometimes stumbling language and create images of how it feels to need to take your

Worth a try.

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-434-9363.

Fritz Blitz of New Plays by California Playwrights

For the last 13 years, the Fritz Theatre has presented world-premiere works by California authors. This year's festival offers eight plays, with a different program each week. Top local directors (including Robert May, D. Kandis Paule, and Duane Daniels) stage the scripts, chosen from over 100 entrants and that run the gamut of genres, from comedy to drama to experimental pieces that otherwise might never find a hearing. The rightfully acclaimed Blitz has become a cauldron for the creative process. It also showcases local actors and designers and, quite possibly, future voices of the American the-

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Lincolnesque

John Strand built his play around then-versus-now nostalgia. Francis was a genius campaign strategist, so sane that Washington politics "devoured" him. The only way to emancipate himself from the carnivorous beltway world was to withdraw into his idol, Abraham Lincoln. Using Lincoln's words, channeled through Cyrano-like Francis, his brother Leo helps a mediocre candidate win an election. Lincoln's words gleam. But the rest of the play, trying not to offend, minces through a minefield of potential irkers and lacks bite and drama. It's a mild, cerebral evening that concludes with a scene that might serve the play better if it came first. The play has the makings but needs work. Production values at the Cassius Carter, however, are top fight; charcoal black suits on a white marble stage (when everything we see is anything but black and white); capable performances by T. Ryder Smith as Francis/Lincoln (drifting from one to the other and sometimes including both), Magaly Colimon as the relentless Carla, James Sutorius doubling as a homeless man and a soul-sucking D.C. mover-shaker, and Leo Marks as the younger brother each fills in needed details for essentially one-dimensional roles. Marks is particularly effective as struggling Leo, a Salieri to Francis's Mozart. Leo's in so far over his head 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. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 10; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P M 619-239-2255

Little Evolf

Tonic Productions, a new company, presents Henrik Ibsen's rarely performed drama about the Allmers, all-but-estranged marrieds, and the arrival of the Rat Wife, who specializes in removal of irritants. Dustin Condren directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 10: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

You could subtitle Darko Tresnjak's staging of Shakespeare's comedy, "Dude, you would not believe how I spent my summer vacation!' Four teens graduate from an academy (late 19th/early 20th Century). To escape repressive Athens they hie to the woods, with suitcases, tennis rackets, and a teddy bear, and things fall apart. The production has Tresnjak's hallmarks: reverence for the text and irreverence for individual moments (there's an infectious sense of play here; the cast's obviously encouraged to invent freely). Imbued with rah-rah idealism, at first, and later with teenage angst, the lovers -Eve Danzeisen, David Villalobos, Owiso Odfera, and Julie Jesneck are both distinct individuals and a sharp ensemble. The mechanicals, however, aren't "rude" enough (especially Jonathan Peck's stylish, studied Bottom the Weaver), and young Michael Drummond lacks the chops, and the menace, for Puck. York Kennedy's boldday/mystical-night lighting, Christopher R. Walker's music, and especially Michael Urie's dual roles as Francis Flute and Thisbe are big plusses. In a play full of Ovidian metamorphoses, Urie does one of the best: as Flute is about to play the suffering Thisbe, something touches him, and the character takes over so completely you wonder who was more real. Flute



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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

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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; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

On Golden Pond

OnStage Playhouse presents Ernest Thompson's drama about a fam ily's summer home in Maine. Bruce Wilde directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, SEPTEM-BER 8. THROUGH OCTOBER 7: THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

"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 halfheard, long-held notes.

Worth a try.

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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.

Romeo and Juliet

For its Tenth Annual Free Shakespeare Festival, the Coronado Playhouse presents the Bard's tragedy of star-crossed lovers. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24: THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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.

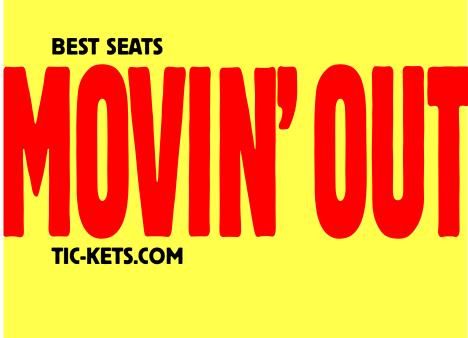
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MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE, 1200 VALE TERRACE DRIVE, BRENGLE TERRACE PARK, VISTA, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 760-724-2110.

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 sendup 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

dren'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. SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. (NOTE: TI-

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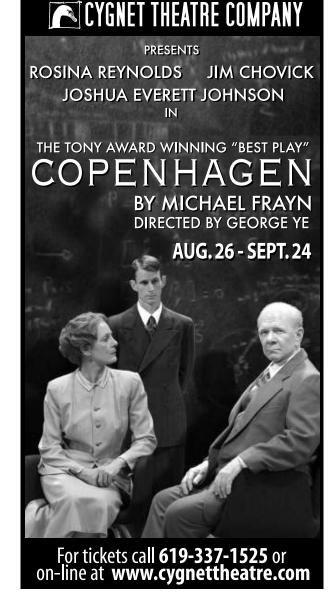
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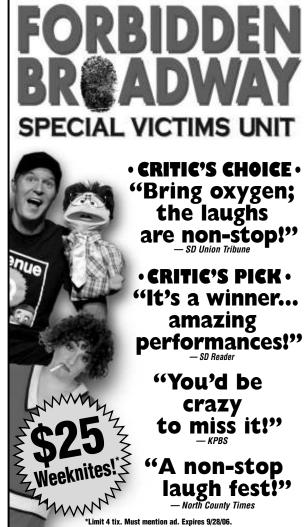
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A Lil Bit Miffed Lil Uno says the San Diego Music Awards nominee selection process as it pertains to hiphop is "embarrassing. It's a

Rapper Celio Skilz thinks that South Psycho Cide and Deep Rooted deserved 2006 SDMA nominations.

"The Icons are legends, but even they will probably admit they shouldn't be on there," says Skilz. "Lil Rob is one of the most popular Latino rappers from the West Coast, period. His video for

the inside track

joke. I don't know who puts it together, but they obviously don't know what the hell they are doing." He says musicians "that I never even heard of" were nominated and local artists who've had national airplay and major-label distribution (such as himself, Lil Al, Lil Rob, and Mitchy Slick) were ignored. He wonders why the Icons were nominated.

"I don't have anything against those guys, but if you don't sell records across the nation, you shouldn't be nominated for nothing." The last Icons CD, Needlesmicscanslinoleum, was released in 2003, Lil Rob have had majorlabel-distributed releases in the past 12 months.

I just added tracks for a remix for the Snoop Dogg single 'Vato,' " says Lil Uno. "Snoop was looking for a Latin artist. He was looking for the right dude, and he came to me.'

'Summer Nights' has been running on MTV for 12



whereas Lil Uno, Lil Al, and
Lil Rob have had major
CIDE AND DEEP ROOTED

months. And what about Regg Henny and Young Tage? They both put out new music in the last 12 months. For all this progress to get done and not get recognized adds insult to injury.... [Nominee] Alfred Howard may be a good musician, but

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I'm sorry, he's not part of the San Diego hip-hop scene.'

Alfred Howard agrees that his band (the K23 Orchestra) doesn't belong in the hip-hop category. "I think it shows whoever does the nominations doesn't necessarily listen to the music," he says. "What our group is doing is funk/rock/psychedelic/Afrobeat with spoken word. I think the SDMA people acknowledge that we are doing something different and original, yet have a difficult time genrifying it. We do appreciate the acknowledgement, though, we're not a hip-hop band.'

Journalist/musician Bart Mendoza has been involved with the SDMAs for many years. He says six people made the nominations.

"To be nominated, you have to be active between July 4 [2005] and July 4 [2006],3 says Mendoza. He directed other questions on the nomination process to 91X DJ Al Guerra, who did not respond to a request for comment.

Celio Skilz appears September 7 at the Belly Up with Deep Rooted and the Icons (two 2006 SDMA nominees) and Camp Lo. The awards show takes place on September 18 at Viejas Concerts in the Park.

– Ken Leighton

Fair Airplay?

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Jefferson Jay says there was a conspiracy that led to his firing from KCR, SDSU's allvolunteer radio station (heard online at kcrlive.com or through cable systems). Jav's bawdy six-hour Monday-night music-andcomedy show prompted

complaint letters that were sent to SDSU president Stephen Weber.

'[The letters] accused me of having sex on the air with intoxicated coeds," says Jay. "That would have been pretty hard to get away with since there is a big plateglass window where anybody can see in. The letters accuse me of making racist comments about Jews on the air. Come on...I'm Jewish.... [KCR faculty advisor Skot Norton] called me and asked me if I was drinking on the air. He said somebody went through the trash and allegedly found beer bottles next to my playlist. The trash can was outside

the station in the quad area.

Norton (who did not fire Jay) credits the former DJ for his "earthy humor' and "amazing ability to

spontaneously belch.... He wants to be Howard Stern. Norton won't go into details of the firing except to say that he was "terminated with cause" and that it had to remain confidential because it was "inappropriate to discuss personnel actions."

Jay claims the major reason for his dismissal stems from a discussion he'd had with another KCR DJ while off the air.

"I show up at the station when [the DJ] is on the air," says Jay. "I go to shake his hand and he refused. He says, 'I'm going to keep my germs to myself.' I asked him if he had any

diseases, and he said, 'No, but I'm a chronic masturbator.'

Jay discussed the exchange on another KCR show hosted by Philly B. Jay says his candor led to an e-mail from the germy DJ that was sent out to KCR

staff and alumni. The e-mail read in part: "Keep in mind that what you did could get you killed in some circles.

Mar Fairgrounds. Hewett says guitarist Jerry Cantrell



HOW ABOUT SOME RESPECT FOR JERRY?

was struck in the face by what appeared to be a purse or fannypack hurled from the general-admission audience.

"It was the last song, and when it hit him, he threw his guitar down and walked offstage," says Hewett. "The rest of the band kept playing.'

Another attendee says, "A security guard told me it was a bag of weed someone tried to throw onstage to him, wrapped up in something.'

Hewett continues, "As far as the crowd, the pits were just insane. I got punched in the face 'cause of some guy. For the most part, everyone that was up front originally left the front after all the pits broke out."

For this show, organizers relocated the fenced-off VIP area so it was no longer between the stage and audience. (Fencing was reportedly torn down by concertgoers at the August 12 Billy Idol show.) Two fences remained on either side of the stage; attendees who climbed them were told to get down by security personnel.

"I saw a guy having sex with his girlfriend from behind as they stood



JAY WIPES OUT ON COLLEGE RADIO Seriously. I may not care

what you think of me, but other people might not feel that way when you mouth off about them on the mike. Think about it." Norton confirms the e-

mail from the offended DI was written three days before Jay was fired.

— Ken Leighton

Getting Down in Old Del Mar "That crowd was freaking insane," says concert photographer Jennifer Hewett of the August 18 Alice in Chains show at the Del









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alongside the stage!" says the anonymous attendee. "The band could see everything.' – Jay Allen Sanford

Hair Power "My teachers used to skip over my name and say, 'Oh, you're here,' says Hargobind Hari Singh Khalsa. "Kids started calling me Hargo when I was 7." Hargo, 21, is Sikh. "People



HARGO: IT'S A SIKH THING

say, 'What is that?' It's the fifth-largest religion in the world, but people don't even know about it.

The singer/songwriter/ guitarist often plays solo at open mikes. Lately he's been getting gigs with a fourmember backup band (also called Hargo) that he formed last fall. Around the same time, Hargo's song "Crying for John Lennon" drew the attention of left-leaning KLSD; the talk-radio station asked Hargo to play a John Lennon tribute show last December at Dick's Last Resort.

"People would say, 'Who is that wacko onstage? Especially after 9/11, people say, 'Why does he wear a turban? He must be Muslim....' One time this guy came up to me in the mall and said, 'What's that thing on your head?' I explained that it was a Sikh thing. He said, 'Now, is that Jesus?' I explain it to him, but he gets this confused look on his face. I tell him it's not that we don't believe in Jesus; it's just that we don't think he is God or the son of God. He burst into this traditional biblical

Hargo's turban, which he's worn since kindergarten, makes it easier to manage his hair; he's never cut it or shaved.

"The yogic idea is that hair has energy. You don't want to cut it off.'

Hargo appears September 9 at Brick by Brick.

— Ken Leighton

MegaDisappointment

Again, Dave Mustaine is having trouble with Gigantour, which last summer played to half-empty venues and was booked at locales unable to accommodate both stages. The September 7 tour opener at Cox Arena has been rescheduled, and the first show will instead be September 6 in Boise, Idaho. The San Diego date has been shifted to September 9 (when Gigantour was supposed to hit San Luis Obispo). Also, not all advertised bands will be appearing at all tour stops. No explanations have been offered for the date and lineup alterations.

Some fans have expressed dismay over Gigantour's "platinum ticket package," which runs \$250 for a single ticket in the first four rows, a "platinum member T-shirt," a set of "official Megadeth guitar pics [sic] and



drumsticks," and an "authentic VIP laminate" allowing them into a backstage meet-and-greet with Megadeth.

"We can't even bring our own cameras," complains jesscat at blabbermouth.net. "They have someone taking the [photos] and you only get one! Plus, you don't get your

tix until the night of the show [at the will-call windowl and yet they want my fuckin deniro [sic] right now! How do we even know Dave's gonna be there? It could just

be whoever he's hired to be in Megadeth this month!'

– Jay Allen Sanford

Not-So-Sporting Hollywood Sandjacket

drummer Ric Root says his band's recent Hollywood performance is available at liveatthegig.com. However...

"We did not hook up with the website. We hooked up with the club, the Gig, which broadcasts the set of every

band that plays on their stage. And we do not get paid to allow them to broadcast the footage; in fact, nearly the opposite is true." The band's entire 40-minute set is playable on the website.

"Obtaining a copy of your own footage on DVD costs \$100. A sound check on the night of the show costs \$30. A



SANDJACKET TAKES A SANDBAGGING

link on the club's website to your band's website costs \$15. And beers are about 6 bucks each. And, finally, there really is no recording process at this place. You simply play your set and they tape it.

Sandjacket — a trio with members based in San Diego, Carlsbad, and Vista - played their first gig in May 1994. "Deadbolt recently boasted that they were the longestrunning band in San Diego, but I challenge that," says Root. The band appears tomorrow, September 1, at the Leucadian in Encinitas. — Jay Allen Sanford

What Would Bob Say?

Elan, a female Latin performer based in San Diego, has filed an 11-count lawsuit against Wailers singer Elan Atias, who recently began using only his first name for solo recordings.

This is the kind

of thing that made my brother and I start our own company," says the local Elan in a press release. The lawsuit alleges "craft, yet overt maneuvering" to use local Elan's name, which she trademarked in 2001. Defendants include Atias, Interscope Records, and the Mitch Schneider Organization public-relations firm. The PR company used to represent local Elan, and a link on its website that formerly led to local Elan's site now sends users to Mr. Atias's webpage.

"I am shocked that now my former PR firm and a

label that actually wanted to local Elan, who has released several records (including a track with guest guitarist MTV Latin America Music Awards, and who won a Rolling Stone en Español



JAY ALLEN SANFORD

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People's Choice Award. "They thought they could just run us over and get away with it and we wouldn't say anything. They were wrong!"

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Rocking the Sign

"Now I listen to Norwegian black metal, pretty much."

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DAVE GOOD

e told me his name was Jeff and that he was from Texas. You could call him a sign spinner, but he wasn't, at least not in the traditional sense. What Jeff did with a cardboard sign or a junked surfboard bordered on the theatric.

He played air guitar, but not just any air guitar. His was a head-whipping, bone-jarring, vocally retching pantomime of every rock star guitar-god pose you've ever seen. In

the words of one of Jeff's employers, he was a sign

For months, Jeff's street-corner act was the highlight of the rush-hour commute on the Pacific Coast Highway through Oceanside. Dressed in black, with his face painted to match, he reminded me a little of Dead, the dead singer from Mayhem. Mayhem, I would later came to find, was one of Jeff's favorite bands. "My bones," he would howl like Screamin' Jay Hawkins on steroids, "they are dis- in- tah- grating!" Jeff flogged his sign board and shook his bony fist at passing cars, and you got a sense of the caliber of the music that was thundering up those earphone wires and into his skull.

Jeff's path to rocking the sign was accidental. "This guy from Little Caesar's," he said, "he offered me a job." For the first week or two, Jeff was mortified. He just stood on the sidewalk and held the pizza advert. "Then," he said, "I started listening to my music." One thing led to another, his act evolved, and in time he went from street-corner sign holder to minor celebrity.

I asked if he played guitar for real. "Drums," he said. He was in a band once, but he said that he hadn't played in years. "When I lived in Houston,

we lived in a Hispanic neighborhood. I hung out with these Spanish dudes, and their mom would go to play bingo. She'd be gone for, like, three hours, and we'd have enough time to set up and play. It was okay, as long as she didn't have to hear

> Ieff told me that he was homeless. He talked about a girlfriend in Carlsbad that he'd like to 'patch things up with" but said

that it never worked out. Some nights he crashed in the Oceanside Cemetery because he didn't get jacked as much by police when he slept there as on

We met at the graveyard late one afternoon. Jeff was still wearing his black face paint. He picked litter off the ground while we walked. He was cautious not to walk on graves. He asked for 20 dollars so he could score some pot.

The other night, these two tweakers, a black dude and this white chick, they were, like, trying to break into the mausoleum." That's where Jeff spent his nights, on a bed of cardboard at the entrance to the crypt. "They woke me up. I said, 'What are you doin'?' They said, 'We're lookin' for worms.' I told them to get outta there. I said, 'There's nothin' in there but dead people.'

Jeff worked sometimes for Little Caesar's, and sometimes he sign-rocked for Real Surf across the street. The iPod he used, a Nano, dinky of memory capacity but with kick enough to keep an inveterate metalhead like him satisfied, belonged to Real Surf's owner, Shawn Ambrose. Ambrose let Jeff use the Nano during work hours. He downloaded songs for Jeff on his own home computer.

That Jeff had singular taste in music was evident. "You should see some of these sites he has me download from,"

"I started listening to black metal when I was, maybe, 9," Jeff had told me. "I'm 29 now." He said he cut his teeth on old-school bands like Venom. "Now," he said, "I listen to Norwegian black metal, pretty much.

Did Jeff mean death metal?

"No. Black metal's more based on a spiritual belief," he said, "and death metal's more about death. Decapitation. Killin' somebody.

It was during a heat wave in the first week of August that Jeff disappeared. Weeks passed. He was missed. If nothing more, Jeff had become a welcome distraction during the dreaded commute through the grime of the military town in which he camped. But perhaps Jeff, who told me that he was bipolar (more than once), didn't see any profit in being famous. I remember what he told me when I

asked him if rocking the sign had made him any new friends. "No," he said. "Not really. It's boring. It's so hard, livin' on the street. People always, like, have attitudes."

Jeff's Top Ten, on Shawn's Nano:

- 1. Mayhem, "Pure Fucking Armageddon"
- 2. Amon Amarth, "Where Death Seems to Dwell"

- 3. Nagaroth, "The Day Burzum Killed Mayhem"
- 4. Behemoth, "Moonspell Rites"
- 5. Immortal, "One By One"
- 6. Dark Funeral, "The Dark Age Has Arrived"
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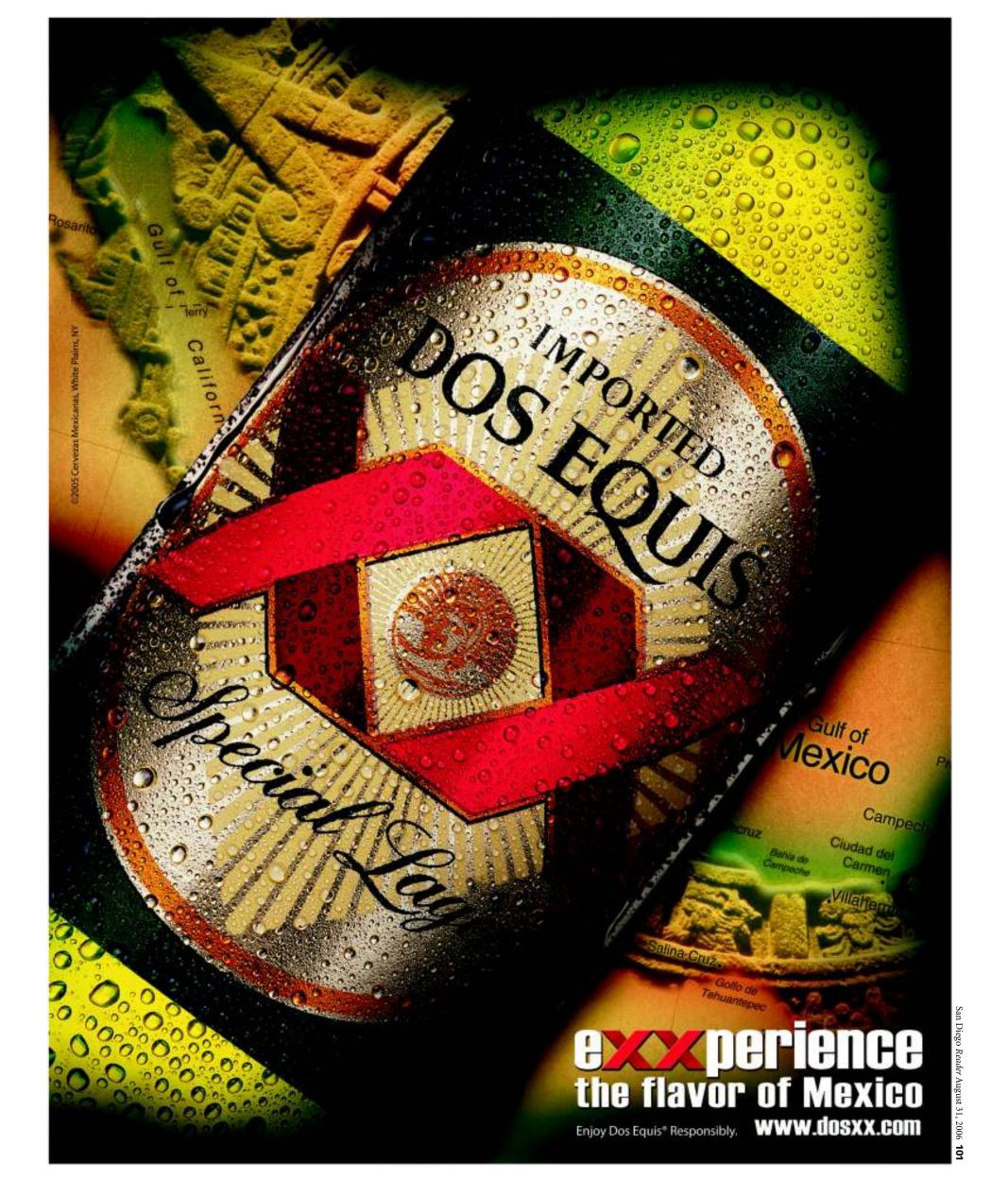
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Kelis: House of Blues, Saturday September 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Pepe Aguilar: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Saturday, September 23, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

"Adams Avenue Street Fair" with Gregory Page, the 7th Day Buskers, Whiskey Tango, and more: Adams Avenue, Saturday, September 23, and Sunday, September 24, between Bancroft Street and 35th Street, Normal Heights.

"Festival Del Mar" with George Thorogood & the Destroyers, Dr. John, moe., and more: Saturday nber 23, and Sunday, Septembe

24, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar.

The Temptations: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

"Nashville Star Tour": House of Blues, Sunday, September 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

John Maver and Shervi Crow:

Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, September 26, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers:

Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 27, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

Guster: Open Air Theatre, Thursday, September 28, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Venice: AcousticMusicSanDiego Thursday, September 28, 4650 Ma Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Snow Patrol: House of Blue Thursday, September 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Herman's Hermits: Sycuan Casino wcase Theatre, Thursday, September 28, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-

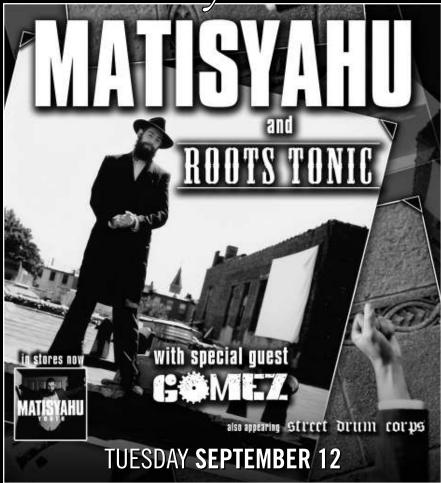
The Yeah Yeah Yeahs: RIMAC Arena, Thursday, September 28, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497.

Gnarls Barkley: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.

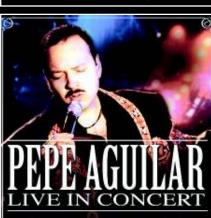












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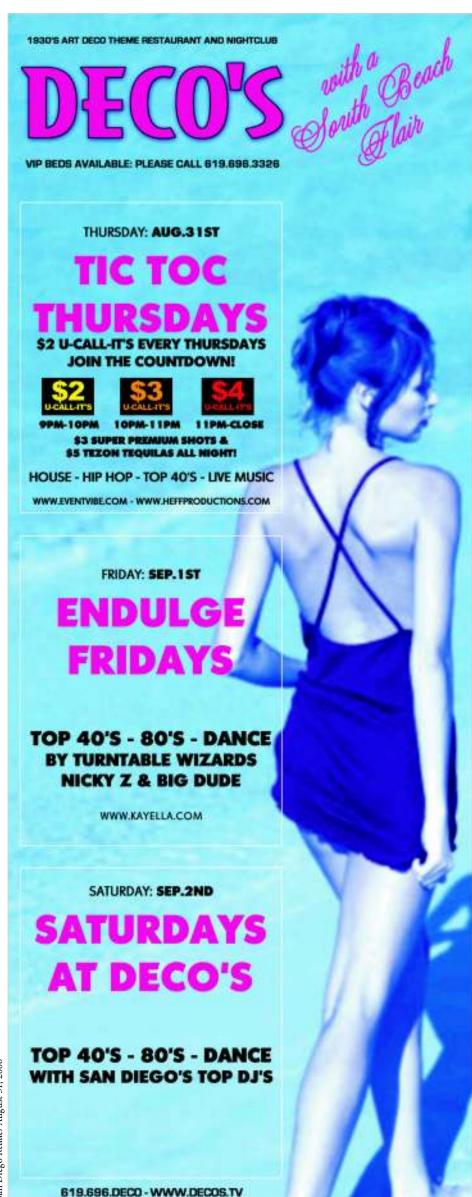








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Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Unwritten Law, Switchfoot,

P.O.D., and more: Vieias Concerts at Bayside, Saturday, September 30, Embarcadero Park South, downtown. 619-445-5400

Good Charlotte: Soma, Monday,

Emmylou Harris: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Paul Simon: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, October 3,

Celtic Frost: House of Blues Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth

by the Bay, Wednesday, October 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Wednesday, October 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

October 4, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Guns N' Roses: ipayOne Center, Thursday, October 5, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Young Dubliners: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's

Live: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, October 6, 5005 Willows

Showcase Theatre, Friday, October 6, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Tork: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 6, 4650 Mansfield Street,

Saturday, October 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Diego. 619-231-4343.

Wolfmother: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 29, 5005

OCTOBER

Del tha Funkee Homosapien: House of Blues, Sunday, October 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

October 2, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. Queensrÿche: Humphrey's Concerts

Mariah Carey: ipayOne Center,

Buju Banton: 4th & B, Wednesday,

Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island,

Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400. The 5th Dimension: Sycuan Casino

James Lee Stanley and Peter

Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. Gov't Mule: Open Air Theatre,

Madeleine Peyroux: 4th & B,

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.

The 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

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.

Dashboard Confessional: Cox Arena, Saturday, October 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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

The Average White Band: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room Saturday, October 28, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Tricky: House of Blues, Sunday, October 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

October 30, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

NOVEMBER

The Blue Man Group: Cox Arena, Saturday, November 4, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

HIM: Open Air Theatre, Monday

Adrian Belew: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, November 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Aerosmith and Mötlev 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 Bl Tuesday, November 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Black Label Society: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

DECEMBER

Geoff Muldaur:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Andre Rieu: ipayOne Center, Thursday, December 7, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Tom Russell:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Rosie Flores:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, December 15, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Glen Yarbrough:

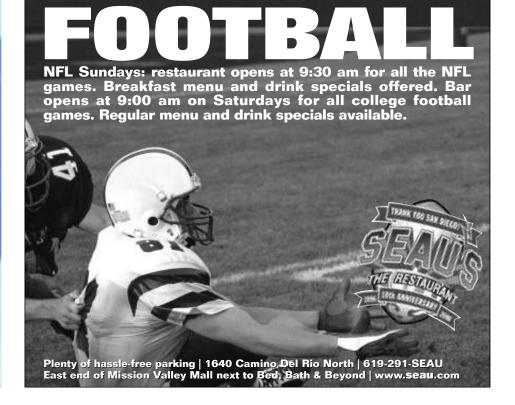
AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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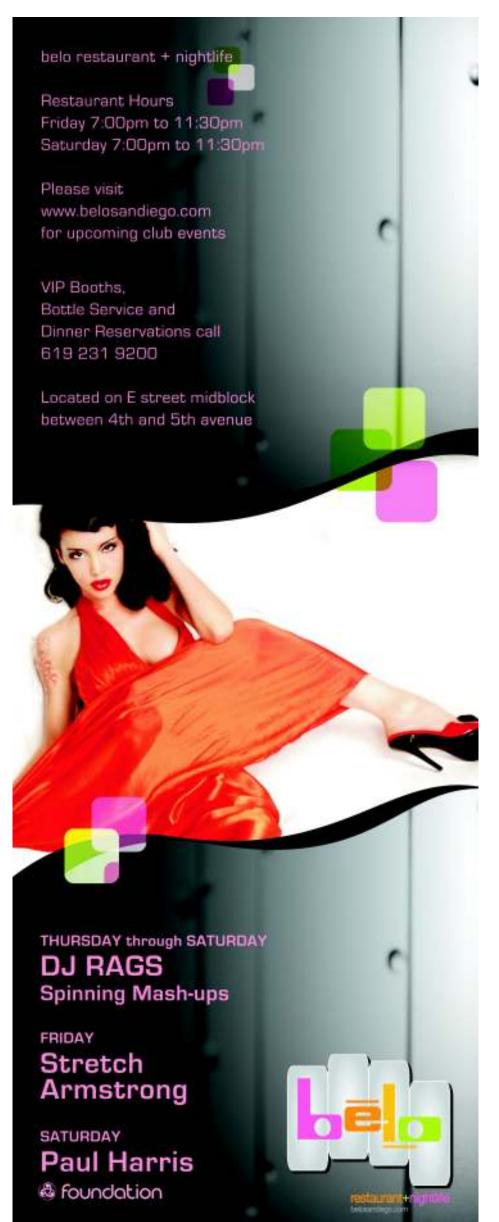
Al Kooper: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, January 12, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Eliza Gilkyson:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.



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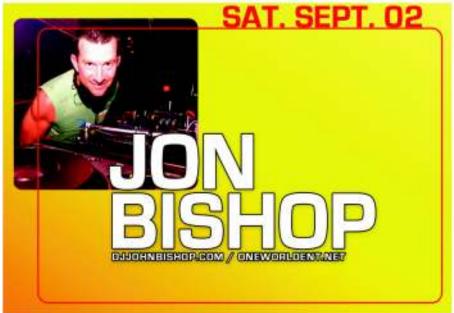


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Ascension: Second Friday of the month, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933

Borders Collapse v7: Fourth Saturday of the month, Tijuana electronic artists and electroclash/minimal techno with Mono Mono, Wero, and DJ Sonico. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

BrokenBeat Night: First Saturday of the month, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and EBM with DJs Darkman and Creep. 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.

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.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Kurt Heilige, and Grimderella. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. No cover, Kadan, 4696 30th reet, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Decade: First Saturday of the month, DJs Tom King and Brendan Cahill spin the best of '80s new romantic and post-punk. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-3323.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Distortion: Tuesdays, mashups, bastard pop, and cybertrash. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Format: Thursdays, hip-hop with DJ Clean Cut and guests. Buster Dalv'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. Sunday, Labor Day jam with guest DJs. Wednesdays, Top 40, reggae and '80s 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, DI Marc Thrasher mixes the best of '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m. to close: 21 and up. No cover. Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-236-1616.

Mashed-Up Wednesdays: Wednesdays, mashups, breaks, and house with Jack Tripper and guest

DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 p.m.; 21 and up. Dino's, 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue downtown. 619-702-4455.

Mixtape Sessions: Wednesdays, underground hip-hop and downtempo with DJ Ricky Wrecks and guests. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, 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.

Moose's Gaslamp: Sundays, Nocturnal, house, trance, and hip-hop with DJ Neko. 9 p.m. 535 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-5595

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123. Sabbat: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DIs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

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 DIs Bryan Pollard and guest. 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park, 619-284-6784.

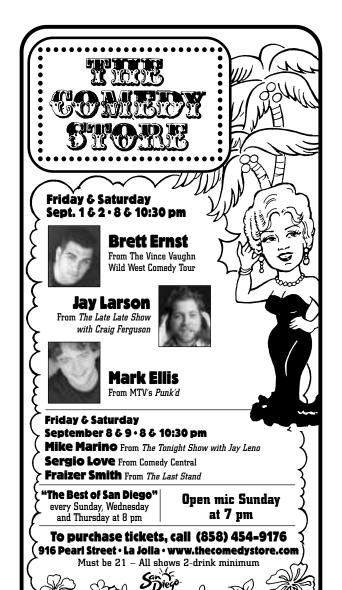
Underground Playground:

Third Saturday of the month, house progressive, and breaks with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Underworld: Saturdays, industrial, gothic, and dark electro with DJs Bryan Pollard, Cybian, and Harlot. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park, 619-574-0744.

CLUBS BY AREA

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Beaches

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John* Cain, jazz/Latin/international and pop standards

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, *Johnny Walker Blue*,

Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk. Friday and Saturday,

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live music nightly. Thursday, Billy Watson, blues. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind, jazz.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Johnny Different, Unbeknown, and the Exit Theory. Friday, Ozomatli and Delta Nove Latin jazz. Saturday, Ozomatli and

Stranger, reggae. Sunday, the Atomic Punks and the Damage, Inc.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney*, solo/blues. Friday and Saturday, I.I. Slyde, blues.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311, Music is punk unless otherwise noted. Friday, 9 p.m., Occasional Detroit, the Bologna Ponies, the Chariots of Fire, and the Powdered Wigs. Saturday, 9 p.m., Replicock, Loachfillet, Riververb, and the Oscillating Innards.

Sunday, 8 p.m., Da Bears, the Power Chords, Qu'est-ce' Que C'est, and the

Clay's (formerly Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge), atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Ritmo Tropical, Latin jazz. Saturday and Wednesday, live

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-4438 Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. Tuesday, Sunday,

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz saxophone.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, Sindrome, Shandogg, and Gee Mon, hip-hop. Friday, Supe, Sweet Tooth, Side Jobz, and Chris, Chris, Chris, rock/alternative. Saturday, 4 p.m., Nicky D. & the Whiskey Dicks and Motley Crued, rock. Sunday, 4 p.m., Kush & the Blood Fiyah Angels, Lifted Roots, and When I Rise, reggae.

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., live music. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., John January and Brothers Nazrat. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shannon Harrington, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bluegrass Social.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, hip-hop.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive, San Diego Bay. 619-686-8715. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Doc Powell, smooth jazz.

Jack's La Jolla, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. unday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Soul Seduction,

Ki's Coffee on Top, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Peter* Pupping, jazz.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, the Blues Invaders and Big Slim, blues. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat, classic rock. Sunday, the Blues Brokers. Tuesday, DJ Marc Thrasher. Wednesday, call club for

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.

Leucadian Bar, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live bands, call club for information.

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.

Lou's Records, 434 North Coast Highway, Encinitas. 760-753-1382. Friday, 4 p.m., *Scar'd Sanity*, hard

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. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice, Latin

St. Tropez Bistro & Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., a Jazz Thing, jazz. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Evan Marks, smooth

710 Beach Club (formerly Blind Melons), 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Motley Crued. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, Kush & the Blood Fiyah Angels, reggae. Sunday, Warner Drive, rock. Monday, open

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.

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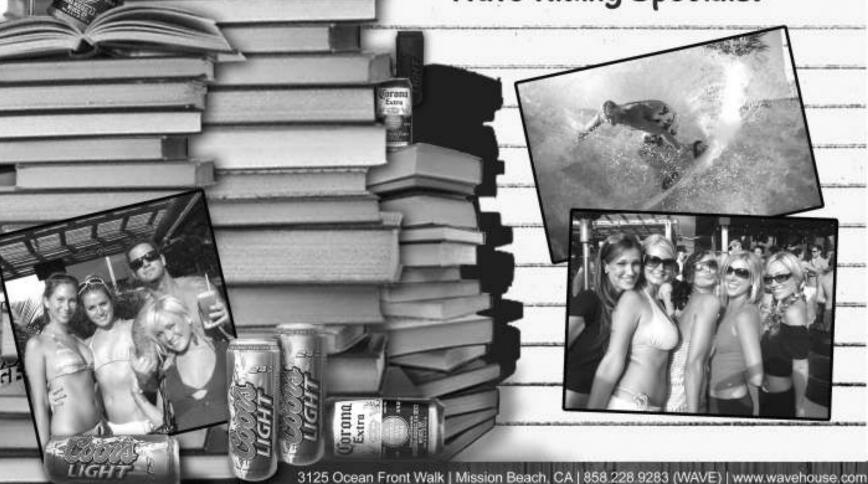
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Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/blues/reggae. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, 9 p.m., acoustic/folk music. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, *the Boogiemen*, R&B. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Christopher Dale*, acoustic. Wednesday, call club for information.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Live music nightly. Thursday, the C.H.I. Club and the Adopted Prophets. Sunday, the Husky Boy Allstars. Monday, the Electric Waste Band.

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., *Mike McGill*, folk rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Marty McIntyre*, acoustic folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Plastic Constellations, One Thousand Pictures, and Airport 81. Friday, Mario Escovedo, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, the Butch Wax Duo, and Blackfire Revelation. Saturday, Gram Rabbit, the UV Tigers, and Bartender's Bible. Monday, Centromatic and David Dondero. Tuesday, Trumans Water, Channing Cope, and Viva in Stereo. Wednesday, Sir Splendid, the High County Girls, Bill, and MC Flow.

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, Ron's Garage. Sunday, the Disco Pimps. Monday and Wednesday, the Ghost of Sada. Tuesday, the 86'd.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., the California Guitar Trio. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Gilbert Castellanos, Mikan Zlatkovich, Peter Sprague, James East, David Millard, Carlos Vasquez, Monette Marino, Larry Mitchell, Coral MacFarland-Thuet, Martin Greaves, and Rob Thorsen, jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *Dubfire*. Saturday, *James Brown*.

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. Thursday, 10 p.m., Handsome Devil, rock. Friday, the Fab Four, Beatles tribute. Saturday, Jordan Eubanks, Nic Nac, Talan Torriero & the Soulgerz, Summit Avenue, and Flood the Void. Sunday, gospel brunch.

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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.

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Album: Winter Tour '05-'06 (2006)

Artist: Slightly Stoopid

Label: Stoopid Records/Shout Factory

Where available/price: All major record stores for \$14.98. Amazon.com, slightlystoopid.com, silverbackmusic.net for \$15.98. iTunes for \$11.99.

Band: Miles Doughty (guitar, bass, vocals), Kyle McDonald (guitar, bass, vocals), Ryan Moran (drums), Oguer Ocon (congas, percussion, harp, vocals)

Songs: Disc one: 1) Intro 2) Bandolero 3) Everything You Need 4) Ese Loco 5) Wiseman 6) Jimi Baby 7) Dancing Mood 8) Basher 9) Johnny Law 10) Till It Gets Wet 11) Mellow Mood 12) Prophet 13) Perfect Gentlemen; disc two: 1) This Joint 2) Older 3) Runnin with a Gun 4) Officer 5) Tribulation 6) Cool Down 7) Ain't Got a Lot of Money 8) Encore (Slightly Stoopid Chant) 9) Closer to the Sun 10) Couldn't Get High/Untitled 11) Anti Socialistic

Additional info: Slightly Stoopid performs at Lake Havasu's Rockfest on October 8.

For the niche they fill, there's no doubt as to why Slightly Stoopid is so successful. In spite of myself, I find that by the third song I'm tapping my feet. Why

would I try to resist? It's not my favorite type of music. With most white-boy reggae bands I want to yank up their ears and shout, "YOU'RE NOT FREAKING JAMAICAN!" I still halfway want to do it to the Stoopid crew, but I also want to hear the next song.

On initial inspection, I thought that a double-disc album of cracker Rastafarians would be a "fans only" project and that the giant 24-track undertaking would be too bloated to convert someone who was picking it up for a casual browse. But the poppy mellow guitar hooked to fader effects, the island horns, and bonking conga drums won me over.

The longest song — at 6:18— on disc one, "Dancing Mood," is my favorite. The deft and soaring trumpet, harmonic vocals with quadraphonic echo, and cheers from



Slightly Stoopid

the crowd are more my speed than the quick rapping and punky Sublime-type beach rock of other tracks.

Slightly Stoopid isn't an "intellectual" band, as their name would imply. They don't have to be; they're a dumb beach-party band, and for what they are, they're really good.

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On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Saturday, hiphop/house/'80s music.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Bill Magee Blues Band. Friday, Aunt Kizzy' 2 Boyz. Saturday, Len Rainey & the Midnight Players. Sunday, the Bill Magee Blues Band. Monday, Chet Cannon & the Committee. Tuesday, Blue Four. Wednesday, the 145th Street Deluxe

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.

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Samba Grill, 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Edo Brazil*, Brazilian

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Walter II y Rumbaney*, salsa. Tuesday, *Orquesta 8.8*, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Call club for information.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: All music is piano. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Fran Loskota and Karen Giorgio, jazz/blues/pop. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to midnight, Julio de la Huerta. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to midnight, Faith Page.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday,

Friday, and Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher* and *DJ Danimal*. Sunday, *DJ Danimal*. Monday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Tuesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Crosswinds*, Southern rock/country/blues. Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet*.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Ooklah the Moc* and *Koko*, reggae.

San Diego

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, 7 p.m., the San Diego Blues Trio.

The Airconditioned Lounge, 4673 30th Street, San Diego. 619-501-9831. Thursday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event, deep house music.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Piano bar, call club for information.

The Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Call club for information.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

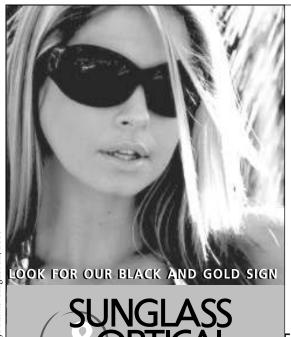
Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*. Monday, *Pat & Joe* and *Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Cat Power. Friday, the Dirty Girls Fight Brigade, the Screamin' Yeehaws, the Spots, and the Dukes of Haggard. Saturday, Castillo and Monte Cristo. Wednesday, 22 Red and In Every

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday and Saturday, live music, call club for information.

Dino's Nite Club, 3829 30th Street, San Diego. 619-291-3466. Thursday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., DJ Daeman & Tricia, house; 10 p.m., DJ Matty Mac, '80s/hip-hop. Friday, 9 p.m., Gimme Gimme Gimme with DJs Atari, Bryan Pollard, and Morgan



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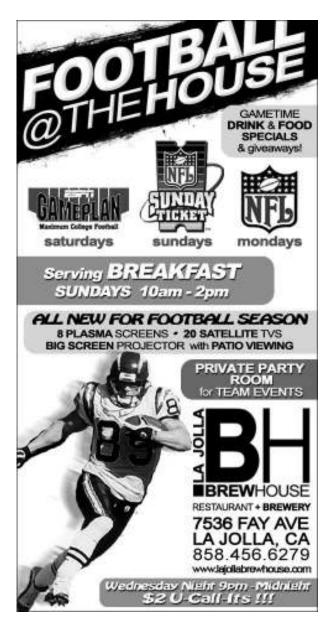
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Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Call club for information.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Pop* Rocks, '80s dance. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz saxophone, 9:30 p.m., the Detroit Underground, Motown/dance. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Jumpstart, classic rock, 9:30 p.m., Kenny Neal,

Louisiana blues. Sunday, jazz festival. Monday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Nathan* James and Ben Hernandez, roots blues. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., the Soul Persuaders, funk/soul/dance. Wednesday, 9 p.m., Ten Years After,

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

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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.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, live rock/blues.

Kadan's, 4696 30th Street, San Diego. 619-640-2500. Friday, 10 p.m. the Genius of Soul, jazz/soul/hip-hop.

The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-543-0933. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Genius of Soul*, jazz/soul/hip-hop.

The Kensington Club, 4079Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284 2848. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live metal/rock/alternative.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, Anya Marina. Friday, Jesse Johnson, Josh Damigo, and Lindsey Troy. Saturday, Trevor Davis and Kyle Phelan. Monday, open mike.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-276-5637. Rock/punk/metal unless otherwise noted. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Rookie Card, the Big Fellas, the Kite Flying Society, the High Rolling Loners, Old Man Hands, Christopher Cash, Spud Davenport, and the Modlins. Saturday 8:30 p.m., Hugh Gaskins, blues, and Mysterious. Sunday, 9 p.m., the Pick-Up Girls. Monday, 7:30 p.m., Mystery Train, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Falling from Planes, Someday Assassin, and Le

Severance. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Brian Holwerda

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Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Moondance*, classic rock.

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Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live 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

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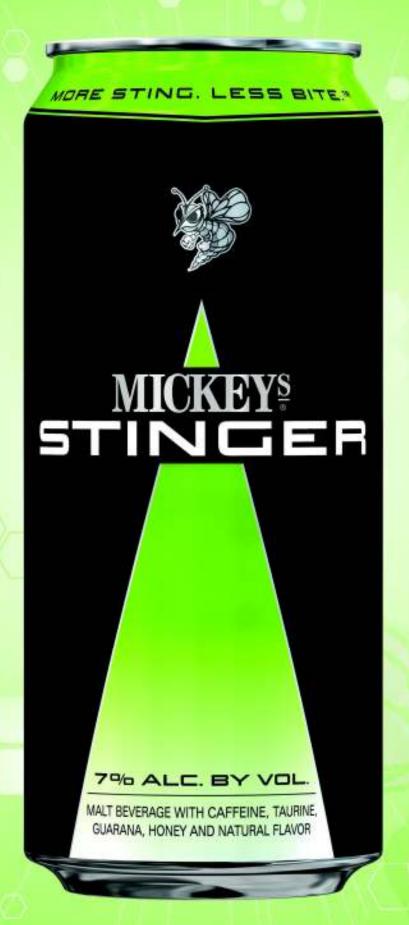
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Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Monday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*,

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jaime Valle, Coral MacFarland*, Bob Magnusson, and Allan Phillips,

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Alex Esther*. Friday, *Beth Preston*, *Carlos* Olmeda, the Citizen Band, Jordan Reimer, and Skott Freedman. Saturday, Abbey, David James, the Big Fellas, and Tony Luca. 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.

North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love* Rangers, Top 40/pop.

Beach Grass Cafe, 159 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-509 0632. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian jazz.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Greg Brown*, folk. Friday, *Ooklah the Moc*, Psydecar, and Kingtone, reggae. Saturday, Steve Poltz and Billy Harvey, acoustic. Sunday, 9 p.m., Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers and the Mother Truckers, alternative. Monday, 8 p.m. Iason Mraz, acoustic. Tuesday, 8 p.m., the Zombies, Phantom Planet, the Mooney Suzuki, the Woogles, and the Heartaches, rock.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for

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Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., Jim Earp, acoustic folk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, the Originators with Dick Farmer. Saturday, West of Memphis,

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/country. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Roots to Rockets*; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Restless Natives, rock/blues/reggae; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *the Blues Pharaohs*, blues; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Billy Thompson*, blues; 10:30 p.m., to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Blue Largo, blues/jazz. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Wednesday. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live music.

Del Dios Bar and Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the North County Cowboys, country.

Fallbrook Golf Club, 2757 Gird Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-8334. Hukilau Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Desi*, Hawaiian slack-key guitar. Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Rebel Music, reggae.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday, 9 p.m., *West of 5*, classic rock. Saturday, live classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern

(Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, Mother Funk, rock. Saturday, Synygy, rock. Sunday, live jazz.

The Hot Java Cafe, 11738 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 182, Carmel Mountain. 858-673-7111. Friday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Nathan Welden* James Taylor-style music.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe,

5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, the Restricted, Black Box Fever, Sliver, Reason to Rebel, and Perfect Red. Saturday, Filth Juggernaut, Home Pharmacy, Knifemill Disintegrator, and Psyopus. Sunday, Nihilist, Open Wound, Damcyan, and Mudface. Tuesday, Kelly, Over Jericho, and Evangeline. Wednesday, Moontucky Risin', When in My Painting, and

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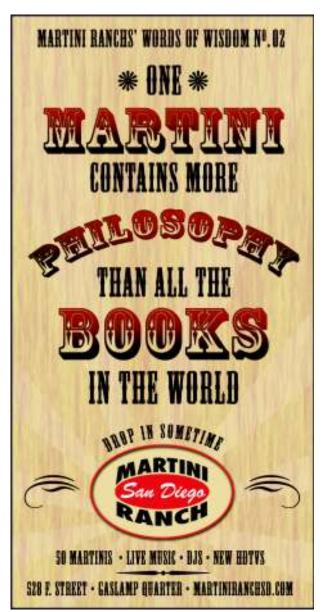
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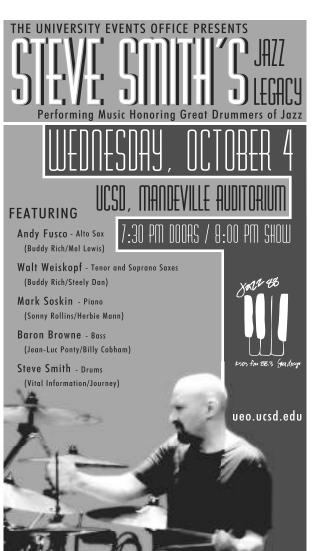
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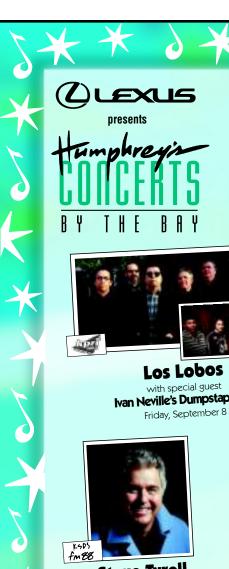


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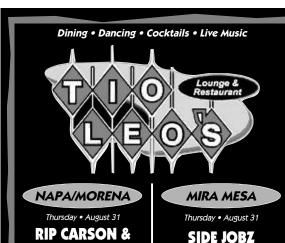
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BY DAVE GOOD

"In 1968," e-mails Al Kooper, "I had just got hired as a staff producer/A&R man at Columbia Records. A week before I started work. I took a vacation — my first trip to the U.K. I bought lotsa clothes and LPs you could not acquire in the U.S. One of the LPs was Odessey and Oracle by the Zombies. I listened to all the LPs, and Odessey and Oracle was easily the best one."

When Kooper showed up for work the first day, he took a meeting with his boss, Clive Davis. He raved about the album, but Davis wasn't impressed. "He said that Columbia already owned it and was not going to release it in the U.S. I told him that was a grave error, that there were at least two hit

tually relented and the record was released on Date Records, a small subsidiary of Columbia. "I wrote new liner notes for it," says Kooper, "and the rest is history."

singles on it." Davis even-

Next to the Beatles, the Zombies had one of the most recognizable sounds of the British Wave with their sophisticated melodies, multipart vocal harmonies, and jazzy keyboard solos. They hit big in '64 with "She's Not There." But by 1967, when they set out to record the songs for Odessey and

Oracle, the Zombies were finished, and they knew it. The album that would eventually be called one of the three best rock records of the '60s was a farewell, wrote Rod Argent in the liner notes of a 1987 reissue.

Music writers credit Koop's discovery of the Zombies as among the most important of his many contributions to rock in the



late '60s. In retrospect, he writes: "I never got a raise, any royalties, a gold record, or a thank you from Clive. P.S.," he continues, "0/0 still sounds great. Fave track: 'Care of Cell 44.'

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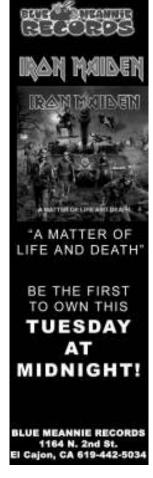
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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I don't read a lot of crime fiction, but for some reason I ended up reading Scottish author Kate Atkinson's Case Histories and her new follow-up. One Good Turn. Both feature British ex-cop Jackson Brodie, who is, like a lot of crime fiction protagonists, a gruff but lovable private eye with a painful past. We know he's prone to depression because Atkinson makes a point that he likes to drive around and listen to Lucinda Williams. I understand that an affinity for Lucinda Williams is common among gruff-but-lovable private eyes with a past, but I didn't realize that the British variety listened to American alternative country and not to, say, Richard

Anyway. I know he's just a broadly portrayed character in a couple of books, but I like Jackson Brodie. I think he deserves some happiness. He should listen to Greg Brown for a change.

Brown has releasing records since 1980, but he's probably best known for having his songs covered by Willie Nel-Santana, Carlos Shawn Colvin, Ani DiFranco. Lucinda Williams (there she is again), and others. He has also worked on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion radio show and

is married to Iris DeMent, who's another one of Jackson's favorites. He also occasionally does odd things like releasing an album of songs set to the poetry of William Blake. (Hey, there's a British angle for Jackson!) Brown's own songs have a lot of humor and compassion, and he sings them in a deep baritone that is no less sweet for having a lot of rough

edges. It's the perfect tonic for gruff but lov able private eyes with a painful past.

(To hear a sample of **Greg Brown**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4838.)

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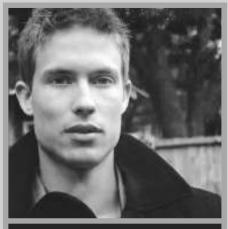
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Flame On

I arrived at Firefly three months too early but soon enough to learn about the auspicious changes yet to come. I'd waited the prudent three-plus months after the restaurant's debut to let the kitchen get its choreography together, but a month before I set foot inside, the opening chef stepped out the door. The new chef, Aaron Daily — the final top toque at the Del's exalted Prince of Wales (before it became 1500 Ocean) — has started making the menu his own, so this review will emphasize dishes slated to last at least a few more months, while giving a glimpse of what promises to be a glowing future.

Located at the opposite end of a small mall from the well-known Savory, the restaurant used to be Steakhouse 66. Then owner Jim Barrasso, formerly a corporate chef at Morton's, got bored with meat and mash and remodeled the space into a spacious wine bar and restaurant. It's attractive and cozy with curvy burnt-orange walls, textured like tangerine skins, and lighted by sculptured bronze flame-shaped lamps. The wine "bar" is actually a casual dining room that doubles as a brunch and lunchroom (and catches dinnertime spillovers), next to a slightly more formal dining room. There's also a modest outdoor patio, but El Camino's perpetual parade of gaseous rumbling SUVs dims its allure.

The wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world. The plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines without having to commit to a strange bottle (although those, too, are available). Making it easier yet, the wines are grouped descriptively on the list by sweetness and increasing intensity as well as color. Since wine captain Steve Flowers buys in small lots that turn over quickly, I'll leave you to your own oenological adventures, since those we tasted may be gone by now. Do note that since this is a case-bycase collection rather than an acquisition of some grape-lover's whole cellar, the wines tend to be young, and some tannic reds (e.g., Bordeaux) could use a few more years' cellaring.

We lured regulars, The Lynnester and Samurai Jim, to join us for dinner. Following the fad of whimsical menu-writing, the menu starts with "Entice" — the half-dozen wine-bar snacks include a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. (If anyone's still awake and peckish past Encinitas' customary 9:00 p.m. bedtime, these dishes re-



main available until the bar closes.) Then comes the dinner menu: "Sample" are soups, salads, and appetizers; "Savor" heads the list of wine-friendly entrées and "Sips" lists wines available by the glass. (The full list of bottles is separate, with no cute name.)

Gnawing on artisan breads from downtown's Sadie Rose Bakery, we plunged into the "Sample" section. Our favorite was a salad of

roasted red beet slices topped with baby spinach, roasted mushrooms, and shallots, dressed in a zingy sherry vinaigrette. The vegetables concealed a miniature treasure of three pancetta-wrapped scallops as welcome as they were irrelevant to the mixture.

Tahitian grilled shrimp wins the "cutest appetizer" award, although any connection with Tahiti is obscure. You get a rectangular plate with three smaller, square dishes set into it, each bearing a different garnish for the single marinated grilled shrimp perched atop each square. Our table's favorite was diced watermelon dusted with enough black pepper to bite, atop a shallow pond of sweet liquid that tasted like maple syrup and suited the

fruit. (It turned out to be maple syrup mixed with Hoisin sauce and Moroccan spices, a looser version of the shrimp glaze.) The others held sliced cucumbers and diced tomatoes, each floating on an identical puddle. "This'd be a lot better if they came

up with something besides maple syrup for two of the three," said Samurai Jim. "Once is enough."

Moist, lightly smoked salmon slices arrived in a cold salad, hidden

under a logpile of undercooked fingerling potatoes and asparagus. "None of these really belong together," said Lynne, to nods all around. "Each belongs in a different dish." We shoved the spuds off the salmon to devour the luscious lox.

A seared lump crabcake, firm and salty, was topped with puffs of Dungeness crab, with mango slices on the side. A dark red strip of miso aioli along the center of the plate separated the seafood from a heap of rubbery diced cantaloupe, some pieces too tough to yield to a fork.

Firefly's most popular entrée is a bourbon-andmustard-brined pork tenderloin, which came cooked to our order of rosy inside. It's a Germanic combination, with wilted cabbage chunks, apple-

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smoked bacon, and poached pear cubes — which we loved — plus slightly mealy fingerling potatoes, again undercooked. My Midwestern-born partner differed: "He cooks potatoes the way I like them — until you can penetrate them with a fork and no more."

Seared scallops weren't what we ordered (we wanted the hazelnut-crusted shrimp "scaloppini"), but they were what the waiter brought. (No matter: the scaloppini is due to take a fall.) Each scallop was topped with a delicious pouf of sweet, mild garlic cream. They were surrounded with al dente golden lentils and sugar snap peas drenched in a salty lemon-butter sauce.

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placed by a lavender- and rosemary-scented quail. In the evening's special of halibut with hazelnuts, cipollini and gnocchi in a lemony sauce, the fish was still halibut (and bland) regardless of charming garnishes. The waiter didn't mention the special's inflated price, well above the menu entrées. Clearly the service at Firefly flickers unevenly, since the same waiter also neglected to mention the evening's featured wine flight. Still, Lynne and I had fun ordering several glasses and exchanging sips.

Desserts are a strong suit here. A crème brulée was, for a change, new and exciting: Light and creamy (rather than eggy), it gained substance from white chocolate and interest from the floral-citrus scent of bergamot extracted from steeped bags of Earl Grey tea. A mixed fruit cobbler topped with vanilla ice cream tasted like Grandma's good cooking. A key lime tart was a small, tasty patty with almost no crust and a heady key lime flavor; alongside floated barely sweetened soft clouds of meringue. "I'd definitely come back here for appetizers and any of these desserts," said Lynne.

Firefly no longer serves a daily breakfast, but they do it up big for weekend brunches with a long, seductive array of choices. In the crab Benedict, instead of the customary crab cake at the bottom, you get Dungeness crab shreds on top. The hollandaise is light and tangy, decorating gently poached eggs riding on avocado slices and English muffin halves. Puffy, bite-size squares of home fries come alongside, cooked just

My partner gambled on a Philly cheese steak variation: sliced eye of round, sautéed peppers, onions, and mushrooms under a thin slick of mild white melted cheese, topped by a fried egg. A bottom layer of fried potatoes replaces the sandwich bread but you get bread on the side. The "crowning touch," which the menu doesn't mention, is a sweet ooze of soy, ketchup, Hoisin, and brown sugar ("That's from the previous chef, it's going away eventually," says chef Daily) that tasted just like maple syrup, slimed all over the egg. I know there are people who like maple syrup on eggs, potatoes, what-have-you (my partner's German Midwestern father is one such), but others may find this a disgusting development. At best, the surplus syrup should be served on the side. We wished that we'd gone for the soberer choices of French toast, pancakes, or the house special omelet (avocado, Jack, andouille, and smoked tomatoes) or, at wildest, the duck confit panini. Next trip north, I hope to explore these options.

On a weekday afternoon, we shared a huge Cobb salad, evidently a popular favorite — the ladies-who-lunch were sharing orders of it all over the room. Little wonder. It boasted fine ingredients in perfect proportions: applewood-smoked bacon,

Gorgonzola cheese, grilled chicken cubes, avocado cubes, pitted Greek black olives, and roasted plum tomatoes amid crisp greens in a creamy dressing

Even in the midst of changes, Firefly is a likable spot. In some ways, it stands to inland Encinitas as Paradise Grille (reviewed last week) stands to residential Del Mar — a comfortable, every-and-any-day spot to enjoy pleasing California coastal dishes and sip some good wine. The differences between the restaurants are as much about the distinct climates of the two communities as the varying personalities of the chefs. Proud and privileged Del Mar demands a certain glossiness in its higher-end eateries, while Encinitas really gets what "laid back" means.

ABOUT FIREFLY

Jim Barrasso, Firefly's owner, started out as a chef, training at the prestigious Johnson and Wales Culinary Institute in Rhode Island and serving for many years as executive chef supervising numerous branches of Morton's Steakhouse. He opened the casual Steakhouse 66 and ran it from August 2003 until February 2006, when he decided to change the whole concept. "I just wasn't happy with it; it didn't grow the way I thought it would," he says. "When I opened the steakhouse, I thought the area needed some really family-friendly neighborhood kind of a place — but that market was already being served by the chains. I'd had the idea for this [Firefly] restaurant for a long time and decided it was just

time to do it. Up here in North County, there are a lot of places you can go get a great glass of wine, but the thing that was missing was, you couldn't get any food — maybe a cheese plate, maybe some pâté, and that was about it. I thought that if we could do this kind of wine experience where the wine list was always changing and we were focusing on this really cool, interesting stuff — lesserknown varietals that nobody else carries — and we could add food into the mix, people could really enjoy the wine and food together.

"That was where the wine bar came in. The idea was to be non-intimidating, just make it fun, even with the way we list the wines on the wine list...in progressive order of intensity to make it easier for people to choose. And I think the area wanted another cool restaurant they could come to and not have to drive to La Jolla or Del Mar or downtown to find it. So my idea was to have this almost be two different experiences under the same roof. And so far, the people who come in are almost exclusively locals - some people even walk here. And I think they're people who're coming here instead of going to La Jolla, people who like interesting food and wine and also understand what value is, because we're trying to offer both. I think we share a lot of the same people with Savory. One week they'll go there, next week they'll come

Chef Aaron Daily, who arrived a little over a month ago, didn't start out to be a chef. "You know when you're a child and they ask you what you want to do when you grow up? My answer was I wanted to be a food critic," he says. "That really was what I wanted to do. Being a chef was something I just fell into.... I always liked to cook, and it was something I could do. My parents moved out here when I was a kid, and I went to high school here, but I moved back to Columbus, Ohio, for my chef schooling just to get away for a while. I came up the old-school method, the opposite of today's training for chefs. I went to a little culinary school in Columbus, Ohio, and then finished my master's at Ohio State University.... I did a 4-year apprenticeship program; that's how the school works. I worked six days a week, 12 hours a day, and then I went to school for a 12-hour day once a week. The first chef I worked for there came from Lafayette, Louisiana. His grandmother was a slave, who lived to age 96. She had taught him and he taught me, so it goes back 200 years, and my cooking background's really Creole French. After I moved back to San Diego in '99, I mainly stuck with French restaurants.

"I worked awhile at the San Diego Yacht Club, then I went to work for Patrick Ponsaty at El Bizcocho. Jesse Frost was the sous-chef, and I was number three in the kitchen. Then Jesse was chef at the Prince of Wales just before me, and he called me to let me know about the position when he was leaving for his new job at La Estancia. I was at the Prince of Wales during the final year of the restaurant. I was the one who closed it down after 35 years the last Prince, I like to say.

"I do plan to bring in some French Creole dishes, but emphasizing the French side — like instead of a crawfish étouffée. maybe a lobster étouffée, and for 'dirty rice,' a risotto with chicken livers. There's a lot of Southern influence in my cooking, I like to keep it rustic - sweet potatoes, nuts.... I'm slowly making changes here. Each week we have a new dish to replace a dish. I've pretty much replaced all the salads except the beet salad. I've added the baked mussels. It's a slow process. I've changed the dessert menu about 95 percent. Every day's a learning experience, a challenge. It's a young staff, too, so every day we're all learning together.

"I expect to change the menu about four times a year, seasonally, but also make ongoing changes to keep myself and the diners interested, so there'll always be something new to taste.... I'll be changing the lobster salad, using whole lobsters from Hardshell Lobsters back in Maine. For the vegetables, I mainly deal with Connelly Gardens [in Ramona], Tim Connelly's produce and his herbs are just the best.... I like to be in touch with the farmers. I use several other local farmers, and next spring we'll be getting organic strawberries, the best ones I've ever tasted. We'll be slowly changing over to organic produce, and eventually we'll have a tasting menu. I work every day, all day, but it's fun for me, and the payoff is really great - meeting all the challenges." ■









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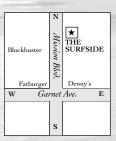
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Someone's Got to Do It

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eh heh. Got this card in the mail, addressed to "Occupant."

"Free! One Walker's Apple Pancake."
It has a picture of this ginormous mess of apple slices and bloated pastry that could make a

country boy cry "Grandma!" and burst into tears. 'Course there's an asterisk. It's free if you get something else of equal or greater value. ¡Qué lástima! That means I'll have to eat the pie and another full breakfast order.

Well, someone's got to do it. Naturally, I tried to tempt Carla.

Busy. Hank. Busy. So here I am at Front and Market, among rows of leafy young sycamore trees, walking on large black-and-white pavement panels. Nannies push double strollers. Professional dog guys walk gaggles of pure-bred pugs. It looks like a picture out of 1500s Venice, say. Okay, there's a Pacific Waste Services garbage truck parked. But even that's smart and new.

I amble about 20 yards down from Market to this brand-new, classy-looking, black-canopied sidewalk cafe sticking out into Front. Sign has a rabbit. "Richard Walker's Pancake House," it says. "Since 1948." Yeah, right. Chicago, maybe. That's where this outfit's from, isn't it? Here, we must be talking months, max. I walk in, flashing my free introductory offer card, then decide to sit outside, even though the interior's aircon calls like a Lorelei: "Come ba-ack!"

First thing you notice when you sit at your

sidewalk table is the black canopy above you. That punishing sun radiates heat down through it. Onto the black uniforms the poor crew has to wear. Guess Richard's brought his Chicago colors down with him. Uh, your climate or ours,

buddy?

Still, it's nice and solid here. Heavy metal green chairs, faux marble tabletops, well-to-do condo crowd forking away at eggs and pancakes and waffles with classy silverware and big china plates. Hmm. Now I have to decide what to have with my "Walker's Apple

Pancake" to make it free. I find it on the menu under "From the Ovens of Brittany." It costs \$8.95. Dang. Equal or greater than \$8.95.

Couple of older guys arrive. Midwesterners, Chicagoans for sure. You can tell from their short-brimmed hats. They look like Gene Hackman in The French Connection. Popeye. Lady with a little dog under one arm tackles a Caesar salad (\$10.90, with chicken breast) at the table behind me. Young, laptoppin' couple nibbles flapjacks. In front, two pretty gals are just ordering late breakfast, like me. One, Emily, gets potato cakes ("the Finest Idaho Potatoes with a dash of onion, served with apple sauce or sour cream, \$6.75"), Meredith, her friend, "A Chocolate Explosion." Oh man. Breakfast? "Smooth imported chocolate wrapped delicately in a warm crêpe." It's topped with whipped cream and fresh strawberries. Costs \$4.95. Nigel, guy who joins

them, orders the "Dutch Baby" pancake (\$7.75), "German-style," puffy, light, lemon and powdered sugar on top.

"The only thing they need here is mimosas," says Meredith, chewing on her chocolate crêpe. "We need mimosas."

But I need to eat something worth \$8.95. So heads-down again.

The menu tries — too hard? — to get you grinning. Like "Fresh Strawberry Patch" flapjacks ("the more the berrier!") or eggs Benedict (Hey: \$8.95. A contender), called "The Benediction." "We Are Gathered Here To Fully Enjoy This Creation. Amen!"

They have a mushroom-and-cheese omelet that's \$8.95. It has a "warm sherried mushroom sauce on the side" that sounds kinda interesting. Or maybe something savory would contrast well with that sweet apple pancake. Like the "Dutch Harvest" pancake, "filled with fresh broccoli, onion, tomato, mushrooms, and topped with Havarti cheese from Denmark," \$8.50. Near enough. On the other hand, broccoli? For breakfast? With sweet apple?

I race through griddle cakes (most are six or seven bucks); flapjacks (pancakes with fruit, most around seven or eight clams); and crêpes and waffles (same). Just as well Hank didn't come. They look like mostly sweet, pancakey, doughy

Midwesty stuff. He'da had a choice of Caesar salad — or Caesar salad.

Me, what the heck, I end up going for corned beef and basted eggs (\$8.50). Inspired choice! Even though, when Jessica brings them they're a small red pile in the middle of this big plate, with two big over-easy eggs just kind of...there. But I know this is going to go great with my Free Walker's Apple Pancake. Jessica plops it down. It glistens and steams in the sun. Bits of Granny Smith apple slices stick out around the edge, and in the middle. I cut myself a chunk. Oh man. Crunchy, caramelly, appley. And the "pure Sinkiang cinnamon glaze" is addictive. I keep crunching beautiful nuggets of glaze. If you alternate with the corned beef and eggs, and with the really good coffee (\$2.25 with endless refills), you're halfway to Nirvana. Now I forgive them their sun-soaking black canopy. I forgive everybody around me here for being rich and living inside this bubble they call the Marina District.

But Lordy. Shouldn't have attacked both platefuls so fast. Can't move. Next time I'll come early. Give myself time. Like 6:30 a.m., when they open. I'll haul Hank along. Hey, we've got Granny Smith here. An apple pancake a day keeps the doctor away, right? And Carla? They have eggs Benedict. Say no mo'. ■

The Place: Richard Walker's Pancake House, 520 Front Street, Suite C-8, downtown, 619-231-7777 **Type of Food:** Midwestern. Breakfast, pancakes

Prices: Walker's Apple Pancake, \$8.95; potato cakes (with apple sauce or sour cream), \$6.75; Walker's German Pancake (with lemon, powdered sugar), \$9.50; Dutch Baby Pancake, \$7.75; eggs Benedict, \$8.95; mushroom-and-cheese omelet, \$8.95; potato griddle cakes (with apple sauce or sour cream), \$6.75; northern bacon flapjacks, \$6.75; strawberry patch pancakes, \$7.95; Dutch Harvest Pancake (with broccoli, onion, tomato, mushrooms, Havarti cheese), \$8.50; blueberry and sour cream crêpes, \$7.95; Belgian waffle, \$5.95; Caesar salad, \$7.95 (\$10.90 with chicken breast); a Chocolate Explosion (chocolate in a crêpe with cream, strawberries). \$4.95

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Two by Two

"My right arm is stronger than my left from lifting all those glasses."

n 1973, Chris Gluck fired up his motorcycle and headed north to Napa. "The 1970 BV Private Reserve had just been released. You couldn't get it in town, but it was \$10 at the winery. I drove all the way up there and got my three

bottles." If it sounds like the act of a true believer, it was; his devotion to Bacchus had begun years earlier. "I think my first wine tasting was when I was 16 years old. I actually went to a wine tasting at a wine shop on El Cajon Boulevard; it was probably the first wine shop in San Diego. I cut my teeth

on a Trockenbeerenauslese" — a German Riesling of incredible concentration. "It was \$85 dollars a bottle — back then." After that, "The interest never waned."

Eventually, he wound up a general contractor, running a design-and-build firm with his wife Mary, who is trained as an interior designer. But the interest in wine not only persisted, it bubbled up into a professional side venture. "We were in the pasta-distribution business for ten years," says Gluck. "I started developing recipes for our customers, and those turned into a couple of cookbooks. Both of them had wine pairings with all of the recipes." Cookbooks gave way to cooking classes. "I was part of the original lineup of chefs that taught at the Great News! cooking school." Again, "We would always pair the recipes with wines, and people loved it. We've had a

tremendous amount of hands-on experience — constant research and constant tasting. Which is why my right arm is stronger than my left, from lifting all those glasses."

The grind of teaching caused the classes to give way to dinners. "We thought,

give way to dinners. "We thought, 'It'd be a lot more fun if we did something where we focused more on the wine and less on the cooking aspect." Chris and Mary had already begun developing an email database of interested clients, and they took that list to a San Diego wine shop. "We started an

e-mail newsletter for them, but it got to the point where they couldn't keep up with our demand. We started doing wine-and-food-pairing dinners in other restaurants. We would do them for very reasonable prices, and we were able to do that because we fine-tuned the portion control on everything. I would do the math on how many ounces were in a bottle, how many ounces in a pour. We'd cut reservations at a certain point, because eventually, if you're serving ten different wines, one more person will mean opening up ten more bottles. We had it down to a pretty good science."

They must have been doing something right, because even the dinners grew to be overwhelming. "We could only accommodate 40 to 50 people, and we'd sell out eight, nine times in a row. It was very labor-intensive — we had to schlep

the food in. It became obvious to us that we would have to get our own place." Armed with design expertise and their customer database, they started casting about. "We were taking a walk — we live in Mission Hills — and we found this place," up above Saffron, out at the end of India Street. "The guy was in the back kitchen. We walked up and I said, 'Hey, do you want to sell?' And he said, 'Yeah.' I said, 'Okay, we'll buy it."

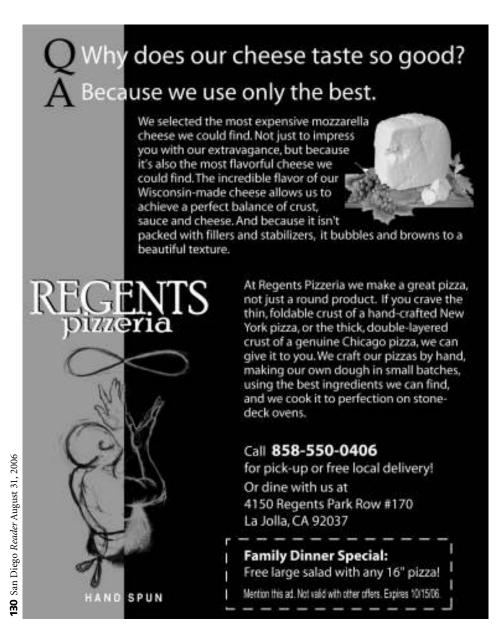
Once they bought the space that would eventually house the Wine Vault & Bistro, they set about stripping it down to the bones and building it back up into their vision of what a wine bar/restaurant could be. They re-shingled the exterior, striving to maintain the cottagey feel. They installed shade-sails and broad gutters over the patio, for an indoor-outdoor effect. Inside, "Our trademark, in terms of design, has always been: pure white. That's why everything is white." (Well, not quite everything — the tables are wood-toned, and the floor is gray — but you get the idea.) "Everybody that comes in here says, 'Where's the artwork?' We say, 'There's never going to be any artwork, because the wine is the artwork." This is true both figuratively and literally. Besides providing its own sort of aesthetic pleasure, the wine is in fact what decorates the walls. In the lower dining area, bottles for sale fill the built-in cubbies, each with its own tasting note, usually written by Chris. In the bar up front, empty trophy bottles line a high shelf. Some are famous (Bryant Family Cabernet), some are interesting (a 1979 Keenan Cabernet), and some are signed (a Trevor Jones Shiraz). (Some, of course, are all three.) And in the arch leading to the dining room, an alcove boasts a few (also empty) all-stars: '76 Petrus, '75 Latour, etc. Besides the bottles and a message board, the walls are bare, the white expanse broken only by shifts in shape and texture white wainscoting, white arches, white fireplace.



Wine Vault & Bistro

"It's very stark, but it's very comforting," says Chris. "People will come in here, and it's like they instantly decompress. We have a couple of customers who, as soon as they walk through the doors, say, 'I'm home.' They're so relaxed — you can just see the stress drain away from them. We try to make this a Nirvana, an oasis, where you can get away from the real world, if only for a few hours."

However relaxing the effect, the Glucks take care not to let wine and white walls (and carefully matched food) do all the work. They want to provide personality as well as atmosphere. Says Mary, "Chris and I are here all the time — we're very hands-on, and we know most of our customers by name. It's not uncommon to walk in and get





a hug from somebody. If you come in and you're a doctor, you might get seated with another doctor. We'll put people from Pacific Beach with other people from Pacific Beach, and at the end of the evening, they're all exchanging phone numbers, walking out together. Someone will call up before a dinner and say, 'Is Mr. So-and-So coming that night? Because we want to go that night, too.'"

Next week: "This is what makes us different."

(A word of advice — if you plan to visit, check the calendar on the website, www.winevault bistro.com, to make sure they're open. Generally, Thursdays and Fridays are drop-in anytime, with more formal wine-pairing dinners on Saturdays.) ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast av 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, Gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closes later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. - N.W. (10/01)

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-intused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any tra-

ditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (12/03)

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with 1/2-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sunday. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Hill Street Coffee House 524
South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside, Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata espinaca ("Greek eggs"), and pain perdu (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coas Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arravs. Best bets are the daily specials which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Re-serve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this greenwhite- and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs,

onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous serv ice and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include torta alla ana, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. N.W. (5/05)

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Chef Hannes Cavin turns out a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinai-grette, the "Bag of Bones" (housesmoked pork ribs), the brick-roasted free-range chicken, and whatever "fruit creation" is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for week end dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar Moderate to expensive. - N.W. (6/05)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lob-ster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork - all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — S.M. (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting

overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushimaster also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 60-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) and with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (8/03)

NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-youcan-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the saganaki, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with mezedakia, a big oval sampler of dol-mades (stuffed grape leaves), lokaniko (a delicious Greek sausage), spanakopita (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, tzatziki dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zuc chini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/06)

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain

Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, includ-ing a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab: the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi poké and excellent chicken katsu; the kalbi short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (8/03)

(near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro with comfortable chairs and linen-cov ered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for restrooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — N.W. (10/04)

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, onethird in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and eggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather de-tuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a creamOver 400 more restaurant listings at SanDiegoReader.com



painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

LA JOLLA

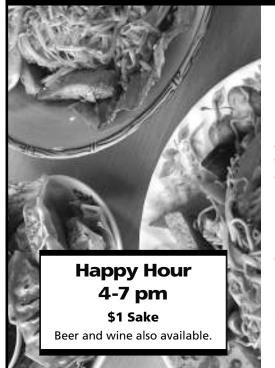
Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Iolla Shores, 858-454-7373 This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a water-cress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M. (4/04)

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to



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taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multigenerational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa) or the Mile High omelet (bacon, cheese, and bell peppers). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. - E.B. (1/06)

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veggie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-pa-prika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste — but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inexpensive. Three meals, Monday through Friday; open until 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. — E.B. (1/06)

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at - the open kitchen, floor-toceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazel-nut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interesting whites." Dinner reservation suggested. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas - at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessen tial great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Dinner nightly, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W.* (9/02)

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son preside in turn at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the oc tagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed Sunday). Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

Nine-Ten Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (10/05)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it: 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W. (10/99)

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-some-thing crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations.

Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sub-lime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials, Moderate, Second (qui eter, but with full bar) location at 1923 Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-436-6261. — N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Cucina Italiana Clairemont Square, 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Chef Jose Flores, who owned the much-missed Trattoria Nostrana in La Mesa, went back to his alma mater, Via Italia — and bought it. Under the new name, the menu is much the same as at Via Italia: multiregional authentic Italian cuisine, including wonderful thin-crust pizzas, available only by the ten-inch pie, not by the slice. The restaurant is in a mall but doesn't serve mall-grub. The fresh pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, so raviolis have more filling than skin and the rich lasagna won't send you out waddling. The numerous daily specials are the most rewarding dishes and keep dinners interesting for the many neighborhood regulars. Desserts and espresso are good; save room for *millefoglie* and *torta della nonna* when they're available. Plenty of wines by the glass. Reserve, especially for weekends and large parties. Heated patio dining in fair weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (pastas and pizzas) to expensive (meat and seafood entrées).

— N.W. (1/06)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus

lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. -N.W. (9/02)

King's Fish House 825 Camino de

la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, in cluding crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g. New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. N.W. (5/02)

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional mandoo (beef) dumplings, gaejang backban, or raw crab, and yookhwe, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like gul bosam (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. M.N. (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the gauchos' great parillada mixta (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, welltreated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertaiment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummers' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffulletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Penn-sylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/04)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rain-











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bow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (1/03)

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kim chee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (2/99)

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. N.W. (12/00)

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend

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eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A goodvalue combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m.weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (3/02)

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sortahealth-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. N.W. (10/04)

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi bur-

smoker. Of bs. A good-thern-Style chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling - it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe up-per moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — N.W. (2/06)

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves - have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and biergarten, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the









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Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, be-set by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams

on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-239-7101. (Other location at 534 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811.) No border compromises here - just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of nuez (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through dinner, closing at p.m. daily. Inexpensive. -

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street (at Myrtle), North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his "king of all pizzas" weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring

"the real Chicago" to San Diego. So of course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's "make and bake" time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent "Lefty's carbonara" (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, Parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — E.B. (5/05)

Old World Restaurant 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mus-tard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. -E.B. (8/01)

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread. or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. (Call ahead about the availability of chitlins.) Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Tazablanca 3946 Illinois (north of University, two blocks east of 30th Street), North Park, 619-294-8292. This warm-colored, lively café offers the homey, tropical food of Cuba and some pan-Latin appetizers cooked with Cuban styling. The fried calamari is light, the papa rellena (stuffed potato) is lively, the *lechón* (marinated roast pork) is moist and flavorful, and the vibrant chicken fricassee with capers is irresistible. All entrées come with a salad, and the tequila-lime dressing is especially fresh tasting. Reservations for groups of six or more. Park behind the restaurant (via Grimm and the alley) or in Lumberjacks's lot. Live band plays Thursday through Sunday evenings and is quieter than the ambient music when there's no band. Patio seating in fair weather. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Full bar including mojitos, Mexican beers, mainstream wines, and Latin soft drinks. Moderate. N.W. (1/06)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, spanakopita, moussaka, dolmades. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad. the dessert table (how could you leave

without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — EB (1/04)

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scatsweetness. Pork also gets loving treat-ment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the carne asada; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dryroasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like pollo en salsa de cacahuate (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious pelangoches, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to

love. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/04)

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard College beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chugsuds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip desti-nation. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Cheeseburgers are the default dish. Available are a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw

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bread. Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate diners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. — E.B. (9/01)

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), uptown, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like torta di melanzana, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

DMood 4628 Park Boulevard (at University Heights overhead street sign), 619-297-6663. This delightfully decorated bistro offers eclectic Middle Eastern cuisine that's primarily Persian but offers touches of North Africa, In dia, Southern Europe, and the U.S. Don't miss the splended appetizer sampler (a full array of luscious Middle Eastern tapas), the pomegranate-glazed game hen stuffed with basmati rice and fruit, or the skewered lamb. The daily fresh fish gives talented chef Cecilia Tajonar a chance for creative play. Persian ice creams in sexy flavors (rosewater, orange blossom, pistachio) are among the dessert choices. Live entertainment at many brunches and weekend dinners provide vibrant cultural experience. Interesting teas (including Persian and Moroccan); okay wine list; full bar. Reservations urged for large groups (call after noon). Street parking. Street patio in front and courtyard in back for al fresco dining in fair weather. Numerous vegetarian/vegan choices. Half-size salads available by request. Brunch Saturday and Sunday. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m., bar menu until midnight or later. Moderate. — N.W. (2/06)

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and pantelleria, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions, Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chefowner Karen Krasne's incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (2/05)

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The

kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smokerfriendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixedethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Joe's New York-Style Deli Royal Food Mart, 3401 First Avenue (at Upas), Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: A cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily.

— E.B. (4/05)

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado fea tures cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres* leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethe-real fried oysters and a range of gussiedup margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W.* (12/00)

Region 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus inspired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is "pure and simple" to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised

meats and produce. Don't miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order a la carte, or a whole table can share a well-priced "trust the chef" tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening's menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. High moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast - it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-andwhite room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Talus Cafe 127 University Avenue (near First Street), Hillcrest, 619-358-9867. If you're looking for food that tastes rich but registers lean on your bathroom scale, chef-owner







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Richard Wood creates eclectic, Mediterranean-style healthy cuisine made with seasonal, mainly organic produce, wild-caught seafood, lean eats, and very little butter or cream. (However, some dishes, e.g., meatloaf, can be quite salty.) The menu wanders all over southern Europe and includes side-trips to Southeast Asia (the latter aren't very authentic, but they're tasty). The small, smart wine list offers plenty by the glass, and is affordable (Monday is half off all bottles, too). Breads are house-baked, but desserts are outsourced. Heated, roofed courtyard dining; dining room is up one steep step. Street parking. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch and dinner weekends; only dinner Monday. Lunches inexpensive, dinners — N.Ŵ. (1/06) moderate. -

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining yearround. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients pre-pared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented ex-otic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. -N.W. (1/04)

Blue Point 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioneers' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking onsite, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. - N.W. (9/05)

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are gener-ous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies

garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and notso-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousinrestaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hardcentered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Europop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moder

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (near E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. Don't blink or you'll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style eat-in/takeout? Here you're getting cheap-butgood Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pau hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with – all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner's last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi Annan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of multi-regional "chef specialties" (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even further. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/06)

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), down town, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — E.B. (4/03)

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herbrich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, su-per-Tuscans and scandalously over-Napa reds.

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sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-ac-count pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W. (12/01)

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of In**dia** 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy. with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails, Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — N.W. (10/04)

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring, in addition, asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy

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throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy décor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly, Sunday through Thursday to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11:30 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. – N.W. (10/04)

The Palm 615 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-702-6500. This upmarket chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest familyoperated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it's spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are Shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the "Slater Special" which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don't eat meat, but do eat gar lic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean macchinettas make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (2/06)

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza (top floor), downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food stops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain which originated many of the now-familiar dishes of semi-Americanized "Mandarin" cuisine (they claim to have invented orange chicken. and their version is vastly better than those at the 99-cent joints). Salt-andpepper shrimp, tofu with eggplant, and meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-bal-anced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It's not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seating in dry weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate. — N.W. (1/06)

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The







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decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the en-trées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219Market Street (at Park), downtown 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. "Served Chicago-Style" — meaning, the dog's topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickles relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stallion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinderblocky but a good rendezvous for a brewski and a dog after work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/05)

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. Ama ebi (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening. and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including misobaked black cod and mushroom-

topped agedashi (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes in expensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. - N.W. (7/04)

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the champurrado drink: milk mixed with masa — ground corn - chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B (10/02)

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, whitetablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flipflops and tank tops aren't allowed on men, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. - N.W. (9/01)

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El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The papa relleno is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. Seco de cabrito features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with chancho, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies - but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate.

N.W. (10/04)

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133.

This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its 'Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spillout-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good - and vegetarian - special to ask for is the verdure pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghettini. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (10/01)

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is 'Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. - E.B. (3/01)

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/02)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

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619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they'll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. N.W. (7/01)

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.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate—and drank vino tinto—here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But

mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic cateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), bacalao (cod fish) a la Vizcaina, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (codorniz al mojo de ajo), or venison, especially the savor machaca de venado (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer machaca. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. -N.W. (4/03)

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some

staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/02)

La Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard), Tijuana, 686-4687, How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like huazontle, the Aztecs' "red spinach"? Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterrev cheese, all swimming in a chocolatev mole sauce. You haul the huazontle branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: Dedos Montezuma ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; torta de camaron seco is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; cecina Oaxaqueña is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Moderate. — E.B. (2/05)

Los Pelmcanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (borrego) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (birria de chivo) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hot-cakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to milanesa, steak ranchero, carne asada, chile relleno, and pescado (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You're going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don't want over-complicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. Try to be there at sunset when the water-sky show will do its darndest to distract you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (12/05)

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 3 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (3/04)

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species

it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N.W. (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bistecchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce histerca alla fiorentina, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple penne alla sorrentina — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza puttanesca is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)











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Joy in the Morning

Both are inhibited actors, if not downright mortified.

ew can be happier than I am about the Almodóvar retrospective at the Ken Cinema, "Viva Pedro," eight fresh 35mm prints over the course of three weeks, beginning with this one. The special

meaning of the event for me is that the usual schedule of a.m. press screenings at Landmark headquarters —

three, four, five per workweek - has of late been taken up not with imminently forthcoming or tentatively pencilled-in or soon to be cancelled first-run fare, but rather with "classic" films I have already seen once and have little desire to see again. For more than a solid week now, I've been able to spurn the alarm clock and wake when I wake. (Such luxury.) Plenty of people, needless to say, will be happier than I am for the chance to see these films on the big screen, and, a bit more needful to say, I'm happy for them. To each his own. To thine own self be true. To dream the impossible dream. To hell and back. To all a good night.

There is not a lot else this week to be happy about.

Beerfest — and also, as night follows day, Belchfest — fabricates an under-

ground Olympics of drinking games held annually in Munich under the cover of Oktoberfest. From the Broken Lizard comedy troupe (Jay Chandrasekhar, director as well as trouper), this is lowest-common-denominator stuff—

notwithstanding the esoteric allusions to Das Boot — and its sense of humor is only marginally more so-

phisticated than the standard TV beer commercial in which that beverage is pictured as lifeblood, precious as heroin, dearer than loved ones, center of the universe. Still, it's a tolerable sports spoof, a cut or two below Nacho Libre, more on a par with Talladega Nights, anything for laughs and nothing for consistency: phallic sausages in the hands of granny, laboratory frog masturbation, nickel-and-dime male prostitution, anything. The German accents (more than most accents, even) are reliably amusing, and if no actual laughs escape your throat (as none escaped mine), the possibility of one is kept tantalizingly open to the end.

Idlewild, set in the Deep South in the Deep Depression, is an all-black musical from the hip-hop duo Out-Kast and their sometime music-video



Idlewild

director, Bryan Barber. One of the two (André Benjamin, alias André 3000) plays the introverted son of a mortician and the spotlight-shunning pianist at a jerkwater juke joint, while the other (Antwan A. Patton, alias Big Boi) plays the extroverted son of a bootlegger and the club's studly headliner. Both are inhibited actors, if not

downright mortified. The songs and dances are in an anachronistic modern style, as if the filmmakers feared the authentic style would drive their audience out the exits or into the madhouse. Though the intention may have been to build a bridge—to connect the dots—between the African-American culture of the present and that of

the past, the effect is of something rather more self-absorbed, self-satisfied, ethnocentric, phobic, insular, and separatist, a monument to cultural provincialism. We do not, of course, expect musical fantasies to conform to the musical modes of the periods in which they might be set — *Oklahoma*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Man of La*



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Mancha, or, for the most extreme example, Camelot — but when the musical numbers move out of the realm of fantasy and onto the stage, our expectations change. Further enticements to the moviegoer of today — the animated notes on a sheet of music, the talking rooster on a whisky flask, the digital colorization of a boutonnière from white to red, etc. seem designed to ward off boredom where the real threat was revulsion.

The Quiet, a sleazy, unsavory, but indeed quiet domestic melodrama, traces the female-bonding experience of an In Crowd high-school "virgin" (Elisha Cuthbert) and the deaf-mute orphaned outcast (Camilla Belle) who comes to live under the same roof, and who, on the sly, performs concertcaliber Beethoven on the piano and turns out unsurprisingly to be neither deaf nor mute. Before the bond can form, the popular one must first be pried loose from the malign influence of a bitchy, bosomy, slutty fellow cheerleader — obviously an important symbol to director Jamie Babbit, whose first feature was the lesbian pep fest, But I'm a Cheerleader, and here again no guarantee of heterosexuality, pending the closeness of the new bond. The very dim view of the Average American Family - an incestuous father (Martin Donovan), a sedated, zombified mother (Edie Falco), and a spookily ill-lit and half-furnished suburban home — adds an undertone of axe-grinding. Or, you might say, cheerleading. The players really put themselves into it, and almost, sometimes, partway, pull us in with them.

Trust the Man is a relationship comedy revolving around a quartet of enviable New Yorkers, a sister and brother (Julianne Moore, Billy Crudup) and their respective mates (David Duchovny, Maggie Gyllenhaal), all of whom are, or have been, engaged in fruitful creative pursuits: a celebrated actress of stage and screen, a couple of writers, and a semi-retired "househusband" who, in his heyday as a copywriter, coined the slogan, "Got milk?" The examination of these relationships and their offshoots is so glib, showy, and pushy that — in the primary relationship between writerdirector Bart Freundlich and you you may want to turn tail and run for the hills. Should you choose to stay and fight for the relationship, you still may have to hide your eyes during the terrible embarrassment of the Broadway Opening Night climax. (The unsubtle sounds of the "1812 Overture" will serve as your alarm bell.) The participant I feel the worst for is Maggie Gyllenhaal, who no doubt has a nice career going, if by nice career we mean steady employment in a variety of roles in mostly forgettable films (The Secretary being the chief exception), and who has proven herself fully capable, especially physically capable, of playing a plausible human being whenever such a part presents itself. A seat should be reserved for her on any rocket ship to an alternative universe where those parts exist in plenty. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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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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All about My Mother — Pedro Almodóvar's paean to womanhood, in particular motherhood and actresshood, is dedicated to three of the kind: Bette Davis, specifically for All about Eve; Gena Rowlands, for Opening Night; and Romy Schneider, for The Important Thing Is to Love. The title, quite plainly, derives from the Davis film, a Spanish-dubbed clip of which is included; and the traffic fatality outside the stage door, whereby our heroine (Cecilia Roth) loses her eighteen-year-old son, is lifted directly from the Rowlands film. (Schneider, apart from her role as a degraded screen star in The Important Thing, lost a child for real, shortly before she died of heart failure at age forty-three.) The first half-hour has a strong and a steady pull, straight through the heroine's arrival in Barcelona from Madrid to track down the boy's father, who has no idea he ever had a son, much less

has one no more. Thereafter the complications and coincidences mount up to staggering proportions. The grieving mother's best lead to the father, who is now a transvestite prostitute, is a social-working Catholic nun (Penelope Cruz) who turns out to be pregnant and HIV-positive; and the source of both the fetus and the virus turns out to be the selfsame transvestite prostitute. While waiting for this man to surface, the mother lands a job as personal assistant to the lesbian stage actress (Marisa Paredes) whose autograph the dead boy had been chasing the night he was run down by a car, and whose touring production of A Streetcar Named Desire just happens to have wended its way opportunely to Barcelona. One night, when the actress's coke-head lover and co-star - Stella Kowalski to her Blanche Du Bois — fails to appear by curtain time, the mother goes on in her place, to great acclaim. (She had first met the boy's father, it so happens, in an amateur production of Streetcar, Stella to his Stanley.) There is more in the same vein. Almodóvar treats all of it with a straight face, but at the same time a strained face. The application of old-fashioned chest-heaving soap operatics to newfangled kinky subject matter has an air of blustery rhetoric about it. It never quite worked for R.W. Fassbinder. It works even less for Almodóvar, who quadruples the kinks, 1999.

★ (KEN, 9/5 THROUGH 7)

The Ant Bully — Preachy computer cartoon, holding up the communal spirit of an ant colony against the every-man-forhimself 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: SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Barnyard — Formulaic computer cartoon rounds up a group of pop-acculturated, smart-mouth, 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





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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 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. With the voices of Kevin James, Sam Elliott, Courteney Cox, Danny Glover. 2006. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18:

Beerfest — Reviewed this issue. With Paul Soter, Erik Stolhanske, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme, and Jay Chandrasekhar; directed by Chandraseskar.

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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?),



The Flower of My Secret

Renée Taylor, Len Cariou, a well-preserved Joseph Bologna, and Michael Nouri, the pup of the group, are among the specimens on exhibit, 2006

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

— 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

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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)

Crank — Underworld action film with Iason Statham and Amy Smart, written and directed by Mark Neveldine and Brian Tay-

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Crossover — Wesley Ionathan as a basketballer who dreams of becoming a doctor, with Anthony Mackie and Wayne Brady, written and directed by Preston A. Whitmore II.

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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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Devil Wears Prada — Workinggirl comedy in the vein of, oh, say, Working Girl, the eager, gifted, underemployed, and underpaid secretary ("A million girls would kill for that job") and the imperious, capricious, queen-bee boss. An ice queen, more descriptively, with snow-white hair, just a bit of sludge showing through at the neck, and an anemic, cryonic complexion. Meryl



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Streep, in the latter part, is interesting as always, talking in a narcotized, uninflected voice that betrays no emotion deeper than a sigh. But Anne Hathaway, talking with a clothespin on her nose, doesn't quite fill the bill as "the smart fat girl." Or to put it more flatteringly, the offenses of her weight and her wardrobe are not overstated. Disappointingly, the possibilities of the fashionindustry setting, from Lauren Weisberger's fang-baring novel, largely go by in a blur of montages and a blizzard of name-dropping. With Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt, Simon Baker, and Adrien Grenier; directed by David Frankel. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15)

Factotum - Norwegian filmmaker BentHamer (Kitchen Stories) adapts a Charles Bukowski novel, with Matt Dillon, Lily (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/1)

The Flower of Mv Secret — Traditional women's film (mirrors, flowers, telephones, etc.), with a big-boned Joan Crawfordy performance by Marisa Paredes as a pseudonymous romance novelist in marital turmoil. Naughty boy Pedro Almodóvar is on his best behavior, curbing his normal tendency toward outrage, but not his tendency toward tedium. A couple of brief flamenco interludes snap you to attention 1996.

★ (KEN, 9/5 THROUGH 7)

Friends with Money — There are, to be exact, three friends with money, and one without, a former teacher toiling now as a free-lance maid, helping herself to the bedside vibrator of one of her employers, and in her spare time harassing an ex-boyfriend with all-hours phone calls and hang-ups. The three with money additionally have mates. One of them, Catherine Keener, is collaborating with her husband on a screenplay, while adding an unsightly ocean-view second story on their home. Another, Frances McDormand, is a successful clothes designer with one child, plus a peculiar aversion to washing her hair, a reservoir of repressed anger, and a Britishaccented husband, a bath-products manufacturer, whom everyone but his wife recognizes as a closet homosexual ("Just because you care about what you wear doesn't mean to say you're gay"). The third, Joan Cusack, has a passel of kids, plenty of hired help with them, no job and no need of one, enough money to donate a spare couple of million to her children's school. Assuming the role of matchmaker, she introduces the moneyless and mateless friend. Jennifer Aniston, to her personal trainer, who begins to tag along with her on her housecleaning jobs and to demand a cut for haphazardly pitching in. Writer and director Nicole Holofcener, of Walking and Talking and Lovely and Amazing, is very adept at finding and pointing out the faults in all these people (no one is exempt), and the entire movie has an air about it of catty girl talk, very concrete and specific and yet ultimately insubstantial and desultory: a litany of everyday outrages (people who cut in line at the cash register or steal parking spaces in the lot), a few useful tips for budget living (free cosmetics samples at the department stores), and of course some gripes about men (the cold-fish husband who won't be drawn into an argument, the blind date who can't tear his eyes from an old flame at the far end of the restaurant). Keener and McDormand are in another acting league, a tougher one, from Cusack and Aniston, but the facileness of the latter pair is not the sort of fault that the filmmaker is adept at pointing out. She is adept at minimizing it. 2006.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9/6, 6:30 P.M.)

Heading South — Very professional, very proficient job by Laurent Cantet, director of Time Out, who here 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 fortyfive." 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 selfindulgence 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 2005

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/1; KEN. THROUGH 8/31)

Idlewild - Reviewed this issue. With André Benjamin, Antwan A. Patton, Paula Patton, and Terrence Howard; written and directed by Bryan Barber.

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The Illusionist — Ponderous amplification of a Steven Millhauser short story about a thaumaturge in turn-of-thecentury 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 jokeshop 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. Directed by Neil Burger. 2006.

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MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

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 sub stantiation. "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 12, FROM 9/1; LA PALOMA)

Invincible — From the busy Disney sports department, 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. With Elizabeth Banks, Michael Rispoli, Kirk Acevedo, Dov Davidoff, and Michael Kelly 2006.

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Lady in the Water — The big surprise of M. Night Shyamalan's followup to The Village is that there is no big surprise at the end of it. It is instead a ritualistic playingout of a prophecy — a whole-cloth 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 Day-

gether 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 anything, except that she has taken responsibility for and custody of her homosexual brother (Steve Carell), a failed suicide and the self-professed, as opposed to acknowledged, "pre-eminent Proust scholar in the United States." Dad's dad (Alan Arkin), who resides in the same household, is a scurrilous cokehead. And the kids are a Nietzsche-reading teenage boy (Paul Dano) who has held fast to a vow of silence for nine months, though he is not averse to communication via notepad ("I hate everyone"), and an owlishly bespectacled vounger sister (Abigail Breslin) in competition for the crown of Little Miss Sunshine in Redondo Beach. Since the family lives in Albuquerque, a road movie ensues, with all members of the family packed into a yellow-and-white VW bus. You wait with dread for the moment that will cause the boy to break his silence, and even greater dread for the first public performance of the girl's "talent" as nurtured in secret by Granddad; and the dread in each case proves fully justified. Quirkiness does not preclude sappiness. There are ample compensations, however. Little Miss Breslin is a good crier, and her competitors in the beauty pageant are a frightening collection of JonBenét Ramsey plastic dolls, and the bus itself emerges as the best character, requiring a collective push after the clutch goes out en route, and emitting a rudesounding, unpredictable bleat after the horn gets stuck. 2006.

ton and his wife Valerie Faris was put to-

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Material Girls — A reasonable facsimile of a screwball comedy, certifiable as harmless beyond the target audience of tween girls, to do with two pampered heiresses — real-life sisters Hilary and

Haylie Duff, equally charming, energetic, pretty, and, to the naked eye, wholesome — who must toughen up when their cosmetics empire trembles from scandal. ("Our sales," announces the malaprop-prone CEO, "have plummeted precipitationally.") 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. Brent Spiner, Lukas Haas, Marcus Coloma, Maria Conchita Alonso, Anjelica Huston. 2006.

★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Miami Vice — The name of the Eighties television series — fighting crime and look ing 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 vet 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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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.

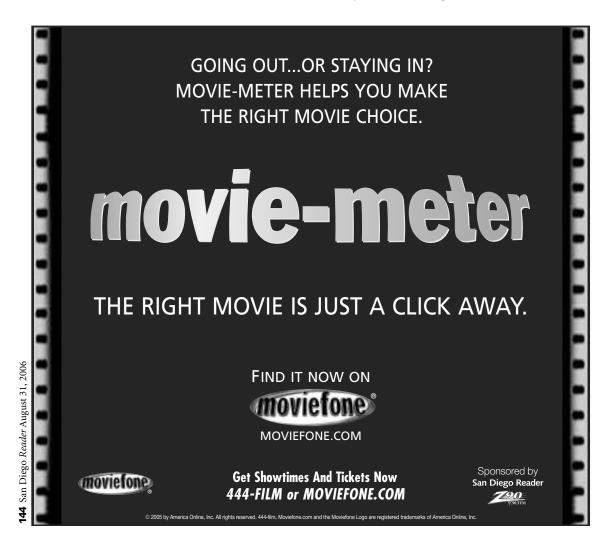
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

O Brother, Where Art Thou? — A road comedy, "based upon *The Odyssey* by Homer," about three chain-gang fugitives in Depression-era Mississippi. (The title, should you need reminding, comes from Preston Sturges's Sullivan's Travels: the proposed title for a "meaningful" film by a refractory Hollywood contract director, whose subsequent quest to get in touch with the Common Man lands him on a Southern chain gang.) While the humor is as broad as the Coen brothers ever have allowed (i.e., Raising Arizona), it is equally as bright and as funny. No one in American cinema, past or present, writes tastier, tangier dialogue than Joel and Ethan Coen; and the script is studded with well-turned gags that could stand alongside any textbook samples from the pages of Preston Sturges, Jules Furthman, Ben Hecht. (The nitwit fugitives enter inevitably into a who-putvou-in-charge dispute. The rebellious one says, "I'm votin' for Yours Truly." The besieged leader responds, "Well, I'm votin' for Yours Truly, too." The swing voter, looking uncertainly from one to the other, puzzling out the politic choice, says, "Okay, I'm with you fellers.") And the Coens show here, as they showed already in The Hudsucker Proxy, that if you take the four-letter words out of their vocabulary they will not be handicapped in the slightest. Also comparable to Hudsucker, or more exactly comparable to the metamorphosis of Tim Rob-

bins therein, is the loosening-up and warming-up of George Clooney into a flexible and a palatable actor, flourishing in the part of Ulvsses (vou see?) Everett McGill, fond of the four-dollar, as opposed to four-letter, word ("bifurcated," "rusticated," "rancor, "paradigm"), and hypersensitive about his hair every waking moment ("My hair!" is the first thing from his lips when startled from sleep) — even to the point of borrow ing John Turturro's hairnet from The Big Lebowski. And his grooming routine with a tin of pomade (it has to be Dapper Dan brand, not Fop), getting a sort of razorstropping motion going with his comb, is as educational as it is elegant. Turturro, as the second of the escapees, is of course an old reliable in a Coen movie. But the revelation in the cast is the writer-director (of Eve of God) and sometime bit-player, Tim Blake Nelson, whose expressions of openmouthed and cross-eyed stupidity, as the slowest of the trio, form the solidest thematic link to the Coen brothers' previous effort, Lebowski. In spite of the preponderance of the evidence (the Farrelly brothers, Adam Sandler, et al.), it is not necessary for a comedy about stupidity to be stupid itself. Not unless it is content to be unfunny and hypocritical in the bargain. The Coens have become the keenest observers of American boobery since the departure — right around the time in which O Brother is set — of Ring Lardner, With John Goodman, Holly Hunter. 2000.

 $\star\star\star\star$ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/31 THROUGH 9/3, 8:30 P.M.)

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 highschool 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 you 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. With Mischa Barton, Keith David, Miranda Bailey. 2006.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Peaceful Warrior — Athletic inspirationalism by way of the Buddhist school of thought, a dizzyingly loopy path. The slomo nightmare of a world-class gymnast drops of perspiration detonating at the volume of thunder, his right leg shattering like crystal on his dismount from the rings comes more or less true, and he entrusts his rehabilitation to the aphoristic grease monkey (a furry Nick Nolte) at the Texaco quickie mart: "This is a service station. We offer service. There's no higher purpose The story, from a novel by self-help author and former athlete Dan Millman, is purportedly "inspired by true events," and at the very least the quadrennial Olympic qualifying tournament could be said to be a true event. The rest is apt to cause difficulty swallowing. With Scott Mechlowicz and Amy Smart; directed by Victor Salva. 2006. ★ (LA PALOMA)

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead

Man's Chest — Sequel to PC: The Curse of the Black Pearl. And more than just a sequel: Part II of an afterthought trilogy. (It was not a matter of thought, exactly, as much as a matter of calculation.) Johnny Depp's heavily eyeshadowed, thick-tongued pirate got to be something of a tired act before the end of the first one. And a twoand-a-half-hour kiddie film goes against all traditional wisdom and common sense. And the tonnage of costumes, makeup, lighting effects, set decorations, CGI, etc. does not make it go any faster. And lastly, the up-in-the-air, to-be-continued ending is as big a cheat, as enormous an imposition, as that of The Empire Strikes Back or Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, the time-filling middle sections of their respective trilogies. Objectively viewed, the film looks like nothing so much as an ornate collection plate, the size of Australia, to be passed around the Disney congregation. The gathered pile could then be counted on to finance the manufacture of a new plate the size of Antarctica. With Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Stellan Skarsgard, and Bill Nighy; directed by Gore Verbinski. 2006.

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The Quiet — Reviewed this issue. With Elisha Cuthbert, Camilla Belle, Martin Donovan, and Edie Falco; directed by Jamie

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 9/1)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 Mia Farrow. And the mood, in sharp contrast to the immediate predecessor, has turned decidedly light and playful, which is to say that when (inevitably) the filmmaker contemplates death, it's in childish terms of a literal barge on the River Styx, manned by a scythe-wielding Grim Reaper. The strictly functional comedy-thriller plotline is more on the order of Manhattan Murder Mystery. albeit with an element of the supernatural. There is no earthly reason, outside of the bold harmonies between the whiny older man and the throaty young woman, why the Allen character should be dragged along by the Johansson on this Nancy Drew adventure ("Excitement in my life is dinner without heartburn after it"), and the steady manufacture of amusing lines runs out of steam toward the finish, and the plot premise will not stand up to scrutiny from the vantage point of the denouement. But none of that detracts from the generous supply of chuckles and cackles strewn along the way, still less does it detract from the calm and assured camera that Allen brings to the proceedings (in the right place at the right time for the right duration), and still less does it detract from his mastery and durability, at age seventy, as a comic leading man, defying every precept of polish and precision, creating a persona dependent upon verbal groping and fumbling and sputtering and stumbling, mining a private vein we might label as Lifelike Stylization. With Hugh Jackman and Ian Mc-Shane. 2006.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; MISSION VALLEY 7)

Snakes on a Plane — All pitch and no movie. The thing 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.) With Julianna Margulies, Nathan Phillips, Rachel Blanchard, 2006.

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Talk to Her — Almodóvar in awe, all over again, of the opposite sex. (Michael Cun ningham's novel, The Hours, can be spied at one point as bedside reading, and we might well speculate that Almodóvar would have killed to be the filmmaker who brought it to the screen.) The first half, delineating the central quartet of a male nurse, a bald journalist, a lady bullfighter, and a comatose dancer who embodies the Mystery of Woman, is played with such simplicity and sincerity as to raise the interest and hopes of the director's non-fans, and to sow uneasiness among the faithful. The second half restores order, in particular the ostensible silent-movie pastiche involving an incredibly shrinking man and a foam-rubber vagina. (An image ripped from the reels of another provocateur, Bertrand Blier, Femmes Fatales.) The color, in a warm palette weighted toward red, rust, orange, and yellow, can be appreciated by anyone. Javier Cámara, Darío Grandinetti, Leonor Watling, Rosario Flores, Geraldine Chaplin. 2002. ★ (KEN, 9/5 THROUGH 7)

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby - Will Ferrell vehicle, on the NASCAR circuit, goes too far, too fast,



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My all-time favorite anime is Shinichiro Watanabe's Cowboy Bebop, which debuted on Japanese TV in 1998, delivering 26 revved-up episodes plus a movie. A delirious fusion of styles and influences, it draws on everything from film noir to westerns, Sam Peckinpah to Dirty Harry, pulp fiction to jazz. Then it gives the concoction a uniquely Asian spin — it's the familiar made fresh. Great soundtrack, too.

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Filled with suspense, stunning character and plot revelations, dark secrets, and soaring drama, Bad Education is beautifully written. Highlighting the fine and dangerous line between reality and illusion, Almodóvar delivers a provocative film in the style of the great master Hitchcock.

Amores Perros, written by the ingenious Guillermo Arriaga. is shocking and disturbing. Some of my students and I met actor Gael Garcia Bernal at a screening. He took time to speak to them on a night they won't soon forget.

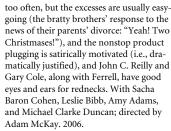
Cinema Paradiso, about a boy's developing passion for cinema, is my favorite DVD. It reminds me of growing up in Cleveland Heights and spending countless hours - during snowstorms, thunderstorms — at the Cedar and Lee Theatre. The magic glow spewing from the projection booth, the dust particles floating in the light that hits the screen and creates the illusion of life are all captured in this film.

BAD EDUCATION (Spain) 2004, Sonv Pictures List price: \$26.95 AMORES PERROS (Mexico) 2000, Lions Gate List price: \$14.98 CINEMA PARADISO (Italy) 1989, Miramax

List price: \$14.99

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 na-



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Trust the Man — Reviewed this issue. With Julianne Moore, David Duchovny, Billy Crudup, and Maggie Gyllenhaal; written and directed by Bart Freundlich.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA VILLAGE:

Who Killed the Electric Car? — Documentarist Chris Paine investigates the automotive murder, and finds, as in Agatha



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ture of a TV news-magazine talking-head report, and it doesn't do a very good job (any more than the original advertising did) of explaining the practicalities of operating an EV (do they think every car owner in America has his own garage?). But where else are you going to see Mel Gibson and Phyllis Diller in the same movie? Martin Sheen narrates, to sharpen the liberal axe.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 8/31)

The Wicker Man — Neil LaBute's remake of the 1973 British horror film, with Nicolas Cage, Ellen Burstyn, Leelee Sobieski.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/1)

Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown — Domestic travails worthy of a Roy Lichtenstein painting, with jokily grand passions, jokily cheery colors, jokily clever compositions — all courtesy of Spanish gadfly Pedro Almodóvar. The high-impact imagery is genuinely fun, and the opening-credits sequence — in the style of fashion-magazine ads - is alone almost enough to make the movie worth seeing. The caprices and eccentricities mount up, however, without bringing commensurate



The Quiet

laughs; and the "madcap" climax, with its unmet physical demands, is a dud. Carmen Maura, Antonio Bandares, Julieta Serrano, Rossy De Palma. 1988.

★★ (KEN, 9/1 THROUGH 4)

World Trade Center - Looking on the bright side of 9/11: the fact-based story of two Port Authority policemen (Nicolas Cage, Michael Peña, roughly four hundred closeups between them) who, together with a couple of unluckier comrades, dauntlessly

entered Tower One with the intention to help evacuate it, and survived the collapse of it on top of them. This feel-good approach seems a particularly unexpected one, a particularly cautious and safe one, to be taken by Oliver Stone, professional boatrocker and wave-maker, who for once is not looking to cast an accusation or an aspersion (i.e., a stone), but rather to recast himself as the champion of Men in Uniform he became so briefly and incongruously with Platoon. Needless to say, there is no counterpart here to the James Jonesian

abuse-of-authority figure played by Tom Berenger. The freshness of the event — five years as against the more than dozen years 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 camerawork 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 demaker's foot-dragging pace and the viewer's racing memory, a true collabora-tion between artist and audience. But that comes to an abrupt stop with the fall of the first tower, and the cementing of a static situation, half an hour into the film. The remaining hour and a half of waiting and worrying with the families (Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal as the wives), and of suffering and sweating with the immobilized men (calling to mind the forgotten Ladder 49, that post-9/11 tribute to firefighters everywhere, elsewhere, especially Baltimore), are incalculably more tensionfree, more routine, more trite, more mawkish, more TV-ish, Soft Stone, if you will, You might be surprised how much you miss the hard one. 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ES-CONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-

tail (the shower of paper, etc.), and a metic-

ulous 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 film-

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.

CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN

MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

• (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10) 9:45; Beerfest (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:05, 7:45, 10:20; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:20, 9:35; **Crossover** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:00; **How to Eat** Fried Worms (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; Invincible (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:40) 5:20, 8:05, 10:25; Little Miss Sunshine (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 6:45, 9:50; **Snakes on a** Plane (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 4:55, 7:15, Plane (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 4:55, 7:15, 9:40; Step Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:50) 5:10, 7:25; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:35) 5:00, 7:35, 10:15; Trust the Man (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:45, 7:40, 10:10; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 3:10) 7:05, 10:05

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **Accepted** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20, 3:40) 6:05, 8:20, 10:45; Crossover (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:10, 10:40; **The Descent** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 5:30, 10:30; The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; How to Eat Fried Worms (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:05) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Idlewild (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:15, 10:10: Invincible (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40; Lady in the Water (PG-13) S. Fri.,-Sun. (2:20) 5:05, 7:45, 10:30; Pulse © (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:45) 8:15; A Scanner O Darkly (R) Fri. -Sun. (2:45) 8:25 **Darkly** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (2:40) 5:20, 7:50, 10:25; **Scoop** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:10, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:35; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 2:10, 3:30) 4:50, 5:55, 7:30,

 $8:\!30,\,10:\!05;$ World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. $(1:\!15)$ $4:\!10,\,7:\!10,\,10:\!20;$ You, Me **and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:55) 4:45, 7:25, 10:15

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:35, 3:50) 6:05; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 6:45, 8:15, 9:45; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05) 7:10; Crank (R) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 2:15, 2:55, 4:25, 5:25) 7:30, 7:55, 9:40, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:15, 2:55) 4:25, 5:25, 7:30, 7:55, 9:40, 10:30; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 2:35, 3:20, 5:10) 6:40, 7:45, 9:20, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35, 2:35, 3:20) 5:10, 6:40, 7:45, 9:20, 10:15; **Material Girls** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15); **Miami Vice** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (3:10) 10:05; Monster House (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 3:25) 6:55, 10:10; **The Quiet** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:00, 5:20) 7:35, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 10:00; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:05) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:05, 9:35; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:25; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 3:05, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; Trust the Man (R) Fri. (12:50, 3:15, 5:40) 8:00, 10:20 Sat., -Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Accepted (PG-13); Beerfest (R); Crank (R); How to Eat Fried Worms (PG); An Inconvenient Truth (PG); Invincible (PG); Little Miss Sunshine (R); Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13); Snakes on a Plane (R); Step Up (PG-13); Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13); The Wicker Man (PG-13); World Trade Center (Pg-13)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

Boynton Beach Club () Fri. (1:50, 4:20) 6:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:20, 6:45; **Heading South** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 9:20; **The Illu**sionist (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; The Quiet (R) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; Trust the Man (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35) 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:15) 12:35, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, 10:10; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:50) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Crank (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:40) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:15, 10:35; Crossover (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; The Descent (R) Fri.,-Sun. 5:05, 7:50, 10:20; The Devil (R) Fri.,-Sun. 5:05, 7:50, 10:20; The Devil
Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:50,
4:45, 7:25, 9:55; How to Eat Fried Worms
(PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:20) 12:25, 2:30, 4:40, 6:55,
9:15; Idlewild (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:10) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:35, 11:15, 11:15, 1:10, 2:00, 2:00, 3:50, 4:50, 4:50, 6:30, 7:35, 7:35, 9:10, 10:15, 10:15; **Material Girls** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:15; **Pirates of** the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00) 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25; The **Quiet** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:25) 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05) 1:55, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:55) 1:35, 4:30, 7:25, 10:00; **Tal**-Fri, -Sun. (10:35) 1:35, 4:30, 7:25, 10:00; Tal-ladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. (10:45) 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:45; The Wicker Man (PG-13) Fri, -Sun. (10:00) 12:30, 3:00, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:05) 1:05, 4:25, 7:30, 10:40

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

Beerfest (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, $10{:}45; \mbox{Holly Hobbie}$ and Friends: Surprise Party (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; The Illusionist (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; **Scoop** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30; **Tal**ladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45; The Wicker Man (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Accepted (PG-13); Barnyard (PG); Beerfest (R); Crank (R); Crossover (PG-13); How to Eat Fried Worms (PG); Idlewild (R); The Illusionist (PG-13); Invincible (PG); Miami Vice (R); 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); The Wicker Man (PG-13); World Trade Center (Pg-13); You, Me and $\textbf{Dupree}\ (PG\text{-}13)$

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Beerfest (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:40; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 2:40) 5:05, 7:20, 9:30; **Crossover** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45; **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; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00,

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Call theater for program information

UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
O Brother, Where Art Thou? (PG-13)

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Factotum (R) 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; **Everest** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Greece:** Secrets of the Past (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00,

6:00, 8:00; Mystery of the Nile (Not Rated)

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; **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, 2:10, 5:00) 8:05, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20, 2:10) 5:00, 8:05, 10:50; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 2:05); Crank (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:05, 4:30) 6:45, 9:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:05) 4:30, 6:45, 9:05; Crossover (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:45, 4:20) 7:05, 9:50 Sat., -Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:20, 7:05, 9:50; **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 IIlusionist (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:00, 4:35) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:35, 7:45, 10:30; Invincible (PG) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:15, 4:50) 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:25 Sat., -Sun (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10) 4:15, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:25; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:30, 10:15; **Material Girls** (PG) Fri. (2:15, 4:45) 7:15 Sat.,-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:15; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 6:50, 10:20; Pulse (PG-13) Fri. (5:10) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; **The Quiet** (R) Fri. (11:10, 1:55, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35) 9:50; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:20, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:40, 7:20, 10:05; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:20, 4:55) 7:55, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:20) 4:55, 7:55, 10:35; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 6:55,

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:05; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:20, 8:05, 10:35; Crank

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Call theater for program informatio

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road Call theater for program information

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

The Ant Bully (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 9:35; Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 11:10; Beerfest (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 12:15; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:30, 8:15, 10:30; Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 5:30; Beerfest (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Crank (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Crossover (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:00, 3:00) 5:00; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:30) 7:00, 9:15; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-15) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (4:45); Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:15, 9:45; Step Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:45, 7:45, 10:15; The Wicker Man (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (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); Crank (R); Crossover (PG-13); The Descent (R); How to Eat Fried Worms (PG); Idlewild (R); The Illusionist (PG-13); Invincible (PG); Little Man (PG-13); Little Miss Sunshine (R); Material Girls (PG); Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13); Pulse (PG-13); The Quiet (R); Snakes on a Plane (R); Step Up (PG-13); Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13); The Wicker Man (PG-13); World Trade Center (Pg-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:50; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri. (12:35, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:25, 7:55, 10:40; Beerfest (R) Fri. (5:10) 10:20 Sat., -Sun. 5:10, 10:20; Crank (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:45, 3:05, 5:15) 7:55, 10:05 Sun (12:45, 3:05) 5:15, 7:55, 10:05; Crossover (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 4:55) 7:20, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 4:55, 7:20, 10:10; How to Eat Fried Worms (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:00) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:00, 7:10, 9:45; **Idlewild** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 7:25, 10:15; An Inconvenient **Truth** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:35) 7:35; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 12:55, 2:25, 4:00, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:35; Little Miss Sunshine (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30; **Material Girls** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:20, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:20) 6:55, 10:10; Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri. (12:05, 5:00) 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05) 5:00, 10:00; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 7:50; **Tal**ladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:25; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:30) 7:35, 10:35 Sat., -Sun. (1:00) 4:30, 7:35,

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South Bay Drive In

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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) **Accepted** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 2:50) 5:00; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (2:30) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30, 3:35) 5:45, 8:15, 10:25; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:45; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:25, 8:10, 10:40; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:25; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:50, 10:15; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri -Sup (1:00 3:25) 5:50 8:15 10:40: Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:30, 8:05, 10:35; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:30; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05, 3:50) 7:10,

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Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:30, 8:15, 10:30; Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 5:15; Beerfest (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Crank (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; How to Eat Fried Worms (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:00, 3:00) 5:00; Invincible (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Little** Miss Sunshine (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (4:45); Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:00, (4:4-3); shakes on a Plane (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:00 9:30; Step Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 10:15; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; The Wicker Man (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; World **Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45

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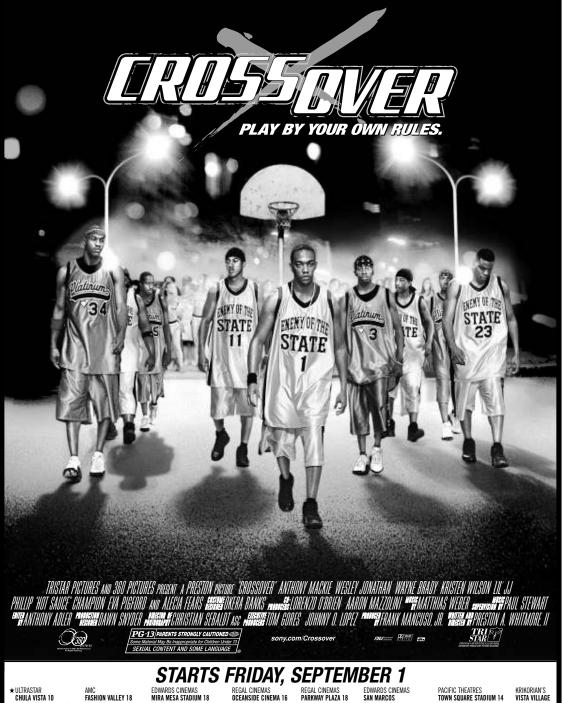
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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:16 (1:30) 6:15; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Mate**rial Girls (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 3:45, 8:30, 10:45; Surf School (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 7:45,

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ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) **Accepted** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50) 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:40; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55) 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; Crank (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15) 1:30, 3:45, 5:55, 8:10; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50; Snakes on a Plane (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:25; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky **Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; The Wicker Man (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20

La Paloma

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An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. 9:05 Sat.,-Sun. 4:15, 9:05; Peaceful Warrior (PG-13) Fri. 6:30 Sat.,-Sun. 1:40, 6:30; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; The Illusionist (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Little Miss Sunshine (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Scoop (PG-13) Fri .-Sun 12:00 (2:45) 5:30, 8:00 10:30; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

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Mission Marketplace 13

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7:35, 9:45; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15, 1:50, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 4:20, 7:40, 10:20; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:10, 2:05, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30; **Crossover** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:05, 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:25; How to Eat Fried Worms (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15, 1:30, 3:55, 6:40; **Idlewild** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:15, 4:30, 7:25, 10:15; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; Little Miss Sunshine (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) 2.50, 3.05, 7.40, 10.15, 3.16acs of a Taile (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:20, 1:45, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:55, 9:55; **The Wicker** Man (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00, 1:55, 4:35, 7:00, 9:35; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10

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Testigos clave

Abraham Nudelstejer

Diano San Diego

Los mismos hombres que por años cuidaron la integridad física de Francisco Javier Arellano Félix, son los que podrían hundirlo para el resto de sus días en una cárcel federal de Estados Unidos.

Cuando El Tigrillo fue detenido el 14 de agosto pasado en aguas internacionales por elementos de la Guardia Costera, el narcotraficante estaba acompañado en su yate por Edgar Omar Osorio y Francisco Javier Mesa Castro.

De acuerdo a autoridades federales, estos dos personajes poseen información privilegiada que puede ser utilizada en el juicio contra el cabecilla del cártel de Tijuana.

En la actualidad Osorio y Castro se encuentran recluidos en la prisión central de San Diego.

Los dos están siendo retenidos como testigos materiales para proveer material a la fiscalía sobre los movimientos de El Tigrillo. deportes



Doblegan a Bravo

Las Chivas del Guadalajara doblegaron a su delantero Omar Bravo hasta la disculpa por decir que no apoyan su salida al futbol de Europa, pero el exceso de fuerza usado no le quitó la razón al mundialista mexicano.

Omar, de 26 años, se quejó por la falta de ayuda de su directiva ante las ofertas para jugar en Europa y como respuesta la directiva que preside el empresario Jorge Vergara se declaró ofendida y lo degradó a la división de ascenso,

Lo que detonó el conflicto fue una petición del Recreativo Huelva para llevarse a Bravo a préstamo al futbol de España, que el Chivas simplemente no tramitó por considerar que la oferta no era apropiada ni positiva.

Tras disculparse con su directiva, Bravo regresò al equipo titular de Chivas. exclusiva



Afina carrera

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Es joven, tiene voz, es carismático y llama la atención cuando está en el escenario.

Su nombre artístico es Edgar y pronto, muy pronto dará de qué hablar dentro del mundo de la música.

Con cuatro temas escritos especialmente para él en su demo Edgar, el cantante se lanza de lleno a la conquista del dificil mundo de la interpretación musical. Con una agradable y modulada voz, el novel cantante espera llamar la atención de las grandes disqueras para demostrar, una vez más, que en Tijuana salen buenos intérpretes.

"Yo creo que la carrera del artista es como cualquier carrera, tienes que aplicar al cien por ciento, tienes que estar actualizado, leer, escribir, para que todo este conjunto de cosas que se llama vida, lo pongas en tus canciones", dijo Edgar,



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En problemas

América Barceló-Feldman

Diario San Dieso

Cientos de migrantes que viven a la intemperie en el cañón de Rancho Peñasquito se quedarán sin refugio para vivir debido a que serán desalojados de los terrenos que ahora habitan.

Los dueños de terrenos junto con vecinos
de las nuevas comunidades de casas de casi
un millón de dólares,
lograron que las autoridades dieran la orden
de desalojar las barrancas donde los migrantes tienen sus hogares
de cartón y plástico.

El cañon es famoso entre los migrantes que cruzan la frontera para trabajar principalmente en los campos de siembra cercanos la carretera 56 en la salida Camino Sur en Rancho Peñasquitos.

Por más de veinte años el cañon ha sido habitado por cientos de migrantes indocumentados, principalmente originarios de Oaxaca y Guerrero, que trabajan como recolectores, sembradores, o jornaleros en ranchos cercanos a la barranca.

De acuerdo a vecinos de la zona y dueños de los terrenos, el lugar es insalubre ya que cientos de personas viven entre matorrales y no cuentan con baños ni servicios, por ello los barrancos se convirtieron en focos de contaminación.

deportes



Dio juegazo

En la jornada cuatro del futbol mexicano el delantero de las Águilas del América, el paraguayo Salvador Cabañas, anotó cuatro goles en el triunfo de 5-1 de su equipo sobre los Tiburones Rojos del Veracruz.

Con esta actuación el sudamericano da luces de que volverá a ser el peligroso artillero que lo llevó de los jaguares de Chiapas al conjunto azulcrema,

Cabañas no había podido brillar en la delantera americanista, que sumaba sólo dos goles hasta antes de enfrentar al Veracruz.

Sin embargo, ante los Tiburones se ensañó y con sus cuatro tantos igualó el liderato de la tabla de goleadores, que comparte con el brasileño Kléber Boas, el argentino Bruno Marioni y el mexicano Miguel Sabah.

Este partido marcó también la reaparición en las canchas de Cuauhtémoc Blanco quien viene recuperándose de una operación en un tobillo.

El delantero paraguayo de las Águilas del América, Salvador Cabañas, aseguró que lo más importante de la goleada de 5-1 sobre las Águilas del América fue el triunfo y aunque tomó con tranquilidad sus cuatro goles no descarta luchar por el título de goleo.

Cabañas es uno de los jugadores que ha visto acción en todos los minutos del campeonato.

"Yo vine al América con ganas de ganar muchas cosas, ser campeón de goleo es importante", dijo el jugador.

espectáculos



Pericos musicales

Sixto Gazpar

Diano San Diego

Una verdadera velada de reggae fue la que se disfrutó en el ya legendario Over The Border con Los Pericos, quienes directamente, desde Argentina, llegaron a presentar su más reciente producción "7".

Era de pensarse, pero Los Pericos se la jugaron, Bahiano sale después de ser la voz de
la banda en todas sus
"glorias", pero ellos
decidieron seguir el
camino ya ganado por
muchos años, Se dudaba de la capacidad
de que quien tocaba la
guitarra pudiera ser la
primera voz del grupo,
pero ya esta más que
demostrado, si pueden

y lo hacen bien.

Son bastantes los éxitos de Los Pericos, pues con una carrera de más de 15 años, el público los tiene bastante identificados.

Interpretaron clásicos como; 'Mucha experiencia', 'Watin', 'Más de mi',
'Boulevard', entre muchas otras, todas muy
conocidas por los presentes, ya que en ningún momento pararon de cantar
con el grupo, razón por la
cual el vocalista bajó del
escenario haciendo cantar a su público.

La convivencia fue bastante buena, se respiró un buen ambiente, el sonido era claro y nada saturado, cada instrumento se distinguía a la perfección.





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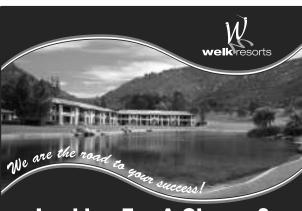
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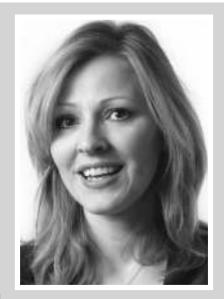
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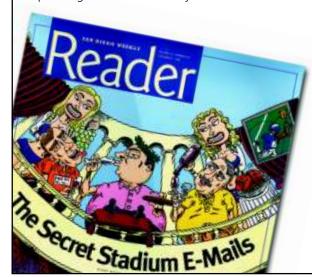
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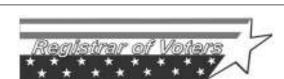
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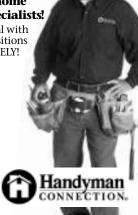


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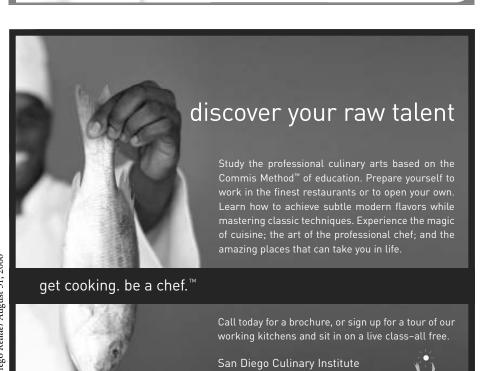
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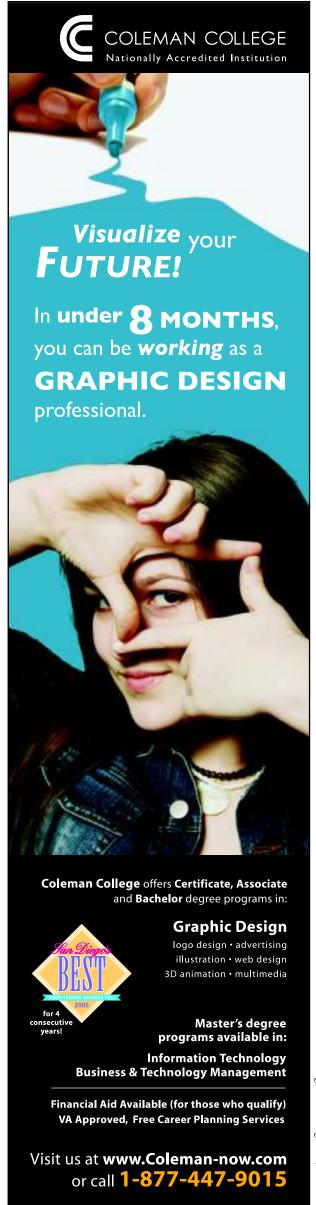
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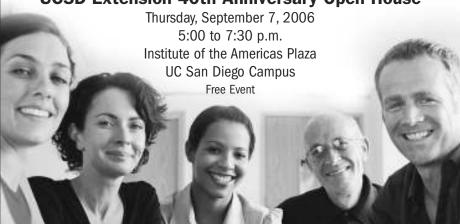
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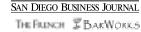
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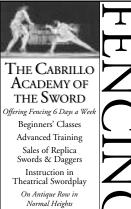
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Justin Manzano Student Bonita

No. I've always been a saver. I've always invested money in stocks and bonds. When I was younger, my parents always taught me to save; they both have really good credit scores, and they passed that on to me. I've spent a good amount of money on stuff I need, but I'm good at managing it with a business sense. All my friends who spend a lot of money are rich, so it's not a big deal for them. With birthday, Christmas money, and my allowance, I put it in a bank account: I have five bank accounts right now. I have CDs and that stuff. What my parents want, they get, but they measure the practicality of it. Having lived in L.A., I've been surrounded by all types of people; coming back here [to San Diego] it seems like people are in more debt. The students I meet here talk about needing money, and the people in L.A. seem to have more access to money. Some people spend money on drugs and alcohol; drugs are definitely the worst thing to spend money on.



 $Leslie\ Salmeron$ Student North Park

 $\overline{Y}^{ ext{es. I know people my age in high}}$ school with credit cards; usually they get it because they have a bank account, or some just get them through the mail. The limits are only between \$500 and, like, \$800. The business teachers at school tell us the tricks credit card companies do to try and get people to spend and max it out fast. A lot of them have jobs, too. I think I'll have to go into debt for college. There are people who just think they'll buy stuff and pay for it later, and then some kids know to save for college. It's about half and half of kids at school who see the show Sweet Sixteen and think it's cool to spend thousands and thousands of dollars on a party. My sister is 21 and she has some debt, but it's all school and stuff she needs; she goes to Mesa and lives at home to save money but wants to transfer later. San Diego is expensive, and I think that's why my friends don't spend their money; they want to save their money so they can have money to move out.



 $R.J.\,Basnight$ Restaurant Manager Chula Vista

Yes, it is normal; everybody's in debt. A lot of the time, it's your own fault. You get yourself in debt because you buy stuff you can't afford. I say: don't get any monthly bills. Don't get a credit card, either you won't realize there's a bill. To get that bill every month sucks. If you don't make your minimum payments, then your interest rates go up. You really have to budget, that's all. I don't know if it's a parent's fault; you can only teach someone so much. My parents were very good with money; I didn't fare as well with money; I had to learn the hard way. You need to have a roof over your head, and it's not every day people have \$900,000 to put down for a house; that's the kind of debt you have to have. You want to put down as much as you can so you don't get a bunch of bills. You got to start a college fund and things like that, but you have to cross that bridge when you



Bobby Lane Tattoo Artist North Park

I would imagine that for most peo-ple it's normal to be in debt. I try and stay out of debt as much as pos sible; I don't really have any credit cards or things like that. It's probably not convenient sometimes to not be able to go into debt, but I guess it's safe. I don't need to throw myself into "next month is hell, this month is heaven." I have no idea how people do it. It is kind of crazy how people do things. It seems like I've known people who just spend themselves to death and they just worry about it until it's way too late and somebody takes their stuff. Most of the people that I do know don't have very much money, so they don't have much opportunity to go in debt. The people who are artists and musicians skate the bottom of the economic scale, or I know people who have families and they have to be smart about it because it means their kids are going to eat and have their place to sleep. The friends from my life are artistic kind of people, but I'm a father and husband, so I have to stay responsible. We're all looking for something else. I wouldn't do the responsible thing unless I had to.



Daniel Hernandez

Engineer University Heights

Yes. Pretty much people have no patience. Credit cards are safety nets. It's a huge changeover from the last generation. But the thing is the older generation I know are doing the same thing with credit cards as well. It's a return to the '80s, the style and all; all the women look like Pat Benatar. Eighty-nine, ninety, it was pretty much a recession that happened. Everything is cyclical... there was the punk deal after disco and before the '80s excess, but then

there was the whole grunge move-

ment. It grows up, then it deconstructs itself, so you never know.



Jason Cordero Floor Manager Downtown

 $\mathbf{Y}^{ ext{es, although I'm not in debt at all,}}$ it's quite normal to be in debt. I don't take loans from anyone, I don't have any credit cards, and I work at a shop where it's cash only. I know if I had a credit card, I'd be, like, "Oh, fuck, I want that." I have excellent credit, too. I got lucky that my parents were nice enough when I was a kid that they put me on their credit card, and I've never had a credit card myself. My dad told me not to get a credit card unless I needed to. I'm not getting a house and I have a car already. I paid cash for my car because I worked construction for a while and built up my bank account so I had the money to buy the car. I don't really buy too much: all of my shirts come from the shop where I work, and I spend my money on things like travel back East. We have the whole consumer culture here going, but I just don't really care. All my friends are in debt from cars and kids. My girlfriend is in debt from a divorce. The only way to get things like a house is to be in debt because the only way to get a loan is to be in debt and you get good credit by paying off your debt. I got lucky my parents were nice.

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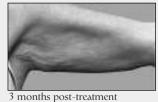
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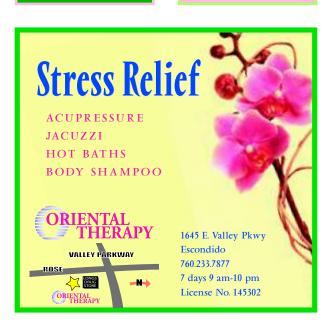
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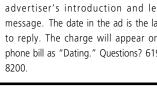
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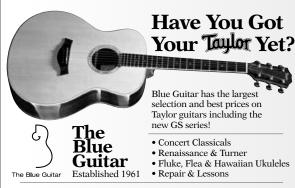
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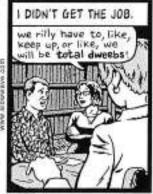
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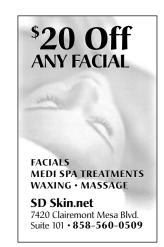
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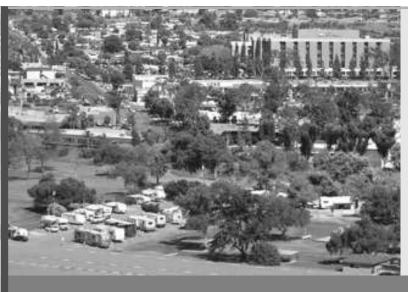
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- 1. Kind of drive
- 4. Fade
- 7. 2006 Webster's entry defined as "glitzy jewelry"
- 12. In the past
- ____ Paulo, Brazil
- 14. Uses as a target
- 16. Vote seeker
- 17. Kind of radio
- 19. Some ancient writings
- 20. 2001 foreign film "_ Mama Tambien'
- 22. Stylish dresser
- 24. Golden rule word
- _ be so bold ..." 25. "If
- 27. 2006 Webster's entry defined as "a small growth of beard under a man's lower lip"
- 30. Increase, as effort
- 32. Bobby of the Black Panthers
- 33. NBC sitcom from 2003-04 34. NBC's "My Name Is
- 35. 30-day mo.
- 38. Like some verbs: Abbr.
- 39. February 29th
- 41. Sch. founded by Jefferson 42. Marshal under Napoleon
- 43. Soil: Prefix
- 44. "Chantilly Lace" singer Big
- 46. Patronized, as a restaurant
- 47. Enticers
- 48. 2006 Webster's entry defined as "a singer or musician who records for the same company
- as another" 51. Niagara River source
- 52. Young in music
- 53. Ike's command in WWII
- 54. Robber baron Morgan and others
- 55. "The Bathers" painter
- 58. "That's ____ haven't heard"
- 60. Squirt
- 63. Play opener
- 64. Directional suffix
- 65. Jay and Kay's boss in "Men in Black"
- 66. 2006 Webster's entry defined as "an attractive but vacuous man"
- 67. Reed or Harrison
- 68. Atty.'s title

- 1. Irradiate 2. "Here
- again!" 3. 2006 Webster's entry defined as "the practice of having more than one romantic relationship
- at a time' 4. "Cunning hunter" in Genesis
- 5. Emeril cry
- 6. Very successful, in showbiz lingo 7. Bill Clinton's relig. affiliation

- 8. Debussy's "Air de _
- Attribute
- 10. "Tearin' Up My Heart" band
- 11. Big name in country music 15. South-of-the-border uncle
- 18. 2006 Webster's entry defined as 'a person who spends a great deal of time using a computer" 21. Proofreader's find
- 23. Beg 25. Golfer Hale
- 26. Olympic skiing medalist Phil
- 27. Weekly German magazine Der
- 28. It delivers a message
- _ can eat!"
- 31. Still awake at 2 a.m., say 35, 2006 Webster's entry defined as
- "to increase considerably the
- 36. Roberta Flack's "The First Time Saw Your Face'
- 37. Analyze, as a sentence 40. Edible seaweed
- 45. Get ready for an operation
- 46. In full flower
- 48. Bloodsucker
- ___ a stinker?" (Bugs Bunny line)
- 50. Copier need
- 52. Org. that oversees the NCAA Rifle Championships
- 54. Bringer of bad luck
 56. Bach's "Mass _____ Minor"
- _ Speedwagon
- 59. Before, in verse
- 61. Diciembre, e.g. 62. ASAP relative

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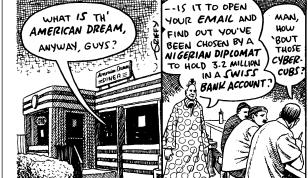
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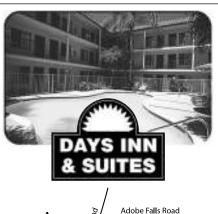


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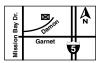
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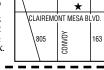
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Can't Possibly Be True

 Steven Buelow, whose Vermont prison sentence is up for a rape-murder he committed at age 15, still cannot be released until he proves that he has a place to live, and according to an August report on Burlington's WCAX-TV, the keenest idea he had was to pick women from the Burlington phone book, write them letters describing himself and his prison status, and ask them to take him in (with a total of 15 letters going out). At least one woman contacted by the station said she was terrified by the letter and considered moving away, and Buelow said he wouldn't send out any more.

 An analysis of government records by the Washington Post revealed in July that a federal agriculture subsidy program to compensate farmers for market-losing crops has evolved, through regulatory interpretation and lax enforcement, into a program that since 2000 has paid \$1.3 billion to people who don't farm at all. (Although pre-tax income of all farming was a near-record \$72 billion in 2005, federal subsidies grew to \$25 billion, a sum considerably more than that paid to families receiving welfare.)

More than 70 children were separated from

their parents during the Taste of Chicago festival on June 30, but one six-year-old boy was still unclaimed as of July 7, according to the Chicago Sun-Times, citing a police spokesperson. The boy was eventually turned over to the state Department of Children and Family Services, which found that his family had a spotty record of supporting him even before the festival.

Unclear on the Concept

(1) Researchers at the Russian Plant Institute in St. Petersburg told Russia's Interfax news agency in June that they had invented a strain of cannabis free of mind-altering properties. (2) Nobel Peace Prize winner Betty Williams, speaking in Australia in July, said she "would love to kill George Bush" because of the invasion of Iraq. - Officials in Springfield, Vt., denied the liquorlicense application of Paul Murphy in July for a paperwork problem without specifying any other disqualifying reason. The officials thus ignored the fact that Murphy is an inmate in the state correctional facility in Springfield and that the location of the liquor service on the application was to be Murphy's prison address. Said town manager Robert Forguites, "We determined that the application was incomplete.

The District of Calamity

(1) The prime suspects (and their addresses) in a July murder-robbery in Washington, D.C., were known to police a month earlier (thanks to a tip from a previous robbery victim), but police didn't pick them up until after the murder, according to a July Washington Post report. (2) In June, the D.C. inspector general reported that the mugging death of a former New York Times reporter involved "complacency and indifference" by almost all police and rescue personnel involved, from ambulance crew to investigating officers to hospital doctors, resulting in the victim, who was severely beaten, being treated as a street drunk. (3) In June, the D.C. police's crimesolving average went down as investigators found 119 more unsolved crimes that had been originally written up only as "injuries."

Fine Points of the Law

 (1) The New York Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics ruled in July that judges can, if they wish, carry guns in the courtroom if they are otherwise permitted by state law, provided the judges are "patient, dignified, and courteous." (2) Filing a lawsuit in Santa Ana, Calif., in May, Jinsoo Kim said he had a valid contract in which Stephen Son promised to repay the \$170,000 that Kim had invested in Son's Korean corporation. The promise was written entirely with Son's blood.

Least Competent Animals

(1) "Houdini," the 12-foot-long Burmese python in Ketchum, Idaho, that accidentally swallowed a large electric blanket and electrical cord in July. (Veterinary surgeons managed to remove the whole thing, leaving Houdini in good condition.) (2) "Crash," the pelican that smashed into a car in Malibu, Calif., and had undergone a month's rehabilitation. (When released in July, the bird collided beak-first with some rocks before successfully lifting off. Wildlife officials said Crash may have been disoriented from eating toxic algae.) (3) "Barney," the doberman pinscher guarding a children's museum near Wells, England. (He lost control and chewed up almost \$1 million worth of rare teddy bears in August, including one that belonged to Elvis Presley.)

Fetishes on Parade

- Police in Groningen, Netherlands, announced that a 40-year-old man whom they had previously counseled had once again resumed his compulsion to rummage through garbage seeking dis-

carded tampons and leaving notes for the discarders. (July). ... Paul Zakszewski, 54, was arrested in Salem, Mass., for having allegedly made audio recordings from women's restroom stalls (July). ... Denver schoolteacher Mark Asimus was arrested and charged with offering to pay one teenage girl to bloodily beat up another so that he could watch (June).

Recurring Themes

"News of the Weird" has mentioned those "yogic fliers" who sit cross-legged and, via transcendental meditation, "fly" by levitating their posteriors. In July, two weeks after Israel began its retaliatory attack on Hezbollah, a former Israeli army colonel, Reuven Zelinkovsky, was critical, alleging that a squadron of yogic fliers could provide a "shield of invincibility" around the country, just as effective as a military campaign. TM experts use the formula of the square root of 1 percent of a country's population as the critical mass of fliers necessary to affect the national spiritual consciousness (for Israel, 265 fliers).

School Daze

- (1) At commencement this year at Gallatin High School in Nashville, Tenn., the principal had the valedictorian arrested for trying to make a speech that was reserved for the senior class president. (2) New York's Buffalo News reported skyrocketing absentee rates at local high schools this spring because of a new district policy that allows for the lowest possible semester grade to be 50, even for those missing every class (meaning that a grade as low as 80 for one semester could be averaged with a no-show 50 to reach the minimum-passing grade of 65).

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Thirty Years Ago

THANK YOU, Ricky, for being yourself in a world lacking spontaneous, natural love. Please never lose my number, or my love. Earl.

ROGER BOWMAN, the Renee Richards of the water polo world: You should expect your house to be gift-wrapped soon. Northern or Charmin? Joe Stereo.

MEET CARLA GRAY, the only person in South La Mesa who can swallow her own tongue(!) Suzy Creamcheese (alias Snoo) and S. Toe(s) sez high!

LANCE, THAT was some party! How much do you really think he paid for the band? As one gentle people to another, you're groovy! Kelly.

—CLASSIFIEDS, September 2, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

San Ysidro's Jack-in-the-Box sells more fast food than any other Jack-in-the-Box in California. Its Big Bear market alone sells more eggs than the other 28 county Big Bears combined. The local Safeway does the highest gross per square foot of any store in its national chain.

— "WELCOME TO SAN YSIDRO." Neal Matthews. September 3, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

Sometime last winter, some disrespectful little surf rat scribbled on the fence railing at the Beacon's parking lot in Leucadia: "Longboarders are a bunch of old fat kooks!" Every longboarder waddling down the steps to the beach, with his nine-foot log tucked between his armpit and his love handle, had to pause at that piece of graffiti and wonder, "So, is this what it's like to be on the other side of the generation gap?"

—"ANTIQUES HANG TEN," Steve Sorensen, September 4, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

Papa Zappa, an immigrant from Sicily, was a metallurgist and meteorologist (and amateur guitarist). (Mama Zappa was a librarian.) Dad taught history briefly at Loyola University, but when little Frankie was born in 1940, Pop was a civilian employee at the Army Chemical Center at the Edgewood (Maryland) Arsenal studying the effects of weather on explosives and poison gasses. Some of Frank's first toys were gas masks and other tools of Dad's trade.

In the mid-'50s, the Zap Dad worked here as a metallurgist for Convair. The familv lived at 749 El Monte Road in El Cajon (1955) and 4823 Iroquois Street in Clairemont (1956), and Frank attended Grossmont and Mission Bay high schools before graduating in Lancaster, north of L.A. While Frank was here, he had a band called the Ramblers (he was the drummer), and they played for dances at the Linda Vista armory across from Mesa College and at Uptown Hall at 30th and Meade in Normal Heights. He also hung out a lot at Arcade Records downtown

— "STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP," Matthew Alice, September 5, 1991

Ten Years Ago

"You want to know what happened here?" Cooper swivels around in his chair to look out onto an Imperial Avenue that is all but deserted. Pedestrians can be counted on one hand, passing cars on the other. He says what we see out there is the same thing that happened on 47th Street in Chicago, on Auburn Street in Atlanta, on Greenwood in Tulsa, and Central in Los Angeles. "Integration did us in," he says, shaking his head.

—"WHITES FEEL THAT THIS COUNTRY BELONGS TO

THEM..." Hawkins Mitchell, August 29, 1996



San Diego Reader, August 30, 2001

Five Years Ago

My two latex-gloved fingers extended as far into Greta's vagina as they could through the tight rubbery os of her cervix, grazing the firm, smooth, slippery surface of her baby's lowest part, but I could not feel the narrow gaps between the bones in the baby's head. The "sutures" of the infant skull are what we use to confirm that the hard structure meeting the examiner's fingertips is the baby's head. I couldn't be sure.

"We'll need to do an ultrasound to make sure the baby's head is down," I told Greta as I extracted my fingers and snapped off the

—"I'M NOT GOD," Jim Eichel, August 30, 2001

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The college where I study, IIT Kharagpur, has an event called "Illumination," in which we create bamboo and straw grids that are 25 feet high, with patterns of earthen lamps set aflame to depict scenes from mythology or history. Sounds complicated? Read on!

Illumination is an event that's held on the day of diwali, the festival of lights in India. Diwali is a day when every house in India, from the humblest hovel to the mightiest palace, lights up to usher in the festival. People celebrate it by bursting crackers, decorating their homes with earthen lamps (called diyas), distributing sweets, and praying together. At IIT Kharagpur, when everything's all set and done in Illumination, what beholds the viewer's eye is a refulgent spectacle where a story is strung out using a series of events depicted by diyas' flames on bamboo grids!

As the king said to the white rabbit in Alice in Wonderland, "begin at the beginning and go on till you reach the end." Here's the deal. Illumination has been designed as a competition between the various halls of residence on our campus. Every hall decides a theme for their Illumination show. While it usually is from mythology, often there are refreshing breaks in the form of more contemporary events; e.g., last year a hall depicted the Taj Mahal and lined up its boarders in soldiers' attire along its corridors!

The bamboo grids are lined up against walls, insured against any motion, and the best artists from the under-training engineers draw the scenes on them with black paint. What follows is a community service of a different kind! Night after long night, a hundred people in each hall work tirelessly to arrange the diyas along the painted lines on the grids. Metal wires are used to wrap the diyas, and the ends of

these wires are used to affix the diyas to the grid. These wires are stiff enough to hold the diyas, if need be, in positions not entirely conforming to Newton's law of gravity! Often, when one has to depict a smirk on a character's face, the rounded edge on a warrior's bow, the pointed tip of a minaret's top, or the subtle turn of a lady's dress, this twisting and tweaking of the diyas' positions is all that makes the difference between a not-sogood job and an awesome one.

But then, while the work goes on, so does the party! There're late-night burgers, full-time music, perennial chatter, continuous laughter, boisterous banter, and whathave-you. Nothing builds the camaraderie between different batches of students out here as much as these nocturnal sessions.

Finally, d-day arrives, and on that day, you don't bother if there's sand in your hair or oil on your hands. You just work like crazy! Pyramids of tables are arranged in front of the bamboo grids, and students take up all possible positions on these tables with oil bottles in their hands, filling diyas with oil, arranging wicks, testing them to see if they burn or not, helping a friend out with a diya he's unable to reach, helping another out if he's run out of oil — doing every possible thing to make sure the hall wins. In the process, they have oil dropping on their head, shirts getting smeared in the jumble of tables, hands getting dirtied with the wicks, and all these taken in stride, as if they never happened.

The moment arrives when the judges declare it's time. In a fraction of a



minute, the entire ensemble of tables is taken down and all the students disperse and hide while the presentation team takes the judges around the bamboo grids. But aside from the judges, the results, the trophy, and the glamour, think about the multitude of students, with oil all over them, who've worked for 15 nights on the trot and who're hiding somewhere looking in amazement at the spectacle they've created and praying that the judges realize that they're the obvious winners. The moment the judges leave the hall and move on

to the next one, wave after wave of students emerges from hiding to see what the thing looks like when it's all lit up. Euphoria is the word to describe what happens next. People hug any hall mate they find, some with tears in their eyes, others with irrepressible smiles. Results don't matter at that moment. The joy of creation does. Life is not about the

> number of breaths you take, but the moments that take your breath away. This is one of them.

Illumination is a costly affair. The halls spend a fortune getting all the materials and refreshments. The event is shortlived. An earthen lamp doesn't stay lit

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Location: 3790 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach Time/Date: 9:33 p.m. on 8/7/06

Victim's Statement: I was sitting down behind the front counter of the store [Rushings Liquor] and



watching TV.... A white male walked into the store. He was wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt with the

hood pulled up over his head. He reached into the front pocket of his sweatshirt with his right hand and pulled out a revolver. It was black and had a wood grip. He didn't point the gun at me, but was holding it in the palm of his hand. The gun looked real to me. I've seen guns before and I was robbed once with a gun.

He told me, "Give me the money." I decided to give him the money because the gun looked real and I didn't want to be shot. I got up, walked over to the register, and opened it. The male put the gun away and held out his right hand. I gave him the \$20 bills and the \$10 bills from the register. He told me, "Hurry up." After I gave him the twenties and tens, he said, "Give me the fives." I gave him the \$5 dollar bills.

He walked quickly out of the store.

CARJACKING

Location: 440 West San Ysidro Boulevard, San Ysidro Time/Date: 10:25 a.m. on 8/4/06

Victim's Statement: I arrived at the post office...to take care of my mail errands. I pulled my vehicle [a 2004 Porsche Cayenne] into the first parking stall.... As I got out of my vehicle, I saw a Hispanic/white male wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans running towards me. He was wearing a baseball cap and had a silver gun in his hand.

Everything happened so quickly; when he got to me

he pointed the gun towards my chest area and told me, "Give me the car keys!" He yelled this to me twice. I gave him the keys and he jumped into my car. I ran into the post office and yelled for someone to call the police. One of the employees called the police. I then got on the phone with the

I would describe the man who took my car as a Hispanic or white male, between 18 and 25 years of age, light skin tone.... I do not recall the color of his baseball hat.

STABBING

Location: [5700] Olive Hill Road, Bonsall Time/Date: 10:40 p.m. on 8/15/06



Report: Deputies from the Sheriff's Fallbrook Substation responded to a call of a possible stabbing. Upon arrival, deputies contacted the adult male victim outside the residence. He had sustained several stab wounds/lacerations to his upper body as a result of an altercation inside the guesthouse where he had been allowed to stay for the night.

The suspect, identified as Denes Z., was located inside the residence, and detained. According to witnesses, the suspect had a past relationship with a female resident of the property, and confronted the victim when he

learned of his presence. During the subsequent altercation, the suspect produced a knife, and inflicted several wounds on the victim.

BURGLARY

Location: 701 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp Time/Date: 10:55 a.m. on 8/4/06

Officer's Investigation: I

received a radio call of a black male taking candy from a locked storage room in the Pacific Gaslamp Theaters. The business was closed and not open vet. When I arrived, other officers were trying to locate the suspect and possible witnesses. I contacted the shift manager [Aaron C.] and I asked him what was going on.

C. was in the food sales area when he noticed a light coming from the storage area. C. knew the theaters had been burglarized numerous times...and went to look at the security cameras in the security office.

C. could see a black male trying to break into the locked cages that held numerous boxes of candy. C. could see the unknown black male forcing the cages open and taking boxes of candy...and dumping smaller candy boxes into a large white plastic

C. had another employee stand behind the door leading to the food sales area. C. ran to the storage side exit door and placed a strap guidepost in the front door.

C. felt the door open and tried to hold the unknown black male in. The black male pushed hard against the door several times. Finally, the black male pulled on C.'s arm and C. fell for-

ward. The plastic bag tore on the door where it was snagged. All the candy...fell to the ground.

ROBBERY

Location: 410 East Main Street, El Cajon Time/Date: 2:00 a.m. on 8/19/06



Résumé of Incident: The clerk told the dispatcher that a masked male had entered the store [7-11], pointing what he believed was a gun at him. The clerk ran from the store and called 911 on his cell phone.

Officer Shawn Webb came into the area and saw a male walking in front of an apartment complex north of the store. When this subject saw Officer Webb, he dropped a bag he was carrying and ran. The subject was taken into custody after a short foot pursuit. When the bag he dropped was recovered, officers found that it contained lottery tickets that were identified as the loss in the robbery.

During the investigation, it was determined that the clerk had actually been threatened with a knife rather than a gun. The knife along with other evidence was recovered near the scene. The suspect, Michael Y., was taken to the El Cajon Police Department for processing, and later booked into county jail.

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After the cop told me why she pulled me over, she looked up at my hair and said, "Step out of the vehicle, please, sir." Oh, man, I thought I was going to lay eggs. I was two blocks from the club where I was supposed to make the drop. Ten minutes and I'd have been clean, but there it sat, under my dash. That much E is an "intent to distribute." In a plastic bag, pushed into an empty wire run, it screamed to me like a siren, "FELONY!"

I imagined my mug shot distributed around the police station, eventually the Internet, and maybe the local news with the caption, "Guess what this retard with the green hair was doing?" If I were going to do it over again, I'd be Mister Goddamn Rogers. Oh, you bet I'd have a v-neck cardigan, a pair of canvas deck shoes, and my short brown locks would be smoothed over the top. I'd tell them I didn't put my seatbelt on because I was rushing my kitten, Mrs. Snugglebottoms, to urgent pet care.

I played it cool because even if they think they've got something, they really don't. Even if they've got this dufus wearing yellow sunglasses at night who's obviously up to no damned good, they don't have a thing. The blonde lady officer went through my truck, she pulled the seat up, she opened the glove box, she fingered my ashtray full of coins and came up with a handful of nothing.

At the club I palmed off the package and sat on the smokers' porch. I was lit up like neon and told all my friends over and over, "You wouldn't believe what happened two blocks from here. Two freakin' blocks away, and I was almost tossed in the hoosegow."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

LET'S DANCE

ITVS 7:30 A.M.

At 7:30 a.m.? Let's dig in our bellybuttons while the coffeemaker drips and then we'll scratch in the general vicinity of the boxer-short region. Maybe we'll wonder why our feet are sticking to that spot on the kitchen floor, but it's a tad early for dancing. Besides, our unitard and leggings are still in the laundry.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

SECRETS OF THE GREAT WALL

I'm not sure about the Chinese one, but according to a rhyming song I heard when I was six, there's a wall in France with a hole in it where you can see naked ladies. I'm guessing that beats all hell out of anything Discovery Times found in Beijing.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

WHEN COWBOYS WERE KING

HIST 8:00 A.M.

Ah, the good old days. When people were illiterate and filthy. Take me back, History Channel. Take me back to when cowboys were king. Just don't make me black because people could own me. And don't give me polio or dysentery. Ah, yes, the good old days. Put me on horseback in the wide-open plains. Only speed up that toothbrush and toilet paper thing. Sing to me, History Channel. Sing me the song of the lone cowboy and the beauty of the wild outdoors. But don't let me get killed by an animal or Indian, and could I have a tent and some Gore-Tex gloves? Sweet. Ah, the good old days.

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CBS 8:00 P.M.

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VH1 9:00 P.M.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

BEHIND THE CAMERA: THE UNAUTHORIZED STORY OF DIFF'RENT STROKES

NBC 8:00 P.M.

If it's all the same to you, I'll pass on this one. Monday at 8? I'll be in a closet, weeping softly for the death of a great nation, but you go ahead. I don't mind.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

ROAD TASTED

FOOD 10:00 P.M.

Because that's what you want associated with food: the road. Here's a hint, you nitwits. I don't care what kind of clever little word- association thing you think you've got going on. You imagine it's cute to switch "tested" with "tasted" because all I've got in my head now is smashed up squirrel, broken glass, and the squeal of Goodyears on asphalt. Dumb-asses. Now I'm all pissed off and I need a bourbon. There's a better show for you, FOOD Network, Pissed Off and Needs a Bourbon! I'm all in a lather and need to be soothed. Where's my Batman mask and blankie?

Behind the Camera: The Unauthorized Story of Diff'rent Strokes

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

UNIQUE WHIPS — THE WHITE STUFF SPEED 9:00 P.M

I don't even want to know. Sure, it's something about cars and it's a suggestive title, using lingo from a generation with which I'm out of touch, but I'm way beyond wanting to know what this means. Let me totter into old age quietly, and don't poke me with a stick until I'm completely dead, please.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

MUNDO DE FIERAS

XEWT 9:00 P.M.

I'm unsure of the translation. Mundo means "world," and fieras might mean "fierce" or it might be some version of "fire." Either way, I like the sound of it. I sashay around my kitchen in my choo choo undies, I crinkle my nose, and shake my hips and I shout, "Mundo de Fieras! Mundo! De! FIERAS!"

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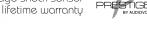


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Isaac ("Ike") Curtiss has been playing on the streets and beaches of San Diego on and off for years. I have never done that, but I joined Curtiss, a long-haired, late-40ish guitarist with an Eric Clapton (circa early '70s) mustache last Friday night in the Gaslamp.

Curtiss slings a gracefully aging Guild 12-string, and I was packing an Asian Stagg acoustic with a pick-up. Curtiss's guitar was wired as well, and we both played through small and identical battery-powered amplifiers while standing next to a cigar-store Indian on Fifth Avenue between Market and G Streets. The spot was chosen for an indentation in the building that frames the entrance to a youth hostel, the name of which will return to me when the brain damage clears up. With a few, very few, loose hours of rehearsal, we sounded truly boss, no thanks to me.

Curtiss is a mild-mannered introvert who plays tastefully and sings with a vulnerable voice that is too soft to compete with the Harley-Davidsons on Fifth but is as true as the azure skies of summer. My voice, on the other hand, when I leave my limited range, sounds to me like Johnny Cash on helium or a groin-kicked Burl Ives. Curtiss is also one of those rare things — a born rhythm guitarist in the tradition of John Lennon, Emmylou Harris, and (I'm gonna say it) Elvis Presley, Curtiss remembers thousands of lyrics, too, while all the lyrics I've memorized — even the ones to my own songs — have gone the way of the name of that youth hostel.

Beautiful people flowed past; a few lingered for a song or two, and some placed dollar bills in Curtiss's guitar case. The women seemed uniformly beautiful (though they all seemed to be the same woman to my fashion-lapsed eye). But as for the men (who also seemed like the same guy after a while) I clocked so many buzz cuts and shaved heads that I wanted to counsel the parade of naked craniums individually (in a considerate sotto voce, of course) that crew cuts were a huge mistake in the 1950s and they still are, and that Yul Brynner and Telly Savalas were tonsorially misguided. They would have had no idea who I was talking about anyway.

Mostly I played fills and lines over Curtiss's chords and in between his vocals, just staying in the key; but once in every few bars I would play accent chords if the song happened to be familiar, something I had played in bands years ago, for example, and surfaced inexplicably, no doubt replacing the memory of my inseam and my California I.D. number. Pink Floyd, Eagles, and Buddy Holly were requested. We pulled off all three ad hoc, and another dollar bill rained into the hard-shell case. I did an imitation of Lennon on harmony to the chorus of "You've Got to Hide Your Love Away" and the chorus to the Standells' "Dirty Water." After an extended 12-bar blues instrumental (over which I worked a bottle-necked slide and fingered refried Lightnin' Hopkins riffs) we did a Green Day thing I had never heard, but it contained a logical series of chords; Arlo Guthrie's "City of New Orleans," "Route 66," "Hey Joe," "All Along the Watchtower," and some country tunes I was unfamiliar with, though it didn't matter.

Curtiss would pause for a cigarette (I had just started up again, too), and he would gaze appreciatively at the flow of feminine beauty. Lucky for me, the antidepressants have a firm hold on my libido, and I am no longer subject to that particular and exquisite frustration.

After an hour more or less, we were forced to take a break by a flabby but clean — even dapper — Harley owner who made a great show of warming up his hog. He revved the engine, adjusted his patent leather seaming, stunted Nazi helmet, and in general preened himself from his \$149.95 wrinkle-free black leather vest to his highly polished, new engineer boots. He finished up by polishing his glasses before mounting his \$25,000 1200cc Shovelhead and returning to the condo, dateless again. This all took like 20 minutes.

Ike Curtiss finished his ninth cigarette during this time, then struck the chords to "Hotel California." Having no clue as to what Joe Walsh did with this, I stayed safely in B-minor, working my blistered fingers through every line I could



Isaac "Ike" Curtiss (center) and the author (right)

think of from the diddla-diddla school of rock guitar. Yet another dollar flooded the guitar case.

We played until close to midnight when I pleaded out, sticking my fingertips into the ice from a drained Diet Coke. "Thank you, San Francisco!" I called out to the now less-than-steady-on-their-feet pedestrians: a tip of the hat to local lounge metal god, José Sinatra.

Curtiss, who works telephone sales for some marketing firm and makes God knows how much or how little, insisted I take all \$6.00 and would hear no more about it. It is the same generosity and from the same place beneath his left breast that his music and voice come from. We talked about playing Mission Beach at the base of the roller coaster, and it looks like that's in the cards. He's a pleasure to play with because he listens and is completely devoid of Eddie Van Halenitis. He's a pleasure to listen to as well. On his own, he sounds like the auditory equivalent of spring rain on fresh-mown grass.

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