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THEY SEE YOU. HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

Retired American Airlines pilot Barry Martin has been called the best animal tracker in San Diego County. I asked how he first came to be interested in this arcane discipline.

A lanky athlete with probing eyes and a cleft in his chin, the 54-year-old Martin told me his interest was born when he was about 9. His family lived on a hillside overlooking Lake Sammamish, east of Seattle. Their house stood in a clearing surrounded by forest. Not long after the family moved in, Martin and his brother were roused from sleep by their sister, who whispered that two deer were in their back yard. Martin remembers rushing downstairs and sitting beside the sliding glass door that faced the rear of the house. It was dark, but he could make out shapes of a white-tailed doe and her yearling, nibbling grass near the family's patio. The sky grew lighter, and the sun began to rise. The doe looked up, and she and the fawn began to head for the woods. But she stopped and turned to look straight at Martin. He says it felt as if she were asking him, "Well? Are you coming?"

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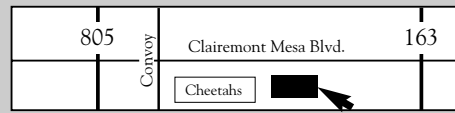
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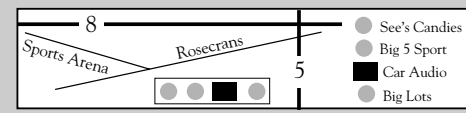
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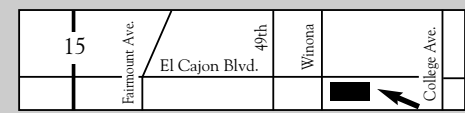
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Jerry's laundrymen Three decades ago, Democrat **Richard Silberman** was a high-ranking member of San Diego's largely Republican political domain. A San Diego State grad who dabbled in a long series of financial schemes before hitting the jackpot with the late **Robert O. Peterson** in their Jack in the Box hamburger chain, Silberman was one of Repub-



Richard Silberman

lican mayor **Pete Wilson's** chief advisors. Then he jumped ship to work for Democratic governor **Jerry Brown**. Later he married GOP city councilwoman **Susan Golding**, bankrolling her bruising electoral battle for county supervisor over onetime Silberman protégée **Lynn Schenk**. It all came crashing down in August 1990 when Silberman pled guilty to federal drug-money-laundering charges stemming from an FBI sting 18 months previously. A year later, in the midst of her first San Diego mayoral campaign, Golding filed for divorce. With Silberman still serving out his 46-month prison sentence at the federal lockup in Boron,



Jeff Silberman

his son **Jeff** was tasked with issuing his dad's apology to the future mayor: "Unfortunately, I was not always truthful with her regarding critical and vital aspects of my life, and I know I am responsible for the changes in our relationship."

It was the end of the line for the Silberman family's political career, at least in public. Dick's younger son **Craig**, who once worked for powerful Democratic assembly speaker **Willie Brown** and had considered a run for city council, became a municipal lobbyist. Jeff, who is said to have an interest in the publishing world and, according to corporate records, once represented *Penthouse* founder **Bob Guccione**, is an attorney who now works with his mother-in-law, **Pauline Foster**, helping to run the family's far-flung real estate investment business. His brother-in-law is ex-San Diego school superintendent **Alan Bersin**, another nominal Democrat who is Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger's** secretary of education. Jeff's most prominent public role of late has been as a boardmember of the Jewish Community Foundation.

Then on Monday of last week, Jeff found himself suddenly thrust front and center onto the local political stage. According to a stipulation filed with the City of San Diego's Ethics Commission, Silberman and Foster business partner **Morgan Dene Oliver** made large contributions to benefit the campaign of GOP mayoral candidate **Jerry Sanders** using an Orange County political vendor as a diversion. Silberman made his \$1000 contribution on July 20, 2005. Oliver gave his on July 21. Five of Oliver's development partnerships each kicked in \$1000. In all, \$18,000 was laundered through a political committee called Continuing the Republican Revolution. On July 22,

the group mailed 39,000 copies of its Sanders endorsement to voters. The flier also backed a ballot measure to keep the cross atop Mt. Soledad, as well as a plan to curtail illegal immigration from Mexico, and, for good measure, featured a photo of **George W. Bush**.

According to the stipulation he signed with the Ethics Commission, **Scott Hart**, the Orange County political consultant who put out the piece, originally argued that it was a slate mailer and thus exempt from city campaign-disclosure laws. But the stipulation says that wasn't true: "The subject mailer did not qualify as a slate mailer because it did not support or oppose a total of four candidates and/or measures." Caught in the act, Hart agreed to pay a \$17,000 fine, but none of the other players was sanctioned. Ethics Commission director **Stacey Fulhorst** says she has no evidence that any of the donors to the piece, including Jeff Silberman, all hardened veterans of San Diego's political-money derby, had the slightest inkling that the scheme they contributed to was in any way illegal. Sanders himself also pled ignorance.

Pigging out The San Diego City Council keeps eating up the freebies, according to personal financial filings at city hall. La Jolla's **Scott Peters**, who is married to a multi-millionaire, got a \$150 ticket this January 19 to a chamber of commerce dinner thanks to SAIC, the giant government contractor that among other things has been criticized by the federal government for contract irregularities in Iraq.

Tom Shepard and Associates — the hardball-playing political consultant to Mayor **Jerry Sanders**, the pro-Miramar San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, and Padres owner **John Moores** — gave Peters \$100 to attend a San Diego County Taxpayers Association dinner on May 17. Councilman **Kevin Faulconer** got \$125 from the Corky McMillin Companies to go to the same event. His colleague **Tony Young** was paid \$66 in food and beverage by the Building Industry Association to speak at a dinner on May 18.

Meanwhile, in the Eighth District, **Ben Hueso's** best friend seems to be Otay Ranch Company's **Kim Kilkenny**. On January 28, Hueso got a Building Industry dinner worth \$195 from the voluble Kilkenny. Not a registered city lobbyist, Kilkenny says he doesn't have to register because his company has no business with the City of San Diego. "They are just our good neighbors to the north," he said during a recent phone conversation.

— **Matt Potter**

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Ben Hueso

Over the Hedge

By Don Bauder

It's time to jettison "America's Finest City" for a new moniker: "The Capital of Cognitive Dissonance." What, you ask, is cognitive dissonance? To a psychologist, it's the acute discomfort you feel when there is a discrepancy between a cherished belief you have clung to for years and a new piece of information.

Depending on your personality structure, you may react to the painful new information in a number of ways: you may set aside the old beliefs, reject the new information no matter how persuasive it is, give your old belief a new spin, or just blank out the whole messy topic. The first course requires courage and the second requires stupidity. The last two are the coward's way out.

The theory of cognitive dissonance was developed in the 1950s when a social psychologist observed cult members who believed that a flood would destroy the earth and the cultists alone would be rescued by aliens from another planet. When the flood never came, the courageous ones admitted they had been duped, but most members came up with a new interpretation: the earth was not destroyed because of

the cult members' faithfulness.

Addicted smokers are classic cases of cognitive dissonance. They know smoking is bad for their health, but they convince themselves that cigarettes calm their nerves or keep their weight down, thus



David Deutsch

improving rather than impairing their health.

Today, a case of cognitive dissonance is rattling county psyches. In recent years the county has been smug about its pension investment strategy. While the city's pension plan swirled down the toilet, the county's was celebrated

nationally. For example, the January/February issue of *Alpha*, a magazine for hedge fund investors and managers, featured the county's chief investment officer, David Deutsch, on its cover. Boomed the headline, "Making Waves: San Diego County CIO David Deutsch Is Creating a Splash, Using Hedge Funds to Power Returns at America's Top-Ranked Public Pension Fund."

Yeah, he has created a splash — like a two-ton boulder crashing into a river. As the article explains, the county pension fund has \$1.3 billion of its money — one-fifth of its holdings — in hedge funds, the unregulated, secretive, often-offshore pools of money designed for the superrich but now being peddled to dice-rolling pension and endowment funds. By contrast, the state's conservative pension system has only 1 percent of its money in hedge funds.

The county plunked about \$175 million in Amaranth Advisors, which has taken a bath in natural gas futures contracts. That \$175 million is a big chunk of the \$7.7 billion portfolio, especially since there is a question about how much the county will recover.

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Exodus of the Rich

By Ernie Grimm

It takes American eyes a minute to see the signs of wealth in Tijuana's Zona Diamante (Diamond Zone), high-end neighborhoods that cling to the hills south of downtown, above the country club and racetrack. Nowhere to be found are the front lawns of Southern California that stretch back from the sidewalk. Here in Agua Caliente, Chapultepec, Colonia Cacho, and other *colonias* of the Diamond Zone, houses sit close to the street, maximizing safer, more private back yards. Front yards, which lie behind ten-foot walls and wrought-iron gates built straight up from the sidewalk's edge, are usually just deep enough to park cars inside the gates. Those cars, luxury sedans and SUVs, are one hint of wealth. Enormous carved-wood front doors, stained-glass windows, cupolas, and hotel-scale fountains are others. But alongside the indications of wealth are a growing number of signs that state *se vende* and *se renta* ("for sale" and "for rent").

ing the street. And other houses, perhaps with more desperate sellers, feature five-by-ten-foot banners tied to the railings of second-floor balconies.

One day in early September, on the main drag through Chapultepec, four houses were for rent and two for sale. On a block in Colonia Cacho, two were for rent and one was for sale. And within sight of the main entrance to Lomas de Agua Caliente hung two For Rent signs and six For Sale signs. On many trees and telephone poles fliers were stapled that advertised real estate agents and property management companies.

The spectacle of these signs is a novelty for the Diamond Zone, where Tijuana's older, moneyed families have lived with discretion. But are they evidence that upper and upper-middle classes are shrinking? Luis Serrano, president of the



Homes in Zona Diamante

that can afford these cars is growing. Real residents of Tijuana, not the people in the outer *colonias* who are from somewhere else, but the 45 percent of the population who are real Tijuaneños, they are successful and growing more successful every year."

Forty-two-year-old Serrano leans forward in his chair at a boardroom table in the chamber of commerce's Zona Rio offices. He's graying a touch at the temples. Though dressed informally in gray slacks and a tan Hawaiian

are growing, he acknowledges that at least a minor exodus from the Zona Diamante is under way.

Sergio Otañez, an agent who has sold real estate for 25 years in the Diamond Zone, says "Five or 10 percent more" houses are for sale there than usual.

Serrano is quick to point out that not all of the For Sale signs are due to people leaving the area. Speaking mostly in English, occasionally consulting a translator in the room, he says, "People change

change in their job or something. Another point is the insecurity in Tijuana. It's very true that we have a lot of problems with insecurity right now. It's the reason that many people have decided to cross the border and live in San Diego. They feel they are a lot more secure there than in Tijuana. It's a fact of life in Tijuana. We cannot hide that."

Asked what he means by "insecurity," Serrano answers, "Mostly kidnapping. Yes, it's true. The business of kidnapping is they go for the money. They try to make a good business by kidnapping people with money and collecting big ransoms. It's a real problem right now. We cannot hide that fact. We are here to serve the people, so we do not hide anything from our clients. We understand that we can't lower the number of kidnappings by ignoring them. So we are very honest about the risk. But I tell the people that it's not easy to move to the United States. We hear from people all the time who changed their place of residence to San Diego, then came back again because the style of life is very different, and the cost of living is very high there."

Hard statistics on kidnappings in Tijuana are impossible to come by as most are not reported to authorities. A study by the National Autonomous University of Mexico concluded that less than 10 percent of kidnappings are reported. A paper on Tijuana kidnapping for ransom published by the Carlsbad-based international secu-

rity and crisis-management firm Clayton Consultants says, "Authorities state there [were] only 17 reported kidnaps in the city during the first six months of 2006. However, the Citizen's Council for Pub-



Luis Serrano

lic Security reports that the number is well over 40, compared to 21 in 2005 and seven in 2004. More worrisome is that this year's cases have resulted in the death of six victims following the payment of a ransom. Since most cases are not reported to the police, other observers estimate that the number could be as high as four to five weekly. As a result, many local wealthy businessmen have moved to other Mexican states or across the border to San Diego."

Though he insists again that it isn't an indication of a weakening upper class, Serrano says there are also financial reasons for the exodus. "People can't service the credit they have on that big house. They have problems paying the mortgage, so they decide to sell the house."

Serrano says prices in the Diamond Zone run from



Lomas de Agua Caliente, Tijuana

These aren't the standard two-by-two-foot signs hanging from wooden frames in the front yard. Some are discreet one-by-one-footers taped to the inside of windows. Some are a bit larger and fastened to the front walls fac-

Tijuana Association of Real Estate Professionals, doesn't think so. "The upper classes are still strong," he says, "and getting stronger. Right now you have in Tijuana all kinds of high-end cars: Mercedes, Volvo, Audi, BMW. The class

shirt, he's pressed, polished, and groomed. His hair and complexion are light enough to earn him the nickname *giüero*, which Mexicans apply to their fair-haired, fair-skinned countrymen. Despite his belief that the well-to-do classes in Tijuana

houses. They want a bigger house, or maybe a smaller house. So they buy a new house in the same area, and the old one sits empty. The other thing is people moving to Mexico City or another state because there's been a

Over the hedge

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In the article, Deutsch boasted about the county's "alpha engine," which uses exotic investment strategies like hedge funds to try to make the portfolio immune to the usual risks of stocks and bonds. It's "the hottest thing around," bragged Deutsch to the reporter. Now the hottest thing around is the seat Deutsch has been sitting in.

The county's crapshooting partly results from its big ego. It assumes it can make 8.25 percent a year on its portfolio — high by standards of other pension funds.

So it gambles to hit its target. Bad strategy.

Like other pension funds, the county's has a large unfunded liability. It has now become larger. It would be larger still if the county had not sold those dubious pieces of paper known as pension obligation bonds in 2002 and 2004. What has really become larger is the cognitive-dissonance discomfort of county government — not to mention employees and retirees. Will the county continue to plunk 20 percent of its money into hedge funds? Will it stick with its so-called revolutionary approach and choose different kinds of hedge funds? Or will it confess to itself that its money-management skills

aren't so ingenious after all and go back to conventional stocks, bonds, and real estate?

The county will now go through the cognitive dissonance that the city has suffered. Just think about all the cherished beliefs that have crashed in the last couple of years. In 1996, the city was proud to host the Republican convention, which was to spotlight its mayor, Susan Golding, ambitious for higher office.

Then came an expensive makeover of the stadium for the Chargers, who promised to stay until 2020. In 1998, the electorate voted for a new ballpark. The city would put in \$300 million, and surrounding development —

retailers, office buildings, and particularly hotels — would pay debt service on the bonds.

It was during the giddy bull market of the 1990s. City leaders and the *Union-Tribune* assured the citizenry that San Diego was loaded with money and government was superefficient. City employees were granted wonderful new benefits: they could retire with both a monthly payment and a pot of money on the side. They could purchase years of benefits for a song, as if they had been on the payroll. The city won awards for good government. National publications hailed the city for its low ratio of city workers to population, as well as low

taxes and fees, neglecting to point out that the city was ignoring infrastructure and basic services.

In 1997, author Joel Kotkin declared in *City Journal* that San Diego was "a city for the new millennium." Following the 1996 Republican convention, "San Diego stepped forward into the limelight as a model for today's urban America — a prosperous, confident big city, perfectly adapted to the new information-age economy," he penned rapturously. The primary cause of the city's success was a "pro-business, small-government political culture" that had been fostered by the dynamic Mayor Golding, whom Kotkin slobbered

all over. Prosperity had reached most San Diego residents, the author proclaimed.

"San Diego has no entrenched municipal employee unions with the political might to shape municipal priorities," gushed Kotkin. He raved how the city was incubating tech and biotech firms — neglecting to note that techs and biotech were a small percentage of employment, then as now. Of course, this encomium was published before the tech wreck that began in 2000.

And it was published before reality set in and long-held, rosy convictions were shattered. San Diego beginning in early 2004 went through an

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agonizing cognitive dissonance. Citizens learned that the city had never accounted for that Republican convention on its books. Worse, it had drained money from the pension fund to help pay for it. In return for underfunding the pension pot, city employees were granted those juicy benefits. So those government workers did not get those generous benefits because the city was rich, as people were told. It was because the city was in fact poor.

Some people in city government realize that bank-

ruptcy looms unless these ultraliberal employee benefits are reduced. But the municipal employee unions — the ones Kotkin claimed were impotent — are putting up a helluva fight.

The city's supposedly spotless government was illegally failing to report the pension underfunding in its bond prospectuses. It was also overcharging residents for sewage service and undercharging businesses. This practice subjected the city to a possible loss of \$266 million in grants and loans, and that was not reported in bond prospectuses, either.

The beloved Chargers reneged on their agreement to stay and now want a new sta-

dium, although they really want a home in the Los Angeles area. The Padres never built the promised hotels and retailers, instead selling the land to developers who built condos, which provide insignificant tax benefits. So Petco Park is a big drain — \$300 million down and \$20 million a year. The great irony is that both teams could make the playoffs in their current seasons, generating excitement except among those who realize the city has been cuckolded. Such agony.

Just as many city residents are finally realizing they had clung to fairy tale beliefs, the county's façade begins to crack. Yes, San Diego is truly the Capital of Cognitive Dissonance. ■

Exodus of the rich

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\$250,000 to over a million, most being closer to the lower end of that range. For \$350,000, a buyer can easily get more than 2500 square feet, three or more bedrooms, at least two baths, and a two-car garage. To a San Diegan, that sounds like a bargain, and it is if you're paying cash. But though financing in Mexico has become attainable in the past 10 years — it used to be nearly nonexistent — it's not as generous as it is in the United States. "We start at 11 points here in Mexico," Serrano explains. "If you pay on time for the first 12 months

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Another cause of the unusually high number of For Sale and For Rent signs in Tijuana's wealthy neighborhoods, Serrano believes, is unscrupulous and incompe-

tent real estate agents. In Mexico, there are no classes, certifications, or licenses required to become a real estate agent. One need only register with the local government and start working. "A problem we have right now," Serrano explains, "is brokers who are not part of our association who don't make any market studies to determine the true price for a home. They just use whatever price the owner decides on, hang the sign up, and try to sell it. But the houses are often overpriced. So instead of the true market value of the house, you get someone's sentimental value on the house. They think, 'My house is worth a million dollars,' but it's only worth half a million." ■

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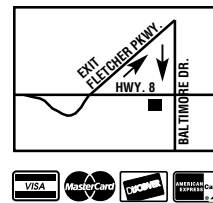
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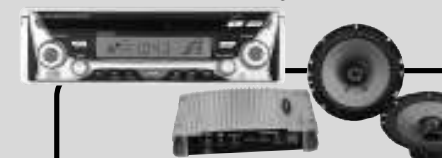
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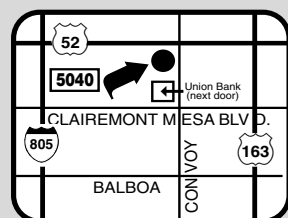
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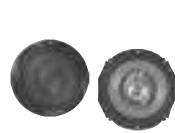
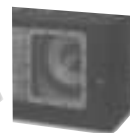
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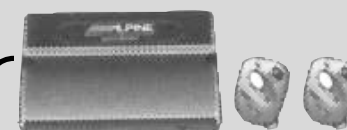
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Mike McAlister

That's What Adolf Did

Thanks to Don Bauder, we know that we will have another Brooklyn bum named Harvey Pitt as the monitor, or fox in the chicken coop, in the City of San Diego's ongoing financial mess, which will last into the year 2080, probably ("A Born Bureaucrat Shifts the Blame," "City Lights," September 21). The first Brooklyn bum, former superintendent of schools Alan Bersin, then became secretary of education for the Führer Schwarzenegger. By the way, Arnold is following Adolf's political progression to the *t*. First he asks for a plebiscite. This is what the Führer did when he asked for supreme political power from the great voters of Deutschland. Well, in the United States we're not that stupid, so Schwarzenegger lost on all those so-called proposi-

tions that would have given him the Führer's power in California. So after that, Arnold Führer switched over to the Democratic Party, which obliged him by nominating the mollycoddle Angelides so that Arnold would be sure to win. That's the way it works. That's what Adolf did. He kept switching sides, because Adolf was a switch-hitter, even sexually. So on and on he goes. Now you've got a mayor who doesn't know his a** from his elbow, but he's still going to botch up the works. That's San Diego for you. If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong.

So Mr. Lionel Van Deerlin is 92 ("The Trick Is to Benefit Your District," "City Lights," September 21). What else is new? I've been reading, or trying not to read, his trash in your fellow newspaper, the *Union-Tribune*. For some time now he's been polluting their pages, which are polluted beyond redemption already. Now we receive Mr. Joe Deegan's glorification of the great Lionel. Now Lionel is the elder statesman. He can do no wrong. He's glorified. He's put on a pedestal, when he's nothing but a slimy liberal. And worse. So we've got Deegan to thank for that, and the *Reader* too. When are you going to start interviewing some decent people? How much of Van Deerlin can we endure? Until he's 102? He'll probably live to be 112. That means we're going to be exposed to his nonsense for another 20 years. Give me a break, *Reader*.

Name Withheld

Ancient History

It's hard to believe that you are so short of current material that you would dedicate 12 pages to a story trashing City Heights that had to have been written almost ten years ago. ("They're All Bad," Feature Story, September 21). There hasn't been a Lucky's at University and Fairmount or a 7-Eleven at Euclid and Wightman since around 1994 — in fact, the Lucky's parking lot is now a SDPD substation, and the other areas Judith Moore writes about have been redeveloped into schools, parks, and shopping centers! Anyone read-

ing this article would think it was current news, when it actually belonged in your "Back When" section.

Toni Petrone
via e-mail

"They're All Bad" was first published on August 9, 1990.
— Editor

True Intentions Revealed

Geoff Bouvier's admiring portrayal of an industrious, hardworking illegal immigrant from Guatemala was the perfect description of...a capitalist ("Guatemalan Dream of American Green," Cover Story, September 14). Consider: he took risks; educated himself (investing in human capital); worked like crazy; sent money home to buy land, buildings, and cattle; and employs vaqueros in Guatemala. Knowing his talents and hard work would not be fairly rewarded in his feudal economy, he risked his life to work in capitalist America.

The author, unfortunately, demonstrates he just doesn't get it. His venomous swipe at George W. Bush shows he is more intent upon Bush-bashing than understanding the true meaning of his own article.

Bob Spaulding
San Diego

On The Plantation

Re "Guatemalan Dream of American Green" (Cover Story, September 14). I love your paper. However, once again here we cry for the poor, oppressed Latino just barely existing on our charity, blah, blah, blah. There are so many others who have suffered and were born right *here*. In fact, I got here in a stolen car with 26 cents in my pocket and made it through hard work and determination, actually having to compete with illegals for the odd job. I finally made it after 15-odd years and am successful now. But this (San Diego) is a plantation-type society that caters to slave labor.

I have no respect for the people who hire illegals and detest the politicians who have created this atmosphere.

As H.G. Wells said at the end of the 19th Century, "America will absorb Mexico and be destroyed." We will fall, as did Rome and Egypt, by the acceptance of slavery, in any form.

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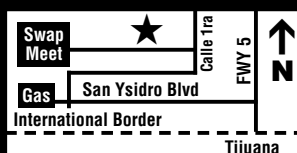
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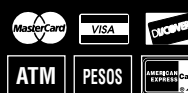
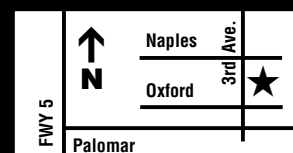
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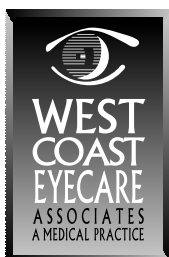
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Your Smartness:

I’m nearsighted, and when I look in the mirror without my glasses, I can see myself okay but things across the room look blurry. But if the mirror is close enough for me to see my own reflection clearly, then why can’t I see the reflection of things across the room? I’m seeing both reflections from the same distance. I’m sure you can clear things up.

— Four Eyes, El Cajon

Yeah, I can. But you’re not going to believe me anyway. Nobody ever seems to buy this story, so here goes nothing.

We see objects by focusing the light that bounces off them and travels to our eyes. To say you’re nearsighted means your eyes can’t focus light that travels farther than a certain short distance.

When you look at a reflection in a mirror, and the object is eight feet from the mirror and you’re, say, two feet away, you’re not seeing light coming from just two feet away. You’re seeing light that has traveled from the object to the mirror, has reflected from the surface of the mirror, and then traveled another two feet to your eyes. If your eyes can’t focus light that’s traveled ten feet, they won’t be able to focus light that has traveled eight feet to the mirror and two feet more to your eyes. In terms of distance, the image in your mirror is an exact duplicate of the reality it is reflecting.

Ever wonder how an eye doctor can test your distance vision in his tiny examining room? He puts the eye chart behind you, then projects the chart onto a mirror across the room. That mirror reflects the chart onto a mirror behind you, and so on. The light zigzags back and forth among a series of mirrors, and the final reflection is directed toward your eyes. By the time you see it, the light from the chart has traveled several times the length of the room. Otherwise, he would have to give you an eye test in a bowling alley.

Hi, Matt:

How do you spell whatever word is shortened to Mrs.? Please tell me it isn’t “missus.”

— Keith, Antioch, Illinois

So this is what’s on the minds of you flatlanders. The soybeans are in, so the mind wanders, eh? So, yeah, it has nothing to do with missus. It’s an abbreviation for an even better word, mistress. And if you have more than one mistress, they’re *mesdames* (in French) or madams in Illinois.

Help!

In his novel Galapagos, Kurt Vonnegut describes the dining habits of the iguanas in the region. Basically, he says they make their way down the rocky cliffs to the sea, where they eat a large quantity of indigestible seaweed. So they lie on the rocks, bake in the sun, and thus become the cooking vat for the seaweed. Is that true, or is it another Kurtism? I’ve been to libraries, had friends check it out, made a fool of myself by asking a ridiculous array of people, and now I’m even resorting to asking you!

— H.R., Solana Beach

Take it from me, nothing builds character faster than making a fool of yourself in print. Think of your inquiry not so much as a desperation move but as one more hour on the great psychic NordicTrack to wellness. Personally, I’ll ignore the part about my being some exponential step beyond “ridiculous.”

The science of *Galapagos* was based on Kurt’s background in anthropology and a trip he took to the islands in the early 1980s, escorted by several biologists. But of course, he’s a novelist given to tweaking reality, so a Vonnegut fan should hardly be surprised when he extends fact into the realm of imagination. The animal in question is the marine iguana, the only marine lizard, found nowhere else in the world. As Vonnegut says, it does “waddle down to the ocean” to feed. The marine iguana eats a certain kind of (readily digestible) red-brown algae; and as a cold-blooded creature, it must bask in the sun for many hours after a dunk in the ocean to raise its body temperature. But it is not “using itself for a covered stewpot, getting hotter and hotter while the sunshine cooks the seaweed.”

If literary imagination isn’t enough of an explanation for Vonnegut’s scenario, here’s my guess about the origin of lizard-baked seaweed. If he were on the islands in the early ’80s, he would surely know about the sudden die-off of marine iguanas caused by the rise in ocean temperature from the severe El Niño condition. The iguanas’ primary food became scarce, and they began eating a type of seaweed that for them was indigestible. For a long time afterward, biologists found marine iguanas stuffed full of food but dying of malnutrition. Vonnegut perhaps extended the image of the dying iguana into an image of resourceful iguana as convection oven. The pea-brained animals in *Galapagos*, after all, were unconsciously more noble than the vicious, venal, big-brained humans.

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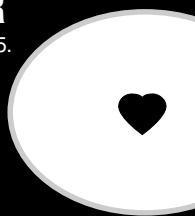
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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

What's Up Down There

If you had any doubts about the power of emotion or whether there is such a thing as a home-field advantage in professional football, they were taken care of Monday night. New Orleans played eight or nine clicks over their collective head, played like a Super Bowl champion, and destroyed a good Atlanta team. Utterly.

Which got me to thinking about Louisiana sports, in general. Which caused me to call the *Houma Courier* sports desk. The *Courier* is a 20,000 circulation daily entering its 128th year of publication. Houma, the city, is the parish seat of Terrebonne Parish, located 58 miles southwest of New Orleans.

Sportswriter Ray Legendre, 21, is on the phone. He's been working there, "since I started college part-time. Started full-time this year, after I graduated." We trade opinions about the Saints and then I ask, "How would you compare local sports before Katrina versus now?"

"The schools closest to New Orleans aren't back at full speed yet," Legendre says. "You've got John Curtis [Christian School] — I'm sure you've heard of them; they're nationally known for their football program. They're back to full strength. But, a lot of high school teams in New Orleans share stadiums. They've been hit hard. The Catholic League schools, there's Rummel [High School], there's Jesuit [High School], they're back to normal. ESPN just did a piece on the John Ehret [High School] basketball team from New Orleans. They stepped up and came together after Katrina. John Ehret is a public school, and they won the state championship in 5A basketball, which is the top classification in our state. They pulled together the best players from a lot of different teams to do that. It's an amazing story." Legendre takes a breath. "I think sports got back to normal in the spring, with baseball. You could see the schools in New Orleans that were dominant before Katrina were coming back.

"I'm from New Orleans," Legendre says. "I've been back to New Orleans many times since Katrina. I've been through Ninth Ward. I've been to the affected areas. The inner-city schools haven't recovered as quickly as the schools on the outskirts of New Orleans. Private schools have come back in a big way. Like I said, John Curtis, Rummel, Jesuit, those schools."

I ask, "What do you see when you drive around New Orleans?"

"It depends where you go," Legendre says. "There are certain areas that still look like nuclear bombs were dropped on them. It's intense. Then, there are other areas. I was in the French Quarter a few nights ago, and it looked like nothing ever happened.

"I went to this woman's house for a story. She lives near the 17th Street canal. The levee broke and there was ten feet of water in people's houses. You could see the water line up near their roofs. She was one of the only people on her street. Her street had, probably, 1000 people on it before Katrina. There were cars on top of houses; it was a crazy situation. There's a huge amount of work to be done.

"The woman I talked to and the people I talked to, part of the problem was, they don't have enough police out there. Especially, with her, living where she did. She didn't have phone service. She and her husband were really scared. They're pioneers living in a new land. They had five murders in one night and that got people going crazy."

Five murders should do it. "The Superdome is sold out for the season," I say. "But, this swine Benson [team owner] is still going to move the team, don't you think?"

"That's the question. Before Katrina happened, you couldn't trust him as far as you can throw him. And now people, all of a sudden, are blindly having faith in him. I'll be honest: the signing of Reggie Bush did a whole lot for the team because if they would have been stuck with, say, somebody like A.J. Hawkins in the draft, I don't think they would have sold out," Legendre says. "But, if the Saints have a few losing seasons, and for some reason he's not able to turn a profit, he'd look somewhere else. I don't think he cares about New Orleans.

"Benson is looking at a base population of 230,000. He can't leave now because of Katrina, but I wouldn't book any bets after this year." I mention the Monday-night game again. Legendre says, "I'm kicking myself. I didn't buy season tickets. I travel with the local college team. We travel, and a lot of times I don't get back until Sunday afternoon, so I miss the Saints game. But, these [Monday night] tickets were selling for between \$1000 and \$2000. I could have bought season tickets for \$200." Legendre laughs, "I was looking at it the wrong way. Where's my business sense?"

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Roman Catholic
Address: 11451 Blue Cypress Drive, Scripps Ranch, 858-653-3540
Founded locally: 1985
Senior pastor: Nicholas Clavin
Congregation size: 2700 families
Staff size: 8
Sunday school enrollment: children's faith formation, 900-1000
Annual budget: around \$1 million
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no, but the diocese has one
Dress: dressy-casual — skirts, button-down shirts
Diversity: majority Caucasian, but a sizable mix of Asian Americans, Filipinos, Hispanics, and African Americans
Sunday worship: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. (youth-led Mass)
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour
Website: www.saintgregorythegreat.org

Saint Gregory the Great might be an Arts & Crafts arboretum, with its huge slatted dome of a ceiling, its preponderance of windows framed by great beams of wood, its gray-green tile floor, its trickling baptismal font, its potted orchids and planted palms. The great cross that marks it as a church is a similarly stylized blend of wood and glass. The rounded space is slightly disconcerting; there are a number of pews from which, if you look straight ahead, you will not see the altar or the lectern, but rather, other pews.

The music, woven throughout the fabric of the Mass, added piano, guitar, trumpet, and organ to the choir, resulting in a sound that combined folk, show tunes, and the "Hallelujah Chorus." "We gather that justice may roll like a stream/ From all of our prisons, God's mercy redeems/ A home for the homeless/ A strength for the weak/ Good news for the poor and for all those who seek."

During the plea for God's mercy, Father Clavin prayed, "Christ Jesus, you call us to serve." And the congregants responded, "Christ, have mercy."

The Liturgy of the Word was full of foreboding and strife. From the first reading taken from Wisdom: "The wicked say, 'Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings.... With revilement and torture, let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness.'" From the Responsorial Psalm (54): "O God, save me by your name...for the proud have risen against me, ruthless foes seek my life; they have no regard for God." From the second reading, taken from James: "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice...." And the Gospel opened with Jesus telling his disciples, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise."

But Clavin's sermon focused instead on the

latter part of the Gospel, in which Jesus warned them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all," and said of the child in their midst, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." He opened with a reference to James's letter: "Are you ambitious?...To the disciples, Jesus says, 'You want to be ambitious?...Whoever wants to be first' — that takes ambition — 'must be the servant of all.' How's that for a job description for a Christian? Everybody's servant... If we aren't of service to others, we are not followers of Christ." He read from Pope Benedict's encyclical *God Is Love*: "The exercise of charity became established as one of [the Church's] essential activities.... Love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to her as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel."

"Jesus chose a little child — one without means.... These are the people, especially, the Lord calls us to serve."

He closed with a quote from Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, a community devoted to care of the handicapped: "Our society often sees the world in the form of a ladder. Everyone encourages us to climb, to seek success, but where we live, with the handicapped, our model is not the ladder, but the living body. Each is important, even the smallest and weakest."

The congregation professed the Creed, and then offered prayers of petition. The first: "That we learn and accept even the hard lessons of our faith, through love and compassion." The congregants replied, "Lord, hear our prayer."

As Clavin prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the congregation sang and the ushers took up the collection. When they brought the basket of donations to the altar, they also brought a basket of packaged food — crack-

ers, formula, etc. "Lord," said Clavin, extending his hands over the bread and wine on the altar, "may these gifts which we now offer to show our belief and our love be pleasing to you. May they become for us the Eucharist of Jesus Christ your Son."

Communion provided an interesting juxtaposition. Around ten Eucharistic ministers assisted in the distribution — some bearing bowls of Hosts taken from Clavin's bigger bowl, some carrying pewter cups. Many congregants bowed their heads in reverence before receiving. "The body of Christ." "Amen." "The blood of Christ." "Amen." Afterward, three or four ministers huddled at the back of the church, rinsing and drying the cups like hosts after a dinner party.

What happens when we die?

"We go before the judgment seat of God," says Clavin, "and by the grace of God, we go to the right place. That's my hope and my faith."

— Matthew Lickona



NICHOLAS CLAVIN

Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church Scripps Ranch

★★¹/₂

Sermon

content.....★★★
delivery.....★★¹/₂

Liturgy

.....★★★

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—EVE KELLY

Shawn has been sick for weeks. My dear friend can't get to the bottom of her illness and has been struggling to keep her household running. Her life is busy. Half a year ago, she took in four foster children, which, added to her own daughter, raised the family size to seven. "I can't keep up with the laundry or the cleaning," she complained to me last week. "But for meals I am set because my friend Julie brought me a month's worth of Dinner Studio meals," she said. That perked Eve's curiosity. "It's really something you should look into for yourself," she continued. "The meals have been delicious, and it is such a time-saver."

The next day I spoke with Gloria Otten who, along with Katherine Christensen, founded Dinner Studio, located in Vista, Tierrasanta, Eastlake, and Murrieta. "Kathy and I both had our own personal-chef businesses," Otten explained. "It was a great gig, but it was very expensive for customers and a ton of work for us. Plus we couldn't afford to cook for our own friends, people with normal jobs. It was out of their reach. We thought there had to be a better way." So Otten and Christensen decided to do a little research. "We looked around the country at what other personal chefs and businesses were morphing into, and this concept of people cooking together in a community kitchen became more and more apparent. And in talking to our own customers, we found that most of them really didn't want to be replaced. They just didn't have the time or the know-how to cook the way they wanted their family to eat. And so we wanted to include them into the equation, and that is how Dinner Studio was born. We founded it in March 2003."

This is how it works: the customer chooses the menus and lets the Dinner Studio know what they want to cook and when they are coming. The kitchen has the food all prepped and ready for the menu to be put together once they arrive. "There will be a list of everything that you had ordered along with a master recipe over a cooler filled with the ingredients to make that recipe," Otten explained. "Basically we have everything you need to make the dish, we've done all the chopping, everything is prepped, and it takes about 10 minutes per recipe. Then we have all the packaging from single-serving to family-size packaging. The dish is put into an oven-ready pan, a grill-ready bag, or in packaging ready for the slow cooker. And then we wash all of the dishes."

That last thought was a big selling point for me — anything to get out of doing dishes.

For the inexperienced chef, Otten said, "there is always staff present in a purple apron, quite often culinary-trained, who can answer questions and give tips. We do get a lot of people that have never cooked at all. But if you can read, you can cook here. A lot of people who come here love to cook and like it here because

"If you can read, you can cook here."

of all the help. Big commercial kitchens are fun. We are privy to quality meats, which you can't always get in the grocery store; the quality of our food is really good."

For those too busy to come in and prepare food themselves, the Studio will prepare whatever size package you order for an extra \$40.

It all sounded great, but I worried about my finicky family getting bored with the menu. Otten quelled my worries. "Every month we change the menu. We offer about 17 different recipes each month."

There are some constants — meatloaf and lasagna are offered each month, she explained. But each month, it's a different recipe. "If your family loves a particular recipe, you can make several. The recipes are designed to freeze well, so you keep a few out to use that week and throw the rest of them in the freezer. We tell people to figure that they will eat Dinner Studio meals two or three nights a week. We don't want to replace their routine but to enhance it."

The Dinner Studio can accommodate people's food sensitivities as well. "We make everything from scratch," she said, "so if people are sensitive to certain ingredients we can easily accommodate them by leaving those out and adjusting the recipe to make it taste great without gluten or without salt."

Serving sizes for meat typically are from six to eight ounces of lean protein. And the cost?

"A TV news program did a piece on us," Otten answered, "and took one of our recipes and bought all the ingredients and put the meal together and reported that we were far cheaper than how much they could cook it for. If you make a recipe that has an ingredient in it that your family usually doesn't eat, you have to spend \$5 on that ingredient of which you only need a teaspoon. Here we are able to share those costs with other families and so keep our costs pretty low. And the bigger the meal package order, the cheaper the cost [per serving]."

Here are a few Dinner Studio meal plan options starting with their cheapest per-serving plan: Plan one, \$249 for 12 entrées with six servings in each entrée, costing \$3.46 per serving. Plan two, \$179 for 12 entrées with three servings in each entrée, \$4.97 per serving. Plan three, \$99 for six entrées serving three, \$5.50 a serving.

Otten noted that people can split meal plans. "If you want to get our biggest package to get the better price, but you are just a family of three people and think that would be too much food, bring your neighbor with you and split it. The Dinner Studio also offers private sessions where a group of friends with ten separate orders can come in at the same time and prepare meals — get a big chore done while chatting with friends."

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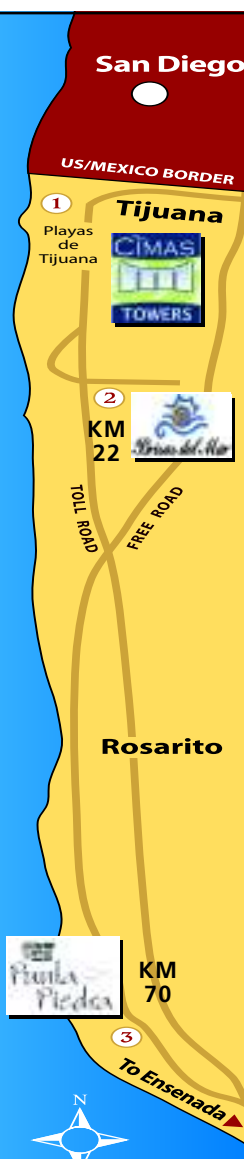


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RHYMES WITH KUWAIT

by Josh Board

Last week a guy called my voicemail to tell me that I got the NBA logo wrong. I wrote that it was Jerry West, and the caller insisted it was Pete Maravich. He should have Googled it, because he would've seen I was right. Another guy called about a story I wrote in which a person lost an ear to an ocelot. He said that he had the same surgery as that guy and had never heard of anyone else having the procedure done, which involved cartilage from his ribs and skin from his back. He finished his message by saying he got kicked out of the service because he didn't reveal that he couldn't hear out of that ear. The same day, a guy who was in the service called. Tony got the call to go to Iraq and was having a going away party.

When I showed up at the College Area party, Tony was having his picture taken next to a sign in the living room. His name was written out in camouflage on the sign. I joked that I couldn't read it because the camouflage blended in with the wall. I asked how long he'd be gone and if he was nervous. "I'm spending 18 months in Kuwait. I'm not nervous



about anything. Once I get there, maybe I'll be a little worried."

There was a stack of index cards by the door that his girlfriend Autumn was asking people to write messages on for Tony. Some started writing while others tried to think of the right thing to write. I wrote a dirty limerick using his name and discovered that a lot of words rhymed with Kuwait.

"Just when you thought Jell-O shots couldn't be improved, along came these."

One guy that was writing Tony a lengthy message told me, "I love Tony so much. He's a great guy. I treated today like it was the last day I may see him. It might be." I considered his attitude and



Top: Tony's girlfriend Autumn (right); Bottom left: Tony (in the middle, with a Hawaiian shirt); Bottom right: Manny, his date, and Tony (right)

hoped that he wouldn't be a party downer by sharing his thoughts with a soldier ready to deploy.

Autumn organized Tony's party, and she had food tables set up in every room.

She mingled and apologized to the people across the street, who had seen her and Tony...uh, being romantic one afternoon. When a couple who had too much to drink was leaving, she insisted that

they spend the night and not drive home in their condition. She said, "I'll make eggs and bacon in the morning. It'll be great." I noticed an older lady who was drunk. She was eating M&Ms and told me which ones were her favorite colors and explained why.

A few people were discussing the weirdest food they had ever tried. One person said sea urchin. Another said that oysters tasted gross and that the texture made them difficult to swallow.

I met one guy who told me that we had met at a pre-

vious party. He said that he lied about his profession because he didn't want me to know he was a cop. I asked him why, and we ended up talking about the number of police shootings in the news lately.

Autumn came over with a tray and said, "These Jell-O shots cannot go to waste." I grabbed one and said, "There are kids starving in China that would love these" and slipped it into my mouth. I told Autumn that they were the best Jell-O shots I've ever had. A woman named Natalie said, "Just when you think they couldn't improve beer, along came Sam Adams. And just when you thought Jell-O shots couldn't be improved, along came these. The key is to use flavored vodka. Also, I use cupcake holders, so you don't have to squeeze them out of little plastic Dixie cups or use your tongue like a snake. You just peel these back and suck them down."

After eating a few, I went to hang out on the patio. Since everyone was smoking, I made a run to the 7-Eleven near SDSU for cheap cigars. There was a long line, and it was moving slowly because a couple of young

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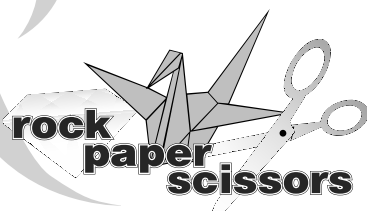
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As I made my purchase, I watched the girls climb into a car that looked to have about eight people in it. It reminded me of the old college prank where people stuffed themselves into a phone booth.

I headed back to the party and was surprised to find that there was still a large crowd. As I went to use the bathroom, I noticed Autumn had a sign on her child's bedroom door. It said that the last time she had a party, a couple was making out on her five-year-old's bed, and she didn't think that was cool.

I heard that earlier at the party, the guy who is Monty Montezuma at Aztec games gave a touching speech. I was told that he's retiring from being Monty and was sorry that I missed him.

There was a Marine who showed up late. He told me that he had been to Iraq and is going back. And then we got a call from Iraq. It was Tony's cousin. He called us at 11:30 p.m., but it was 10:30 a.m. over there. We talked for a few minutes, and maybe I've watched too many news programs, but I was expecting to hear explosions during our conversation. He didn't want to say much about what he was doing and mentioned things being classified.

One guy at the party was being pestered to talk about his acting career. I think he said he was on a show called *The Real O.C.* He talked about when Tony and he went on the show *Blind Date*.

"They hooked me up with a woman who was hefty and had a bad attitude. She had four drinks she sent back. One was a margarita, [and she sent it back] because it was on the rocks and not blended. She was ridiculous. I ended up being in their Hall of Shame. A

friend of mine was on the show, and he ended up on their video *Too Hot For TV*." I asked if they paid extra for those things. "I had to sign some papers, and, well, I don't want to discuss those details."

Classified info that I couldn't discuss with the cop or with the guy in

Iraq I understood, but a TV show that was just cancelled...? ■

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by Barbarella

Sex is not the answer. Sex is the question. “Yes” is the answer.

— Swami X

It is comfortable for us to pretend, in our nouveau puritanical way, that our fellow family members don’t “do it.” Adolescents — Daddy’s girls and Momma’s boys, especially — cringe when presented with the idea (and subsequent, unstoppable imagery) of their conception. Conversely, parents have a hard time considering their babies all grown up and everything that being of “legal age” entails; most are unable to separate the 3-year-old girl of their memories from the 30-year-old woman now standing before them. My sisters might blanch at the notion, and my parents may scream out in agony, but here it goes: I have sex.

I would characterize the sex I have as fun and playful, as opposed to the grim, efficient, just-lay-

there-and-think-of-England variety we always imagined our parents and Margaret Thatcher engaged in. But, like the headlines on fashion magazines often proclaim, even “fun and playful” sex can be “spiced up.” On our recent trip to San Francisco, David and I stumbled upon a store that specializes in spice.

It was the morning of our last day in town. The sky was gray and the air was drizzly, a combination I find invigorating. We had taken a cab to a hip breakfast joint, but after polishing each of our plates and sharing a third, we chose to walk the 20 or so blocks back to the hotel. It was three hours before we had to board the train for the airport. We’d already checked out, our bags were packed and wait-

ing for us behind the front desk; time was ours to kill.

The first shop we entered was nestled between two small apartment buildings on an otherwise desolate hill. It was an Asian-inspired shop that seemed to sell everything, be it books, dishes, gourmet snacks, or furniture. Not one, not two, but six hardback books caught my eye. Our suitcase was already pushing 50 pounds, our airline’s weight limit.

“What if I can’t find them anywhere else?” I rationalized as I handed my credit card to the cashier. David, sifting through a shelf of dishcloths, paused to mutter a “Pshaw!” in my direction; I correctly interpreted the noise to mean, “How are you planning to squeeze all those books into our luggage?”

David bought two dishcloths. I found this particular out-of-town impulse purchase somewhat disturbing, but I let it slip without comment. I had to play it cool if I was to convince him to carry my six new books through three airports.

Five blocks later, a stylish lamp lured us into a modern furniture store. We spent half an hour fawning over a circular, suede “cuddle couch,” while an energetic salesman with olive skin and peroxide-blond hair performed what can only be described as an interpretive dance of potential colors and fabrics. In the end, I couldn’t decide which I wanted more for my living room — the cuddle couch in a shade of red, or Daniel,

the enchanting colorful character trying to sell it.

As we continued down Eighth Street and into the notorious Folsom district of San Francisco, we came upon a large black banner that marked Madame S, the feminine addition to the famed fetish and fetters store, Mr. S.

I was a preteen when I discovered my parents’ copy of *The Joy of Sex*. I don’t know how I knew to look in their closet for the good stuff; it’s not like they ever *said* anything. Perhaps kids just know intuitively to search out that which is forbidden. I had already perused the stack of *Playboy* magazines, which bored me.

But *The Joy of Sex*, here was a book from which I could learn something! I knew the gist of course; after all, I’d read several historical romance novels, or as I referred to them, “euphemistic pornography.” But this book, these pictures and explanations, they were *real*, and therefore were to be taken much more seriously. Information on sex — the raw, nitty-gritty, slap-and-tickle, anatomy-of-an-orgasm stuff — was not readily available to curious adolescents B.G. (Before Google).

Book in my 14-year-old hands, I flipped past the standard stuff — information already uncovered during prior closet digs — and finally came across the chapter on bondage. Illustrations of blindfolds and handcuffs were accompanied by written descriptions of the sensual experiences each

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pair of kittens ever. After antiquing on weekends, I’ll follow her to her house and play with her kitties. Then, as soon as I walk through the door at home, my husband goes into a sneezing fit and accuses me of bringing cat hair into the house. I don’t want to hurt him, but I can’t help my love for these adorable little creatures. Is there any help for me?
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As the drizzle settled on my cheeks, I paused for a moment to reflect on those pages from my youth, then grabbed David's arm and led him through the metal cage that marked the entrance of Mr. and Madame S's fetish fortress.

Once through the door, our nostrils were bombarded with the heady, industrial aroma of leather and latex. Black seemed to be the color of choice; silver, adorning the black as buckles and studs, was a close second. The store was warehouse-huge, with one giant main room and four smaller (but still very big) ancillary rooms. Wanting to appear knowledgeable, I strode purposefully to one section, bobbing my head to the beat of the techno music that filled the air.

"Want to try this on?" I asked David, pointing to a menacing black article that hung on a silver hook. "I think it's like the stocks: your wrists go through these little ones and the whole thing goes around your chest." David acquiesced with a playful smile. We managed to get the thing down from the wall, and around his chest, then on his wrists; I tightened and buckled, but something looked wrong.

I beckoned to a surrealistically attractive man for

help. His face lit up, and his walk as he made his way toward us was the beautiful love-child of strut and sashay. When he reached us, he examined David and said, "It's on upside-down."

For some reason, I was ashamed, the way I am when someone catches me counting on my fingers. "Oh, yeah, okay, well, no worries, we'll just..."

"No problem!" interjected our new friend, "I'll show you how it's done." David looked wary; his eyes opened wide in my direction and I shrugged at him.

"Sure, sounds good. Let's see how this baby works," I said, winking at David.

I hadn't taken into consideration that this young, strapping man was a lot stronger than me. Once the "chest-to-wrist restraint" was on right-side-up, he pulled on the straps so hard that David's entire body jerked toward him. "Here, I'll hold him steady," I offered, earning myself an appreciative flash of perfectly straight, sparkling white teeth.

Once finished, the man stepped back to survey his work. With his wrists bound to his chest and his hands hanging free, David kind of looked like a miniature T. Rex. He waited patiently while I laughed, although it's not like he had

other options.

"Looks good! Let me know if you need anything else," said our helper, before returning to his post in the middle of the main floor. Behind me, two women (in the Madame S section of the store) organized strap-on accessories and chatted with each other, as relaxed as if they had been stocking shelves at Bed Bath & Beyond, rather than shelving stocks at Bits, Ball-Gags & Bondage.

David looked helpless. I took pity and unbuckled the many straps that contained him. But, before I unbuckled the final straps that held his wrists, I was

struck by an excellent idea.

"I'll let you out, if you carry my books back to San Diego," I said. He laughed at me, which didn't get him anywhere. I waited for a proper response. I even left him for a few minutes while I investigated the ladies' half of the store.

Finally, acknowledging his predicament, David gave me his word — he would carry my books. Triumphant, I set him free, and handed over my shopping bag. ■

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ARTIN SAYS when he got home from school, he looked for the trail the deer had followed. “As I walked from the clearing into the woods, there was this total change. It had been raining, and although it had cleared up a bit, it was still drippy, and the silence was incredible — like walking into a cathedral. But I just stood there for the longest time and soaked it in, and suddenly something shifted. It was like I had been welcomed and drawn in further.”

He says he realized that the marks on the ground were the tracks of the deer he’d seen that morning. He could see how the doe’s were larger and the yearling’s were smaller. “I could follow these tracks and figure out what they were doing during that day! That began my secret life.”

That year Martin spent as much time as he could in the woods. “I tried to figure out what was going on, what animals were there.” He endeavored to follow the tracks he encountered. He’d sit for hours in the top of a pine tree, observing the world below him. His family then moved several times, but “I would always seek out the natural places.” He studied raccoon tracks in the almond and walnut orchards near Modesto.

After college, he became a Navy pilot and flew on active duty for seven years. In 1985 he was hired by American Airlines. Based in San Diego, he and his family settled in Rancho Peñasquitos in 1987. He says it took him only a few days to discover how close he was to one of the entrances of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, the city’s 3200-acre nature park that stretches from Interstate 5 to Interstate 15. He began venturing into it.

Martin says one day he brought along his daughter, who was about 12. As the two of them wandered into a riparian area, Martin marveled at the animal tracks he was seeing: coyote, bobcat, raccoon. Father and daughter came upon the 170-year-old adobe ranchhouse that serves as

HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?



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“In the center of many coyote tracks, you can discern more of a mound, as if the muscle tension in the animal’s toes had squeezed the dirt between them.”

Barry Martin

the preserve headquarters, and Martin began chatting with a couple of rangers. When they told him they were setting up a volunteer patrol group, the pilot signed up.

Around this time, Martin learned about the work of renowned tracker Tom Brown Jr. Two years older than Martin, Brown grew up on the edge of the Pine Barrens wilderness in New Jersey. A few months after his seventh birthday, he met his best friend’s grandfather, an 83-year-old Apache elder named Stalking Wolf. “His dress, his mannerisms, and everything about him exuded intense and limitless knowledge,” Brown has written of the Indian: “To me he was the spirit of the wilderness and possessed all the knowledge I could ever hope for.”

After Stalking Wolf’s death in 1967, Brown reportedly spent another ten years perfecting his wilderness skills, and by the late 1970s law-enforcement agencies called him for help in finding missing persons and fugitives. In 2003, some of those skills were fictionalized in a movie called *The Hunted* starring Tommy Lee Jones and Benicio Del Toro. Brown founded a tracker school in 1978 in New Jersey. The school has instructed thousands of students in tracking, camouflage, and spiritual healing. After reading several of Brown’s 16 books, Martin journeyed to New Jersey for instruction. He says he found Brown to be “an interesting character. I think as a sort of a defense mechanism he comes across as being almost mysterious and moody

and deep.” Over the next few years Martin took eight of the classes, including both technique and philosophy.

Martin’s studies of Peñasquitos Canyon were also unfolding. “I decided, well, maybe I need some help with this.” He wrote an article for the Friends of Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve newsletter, soliciting volunteers to help him with an animal survey. “Back then, development was threatening to totally cut off Peñasquitos Preserve from the adjoining open-space areas,” he recalls. He thought a survey of the wildlife could help prove that the preserve was a healthy ecosystem and show that “one of the reasons it was healthy was that it was connected to other areas.”

Fifty volunteers responded to

Martin’s call, and he condensed Brown’s week-long “standard” class into a weekend training session. From that group of 50, “We eventually derived the Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Tracking Team.” Since then, additional teams have been organized at Mt. Woodson in Ramona, Preserve Calavera in Carlsbad, Rose Canyon, Daley Ranch, Mission Trails Regional Park, Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, Box Canyon, and Volcan Mountain.

The San Diego volunteers cover 50 or so “transects” identified by the San Diego Tracking Team, the umbrella group that coordinates all the individual tracking teams’ activities. “For our purposes, a transect is a trail,” Martin explains. “We’ll take an established trail, and at specific

intervals we'll walk down it." Trackers record tracks, animal droppings (known as scat), and other evidence of the animals' presence. "If you have a little side trail that runs into that trail, you go down it approximately 10 or 15 feet...to see what animals are using it."

Teams cover each transect two to four times a year. I joined a 7:00 a.m. tracking excursion through Lopez Canyon, the large side canyon that branches off the western end of Los Peñasquitos Canyon. In a parking lot off Sorrento Valley Boulevard, I met Uli Burgin. A quick-moving woman in her early 70s, she has gnomish features, lively blue eyes, and glossy brown hair bobbed short. Born in Switzerland, Burgin moved to San Diego in 1962, shortly after getting a Ph.D. in zoology.



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She started leading surveys in 1997 and took over the Lopez Canyon transect about five years

later. Two more volunteers joined us: another older woman named

Vernie McGowan, who learned about tracking at Torrey Pines State Park, where she was

working as a docent, and Gary Seiser, a lawyer for the county who heard about Tom Brown's tracking school when the subject came up in a writing class. Seiser took Brown's standard class in New Jersey in the spring of 2004.

Burgin pulled out the form that all the wildlife survey teams use. Each transect is divided into sections, and for each section transect leaders record tracking conditions, topography (flat, sloping, etc.), and habitat (chamise chaparral, oak riparian, grassland, or 1 of 11 other possibilities). They note evidence for the presence of 14 species of animals: black bear, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, mule deer, pack rats (a.k.a. wood rats), opossum, raccoon, badger, black-tailed jackrabbit, mountain lion, long-tailed weasel, ringtails, and roadrun-

ner. (The presence of skunks, cottontails, ground squirrels, and small rodents is recorded though not extensively documented.) Because other local groups conduct surveys of reptiles and birds, the tracking teams have decided to concentrate on the mammals. According to Martin, "If you've got a wide cross-section of mammals, that is in and of itself a good indicator of the health of the overall ecosystem."

Burgin led our group to the start of the transect, next to a kiosk bearing information about the preserve. A few dozen feet down the trail, she stopped to scrutinize a sharp-edged teardrop-shaped impression that was little more than two inches long — the hoofprint of a mule deer. The challenge, Burgin explained, was to decipher whether it was more than two

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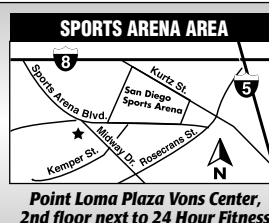


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weeks old, one of the facts to be recorded on the survey form. Nimble as a teenager, she dropped to all fours and blew on it to disperse dust and other debris. Based upon the hardness of the ground, she marked it down on her sheet as “historic.”

Another problem, Burgin told me, was to distinguish coyote tracks (which the survey teams record) from the paw-prints of dogs (which they ignore). Dogs are everyday visitors in the preserve, and the basic shape of both species’ tracks — an oval composed of two forward-pointed inner toes, two outward-canted outer toes, and a triangular heel pad — are so similar as to confound beginning trackers. But differences can be discerned. As we came upon marks left by both types of animals, Burgin, McGowan, and Seiser showed me how the dog tracks tend to be more splayed. They almost always include little holes made by the animals’ claws. Although coyotes have claws, more often than not, theirs don’t leave a mark upon the ground. In the center of many coyote tracks, you can discern more of a mound, as if the muscle tension in the animal’s toes had squeezed the dirt between them into the shape of a little hummock. “The dog tracks tend to wander all over the path,” Burgin added. Coyotes meander less.

We moved past thick stands of mule fat and goldenbush, and Burgin halted to study another mark. The overall shape resembled that of a deer’s track, but somehow it didn’t look right to the transect leader. “Always what I do when I’m not quite sure is to look for more,” she declared. “All of us have been tricked — and keep getting tricked — by shoe

patterns.” In this instance, the three trackers discovered another set of fresh deer tracks farther down the path that confirmed the nature of the first track, so Burgin recorded this animal on her sheet,

then resumed moving forward, eyes trained downward.

“What’s this?” McGowan asked about a delicate tangle of lines snaking through one patch of damp ground. Burgin and Seiser joined

her to puzzle over it, but no one could identify the marks, so the group moved on. “We have mystery tracks that we can never solve,” Burgin said. A moment later, Burgin and Seiser’s attention was engaged

by a second set of deer tracks when McGowan’s voice rang out. She announced that she had found the perpetrator of “that weirdo track” — a beetle whose shell was creating more of the twisting pattern as the

tracker looked on.

Sycamore leaves — leathery copper on one side and furry tan on the other — littered the trail in places, obscuring our view of the dirt and making it harder to see tracks. We passed

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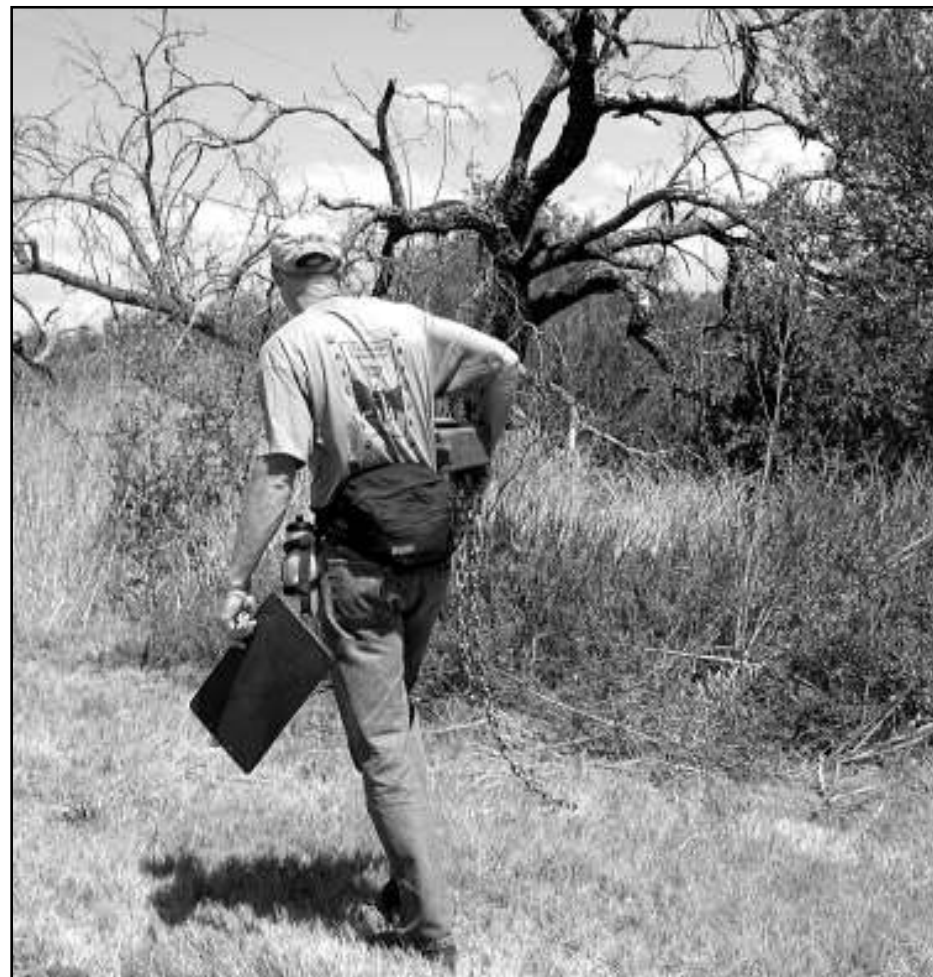
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through clear sections, too, where no animals seemed to have trod. "Some trails the animals use, and some they don't," Burgin said with a shrug. In other places, though, so many deer tracks clustered that, in my mind's eye, a herd rose up and took shape. It struck me that if I had hiked this trail the day before, all these marks would have been too chaotic to catch my attention. But now I was spotting the deer tracks with ease.

More than tracks conjured up the animals' presence. Their droppings took on significance. In some of the scat, Burgin called my attention to a graininess that she said betrayed the kibble-based diets of domestic dogs. When she used the tip of her trekking pole to break open the twisted and pointy-ended piles of what she said was coyote scat, we could see tufts



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of fur and bone fragments. "Sometimes you see gopher teeth," someone commented.

Burgin cautioned that coyote scat could look anomalous when it had been rained on or

run over, and a pile that we encountered under some oak trees confirmed her words. When

Burgin poked at it, it seemed to separate into segments, a characteristic of the leavings of bobcats and mountain lions. "But it has so much bone," the transect leader noted, sounding dubious. "I'm not used to seeing that much bone in bobcat scat." She drew closer to it and sniffed and judged it to be coyote.

Burgin says she once found a deposit of what she thought was mountain lion scat next to one of the streams on one of the Lopez Canyon transects. The dark, blunt-ended chunks were broken into segments reminiscent of thick Tootsie Rolls, typical of the local lions' droppings. But since cougars are rare within the preserve, Burgin bagged the fecal material and took it in for review by some of the most experienced trackers in the group. They confirmed her call.

Burgin's group didn't find signs of mountain lion or bobcat on the morning that I accompanied them, but they did come across a delicate seed-filled pile of raccoon scat. Burgin thought that a fox had produced the thin, dark excrement that we found amidst a drift of fallen sycamore leaves. However, the volume of that pile seemed greater than a fox might be likely to leave, so she scraped it into a plastic bag and vowed to get additional opinions.

When I saw her a few days later, she told me, laughing, that she had heard several conflicting pronouncements, and each person she had asked seemed confident he was accurate. "It happens," she said. "These are open-ended things. When it's inconclusive," she added, "I usually don't write it down."

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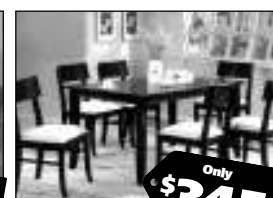
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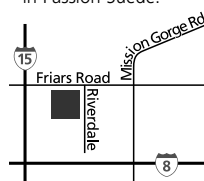
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another local tracker who seems ill at ease with imprecision. Hunt spent her career working as a consultant for IBM, and she projects an attitude businesslike and scientific when she's leading a transect, as she did on Mt. Woodson a few days before the winter solstice. The outing had been delayed by rain in the preceding weeks. It would be one of the last of the tracking teams' fall survey efforts.

Mt. Woodson is the mountain that looms over the north side of Highway 67 between Poway and Ramona. A community has taken shape on the mountain's lower northern slopes over the last 10-15 years, and Hunt's house is located there. But most of the mountain has been preserved as open space, including the spot where Hunt's group assembled, higher up the northern side. The participants included a gray-haired woman named Betsy Brack, who learned about the tracking group through the Sierra Club in the spring of 2004 and took the one-day introductory session. "Ever since I was a kid, I had wondered what all the tracks were and how you tell one thing from another." Poway resident Tylene Williford had been involved with the tracking team for about 2 years, by her estimate. The fourth member of the group, Cindy Rozell, had come to San Diego County from Oklahoma to care for her ailing grandfather and heard about the transect training. She then took three naturalist classes. "This is what I'm going to do for the rest of my life." If she couldn't find a tracking group when she returned to her home state, she planned to start one. "It's a *passion* for me. It's all about the circle of life. And it's

so important!"

Hunt came armed on this morning with a list of 26 GPS coordinates. These corresponded with descriptions of wood rat nests along the transect that had been compiled by

previous groups. "We're supposed to be recording them every time," Hunt explained.

The tracking conditions she judged to be "poor." A few weeks had passed since the last heavy rain, and the

decomposed granite underfoot had dried to an unyielding temper. By late summer, the ground would slough off layers of dust that would make for excellent tracking. "Dust is our friend," Hunt com-

mented. But for the present, the group would probably have to detect the presence of the animals living here through their dung, she said.

Almost immediately, one large deposit

snagged Hunt's attention, but when she poked at it with her walking stick, she lost interest. "There's no fur in it. Not a stitch of fur. That was a dog masquerading as a mountain lion."

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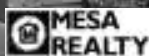
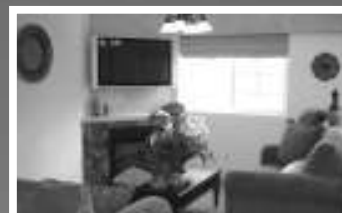
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A little farther along, the group identified a pile of twisty black ropy material. "Now *that* looks like fox," someone said.

Brack took in the sight of several specimens up ahead and exclaimed, "My goodness! This is scat central!"

To some of these deposits, Hunt applied what she called "the roll test," loosening sections of the feces under the treads of her aging gray Sauconys. "Barry tends to leave scat alone out of respect to the animal. I don't," she said. One gray-colored sample exuded a cloud of fine powdery dust when she tapped it underfoot. "That's bloodmeal," she said. "It means the animal ate a lot of blood." Fur was present in that sample, along with tiny chunks of bone. All this made the transect leader feel confident that a bobcat had produced it.



1. bobcat; 2. opossum; 3. gray fox; 4. jackrabbit; 5. badger; 6. mountain lion; 7. skunk; 8. coyote; 9. wood rat; 10. raccoon; 11. cougar; 12. squirrel; 13. weasel; 14. mule deer; 15. dog

"With presence of bunny."

"Digested bunny," Williford clarified.

Other members identified nearby fox and coyote scat, but three strands of dark

brown fecal material puzzled Williford. She pulled out a pocket field guide that Martin has

compiled for the trackers, flipped through the pages, then declared, "Ah-ha! Longtail weasel! Looks just like it, doesn't it?" she asked, comparing the sketch to the objects in front of her. The presence of weasel excrement was hardly surprising, according to Hunt. "Weasels have been seen here. Live ones — raising their young in people's yards."

In a thicket of oak trees and chaparral, the group came upon an even more abundant concentration of scat in varying shades of gray and charcoal. "It's a bobcat latrine," Hunt pronounced. Not only bobcats but other animals, including coyotes and raccoons, sometimes choose to defecate in the same areas as their fellows. "In mating season, they can do it as a sign of marking," Hunt says. The range of colors and textures resulted as the material aged. After

some study, Hunt decided seven separate specimens were present. "You look at the colors, the age, what looks like it belongs together, the freshness, the quantity. And where it's located." Even considering all those factors, "It's still a judgment call. And I'd rather under-call it than over-call it."

Scat was remarkable, the women concurred. Rozell talked about seeing skunk droppings crammed with the remains of insects back in Oklahoma. Williford reminisced about coyote scat loaded with snake scales that she had once encountered.

Hunt's group did finally find more than droppings. They came across scraped areas where skunks had pawed the ground in search of grubs and insects. Not far from a natural stream, they spotted the first of the



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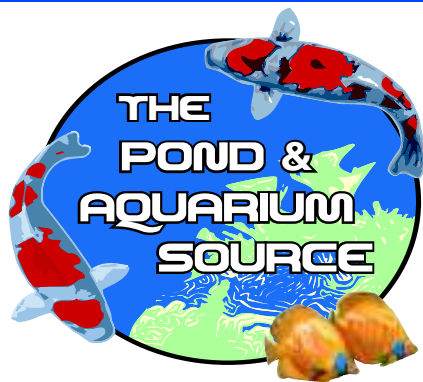
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pack-rat nests, a dome-shaped collection of twigs and other debris, set back from the path, amidst tree branches and shoots of poison oak.

After almost two hours, the trackers emerged from the woods and approached the back yards of a line of large, well-maintained houses. To the northeast we could see the Ramona Grasslands, "Eight thousand acres of some of the last pristine grassland left in Southern California," Hunt said. The Santa Maria Creek runs through the area, which hosts a small number of grazing cattle, along with several endangered species. Although threatened by development pressure, a portion of the grasslands was recently acquired by the Nature Conservancy, and the San Diego Tracking Team launched a new transect there at the

beginning of the summer.

A few steps farther down the trail, the first good tracking conditions of the day drew Hunt's gaze away from

deeply lobed heel pad. At first it seemed to be the only track from this animal that had survived. But a few minutes later, Hunt exclaimed as another bobcat track

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the grasslands. Mountain bikes had roughened up the surface, and on the sandy ground, Hunt soon spotted a bobcat track: four oval toe pads pointed straight ahead above a

about a foot away emerged from the jumble of visual stimuli to register on her consciousness. As soon as she pointed it out, everyone else in the group could see it.

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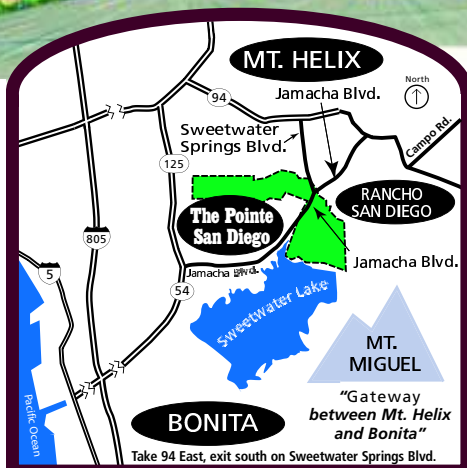
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By the end of the morning, Hunt had recorded evidence for five of the animals on the survey list: coyote, bobcat, gray fox, pack rat, and weasel. One of the jobs that Hunt performs for the tracking team is to collect forms from survey leaders, then send them to whichever volunteer is entering all the data into the group's database.

Martin says that for a long time the San Diego Tracking Team avoided analyzing the results of its animal sur-

veys. Then, in June of 2004, the organization received the first of three Blaster Grants offered through the San Diego Foundation. The team has been using the roughly \$53,000 to pay San Diego State University graduate students like Shea Valero to help make sense of all the survey findings. A third-generation San Diego County resident, Valero told me she had found at least a couple of clear trends.

"We have more raccoons in winter, and we

have more possums in summer. It might be an activity level. It might be

summertime. "I'm not sure where they go, but they drop off. That was

"The deer are actually crossing at grade, and there have been kills along the road."

migration into a certain area." Valero said coyotes appear to decrease in

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are interesting," she continued. "Their numbers decrease in winter. They drop more in spring and in summer, and then they boom in the fall. In the fall they're going to move around more because they're coming off an extended dry season. And they're going to range out farther to see if they can find available food resources. A lot of times that's when you'll see them in grassy areas in parks. Or

where people have built right up to the edges of open-space areas, they'll be browsing on succulent growth that spills out from the back yards."

Valero said she hadn't detected unambiguous correlations between the seasons and the evidence left by gray fox, bobcat, cougars, and some of the other species. "But blacktail jackrabbits appear to increase in spring and

summer and drop off in fall and winter."

When she looked at how the survey results have varied throughout the years, Valero found the year 2002 to be something of a high-water mark. She said the evidence of bobcats, coyotes, deer, raccoon, and fox tended to hold steady or increase from 1996 through 2002 but then decreased in 2003 and 2004. (For opossums the numbers

began to decline one year earlier.) The exceptions to this rule were cougars, weasels, and wood rats, whose presence in the surveys has held more or less steady since the tracking teams began functioning. Evidence of black-tailed jackrabbits and road-runners tends to be uncommon, Valero said, but for both species it also spiked in 2002, then dropped. Badgers were only noted in 1999 and

2001, while ringtails (a raccoon relative that's also known as a miner's cat) only showed up in the 2001 and 2003 surveys. "But in 2003 there were a bunch," Valero acknowledged that this could be because the trackers got more proficient at recognizing ringtail signs that year.

Expanding the number of survey areas is a major goal of the San Diego Tracking Team, according to Mar-

tin. Last year the umbrella organization helped to create the teams in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, Box Canyon, and Volcan Mountain, and this year the trackers have vowed to set up new groups in more areas. In the long run, Martin and the other leaders want to establish transects in all the key wildlife corridors of the county's open-space preserve system.



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That system, which includes the Multiple Species Conservation Program covering the southwestern portion of the county and the Multiple Habitat Conservation Program in the northwestern portion, has involved "a total paradigm shift," according to Jerre Stallcup of the local Conservation Biology Institute. The idea behind these programs, which were conceived in the late 1980s, was to set aside areas of interconnected open space to preserve native plants and animals, while streamlining development outside

those areas. The federal government would no longer police developers with regard to endangered species, but local authorities would make sure development met state and federal regulations. Environmentalists and developers would have to make concessions, but both could gain much more than they would otherwise.

For six years, a 30-member working group wrangled over the Multiple Species Conservation Program. "It was really a stressful time for a lot of people," recalls Stallcup. "Some went through divorces and

heart attacks. There were people in the hospital."

A plan for implementing the preserves

1997, and SANDAG (the San Diego Association of Governments) signed off on the North County program in 2003. Will

are indicators of the healthy habitat? The data being collected by the survey teams should help to answer that, Martin asserts. "If we see a great drop-off in the variety of species and a die-off in 10 or 15 years from now, we can say it didn't work." But if the numbers haven't changed that much since the tracking surveys began in the mid-1990s, it may be possible to declare the open-space network a success.

East of Poway, the Iron Mountain recreational area and some land formerly owned by the Boys & Girls Clubs

lie on the east side of Highway 67, while the 1800-acre Sycamore Canyon Open-Space Preserve runs up to the west side of the road. This land accommodates a lot of wild animals, and their natural flow is through the ravines crossed by the highway, according to Martin. On a busy weekday morning, it can be hard to imagine a human being braving the car and truck traffic, let alone a mule deer or an opossum.

So the trackers have been watching metal and concrete culverts that run under the high-

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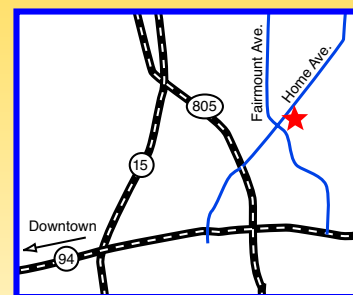
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way. They've been searching for animal tracks on both ends of these tunnels, and within them; sometimes they spread gypsum throughout the culverts to help record the animal crossings. Martin says it appears as if only bobcats, coyotes, and some of the smaller species have been braving the passageways. "We haven't had any evidence of either lions or deer going through those. The deer are actually crossing at the grade, and there have been kills along the road — of not just deer but coyotes and ringtail cats and other animals." Caltrans plans to widen the highway at some point, and the trackers hope to use their survey findings to help the road planners design more animal-friendly underpasses.

Besides working with the local tracking efforts, Martin says he'd love to help set up other tracking teams throughout the West Coast and the rest of the country. He also is working to establish an institute here that will offer an intensive nine-month tracking course. The goal is to produce graduates who can be hired by the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Fish and Game, and other public and private agencies that are looking for individuals with tracking skills. Martin has targeted the fall of 2007 for the start of the first classes.

He's hoping to inspire the enrollees with experiences like the one he had one morning in the eastern end of Peñasquitos Preserve. He was following some fresh tracks belonging to a female deer and a fawn. He says the animals worked their way into a thicket, and after he had advanced as close as he could, he settled down to observe

them. While he was lying there, he realized he was stretched across a trail bearing the tracks of wood rats. One of the creatures "came heading down the trail like it probably did every day for who knows how

long. It was going about its business when it found itself face to face with this human lying across the trail. There we were, nose to nose." Martin says the animals' reaction reminded him of something he might

see in a cartoon. "Its eyes got big, and it sat up on its haunches, and it looked at me. I expected it to turn tail and run the other way, but it just sort of sat there, tilting its head for, like, five minutes."

Martin says he's become convinced that "the biggest key to becoming a good tracker is an overall propensity to want to be quiet. To quiet yourself in such a way that you can really be aware. And

when I say awareness, you've got the five senses, but they're just a doorway to a deeper awareness. It's so important to be able to stop and listen deeply, with your whole being." ■

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James A. Sandos: “A Spanish league of 2.6 miles meant that in Serra’s plan the priest would travel about 22 miles each day. Since priests generally had to travel with a military escort and since soldiers never walked, the distances Serra reckoned were based upon travel by horseback” — not on foot. “That the missions were spaced one day’s walk apart is a 19th-century American myth.”

Ronald L. Ives dispels another. As a youth Father Serra was an inveterate walker — once traveling 250 miles from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. But “despite oft-repeated folklore, Father Serra did not walk” most of the Sacred Expedition from Baja to San Diego in 1769. Owing to an inflamed leg, cured by a hot poultice of crushed tallow and green herbs, he rode “a broken-

down mule, as is clearly shown by several contemporary diaries.”

2. THE CALIFORNIO YEARS. In the early 19th century, people who lived along the King’s Highway warily inspected approaching travelers, often through field glasses. Whether they came on foot, horseback, or in a wagon, the question was always: friend or foe?

Amigos and neighbors were easy to spot — by their clothes, how they sat on a horse, or by the size of their rig. After the greeting, they’d be encouraged to dismount, “*quita la silla*” (take off the saddle), and let the animal graze. A meal was often part of the visit.

Strangers were less welcome at first. Writes Marje Howard-Jones, “The old Spanish style was for a visitor never to dismount unless asked to do so. And if one came who was not welcome, he simply sat upon his horse and stated his business and then went his way.”

3. THE STAGECOACH ERA. Before the railroads came west in 1869, whoever rode shotgun for four- or six-horse stagecoaches also carried a pick and shovel. His job description included road repair and scraping mud from wheels.

The finer hotels hired someone to dust off passengers on their way from the coach to the lobby (George Marston got his start in San Diego as a “duster”).

And the ride? Imagine the opposite of comfort. Josephine Clifford took a nighttime journey in 1886: “Of sleep there was no thought, such jolting and jumping over rocks and boulders; I ache all over.”

John McCain came to Boulevard, California, from Arkansas in 1850 and lived in Julian for 55 years. During its brief tenure, from 1857 to 1861, McCain drove the Butterfield Stage (from Warner’s Hot Springs, via San Felipe, Vallecitos, Carriso, Sackett’s Wells) to Yuma and back.

Some Butterfield way stations posted a sign: “You will be traveling through Indian country and the safety of your person cannot be vouchsafed by anyone but God.”

Butterfield used Concord stages, considered plush in those days. They had three seats and often carried as many as nine passengers. A cross-country ticket cost \$200. Raphael Pumpelly made the trek. He writes: the six people in the front and middle seats, which faced each other, had “to interlock their knees; and there being room inside for only ten of the twelve legs, each side of the coach was graced by a foot, now dangling near the wheel, now trying in vain to find a place of support.”

Unlike the movies, where outlaws chase down the stagecoaches amid clouds of dust and blazing pistols, most hold-ups happened when the vehicle was stationary. As a result, writes Ella McCain, Butterfield stages rarely stopped, “day or night. A mile or so from each station the driver would sound a horn, a fresh team would be harnessed, ready and waiting for the stage to pull in.”

And off they’d go. John McCain (“a gruff outspoken man with a few swear words thrown in”) rarely left his driver’s seat, including the 24-hour



trek across the desert from Yuma to Sackett’s Wells.

Cross-country Butterfield travelers got, per day, a 40-minute rest period, only enough time for a meal and stretching the legs. The food, by all accounts, would repulse a coyote.

4. LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

Julia Flinn De Frate grew up in the back country, “bouncing and jolting” up and down dusty roads in a spring wagon. Born in 1876, she thought it ironic that, for much of her life, although “growing up only a comparatively few miles from the Pacific’s beaches, I had never seen seashells.” The reason? The road east from San Diego was a muddy slosh in winter, and a narrow, deep-rilled and dangerous cart path in summer. Loaded wagons — except for the intrepid, such as John McCain, who often took ten days to make the trip from San Diego to Julian — steered clear. “They had to go south to Tia Juana and east along the border to Tecate and Campo, then turn west to reach Pine Valley.” In good conditions, “the 75-mile trip took four days over the steep, rocky road.”

5. AT CENTURY’S TURN. By 1909, cars could make the trek from mission

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San Diego was such a “booming Mecca for autoists” in 1909 that speed became a problem. The district attorney issued an edict: “Fast racing between Los Angeles and San Diego must stop.”

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farmers along the “Coast Line” to report lawbreakers. “This network of road-watchers,” *Touring Topics* assured readers, “would do away with the record-breaking speed such as recently developed by the Franklin and Rambler cars.”

In 1912, the American Automobile Association published the first of its “strip maps” outlining the route from San Diego to San Francisco. That same year, the California State Automobile Association (founded in 1900) published a *Tour Book*,

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obvious as to require no special comment,” the introduction claims. “The maps will be found especially accurate since they were drawn from the seat of the Kissel Pathfinder Car, by an expert graduate Civil Engineer. Nothing has been done ‘by guess.’ ”

6. HORSES, BIKES, AND MOTORCARS. In 1909, San Diego Police Chief Keno Wilson hired H.E. Hill to become the city’s first motorcycle patrolman. Hill became the first of the “Iron Horsemen,” as traffic control officers on cycles came to be known. They strictly enforced the speed limit of six miles an hour.

The change from horses to cars on the police force took a

decade, from the first death by automobile in 1905 — Mrs. W. Adelaide Preston, hit while riding her bicycle at 5th and Market streets — to 1916, when the last patrol horses received their walking papers.

But even in 1916, most officers drove their own cars, especially in residential areas. They received a small gas allowance.

7. THE ROARING TWENTIES. By 1920, the inland route to San Diego through Temecula and Escondido was made of concrete. But the roads that forked from it and meandered through canyons and creekbeds, and often into chuckholes or stray boulders, were still just scraped dirt. Most weren’t

macadamized, paved with layers of crushed stone and granite, until the 1930s.

At the conclusion of a “Back Country Idyll” he wrote for *Touring Topics* — in which he noted that the “apple growers of Julian have not yet learned the gentle art of profiteering” — Willard Wood injected a word of warning: “If you are of that class of motorist whose sole enjoyment lies in the number of miles you can record on your speedometer in a day’s travel, do not visit the back country of San Diego. It is a leisurely land — it should be traveled leisurely. If it is your sole pride to average 30 miles an hour, why, stay away, for you won’t enjoy yourself.

8. THE LITTLE WHITE LINE. In 1917, Dr. June McCarroll bought a Model T Ford. The Coachella Valley resident loved the “free feeling” of driving a car, especially on paved roads, but didn’t like that most were only one lane — 15 feet across — and had no shoulders. When a truck was coming the other way, she had to pull off the road, often getting stuck in eight to ten inches of soft sand. Roads needed not only widening, she became convinced, but some sort of visual divider as well.

“Believing that something should be done, I began talking about a central road line to nearly anyone who would listen.”

Except for the Escondido Chamber of Com-

merce, which passed a resolution supporting the idea, for the next six years, not many did.

McCarroll persisted. In 1923, she petitioned the state legislature “to enact a law authorizing the State Highway Commission to paint a line down the middle of all state roads.”

To gain support, she spoke at various women’s clubs around California. Each wrote their state representatives urging passage of the law.

“When I gave this idea to a needy world,” McCarroll wrote in *A Bouquet of Memories*, “it was with no thought of honors, only safety for drivers of automobiles.” She thanked the women’s clubs of California for support “through all the hard uphill years.”

9. PROGRESS? By 1933, as highways began to stretch across the countryside, a new problem arose: “despoilation of our landscape.” Often taking the shortest, least-troubling distance between two points, the roads gouged through scenic areas with no thought for natural beauty. An editorial in *Touring Topics* advocated change.

“Highway improvement still is a relatively new venture in these United States,” the author wrote. “Highway beautification is even newer. As it has been practiced in the past it has not been an unmixed blessing.” Whenever a new road was in the planning stages, the editorial urged input from a council of landscape architects to

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Are you depressed?

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I sleep, I wake up, I sleep, I wake up...

A new study of an investigational medication for insomnia may help put you to sleep.

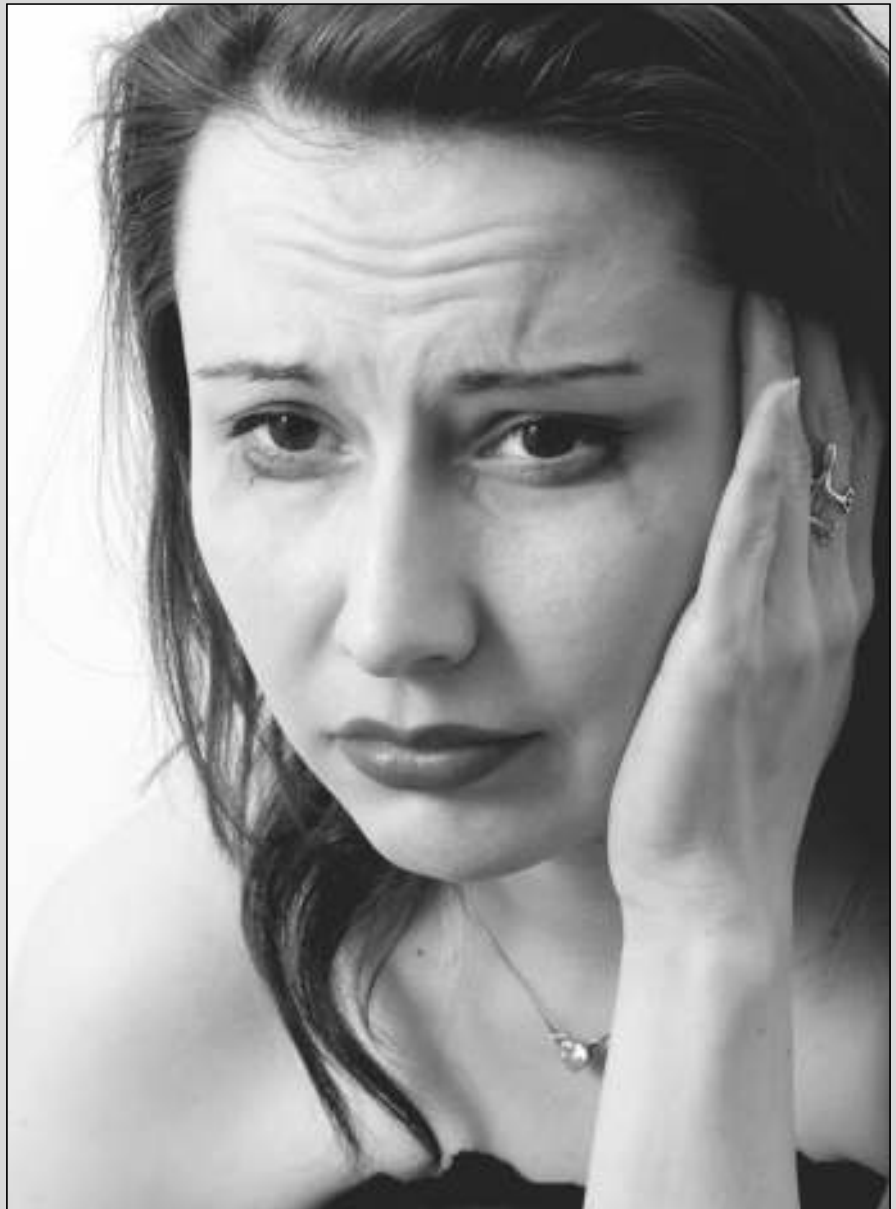
- Restless sleep disturbs the normal rhythms of the body.
- When sleep difficulties become a regular problem it can affect your health.
- If you wake up tired or feel sleepy during the day, you are not sleeping well at night!

If you have chronic problems falling and/or staying asleep, you may qualify for a research study in our state-of-the-art sleep clinic and receive an investigational medication for poor sleep.

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Depression

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Someday, the editorial concluded, "proven methods will have been devised that will eliminate much of the original disfigurement, and remedy such as can't be avoided. Even the most offensive of today's scars, we may expect, will disappear with proper treatment or judicious planting of cuts and fills." ■

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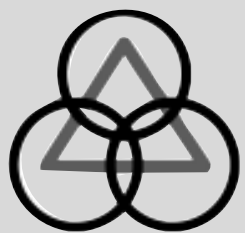
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Some qualifications are:

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Those who know marvel at how close we are; and we are. Yet months can pass without our speaking, often a year without seeing each other. Despite the sure love and the near distances, we remain, oddly, day-to-day strangers. There are five of us, black men.

We are brothers, and we are brothers.

I pull out my snapshot.

Christmas 1977. I bought as gifts five identical bracelets made of heavy brass, thick and roughly hammered. I was 33 then and flew in from New York, where I lived at the time. The Harlem merchant who sold the bracelets warned that the yellow metal would turn green, then black, unless polished with brass cleaner. As it happened, even with the instructions for their upkeep, the bracelets were a hit. I am the second born. York (older than me by five years) called for a picture. Marcus (three years my junior) angled his camera on the tripod, set the timer, then joined us on the floor. We lay in a circle, our right arms extended inward. The automatic timer whirred, tripping the photographic eye that opened and closed once, capturing in a blink the image of five arms extended, five hands clenched in fists.

Because I'm what is called
pre-diabetic, the sugar kicks
in images that one day may
be my reality — daily
insulin injections, blindness,
amputation, death.

touching and hands held. We offer a prayer of thanksgiving, for what we have found together lies beyond reason; where we have come to has no name.

This worries me, for I am a writer who holds to the New Testament line, "In the beginning was the Word." That is, without a word, a name for where my brothers and I come to, there is no certainty for me that



Hokey. I remember thinking the photograph was sure to look hokey. And when I got my copy in the mail, I saw that I was right. But when I later lost my bracelet, I was glad we took the picture, for today it is all I have. At the time, both York and Marcus wore pinkie rings. In the picture, because of those rings, I know their hands. But to this day I pause, uncertain, when I come to distinguish my hand from that of my youngest brothers, Shawn, 24, and Andre, 23, at the time.

I happened to be born colored, like York. By 1950, with Marcus, we had become Negro. Today we are African Americans. However, when the snapshot was taken with Shawn and Andre, we were all known as

black — black men with brown arms, wrists, and hands. When I look at the photo I pause, engaged in distinguishing whose hand belongs to whom. And there is something else. Sometimes those solid bands of metal look like what they are, jewelry made of heavy beaten gold. But sometimes I think of them as handcuffs or shackles. It depends.

I am not sure it happened that Christmas, but sometimes we find it necessary to shut ourselves off in a bedroom — tall, full-grown men sprawling across the bed and on the floor — talking about what needs talking about. Maybe I cry; others do too. An hour later the crisis has been addressed; if a private hurt, soothed. We then stand and go into a kind of huddle, with shoulders

this place exists, no matter how much I tell myself to trust that it does.

Which is why I decided to interview my brothers.

I could not much explain my reasons, but my brothers agreed to be interviewed anyway.

I take off from Oakland at 7:00 in the morning. My knee is killing me. The week before I'd injured it, and so for the trip I have wrapped it tightly with an Ace bandage. Still, as I stand and pull my stuff out of the overhead and make my way off the plane onto the ramp and into the terminal, I am in agony. With each step, the ball-and-socket of my knee rub together, raw bone against raw bone. I find a phone booth and make a

call. Five minutes later I am resting outside the terminal when a white van rolls to a stop. A man wearing a badge that reads "Hector" leans over and opens the sliding door. He asks if I called for the shuttle to the rent-a-car. I say yes. "Well, fall in," he says, and I do. We take off. Hector has meaty good looks and ink-black hair. The windows are down. The air rushing in smells of ocean, a smell that always tells me that I am back.

"Welcome to San Diego!" Hector brakes in front of the office and slides open the door. I make my way inside. To explain what happens next, I must first share the fact that my great-great grandfather Weaver was a Plains Indian from the Blackfoot tribe. For him, a dragonfly flitting past his face in sudden iridescence, or a blue-black raven rising out of tall summer grass, offered a foretelling. Sadly, the Blackfoot blood must run thin in my veins, for if animals bring me what my forebears called "medicine," I don't catch it. I may have lost the eye, so to speak, but I've been recompensed with a writer's ear. Words teach me. They are my medicine, holding for me a magical power, which I hope helps to explain why when Sue, the rental-car lady, assigns me a sporty red number and I explain that red cars make me feel hot, sorta like I'm driving an oven, and her response is that the Ford Aspire is the only small car they had on the lot — like great-great grandfather Weaver, I stop dead in my tracks.

"What was that name?" I ask.

"What do you mean?" she says. "The Aspire..." saying the word synonymous with breath, with longing — the stuff of life and spirit.

Ten minutes later I turn the key in the ignition of my red Aspire. A deep bass thrums through the speakers. The radio is set to a jazz station. Fusion, cool jazz, Ahmad Jamal and Miles, Paul Simon and Coltrane, a bossa nova beat and the classic stuff, perfect for that morning with its shelf of big white clouds pasted onto the windshield. I take I-5 heading north, stepping on the gas. The speedometer climbs. The Aspire is soon

trembling. Forty years ago James Dean smashed his silver Porsche into a tree. Not long before he died, he starred in *East of Eden*, a drama of youthful despair, rebellion, and sibling rivalry. I'd catch the movie on the tube later

that evening.

I make it to Vista in no time. My parents are separated, and my mother lives there now. While my father was serving in the Navy, she ran the house, kept rein on five boys, oversaw the con-

struction and management of several apartment buildings, and went undercover for the government in the '60s to help identify housing discrimination. Today, at 74, that long-ago woman has been replaced by a quiet

soul, pale and almost timid, who answers the phone with "God bless you," stays indoors all day with her drapes drawn, usually with the TV on, and who slowly, inexorably, like a label peeled away from a jar, finds her-

self being separated from what was once familiar as herself.

I use her phone to call Shawn. I tell him I am on my way. While he gives me directions, on my mother's TV a talk-show host gets personal

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Insomnia Sleepless Nights Exhausted Days

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To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

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

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with her three young guests. The show's theme is "Out of Control," and these girls are. One girl, at 16, is pregnant for the third time. Another girl, also 16 and also pregnant, holds up for the camera and studio audience a list of 72 boys she'd slept with since the age of 11, when she began having sex. To a wide-eyed host, she explains that there were more, but she couldn't remember their names. My mother shakes her head in wonder. "What is this world coming to?"

I wonder too, even though I have a pretty good idea of what is about to happen to mine. You see, I nab a handful of Hershey chocolate kisses before I take off for Shawn's house; and as I make for the freeway, I tear at the silver foil with my teeth, popping those babies like there is no tomorrow.

My thing is sugar. When I start, it's like a roller-coaster ride that won't let me off. Because I'm what is called pre-diabetic, the sugar kicks in images that one day may be my reality — daily insulin injections, blindness, amputation, death. I know the ride, and still I jump on. What can I say? I am in San Diego to interview my brothers. I have two full work-days ahead of me. And I eat those kisses.

Man is a long time coming.
Man will yet win.
Brother will yet line up
with brother:
This old anvil laughs at
many broken hammers.
There are men who can't
be bought.
— Carl Sandburg

Shawn opens the door and then hurries back to the fish tank that he is cleaning. It is

an elaborate ritual involving hoses, sponges, and drains, because the tank, unlike any I have seen, sits on the floor and is maybe two feet square and just shy of six feet tall. He drains the murky water three times and sends a clear rinse through. Then the goldfish are returned. Most fish in most tanks swim round and round in a pattern of endless lassitude. Not here. Behind their walls of clear Lucite, these fish take to the vertical, scaling the great distance of a tall man's full height, breaking the watery surface like coins dropped into a fountain, except here they rise in a glimmering reversal before plunging back down to the bottom, where they nudge among the tiny blue stones before heading back up again for the top. It looks like hard work.

Shawn regularly speaks before large crowds. When he does, he is often plugged into a mike that wraps around the ear and mouth, like a rock star in concert. Charismatic, he can hold any stage and seems, up there, larger than life. Up close, however, Shawn is small boned, almost delicate. He has many responsibilities, and his thoughts sometimes drift; then he appears to blur at the edges. He was the fourth, born with a ruby underglow to his complexion and eyes that even then held a piercing depth.

Careful of my knee, I sit with Shawn at the dining room table. The house is a large, rambling affair, contemporary, in colors of white and pale blue, with lots of glass and polished surfaces. Shawn married Laurie when he was in his early 30s; now

he is 41. They have lived four years in this house.

I take out the tape recorder. At my back, the goldfish steadily climb that watery pillar and drop.

"Let's offer a prayer before we start," he says, and we do.

To get us going, I ask what prayer means to him.

The question comes like the report from a starter's gun, with Shawn off and running. I have forgotten that he has answered questions like this thousands of times since April 17, 1971, when, as he recounts, "I asked Jesus into my heart." Now, with the tape going, he moves easily, making reference to John 15:5, "...for without me ye can do nothing," expertly twining text with personal statement like pearls strung onto waxed string, creating a precious necklace of gospel and verse refer-

ence that feels fresh and sounds good, but which, unhappily, makes me feel like one of those biblical swine upon which such spiritual pearls are utterly lost.

The Shawn I'm looking for is not the preacher, the chaplain for the Chargers, the public figure. I am seeking out the man, my brother. He speaks of his church, which (I know) was newly built at a cost of \$4.2 million and draws up to 2500 weekly attendees, all in less than five years of his and Laurie's settling here in the Oceanside community. According to him, the ethnic and socioeconomic diversity seemed an ideal spot for a kind of church like New Venture Christian Fellowship. "We chose to target people of all backgrounds, because that was the kind of exposure I had as a child."

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Shawn explains that the experience of multiculturalism began for him at Our Lady of Angels and then St. Rita's, during his elementary school years, where there was a rich mix of black and white and Hispanic.

"Then when I was in the sixth grade, we moved out to La Mesa. At Briar Patch Elementary, I remem-

ber standing in line, leaning with my hand against the wall, waiting to go into the lunchroom, when I overheard a couple of girls whispering behind me. 'Look at his hands!' one of them said...."

Which reminds me. I show him the photograph. He remembers the shot, when it was taken, and cannot tell whose hand belongs to whom. I return to the subject. "Were you the only black?"

"Just Andre and me, and it was that way into high school." At Grossmont High, as one of four blacks, he was often asked to speak before classes on the black experience in America. "They wanted to know what we ate, what we watched on TV, where we lived. This was 1970, 25 years ago. These were the children of the upper-middle-class community near Mount Helix, and I'm not sure it was their fault that they knew so lit-

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tle. Later they'd come up to me and say how grateful they were for what I'd said, how their impressions of black people had been changed."

"For the better?"

"Oh, definitely. While most had never met a black person before, they still had plenty of negatives in place."

Just then, Little Shawn flies into the room, a sky-blue balloon tied to his wrist. Laurie comes in with the groceries. Wearing slacks, her dark hair pulled back, she lays her bags on the counter, greets me with a hug, and at once goes about getting the child lunch.

"See my balloon, Hawkins?" I sweep the three-year-old up in my arms.

"Do you know the color of your balloon?" I ask. His answer is that it is blue. "Good," I say. I decide to make an educational game of this and point to the carpet. "Blue!" I point to the yellow stripe on his T-shirt. "And what color is this?" He looks down, studying that stripe. "Blue...!"

We move to Shawn's study for privacy. His desk is covered with papers, open books, pens, a Rolodex, pink message slips on a spindle. There is a fax machine, an Apple personal computer, speakerphone, and behind him a wall of books spilling off their shelves. He takes the swivel chair with padded support for his back. I sit opposite him, on the other side of the desk. At my left a window overlooks the front yard. It is a quiet street. No cars would pass during the entire course of the interview. Far off, Little Shawn is heard settling in for lunch.

I ask if he remembers his first experience of overt racial abuse. It occurred, he

answers, as he and Andre were crossing the street, walking home from school their first year in La Mesa.

"Suddenly there was a sound like an engine revving behind us. We turned. There was a pickup on top of us. We jumped onto the curb as a truck roared past. The two men were maybe in their 20s. They were yelling the 'n-word.'" (Shawn, visibly uncomfortable with expletives, does not say "nigger.") Later, he says, there were other incidents — bullies in school, whites firing a pellet rifle at him while he jogged in Balboa Park, an incident of harassment by the Los Angeles police following the Rodney King incident. (I compare my New York cop-harassment incidents with his. Most black men I knew there had similar stories.)

"How do you feel about this?"

"When, for example, I saw the videotape on Rodney King, and later, when the police were acquitted, I did feel rage. But it was short-lived, because I was able to keep in mind the fact that the root of racism, prejudice, bigotry, hate, is the fruit of our sinful human nature." He quoted from Ephesians 6:12 ("For we wrestle not



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against flesh and blood, but against principalities”). “What I’m saying is that I could take it personally or I can recognize there is something going on behind all this.”

Outside, the lawn is a deep green. Beyond it, the street is empty and quiet. At my back, in the next room, goldfish are climbing. I asked about racism in San Diego.

“You have to understand that this is a very laid-back, casual town. It’s a con-

servative place, with more of a live-and-let-live attitude than in many other cities I’ve visited. But if you ask if there’s racism here, I’d have to say, yes, of course.”

For me, I say, it seems like American racism is so much a part of the daily fabric of our lives that it can only be removed by tearing apart the entire cloth.

Shawn wonders too. “We live in such a color-conscious world. So many blacks are angry, and so

many whites are scared or want everything to be loving and happy.”

“What about members of the Christian community?”

“I’m not sure how much race comes into play,” he says, “but I am sure that it does.” He repeats what Arthur Ashe had said, that it is more difficult to be a black man in this country than it is to have AIDS. “That sure says something, doesn’t it?” he says.

“Isn’t one aspect of that

burden the sense of being under constant scrutiny? Maybe I should say ‘surveillance’? It seems as if you do not belong.”

“You know,” he says, changing the subject, “I always thought when I visited Africa I’d feel this was home and that I belonged. Then I did visit and discovered that I was an African American, with an emphasis on the American.”

He is not alone. Keith Richburg, in an account of his time in Africa as correspondent for the *Washington Post*, reported critically of his experiences there, concluding that “by accident of birth, I am a black man born in America, and everything I am today — culture, attitudes, sensitivities, loves,

and desires — derives from that one simple irrefutable truth.” Kafka said it more broadly, “You are not from the Castle, you are not from the village, you aren’t anything. Or rather, unfortunately, you are something, a stranger.”

Unable to call Africa home, uncertain of what to make of his situation here in America — what does this foretell for his African-American son?

“I had a wonderful childhood. I hope that my son will say the same thing one day.” This may help account for his spearheading a new youth-center project, with gym and classrooms, which will emphasize the care of abused children. “And for the rest, I

hope he grows to love God, know Christ, and never fails to like himself.”

A merciful God has seen to it that Shawn’s son is in a school district where teachers are sensitive to the different needs of a multicultural community. Children less well-placed find that the behaviors that help them survive on the streets trap them in special ed and a scholastic dead end. Today African-American educators and their supporters face this challenge of contradictions. Using texts like *Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys*, by Jawanza Kunjufu, they are advancing new curricula, training teachers and volunteers, and revamping local school districts in an effort

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“Even so,” I ask, “isn’t it hard to like yourself in a culture like this one, which sets you always apart as the unloved stranger?”

Shawn thinks about this for a minute. “Sure,” he agrees, “there are negatives that come from being a black man in America. But I feel that with the help of the God that Laurie and I both know and the confidence we each have together, we’ll be able to help him in this. It may not be easy,” he adds, raising a cautionary finger, “but his time, the new age, will be the millennium of color. People of color will be the majority. My son will soon represent the majority of America. I like to imagine it as a time in this country where, as Dr. King said, a person will be judged by the ‘content of their character and not the color of their skin.’”

I turn off the tape. Shawn and I talk as I gather my things. I am glad I have started with him; the way I figure it, the others would be

a piece of cake. I go into the kitchen to say goodbye to Laurie. We step out back, where Little Shawn is playing. I pick him up. He is by now less interested in his balloon than in the string that tied it to his wrist. “I came to say goodbye.”

He gazes at me, his eyes dark like his father’s but touched by that curious, unperturbed grace of childhood. “Bye-bye,” he says. That was that. I put him down and turn to Laurie,

getting directions to Andre’s. Suddenly the boy cries out. We look first down to him and then up to where he is pointing. The string has come undone, and the balloon, already ten feet in the sky, is rising fast. The child looks from the balloon to his mother. Tears have already welled and are ready to spill.

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Which of us has not remained forever prison-pent?

Which of us is not forever a stranger and alone?

— Thomas Wolfe

I grab a handful of graham crackers on my way out Shawn’s door and an hour later am turning into Andre’s driveway in Lakeside. He is standing there when I pull myself out of the car.

What’s wrong with your leg?” he asks, giving me a hug. I explain matters to this man whose diapers I used to change, now taller than I am, now, thanks to Nautilus, more buffed than I will ever be. Our family carries age well, and Andre looks

30, a full decade younger than he actually is. He wears gray sweatpants and a black LA Raiders T-shirt that reads, “Real Men Wear Black.”

Inside, a taupe-colored carpet covers the living room floor. I take off my sneakers. Creamy four o’clock sunlight streams through the windows.

“Did you eat? How about an egg sandwich?”

This sounds good to me. He goes to work toasting a couple of pieces of whole-wheat bread while I check out his place. I ask how long it has been since I’d last been there. We compute that it was maybe ten years before.

The living and dining rooms form an L. Between them stand an immense umbrella tree, a schefflera, and an airy ficus. From the kitchen, butter hits the heated pan with a hiss. On the dining room table sits a glass bowl filled with chocolate-covered peanuts. I reach out and take one, pop it in my mouth, crunch down and swallow; I admit that I am ready for sin. I reach out

and take another. And another. Finally I take a handful (I have large hands), put the bowl on a shelf (out of sight, out of mind), and move through the house, crunching and favoring my right leg. The second bedroom has been converted to a gym, with free weights and a Nautilus machine. The master suite, with bedroom and bath, are shipshape. Tidiness and order. These seem to me signs of a confirmed bachelor, a man grown unsuited to the messiness of relationship. On the king-size bed, a teddy bear wears a “Love” T-shirt. A woman’s pair of gold hoop earrings are on the dresser.

“How’s Cathy?” I call to him in the kitchen.

Andre does not invite inquiry into his private life. He says “Fine,” and that, as they say, is that.

Back in the dining room, I retrieve the bowl of candy from where I’ve hidden it. I gobble up another handful and once again replace it. A photograph on the wall, a black-and-white sports shot, shows Sonny

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Liston on his back looking up at Muhammad Ali, who stands over him. His mouth guard loose, Ali is yelling at the downed man. His face is sweaty and distorted, his leather gloves held high and folded in like a couple of huge portobello mushrooms.

"It's ready," Andre sets the plate with my sandwich on the table.

I have a choice of what to drink. Milk or a Coke translates as an actual choice between more fat or more sugar. With butter in the skillet and mayonnaise on the bread, I'm already getting plenty of fat. Besides, I've

got a rush going from those chocolate-coated peanuts, and why, I ask myself, should I mess with a good thing?

I wash a mouthful of egg sandwich down with Coke and ask about the photograph. Andre says he hung it because he likes Ali. "He was his own man. He changed his name and became a Muslim. He said he wasn't going to Vietnam, and the country went crazy on him. Then he won his championship back, on his terms. You have to respect a man like that," he says.

The photograph follows the moment when Lis-

ton fell, downed by a phantom punch that no one saw and a review of the tapes would never prove was thrown. But if Liston was selling the fight, from the look of things, Ali was not buying. In the shot, he towers as an enraged Muslim Jesus ordering his downed Lazarus to rise, goddammit.

I finish my sandwich and start the tape. I ask Andre to talk about the death of his next-door neighbor. I explain that while I did not recall much of the story, I remember how upset he was at the time and that this seems a good place to start.

"I was upset," he admits, and goes on to recount the story of how he and Bill and Eleanor, his elderly neighbors, became friends when he moved out to Lakeside, how one morning he was getting ready for work, when Eleanor called out to him from the porch next door. Bill, she said, had fallen and couldn't get up. Andre hurried over and found the man turning blue.

"Was he dead?" I ask.

"Not yet. I started giving him mouth-to-mouth. Eleanor was pacing back and forth. I told her to call 911. I had to tell her to stay

on the line and what to say. Meanwhile, Bill threw up some coffee, so I thought he was coming back. Anyway, we're waiting for the paramedics, and it seemed like they were taking forever; and then when they came in..." He pauses. "You know what the first thing one of them says? 'What're you doing here?'" Andre looks at me. "Can you believe it? And of course I could tell from their expression that they were concerned about a black man in the house. And here is this guy dying..." He shakes his head. "Anyway, I told them I was

a neighbor and that Bill needed help."

"Was he dead?"

"They told me to take Eleanor in the other room. When they came in a little while later, they said that he was." At the dining room table, as he talks, Andre hunkers down, a big man going small as he concentrates. If he looks like a linebacker now, most of his life was spent as a skinny kid. When he was born, the rest of us were hoping the new baby, the last, would be a girl. What he has grown up to be is tender, easygoing, and playful. But at the moment, recall-

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ing the incident with the paramedics has stripped Andre of his fabled good nature. He is angry; and like a fire catching, his anger spreads. He speaks of the petition that circulated before he bought his place in 1982. His neighbors worried that a young black man would bring in an undesirable element. (A similar petition had gone around 15 years before, when my parents bought their home.) Andre moves forward in time, from the past to the present; he complains that he is always being watched. "Like when I go into a store, I can feel their eyes on me, as if I'm going to steal something."

This is not paranoia speaking. I say that when I lived in New York, I visited Tiffany's. I had to go to the store manager because the security guy was so obviously tailing me that I kept

bumping into him.

"What did the manager do?" Andre asks.

"Nothing. He said he was sorry, but the man was just doing his job. So I left. Which is what they wanted. The security guy was just doing his job, and his job was to keep people like me out of Tiffany's."

He nods in agreement.

I ask Andre about his first experience of racism. I expect him to recount the experience with Shawn, of being run onto the sidewalk by a pair of young white guys racing past in a pickup. But memory is peculiar and private. He instead recounts three incidents that occurred in rapid succession while he was in the fifth grade. He was stalked by a bully, called names in the school yard, and spit on, full in the face, by a couple of teenagers on motorbikes who whizzed

past him when he was walking home from school.

The image of a ten-year-old, my brother, being spit on cuts through me. As he speaks, a mounting free-floating jab of sympathetic pain lodges at my knee. We go into the living room, where I sit on the couch and stretch out the leg. In *Black Skin, White Masks*, Frantz Fanon writes of the "decolonization of the mind" as a shift from denial and self-hatred to affirming self-acceptance. Fanon maintains that this is essential in adjusting the distorted mindset of any colonized people. Shawn experienced this "decolonization" in the course of time he danced with the Soul Train gang on TV. For me, affirming self-acceptance came in New York with my street-smart friends who had been born in Puerto Rico, within a culture that

was not so color-biased.

"What about you?" I ask.

Andre answers that growing up in the predominantly white community of La Mesa had left him discontented and self-conscious. He didn't know what he was feeling, however, until he started hanging out with friends at Chris's Barber-shop. "I'd be there every week hanging out and talking smack," he said, referring to that easygoing banter that has served as a healing balm to black men for generations.

The sun is setting; inside, the changing light washes orange color over the walls. Ali and Liston, behind glass, have caught fire.

Our conversation drifts to his job. A few years ago, a racial incident deprived him of a management position, but just this week, he'd

been invited back into management. The offer brought with it a substantial hike in salary, but he declined. "They were looking to fill a quota. So they weren't seeing me. They knew I could do the job — I'd performed well before. But what they were looking for was a black person to fill a spot. And that's the problem. When you're black, you're a part of a quota, a part of a problem, or a pain in the butt. You are not a person."

Given his feelings, I wonder about his politics. I ask, for the record, if he would be willing to declare how he votes.

"I don't," he answers.

The telephone rings. It is Laurie. She has found my glasses on the windowsill in the kitchen — which means I have to drive back to Ocean-side tomorrow. I show Andre the photograph, which (with-

out my glasses) is a blur to me. He cannot make out whose hand belongs to whom, so it's more or less a blur to him too. That seems about it. I thank him, mentioning that I am especially grateful for his cooperation, knowing, I say, how much he values his privacy, how shy he is.

"I'm not that shy," he responds. "You just don't know me."

Sometimes in the course of an interview there is a moment that opens up like a big hungry mouth and swallows all the air. It happens now. It feels like a bell jar has been dropped over me. I look at him and say, "What do you mean I don't know you?" My voice sounds flat, like I am speaking behind glass.

Andre smiles at me. "It's all right," he says. "It's not that important."

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In the movie made from the popular romance *The Bridges of Madison County*, the mother writes a letter read by her children at her death. In the letter she confesses to a secret infidelity. She expects that this information may leave her children troubled, but, she explains, she does so because "what is important as we get older is to be known."

Early on we learn to determine our worth from the reactions of others. If my response to Andre ignores who he really is (or has come to be), then am I mistaken in his very reactions to me? Am I then who I have come to suppose myself to be? Am I the name I call myself?

Throw out the lifeline across the dark wave,
There is a brother whom
someone should save.
— Edward Smith Ufford

Is there a "maleness" factor at work that encourages distance and engagement, being at once cool and yet connected? If, I ask myself, I knew my brothers so well, would I have had to come down and interview them?

John Edgar Wideman writes that the "bedrock issue raised by the paradigm of race... is whether [one] can be someone other than a white person in this society and stay healthy, stay alive." Is there another aspect to this paradigm of race? Are

we all, white and black alike, caught in early definitions of self? Do we freeze-frame our perceptions into stereotypes and limit the full uncalculated humanity of each other?

What have I done to my brothers?

I park the Aspire at my brother York's and get out. All that is left of the sun is a deep crimson color rimming the western sky. I knock and enter, and within ten minutes (seven used up by the microwave) I am chewing and swallowing food without much noticing, because what I am feeding at this stage is a binge craving, not hunger. I want sugar — and I don't want to call my father, who is

unhappy about an article I wrote.

I tap out his number, and he picks up. He says hello, and I say, "Hi, Dad." This is the first time we have spoken since the article was published. We get into it quickly enough. He tells me his feelings; I tell him I'm sorry that he is unhappy and hope he will enjoy the story about my brothers. But I wonder. I have come here to find members of my family and to report those findings. His role, as he saw it, was to provide for and protect his family. He understood that as a black man this was best done by quietly going about one's life, remaining essentially anonymous. Are my job as a writer

and his life as a black man and father at odds? The question saddens me, for I love my father.

York Mitchell, Sr., is smart, generous, and widely liked. He grew up in Alabama, at a place and time where a man might be lynched for distinguishing himself, for being known. Today, at 80, my father sometimes recounts stories of his childhood. In one of those tales, about the Alabama mines, he speaks of the mules that were born and died miles underground, working their entire lives without ever seeing the light of day. So used were they to those dim caverns underground, he likes to say, that if ever one saw daylight, the shock

would instantly blind it.

My father left Birmingham as a teenager. He carried one small suitcase and the only sure ticket out: military service. He never looked back, and there was no need to, for he carried, like each of us, his history with him. Now as I listen to him on the other end of the line, I think of those overworked mules and the blinding sunlight they would never see. I imagine a single mule guided by straps running as a halter under its hard belly, drawn slowly out of the dark, climbing upward where it smells the air as thinner, with a sweet fragrance. Pale light hovers ahead. The mule drops its head as it is brought forward into the light.

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My father and I chat a little longer, then we hang up. I turn to York, setting the tape recorder down on the coffee table in the living room.

A span of 16 years does not explain what separates my oldest brother from my youngest. I think of it this way: York was born two years before the U.S. officially entered World War II. He was a teenager in the '50s, a soldier in the '60s, in Vietnam in the '70s, and already looking at retirement from the service at the same time that Andre, not long out of his teens, was dancing the robot to disco hits like Brick's "Good High."

In the muted light, York's hair and beard are silvery. He wears the trim quality of decency I associate with firemen. He is a handsome man with a strong Asian cast to his features. He sits near the door, on one of the pair of leather sofas set at angles to each other. Mahogany paneling covers the walls. The furniture is dark. If Andre's place offered afternoon luminescence, night has rendered this a dark cave with a promise of ancient rites and mysteries. From my seat on the other sofa, I can make out, in silver frames set all over the room, photographs of Thelma's children and grandchildren. Thelma is a pale blonde who speaks quietly and laughs easily. She does so now, inviting me to feel free to use the kitchen. Then she retires to their bedroom. I hear the TV set go on.

York is silent. Even as the interview begins, in the early pauses before it picks up and takes its rhythm, there hovers about him a stalled quality, a weariness that has more to it than

exhaustion at the end of a workweek. He seems to hold within a sadness, an unspoken grief. At these moments he looks haunted. I turn on the tape recorder. My first question is about his marriages. "Your first wife was black, and Thelma is white."

"Yes."

"Do you feel anything about this?" I ask.

"That my first wife was black and my second is white? No, I can't say that I do. I loved my first wife, and I love Thelma. They are both good women."

"Is it that simple?"

"If it's your life, it is," he says, laughing. "I know some think by marrying Thelma that I put down black women and probably more who look at it like it's proof that white is better, because I'm with a white woman. The fact is, I married a black woman and lost her because I was young with a macho attitude. Now I'm blessed to have Thelma. She is my support and my best friend. And between the two of us, our hearts don't see color." I wonder if

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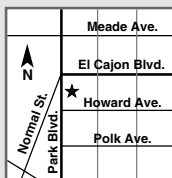
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this means he lives comfortably within the two worlds of black and white. He answers that he would not say he was uncomfortable.

"Would you say you're especially comfortable?"

He pauses and then shakes his head no. Until recently, York served as an assistant pastor at Horizon Christian Fellowship of East County. He knows a lot of people and gets along well with them. "I have good friends in the church," he says, "but to say we visit each other in our homes or that we're intimate? I'm not sure, but it seems to me that's a quality of neighborliness I knew as a kid but which doesn't exist anymore. The world's just too big."

I share with York that Andre has said I know him as shy when he, in fact, is not. "He says that I don't know him," I say.

York, using the Greek word for fellowship, *koinonia*, says that this is one way to open up the dialogue. I'm not sure I buy it.

"Is he so different from the person I think he is?" I add, knowing it's a stupid question, "Are you?"

"I don't know who you think I am," he offers kindly.

I decide to move forward and ask how he finds the general conditions of blacks in the country.

"They're not lynching men in the streets," he says, "but with drugs and unemployment, you'd have to say that a lot of people are pretty miserable."

He recognizes that the problem is complex. As for the solution, he offers a return to the family values voiced by members of the Christian Right. (York proudly calls himself a conservative, adding for the record that he supports affirmative action and is not comfortable with the proposed cuts to welfare.)

I've lost the interview, and I know it. The racial stuff is fine, but my head is buzzing with sophomoric questions about mirroring identities and meaning. Also, I'm tired and I'm trying to control a sugar fit. And there is something else, a nagging, troublesome feeling that I cannot place. York's thoughts on growing up in San Diego bring the interview to a close.

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in this mellow neighborhood at 19th and L Streets. Not with the kinds of stresses you find now." Indeed stress has wrought havoc with York. As a child, he was severely asthmatic (said to be a psychosomatic response to stress) and had to undergo a lifesaving tracheotomy; his skin, today, is a sensitive barometer of his emotional ease; a dyslexic, he has only recently learned that his stress-filled years of school were the consequence of a learning disorder. A sickly childhood, a tour of duty in Vietnam and contact with Agent Orange, a full-time job, the demands of service as an assistant pastor, and the responsibilities to his wife and family have all taken their toll. He takes medication to control a heartbeat that is sometimes erratic.

I turn off the tape and show him the photograph. He pauses, considering, when Thelma, on her way to the kitchen to brew a cup of chamomile tea, glances over his shoulder at the snapshot and at once correctly attaches names to hands. Unbeliev-

able! Asked how she did it, she explains about size of wrist, shape of hand, and so forth — elements of a feat of perception I choose to assign to some arcane and mysterious womanly power. Later, with the pair in bed, I raid the kitchen and destroy a full box of graham crackers while watching James Dean as the unhappy son and troubled brother in *East of Eden*. In the movie, he stays home while the good son goes to war.

When York was in Vietnam, young black draftees accused him of serving the white man. (Malcolm X had already made famous the quip that no Viet Cong had ever called him a nigger.)

"I was their sergeant," York has said, "and they felt that I should ease off on them. They said it was the white man's war."

Did he ease off? No.

"I had my job..."

I have another story: When Marcus enlisted in the Navy and was sent to Vietnam, York searched until one afternoon he found him stationed near Da Nang.

Having pulled duty the night before, Marcus was on the bottom bunk sleeping when York stepped inside. He bent close and spoke low. "Hey! Bro! What's happenin'..." Marcus opened his eyes, crying out for joy at the sound of that familiar voice.

These are my Vietnam stories, because I did not go there. Instead, I marched in protest up New York's Fifth Avenue. Later, when I was living in Germany and working as an archivist for the American military newspaper *Stars and Stripes*, I saw photographs of war atrocities on both sides. That same year I was notified to report to the Frankfurt induction center, where I declared the war unjust, its induction patterns racist, and both sides culpable. My interviewer assured me that with my attitude I should not expect to be called up again. That this turned out not to be the case is a different story, just as, it seems to me, is the fact that 30 years later, in Washington, Robert McNamara, the hawkish secretary of defense, waited more than

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20 years to release his memoirs and say of the war that “we were wrong, terribly wrong.” But I had two brothers who did what they were told and went to Vietnam.

It is late. The house is quiet. I'm glad when *East of Eden* ends. Dean, the bad son, gets both the girl and his father's love; and I get to go to sleep. I'm exhausted. But as soon as the credits run, another movie, *Naked Prey*, comes on. The story is a simple one: Cornel Wilde, buck-naked, without shoes or weapons, runs across Africa in flight from a nation of trained warriors, black men trying to catch his (quite literal) white ass. This movie, made in 1966, has a “cast of thousands,” all trying to outwit our lone hero. I don't think I have to wait to find out if the good (i.e., white) guy wins out. Besides, it's after two. I use the remote control.

The sofa is short and the leather is hot. Careful of my knee, I slide onto the thick area rug, where, almost at once, I am asleep.

I wake up once. It is something after five, I think; too dark to read my watch, but light enough for objects in the room to begin to separate from their shadows. A large abstract painting in deep red and blue floats off the wall, drifting with me into sleep, where it becomes part of a dream I remember only for the inclusion of the painting itself. The next thing I know, the room is light and York and Thelma are in the kitchen. I misplace my dream somewhere between sleep and awakening. There was the red-and-blue painting in it — I remember that — and I come back as well understanding something of what lay in the exhausted, haunted look I'd seen pass over York's face before the interview began the evening before. This, I recognize in retrospect, is what had troubled me.

James Wolcott has written that the tragedy for the black man in America remains that he is “perceived not as a life-size figure of humanity, but as a moody archetype of animal and shadow, all appetite.” I agree with Wolcott inasmuch as I recognize his observation has translated in my own life, as smiles lifted like white flags toward anxious ladies

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alone when I step into elevators; poses of easygoing goodwill I offer to those in line at the automatic teller machine; polite coughs I sound behind strangers as we make our way to our cars at dusk. Thus I spend a massive portion of my days assuring a world of passing strangers that I do not mean to rob, rape, or murder them. Mine is an ongoing personal campaign to de-demonize the black man. Over and over again — hour after hour, day after day, year after year — I broadcast a simple message: I A-M W-O-R-T-H-Y. So I have used up much of my life.

Over breakfast, I share with York my thoughts about that haunted quality I'd seen on his face the evening before. With our energies spent cooling out the negative responses our presence engenders, "It's like you die if you do," I say, "or you die if you don't." York answers that he understands what I am saying and agrees. Except for the haunted feeling I said I'd seen. He says he did not feel that he was haunted by

anything.

Twenty miles later and that much closer to Alpine, I pull into a rest stop and scan the men and women moving in and around their cars. Doing what comes as second nature for black men, I drive slowly past a couple (white) strapping twins into car seats; an elderly pair (white) in a long RV, eating breakfast cereal from bowls; a teenage couple (white) stretching their legs and admiring the view. Finally I see what I was looking for. Two men (white) are standing outside their car peering over a book. They have the milky skin and groomed look of foreigners. I coast close and stop.

"I am sorry," I say, speaking clearly, pronouncing each word and throwing my voice, "I think I am going in the wrong direction. Do you know if this is the way to Oceanside?"

They look up from their book, staring at me with alarm.

It has been my experience that a white man is less afraid of me than a white

woman, that two white men are less afraid than one, that a white foreigner is less afraid of me than a white American, that it is better to address a white stranger before dusk, when darkness sets in. The way I figure it, these two guys are my best bet. Yet they stand in place, not speaking, simply staring at me. Then I understand.

"*Sprechen sie deutsch?*" I ask, and they nod, smiling. Of course. It was not me but the language they were afraid of. And so, while I trot out my rusty German, they put away their guidebook and bring out their map, which we use to get me going in the right, but opposite, direction.

With the windows down and the radio blaring, I fly down the highway. Okay, I tell myself, now I've stepped in it twice. Andre had said that to call him shy was not to know him. York had denied that he felt haunted. What is going on here?

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to burritos. This one had balloons and a helium tank. I am in the station collecting my change when a young black man enters. He takes a bag of mixed nuts from the shelf and brings it to the counter. Next he goes to the back and selects a root beer. He lays this on the counter. Lastly, he fetches a package of Oreo cookies. This is set down as well.

Here at the gas-station stop, the attendant eyeing the young black man has no reason to suspect him of even attempting to shoplift. He has his stuff, and I have my change. We nod at each other, brothers. He leaves and I buy a root beer (more sugar) and a yellow balloon

that the attendant fills with helium and which I hide behind my back when I find Little Shawn in his back yard a half hour later.

Like yesterday, Laurie has her hair tied back, but today she is in jeans and sneakers and down on her knees, intent on ridding her garden of weeds. Her son sits close, his own small spade in hand.

A large black bird kites low overhead. I can't tell if it's a crow or a raven. I point, asking Laurie if she knows. She looks up, shading her eyes. "Aren't ravens smaller?"

"Balloon!" says Little Shawn, reaching for his present. I loop the balloon around the baby's wrist. Shawn joins

us.

"How're the interviews going?"

They were going well, I say, adding that Andre and York left me wondering if I knew them as well as I thought. I had come to interview my brothers hoping that in understanding them, I'd better understand my place in the world. I had not come to have my world, my perceptions, threatened.

Laurie shades her eyes, looking up at me. "You know, a person can communicate well without being intimate." I feel as if I am losing it. "What are you talking about?" Shawn says that communication and intimacy are difficult when we

come loaded with assumptions, with prior histories and reputations.

I look at them, wondering if I'd come to San Diego to have my assumptions about my brothers validated, my aggregated world valorized. I'm not sure and can't say more, because just then the baby pipes up.

"Bye-bye, balloon..." I look down to him and then up to where the yellow balloon is sailing over the rooftop.

"Bye-bye, balloon!" he calls, waving.

"He must have untied the string," Laurie says, laughing. "Yesterday was a near-tragedy. Today it's a game."

I'm not laughing. My

head feels like that yellow balloon.

Oh, call my brother back to me!

I cannot play alone:
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— Felicia Hemans

Marcus is standing outside his building when I drive up. His flight from Phoenix was delayed, and he had arrived home late the night before. He looks tired as he gets in his car. I follow as he zigzags through cross streets. At Pacific Coast Highway, we turn right, heading for the rental-car center. Because they close early on Satur-

days (making it impossible to deliver the car on my way to the airport), I plan to deliver the Aspire, then come back with Marcus and spend the afternoon with him. He'd take me to the airport that evening.

He drives into the lot, his German-made sedan and vanity plates embossed with his initials (MEM) setting him apart, a yacht among rowboats. I sign off and jump in with my luggage. We return to his home on the 11th floor of a building that had the year before gone co-op. Inside, beyond the wall of windows in the living room, lies a sweeping view of Balboa Park, downtown San Diego, and Tijuana.

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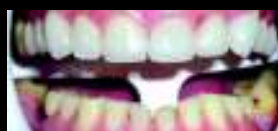
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Marcus takes me onto

the back deck that overlooks the airport. A jet roars past overhead. It flies so low I feel I could reach up and touch its great cargo belly. A mile away, another airplane, its wingtips gleaming, is taking off directly into the sun. "We saw the America Cup trials from here." He points below, to the blue harbor. It is Saturday, and Rhonda, who had spent the morning at the architectural design firm where she works, is now in the bedroom taking a nap.

My knee aches. I sit on

the sofa and stick my leg straight out. I show Marcus the photograph. He picks out himself and York, because of the rings. I put the tape recorder on the coffee table. With my first question, we're in trouble.

"You ask me," he says, "about my experiences growing up black in San Diego, but my problem is that I can't remember back before I was 13 or 14." (His earliest memory of racism, he says, was with his second wife when, while living in El Cajon, a truck passed, and some young whites yelled out "Nigger lover!")

"You can't remember

anything before that?"

He answers that he can't. "My memory is foggy."

Today there are many children's therapies, techniques for working with unhappy kids. When we were young there was only one generally approved method: the rod. And as a child, Marcus was famous for being on its receiving end and famous as well for the rice and bananas, milk, and slices of white Langendorf bread — "comfort" food — he ate to assuage the pain of "therapy."

I did not play a varsity sport in high school. My brothers did. Shawn was on

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a championship football team at Grossmont. Andre played basketball. York teed off for St. Augustine. Marcus played both golf and football. He was skinny then and until he went into the Navy. He came back from Vietnam muscled and heavy, as if he were wearing armor. He has remained a big man ever since.

While growing up, he says, he does not remember being close with blacks, with whites, or (as the middle child) with us, his brothers. (I take this remark full in the gut.) Feeling isolated within the home and outside in the community has meant, he says, that he has had to work for everything he has achieved.

I don't get the logic here or the rationale behind his conclusion, "That's why I make a point of surrounding myself with people who do not think in terms of color."

I suggest that he does think in terms of color. "You have married three white women. So what are we talking here, coincidence?"

He reminds me that his earliest relationship was with a black woman. "But as for my wives, I think each one was a very fine person who happened to be white." He calls himself a product of his environment. "If I'd grown up in Los Angeles or

Benz, and living in a condominium overlooking the park, he represents a certain social type. Whether he sees himself as fortunate or having worked for what he has, does he not feel that oppressive conditions still hold for the black man?

I play the names in my head:

Stars & Stripes. Young America.

Black Magic. With the right verbs,

they combine nicely as a metaphor

for U.S. race relations.

Oakland, where there is a large black middle-class community, the choices I made, from the women I met and fell in love with to the work I do, all that would have likely been different." I explain that as a black businessman married three times to white women, driving a Mercedes-

"Certainly prejudice and racism continue to exist. But I try not to let it bother me."

Unlike my two younger brothers, neither York nor Marcus acknowledges deep connections within the black community. I ask what the police beating of Rodney

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King that sparked the L.A. riots meant to him.

"It told me that our liberal justice system is in trouble."

Maybe the system is a mess, but I'm not sure the fault lies solely with the liberals. "Statistics," I say, "show that the judicial system, however you characterize it, is

more likely to work in favor of a white person over a black."

Probably so, he answers, but cautions that statistics can be used any number of ways. I ask and am told that he does not approve of affirmative action. ("Do you think a quota system is good?") I suggest that the

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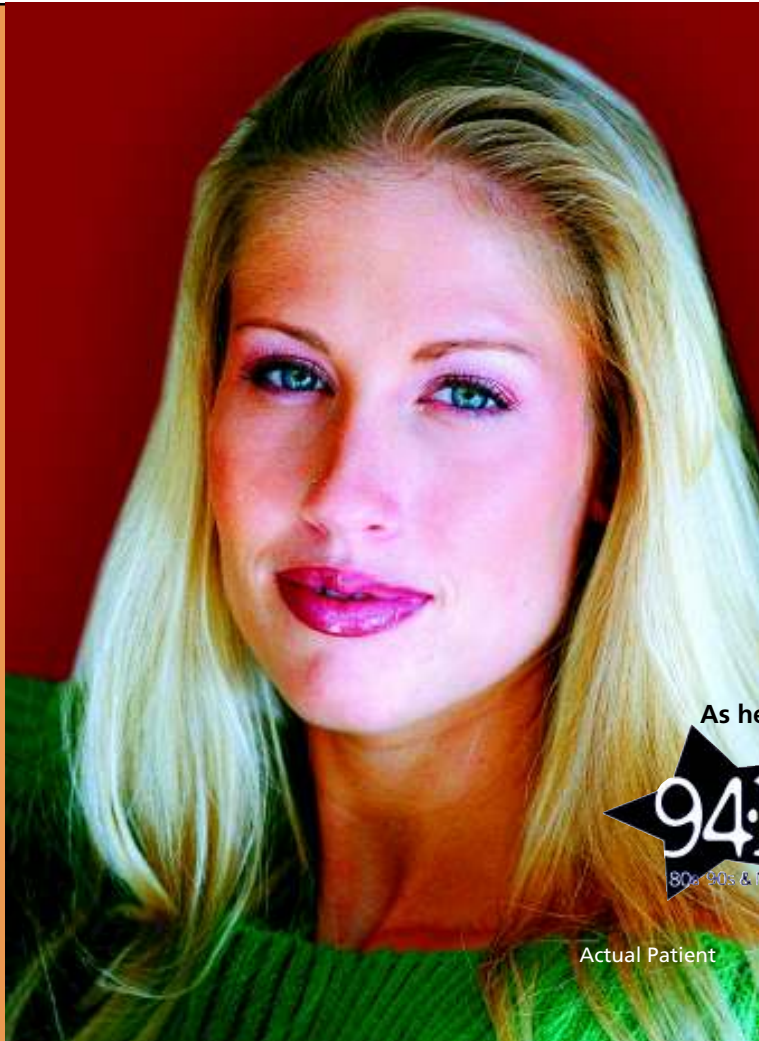


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"Racism," he replies, "will always be with us."

As we ramble over the conservative landscape, he makes approving sounds about Clarence Thomas, the black Supreme Court justice; about welfare cuts and the strict monitoring of the poor. ("They could get a job if they really wanted to.") Marcus calls himself a moderate. He believes in the power of the individual to create his destiny.

I am beside myself. "You're nuts!" I tell him, and he laughs.

Marcus seems to me to speak in the way of so many Americans who currently find themselves disaffected. He espouses a political position while remaining essentially nonpolitical, thus seeing the world in terms of personality and individual responsibility, hence, of praise or blame. While he speaks with breathtaking assurance that puts my own wobbly liberal views to shame, his views are inconsistent. For example, his ethic of indi-

vidual determinism is at odds with his claim that he, himself, is a product of his environment. "This country," he says, "faces dangers from unions, the welfare state, and unemployment. The big three that brought England down."

(I tell myself the danger is real. I'm just not sure bucking the unions, drastically reducing aid to the poor and unemployed is the way to address it.)

"Hi!" Rhonda appears, sleepy-eyed. A honeyblonde, warm and affectionate, she is from Down Under and even her "Hi" has that Australian twang. She goes into the kitchen to fix dinner. Marcus and I wind down the interview.

He says that growing up in San Diego allowed him to follow what he calls a moderate path, and he's glad for that. He quotes Martin Luther King, saying he has been lucky that he has been judged not on the color of his skin but the content of his character. (I remember that yesterday Shawn said the same thing, offering it as

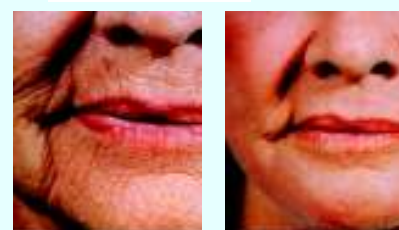
a hope for his son.) Maybe, Marcus admits, he has been like the ostrich burying his head in the sand, but "life is difficult enough as it is without having to agonize over the issues of race that you seem to be troubled by."

He goes over to the baby grand that turns out not to be a piano but a synthesizer housed to look like a baby grand piano. If objects speak symbolically of their owners, and Shawn with his fish tank, Andre his photograph of Ali, and York the dark painting hanging in the air are in a sense described by these, then surely this electronic sound system speaks of Marcus. It is advertised as completely self-contained, with an 88-note keyboard and 100 sounds of "breath-taking authenticity, including flutes, brass, basses, and drums...and other special effects as chorus, tremolo, and vibrato...and it never needs tuning." Because Marcus has not yet mastered the playing of it, the thing sits there, certainly not a baby grand, not even a synthesizer, but more a costly, unused toy. It

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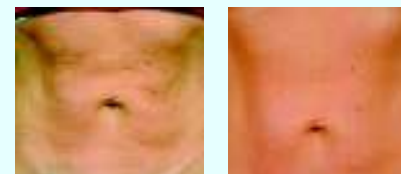
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falls into the same class as comfort food, vanity plates, and a prized bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon 1986 Silver Oak (Alexander Valley) that he shows me.

Because I know him to be both intelligent and sensitive (despite what he has chosen to say in the interview), I wonder how much he truly cares about these things. Are they diversions, narcotics used to ward off the pain of everyday life?

Rhonda announces supper. We sit down to a creamy pasta primavera, tossed salad, and white wine. Over our meal, the pair trade remarks, gently chiding each other. They have been married a year. In their give-and-take, two things become clear: They are enormously happy, and Marcus, who holds some opinions that I think are wrong-headed, maintains a kind of integrity evidenced in the quality of their relationship. What am I to make of this?

For dessert Rhonda has baked flaky apple tarts, topped with big scoops of vanilla ice cream that for

me provide a sugar rush that has not subsided by the time I take off from Lindbergh Field two hours later, strapped in and accelerating fast into the night air, on the way home.

The guide pattern of

defender finals were held. Now far below lies the water route taken in the elimination trials. *Stars & Stripes*, capturing the Citizens Cup over *Mighty Mary* and *Young America*, had won the right to sail against the New

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every other man, that we each share a

common ancestor who lived among

the earliest members of the race now

called Homo sapiens.

lights of the airport drop away. Air flight leaves me restless. Tonight, however, my feelings of distress are acute. I feel small and lonely.

Earlier, Marcus had pointed from his back porch to where the America's Cup

Zealand team's boat, *Black Magic*. It has been a strenuous two days. I wonder how close New Zealand is to Rhonda's Australia. I play the names in my head: *Stars & Stripes*. *Young America*. *Black Magic*. With the right

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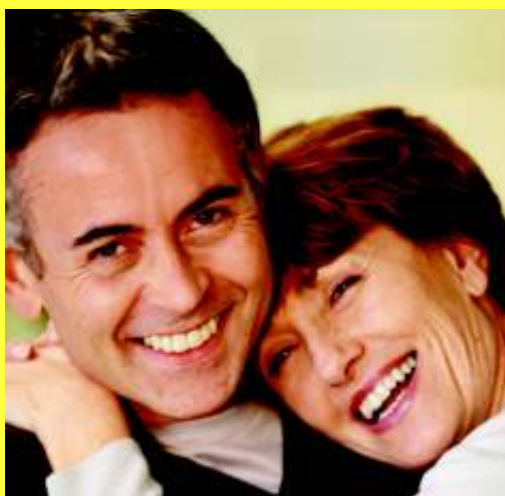
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verbs, they combine nicely
as a metaphor for U.S. race
relations.

There was another
metaphor that had made
news earlier in the spring,
when a team of molecular
biologists published their
findings on genetic ancestry
in *Science*. The researchers
had examined a tiny por-
tion of a single gene from the
Y chromosome in 38 eth-
nically diverse men from
widely scattered parts of the
world. Determining the rate
at which human genes
mutate and analyzing the
genetic snippets, the research
team concluded that every
man now on earth is related
to every other man, that we
each share a common ances-
tor who lived among the
earliest members of the race
now called *Homo sapiens*.
This “father of us all” lived
in Africa roughly 270,000
years ago.

“Thus, in a sense,” writes
Svante Paabo, translating
the findings into that sin-
gle metaphor I remember
months later, “everyone on
this planet looks like an
African.” That each human

wears the face of Africa is
to say that all men, every-
where, are African. Thus, all
who reside in the U.S. are
African-American — black,
white, yellow, red, and brown.

I ran through my list
of African names for
“brother”: *Ndugu* (Swahili),
Aburo (Yoruba), *Dan’uwa*
(Hausa). Genetics, I know,
doesn’t much matter. We
are what personal histories
and daily behavior make of
us. But it was pleasant think-
ing that Africa, condemned
for centuries as backward
and uncivilized, should have
been the place of our origin.

When I think about it,
I’d left home early the day
before to interview my broth-
ers. Returning, I feel I’d some-
how lost a little of each of
them. (This is why I feel
small and lonely.) But if I
had lost them — or at least
some assumptions about
them — recalling those
research findings and rec-
ognizing their implications
means that at some level I
am returning with a couple
of billion more.

What a trip.

The man of flesh and
blood; the one
who is born, suffers and
dies — above
all, who dies; the man who
eats and
drinks and plays and sleeps
and thinks
and wills; the man who is
seen and is
heard; the brother, the real
brother.

— Miguel de Unamuno

The sugar craving and jitters
die about three the next
afternoon. In the interim
I’d had a few hours of ragged
sleep, gone to church (in
San Francisco), and eaten
brunch nearby, then walked
the streets gazing into store
windows. While behind me,
darkened bodies reflected
and flattened by glass, passed
back and forth, I recollected
how I had done what I always
seem to do when I visit fam-
ily in San Diego — just as I
did what I always do when
I left: I’d managed to eat
myself into a numbing stu-
por, gone into sugar overload,
zoned out on TV when pos-
sible, and then when I got
home had forced myself to

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ings my brothers and I sometimes shared when we all got together. I'd come back not only empty-handed but with hands and body trembling with fired nerves. Why is it not enough to know that we love our families and that they love us? Why cannot such knowledge free us of the tensions that love sometimes arouses?

My knee hurts. I make my way down toward the Castro, hoping to walk out the pain.

We each, my brothers and I, live in homes with pleasing and attractive things at hand. No one has spent a day in jail. We are not afflicted with AIDS, drug addictions, or (for the moment) unemployment. Karl Marx claimed socioeconomic class more strongly influences behavior than race, and it seems that he was right. But how does middle-class status account for our wide stretch across the political spectrum, from lib-

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eral left (in my case) to the conservative right? We have each walked through days with taunts of "nigger" ringing in our ears; we've met with unfair treatment on the job and from police. At the same time, we concede that gains have been made in race relations. And if those relations appear stalled, we claim for them our share of America's sunshine virtues — ever-dawning optimism, ever-springing hope.

One of my great-grandfathers was born a slave. He, like his son, my grandfather, and my father, each in his time, was gifted with motive and intention (essential to creating and maintaining a middle-class life), and each had found the means by

which to actualize these. The same can be said of my brothers. And, all things being equal, so it will be for Little Shawn and the next generation.

Which is not to say that it will be easy or that it is ordained. Malcolm X reminds us that we remain, every one of us, black. Blackness throws generational class privilege always in question, tying us into a relationship that is not vertical, like father handing down to son, but horizontal, as brother handing across to brother. To trace a shared mutuality across five generations, from a man born enslaved in the middle of the 19th Century to his great-great-grandson who will reach maturity in the new millennium, means that we, linked as brothers to each other, have also, each in his time, borne the task of turning to

the one who stands beside and saying, as did two characters in the film *Southern*, "I beat the death they had planned for me; I want you to beat the life."

Standing, we link together as a chain in that combustible match of color and gender: the black man. In our culture, brothers sometimes use another word by which we are known. We call each other "Blood."

If my brothers and I feel ourselves (in Unamuno's words) not enough "seen or heard" when we are together, surely the willingness to criticize that lack indicates a level of communication, a vulnerability, at once deeply rooted and rare. Surely Andre was "real" when he told me I did not know him; and he was generous when he said it did not matter, between us. And so each of the others. They expressed their differ-

ences and showed me that what we had was okay. Laurie said that communication was not the same as intimacy, and she was right. It seems to me, however, that communication is essential to intimacy. And I have, on tape, beginnings of a new closeness.

Jesus says in the Gnostic Gospels that if you "bring forth what is within you, what you bring forth will save you. If you do not bring forth what is within you, what you do not bring forth will destroy you." I worry what this may mean for the nation as a whole, but I have no fears here for myself or my brothers.

We together represent a wide spectrum of opinion and choices met. We will go deeper to find "the brother, the real brother." I am no longer so sure I know who they each are and what I will find. But what of it?

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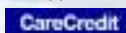
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reality of the American experience, and we cannot begin to unlock it until we accept how very much it contains the force and anguish and terror of love."

I ask myself what if this "anguish and terror of love" were shared by all my brothers, we who share the many different faces of Africa. I cannot hope (aspire?) to answer so large a question. Yes, the black man faces serious challenges, but having survived slavery, Reconstruc-

tion, and all the rest, I expect him to pass through this too. This is not to address whether the African American is "an endangered species," however; that answer must be a firm and unqualified no. As geneticists remind us, we are too many.

I take a seat on a stoop and look up at the sky. How long ago two afternoons seemed, when Little Shawn's balloon whipped out of his grasp and lifted. In his child's heart, his blue balloon was

a thing of joy, beautiful, timeless, and much prized. But now it was suddenly drifting away, moving farther and farther out of reach. Uncertain that this precious thing could not be called back, he turned to his mother. She instructed him to say "bye-bye" to the blue balloon, and he did, participating in the event, waving goodbye to what was quickly on its way to being gone forever. But of course it was not lost. Nuclear physicists at Berkeley and Tibetan Buddhist monks in the Himalayas share with us the knowledge that nothing is lost, that appearances simply change.

Yesterday he got another balloon, but by then wafting balloons were no longer an irretrievable calamity. By then (and for the moment) tragedy was tamed into an experience of transition, a playful moment in life that was itself a child's game of fleeting changes.

Shawn's balloon was never lost. Yesterday, he'd said goodbye and watched as it flew upward and became, so very quickly, the sky itself. ■

— Hawkins Mitchell

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Fractured Lives of Military Brats

One of the things that military children get that is very positive is that sense of mission, a sense of doing something for somebody more than just yourself," says writer/director Donna Musil.

On Friday, September 29, Musil will screen her documentary *BRATS: Our Journey Home* at the Civic Center in Oceanside.

Musil interviewed 50 of the 500 military brats who responded to a questionnaire on her website. The film, which took seven years to produce, was funded by donations from military brats worldwide.

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"We got \$1000 from a guy who said, 'Anybody who can get Kris Kristofferson and [retired General] Norman Schwarzkopf in the same film deserves my money.'" Kristofferson donated his music to the film and served as narrator.

"When children are raised in families where their needs are secondary to something else, it doesn't matter what it is, it affects them the same," says Musil. "With missionary kids, God is number one; with brats, the military is number one. Children [whose family's needs are secondary] grow up to have the same symptoms of adult children of alcoholics."

Because of having to change locations frequently throughout their formative years, many military brats develop trust issues. "There's so much loss in a military child's life. [When you move] you lose friends, your reputation, teachers — and that's if nothing happens to your parent. Animals? People didn't take their dogs

with them. I met some brats who went through 20 dogs."

One of the military brats featured in the film, Catherine Howard Reed, says, "I had two disastrous marriages...I've not learned the skills that it takes to keep a relationship going." Heather Wilson DeSpain, another woman interviewed by Musil, says, "Trust is a really big issue in my life. I don't issue it out to people very easily. And when I do, I think there's always this thing in the back of my head that tells me they're going to break it."

Musil describes a segment of the film in which a psychologist explains a coping mechanism inherent in many military brats: "They don't fully invest. If you did fully invest in everything, you'd get your heart broken every year or so [when it's time to move again]. You're not stupid, so you survive that lifestyle by taking the good and learning to walk away from the bad."

"But," Musil explains, "it's counter-productive as an adult — you don't work through difficulties very well. When I grew up, I had to teach myself to have confrontations with people [with whom relationships] are workable."

The structure of a military family is different from that of most other families. "Everything is saturated with the military culture," says Musil. In the documentary, Schwarzkopf shares, "I remember my dad talking to me about honor and integrity when I was seven. When he left home to go to Iran, he ceremoniously presented me with his West Point sword and said, 'You're the man of the house, and you have to take care of your mom and sisters.'"



I took it very seriously."

The most significant disadvantage for military families, Musil contends, is the lack of medical confidentiality. "Families that are really suffering from abuse or alcoholism, which are things that happen in every culture, feel this pressure not to tell anybody. Here you are a ten-year-old kid, and Dad's drinking too much, but we don't want to get him in trouble, so Mom doesn't get any help. You're told as a child that you represent America, particularly when you go overseas. That's a lot of pressure."

According to Musil, many men handle post-traumatic stress disorder with alcohol. "I did find in my research that older brats reported tons of drinking problems, and then there was a period of time — related to peacetime — where it wasn't much of a problem. Now [the military] is trying to get people not to drink [as much]. But studies have shown both smoking and drinking have now gone back up because of Iraq."

Musil's father was a JAG officer and a

military judge, and her family had to move 12 times in 16 years. "I wouldn't have traded it for anything in the world," she says. "To be able to live in different countries, to be exposed to different cultures and not be afraid of change — those are wonderful things! I'm not from a place, I'm from a group of people, and I found my home in that group of people. I can sit down with any brat and have a great conversation."

— Barbarella

BRATS: Our Journey Home
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BAJA

Armando Manzanero in Concert, Thursday, September 28, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Country Club on Boulevard Agua Caliente. Tickets: \$35–\$120 U.S. Reservations: 011-52-664-104-7510. (TIJUANA)

Opera Pop Promised when Filippa Giordano performs Thursday, September 28, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$60, \$80 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Readings by Alejandra Vicencio, Thursday, September 28, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and

Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

There's a Drama Festival planned at Centro Cultural Tijuana. See *Vencer al Sensei* (Mexico City) on Friday, September 29; *Instrucciones Para Volar* (Mexico City) offered on Saturday, September 30. Program features *Rojo Carmin* (Sonora) on Sunday, October 1; *Antes* (Guadalajara) on Monday, October 2, and *Mujer on the Border* (Mexico City) on Tuesday, October 3. The Tijuana play *Disfraces* is set for Wednesday, October 4, with *Mexicanus* (Sinaloa) on Thursday, October 5. Festival concludes with *¿Se Equivoco?* on Friday, October 6. Plays begin at 7 p.m. Find Centro at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

A Tribute to José Alfredo Jimenez is planned by Orchestra of Baja California, Friday, September 29, 8 p.m., at Cien Años Restaurant (1407 José María Velazco Street, Zona Río). Reservations: 011-52-664-634-3039. (TIJUANA)

Pop Music by Yonic and Jose Manuel Zamacona, Friday, September 29, 11 p.m., at Las Pulgas Club (on Avenida Revolución). \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-685-9594. (TIJUANA)

San Vicente Ferrer 200 Off-road Race with competition by more than 150 cars, trucks, ATVs, and motorcycles from both sides of the border is Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30. Challenging course in San Vicente is found 50 miles south of Ensenada. 011-52-646-176-1637. (SAN VICENTE)

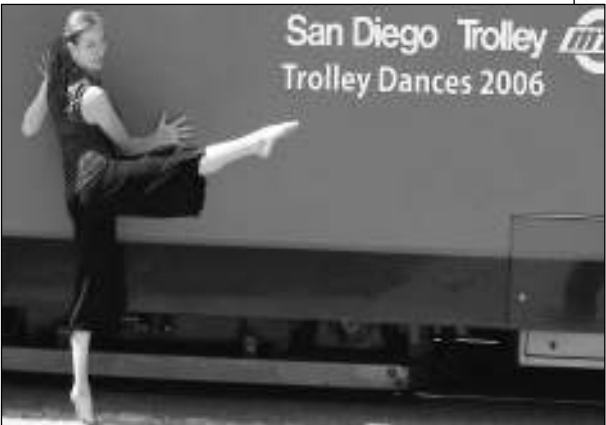
Graphic Design, Movies, Literature discussed by Eramos Todos on Friday, September 29.

OUT & ABOUT

TROLLEY DANCES 2006

Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater plays along Metropolitan Transit System, September 30 and October 1.

(SEE DANCE)



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Lecture begins at 6 p.m. at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Admission to “Retrografia Mexicana” is free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Flavors of Guadalupe Valley, travel to scenic Mexico’s scenic wine country to sample wines, enjoy paella, tour a winery during tour hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, September 30, 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m. \$92 includes transportation, meal, guide. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (GUADALUPE VALLEY)

Long and Winding Road, the 27th Annual Fall Rosarito-Ensenada 50-mile fun bicycle ride is Saturday, September 30, starting at 10 a.m. at Rosarito Beach Hotel. 858-483-8777. (ROSARITO BEACH, ENSENADA)

Flamenco Music by guitarist Javier Urquizo, Saturday, September 30, 9:30 p.m., at El Lugar del

Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Lobster Festival with food, music, entertainment, Sunday, October 1, 1–6 p.m., in Puerto Nuevo. \$25 tickets include lunch and three beverages. 011-52-664-612-0396. (PUERTO NUEVO)

Biathlon with two 5k runs and a 20k bike ride is Sunday, October 1, starting at 8 a.m. at Tijuana City Hall in Zona Río. 011-52-664-215-9000. (TIJUANA)

Matadors José Luis Angelino, Juan Antonio Adame, and José Mauricio meet up with bulls from Celia Barbabosa at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 1, at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. 011-52-664-686-1510. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Julieta Venegas in Concert, Saturday, October 7, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$10–\$50. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

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Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Saturday, September 30, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers behind Stone House (park headquarters). Free. Registration: 619-669-1697. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

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

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Tour del Día, Offshoot Tours offers an hour-long guided stroll highlighting the Park Palisades area of Balboa Park on Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m., beginning at the visitors' center. 619-235-1121. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Help Rescue Wildlife in Peril with Wildlife Assist. Next orientation is Saturday, September 30, 2 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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DANCE

Early Improvisational Tango featured Friday, September 29, in

room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Perpetual Motion makes the music, Barb Kirchner calls for contradance on Friday, September 29, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$9. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Ancient Tale of Star-Crossed Lovers, California Ballet opens season with *Romeo and Juliet*, September 30 and October 1, in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). *For Flora*, set to music by Johann Strauss, is also on the program. Curtain rises at 1 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$32–\$78 general, \$22 for children 12 and younger. 858-560-6741 or 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Pasacat Philippine Performing Arts Company plans "35th Anniversary Extravaganza," Saturday, September 30, 2 and 7 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Productions include 28 dancers and six musicians performing variety of dances from Philippines. Tickets: \$22, \$25. 619-477-3383. (ROLANDO)

"Trolley Dances 2006" presented by Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater and Metropolitan Transit System on Saturday and Sunday, September 30 and October 1. This year's dances run along Orange Line beginning at Euclid Avenue trolley stop (450 Euclid Avenue); tour guides then escort

audience downtown. Choreographers include Monica Bill Barnes, Bradley Lundberg, Jean Isaacs, Kate Brill, Yvonne Harguindeguy, Ben Levy.

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

Put Three Candles on the Cake and take some free dance classes during third anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m., at Culture Shock Dance Center (2110 Hancock Street, Suite 200). Free. 619-299-2110. (OLD TOWN)

Memorial and Celebration of life of Arleigh Yewchan "for all her folk-dancing friends," Saturday, September 30, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Memorial (4 p.m.), catered vegetarian German dinner (5:30 p.m.), followed by folk dancing for all folk dancers. Yewchan was 92 years old when she died in July; she danced three days each week up "until a day and a half before her passing." 619-278-4619. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Rueda de Casino, Cuban-style salsa dance class, Sunday, October 1, 6 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). \$10. 760-436-7070. (ENCINITAS)

Meditation in Motion, Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing to live music on Monday, October 2, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). \$3. 619-692-3079. (MISSION HILLS)

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FILM

The Original "King Kong" screens Thursday, September 28, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum, with presenter Bob Burns discussing the film, displaying "the original King Kong armature used in the film." \$11 general. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Accidental Tourist," William Hurt, Geena Davis, and Kathleen Turner in Laurence Kasdan's "loopy dramedy" screens for Cinema Under the Stars series, Thursday–Saturday, September 28–30, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"Matta — The Eye of a Surrealist," filmmaker Jane Crawford's documentary shows artist exploring and explaining the creative process, with interview commentaries by art historians, curators, fellow artists. Screens Thursday, September 28, 7 p.m., at San Diego Mu-

seum of Art. \$5. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

"Toon Town Troublemakers" — showcase of "new and edgy contemporary animated short films presented Thursday, September 28, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Adult content; unrated. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Ladri di Biciclette" (1948), Vittorio De Sica's landmark film screens Thursday, September 28, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Japanese Film *Howl's Moving Classic* (2003) screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, September 29. See film at 1 p.m. in room 204 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Film also screens at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. In Japanese with English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

ACine Club! Monthly Latino Film Festival continues with documentary *Recalling Orange County* on Friday, September 29, 6:30 p.m., in P-32 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). What does it mean to be an American? 619-230-1938 x101. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

OUT & ABOUT

PUNISHER TOUR

Comedian Carlos Mencia, Civic Theatre, Friday, September 29.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* screens Friday, September 29, 7 p.m., at St. Mark's Episcopal Church (4227 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 858-452-0276. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Army "Brat" and Filmmaker Donna Musil screens her documentary, *Brats: Our Journey Home*, Friday, September 29, 7 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Some well-known "military brats" featured in the film: Kris Kristofferson, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf. Free. 760-435-5575 or 760-435-5580. (OCEANSIDE)

"My Country, My Country," Laura Poitras's "mosaic of life under siege" in Iraq screens for Sunday Matinee on October 1, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Film focuses on Dr. Riyadh, Sunni political candidate who is an outspoken critic of the occupation. In Arabic, English, Kurdish with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Searing Anti-Globalization Documentary" *Maquilapolis: City of Factories* screens Monday, October 2, 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Women in the film "reach

beyond the daily struggle for survival to organize for change." Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The Short Documentary Video *El Programa de Colocación Avanzada: Lo Mejor Para Nuestros Estudiantes! The Advanced Placement Program: The Best for Our Students* will be screened Thursday, October 5, 5:30 p.m., at North County Regional Educational Center (255 Pico Avenue). The youth-producers and those interviewed in documentary will be on hand to answer questions. Free. 619-230-1938 x102. (SAN MARCOS)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Deep Sea* and *Greece: Secrets of the Past*. "Fridays at the Fleet" features *Amazing Journeys* (6 p.m.), *Bugs!* (7 p.m.), *Greece: Secrets of the Past* (8 p.m.), *Deep Sea* (9 p.m.) on September 29. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Adaptations of Buddhist Sects to Shintoism in Japan" is subject for Cornelia Feye when Asian Arts Council gathers for lecture, Thursday, September 28, 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10 general. 619-696-1946. (BALBOA PARK)

"Forging New Paths to Conflict Transformation in Serbia and the Former Yugoslavia" is subject when Svetlana Kijevcanin speaks for Women Peacemakers event, Thursday, September 28, 12:30 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-7509. (LINDA VISTA)

"Healthy Cooking Techniques" divulged, along with samples, when Joey Nerenberg of Infusion Culinary leads class, Thursday, September 28, 6 p.m., at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la

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New Collaborations for Changing
Environments" is theme for ongo-
ing "Dialogues in Art and Archi-
tecture" series at Athenaeum Mus-
ic and Arts Library (1008 Wall
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lecture by installation and perfor-
mance artist Suzanne Lacy, cur-
rently chair of fine arts at Otis Col-
lege of Art and Design in Los
Angeles on Thursday, Septem-
ber 28, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-
5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Charting Her 28-Year Journey
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Book, Mary Ellen Long plans lec-
ture, Friday, September 29,
7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music
and Arts Library (1008 Wall
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**"Simply Succulent Wreath-
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led by Elizabeth Ramos,
Saturday, September 30, 9:30 a.m.,
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maca College Drive West). \$55 fee
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619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Decorative Arts Lecture Series

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commences with look at "Design at
the Dawn of the 20th Century: The
International Arts and Crafts Move-
ment" by decorative arts historian
Emily Zaiden, Monday, October 2.
Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lec-
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LOCAL EVENTS

Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Rise of Blockbuster Democracy, Tuesday, October 3, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

Celebrate California Wines during events planned on Tuesdays at JRDN Restaurant at Tower 23 Hotel (723 Felspar). Class is led by Stuart Cellars Winery representative on October 3, 7 p.m., with wine tastings, cheese (\$25). Optional three-course dinner following event (\$25). Reservations: 858-270-5736. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Roots and Shoots, renowned researcher and conservationist Jane Goodall discusses new service-learning program for students she has founded, Wednesday, October 4, 4 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657 (LA JOLLA)

Learn to Publish Your First Novel when author Jennifer Coburn presents informal chat, Wednesday, October 4, 6:30 p.m., at Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Former Three-Term U.S. Republican Senator from Missouri, U.S. Ambassador to United Nations, and ordained Episcopal priest John C. Danforth “has watched the changes in today’s politics with growing alarm.” Danforth speaks on his “more secular vision of politics” from his book *Faith and Politics* for UCSD’s Revelle Forum, Wednesday, October 4, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$35. Suggested reservations: 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

Tour the Night Sky during “The Sky Tonight” planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 4. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. \$8.50 general. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

“How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog” presented Wednesday, October 4, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SCPA (5500 Gaines Street). Training secrets for “calmness in the home,” communication, basic nutrition, more. \$15. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

“Trans-Border Migration and Development: Promoting Economic Opportunities in Mexico and the Border Region” is subject for conference on October 5 and 6 at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Experts from U.S. and Mexico plan policy discussions with variety of presentations. Free. Hours: 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. on Friday. Registration: 619-260-4090. (LINDA VISTA)

Stalked by Her Ex-Husband for 40 Years — Sherry L. Meinberg discusses her experience when Sisters in Crime gather at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street) on Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m. She has written two books on subject. \$3. 760-735-9313. (HILLCREST)

What Are Plans for Lower Rose Creek Park? Find out about this area “full of potential” and (an unrelated) proposed 11-mile trolley extension when Clairemont Town Council gathers on Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m., in auditorium at Clairemont High School (4150 Ute). Free. 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

“Pluto (To Be or Not to Be a Planet),” astronomer David Devine provides look at International Astronomical Union’s recent decision to strip Pluto of planetary status, Saturday, October 7, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Can a petition signed by over 300 astronomers overturn the decision? 619-238-1233. Included in regular admission. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Truth About Immigration: Why Everything You Think You Know Is Wrong” divulged by Linda Chavez, chairman of Center for Equal Opportunity, Tuesday, Octo-

OUT & ABOUT

ARE MEN NECESSARY?

Columnist Maureen Dowd, Saturday, September 30, D.G. Wills Books.

(SEE IN PERSON)



ber 17, 5:30 p.m., at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. Required reservations: 619-260-4868. (LINDA VISTA)

IN PERSON

New West Electro-Acoustic Music Festival with theme of “Pulse: The Influence of Africa,” September 28–30, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Composers and performers highlight their personal interpretations of African rhythms, musics, dances, cultures, traditions, philosophies, spiritual practices. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. \$12 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

“Rhythm of Colors,” presentation of Indian culture planned Thursday, September 28, 7 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Production explores association of colors with emotions through blend of poetry, dance, and music from this “country of diversity.” Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Contemporary Fantasy Author Rachel Caine signs, discusses

Firestorm and *Glass Houses*, Thursday, September 28, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Comedian Bob Newhart signs *I Shouldn’t Even Be Doing This!* Friday, September 29, 12:30 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Poet Virginia Robinson reads from her new book, *Carrier*, Friday, September 29, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

The Backyard concert series continues with performance by Blake Williams, Friday, September 29, 7 p.m., in amphitheater at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Art by local artists on display. Free. 760-746-1322. (ESCONDIDO)

The Punisher Tour, comedian Carlos Mencia brings his social commentary to Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street) on Friday, September 29, with shows at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets: \$40, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

“Works from the Vault,” series continues with Man-Well Pro-

ductions presenting “The Heist,” Friday, September 29, 7 p.m., at Rock Paper Scissors International Galleria (4976 Newport Avenue). Event “focuses on juxtaposing the artistic elements of hip-hop.” Live art by local artists, music, dancing. Free. 619-222-7625. (OCEAN BEACH)

Contemporary Folk Singer-Songwriter Ellis Paul plays for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, September 29, with Antje Duvekot opening (\$15, \$20). Next up: Bruce Molsky and Marley’s Ghost, Sunday, October 1 (\$18, \$22). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

The Manhattan Ragtime Orchestra plays classic rags and “other related forgotten American popular music from the ragtime era,” Friday, September 29, 7:30 p.m., at Maxine Theatre (31322 Cole Grade Road). \$25. 760-749-7390. (VALLEY CENTER)

“On the Reel,” live performance poetry by Bennie Herron, KenDiez de Leon, Sunflower duBois, Rudy Francisco, Friday, September 29, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Enjoy “a word-union of life, love, and resistance.” \$7. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

“Tales from the Far Side of Fifty” performance, Saturday, September 30, 2 p.m., at Avo Playhouse (303 Main Street). Fourteen women from 58–88 share their stories and songs of post-middle-age. \$25 tickets benefit Operation Hope. 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

“Are Men Necessary?” Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* columnist Maureen Dowd discusses her new book, *Are Men Necessary? When Sexes Collide*, Saturday, September 30, 5 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

“Page by Page,” Broadway star Ken Page “originated some of Broadway’s most beloved roles including the Cowardly Lion in *The Wiz*,” Fats Waller in *Ain’t Misbehavin’*, others. Page takes stage to tell story of his life with songs, Saturday, September 30, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$41, \$43. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

10th Annual Big-Band Concert and Dance at Oceanside Pier is Saturday, September 30, noon to 7 p.m. Program includes Jay Wimmer and the Big Band All Stars, Big Band and Jazz Hall of Fame Orchestra, Oceanside Society Orchestra. Dance contest with prizes. \$5 tickets include meal, concert. 760-630-0909, 760-435-5250. (OCEANSIDE)

Honolulu Poet and writer Kirby Wright signs *Punahou Blues*, Saturday, September 30, 1:30 p.m., at Fallbrook Library (124 South Mission). Free. 760-728-3835. (FALLBROOK)

Debut Author Keith Jones is joined by Mars Society author Marc Meyers for “Mayan Calendar” event, Saturday, September 30, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Day of the Drum Healing Drum Series features Kusun Ensemble from Ghana, Saturday, September 30, 8 p.m., at World-Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Musician and Author Laura Preble signs, discusses *The Queen Geek Social Club*, Sunday, October 1, 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

“Playing with the Enemy: A Baseball Prodigy, a World at War, and a Field of Broken Dreams” signed, discussed by author Gary W. Moore, Monday, October 2, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Moore will talk about his father’s baseball career during World War II. *Torpedo* author Jeff Edwards will also be signing. Free. 619-220-0175.

Busy on Monday? Moore will also visit Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive) to sign books, Tuesday, October 3, 7 p.m. Free. 858-618-1814. (MISSION VALLEY, CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Highway 76 plays for music night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, October 3, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (ESCONDIDO)

Mystery Author Jan Burke signs, discusses her new crime novel, *Kidnapped*, Tuesday, October 3, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747). She’ll

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"What If Every Cell," performer/choreographer Hana van der Kolk collaborates with experimental filmmaker Jesse Johnson and performer/choreographer Layard Thompson to present excerpts from their adaptations by choreographer Deborah Hay. Performance begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

The Glory Choir from Wichita Falls, Texas, in concert on Wednesday, October 4, 9 a.m., at Pacific View Baptist Church (845 Santa Fe Drive). Free. 760-753-4937. (ENCINITAS)

Poetry Unlimited features poet/guitarist/pianist Josh Seligman and open readings, Wednesday, October 4, 5 p.m., at Florence Rifford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz in the Park, Afro-British-Caribbean vocalist Tessa Souter and her quartet perform for series, Wednesday, October 4, 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Concert opens with vocalists Leonard Patton, Lisa Hightower, and guitarist Peter Sprague. \$20. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Nuclear Power Is Not the Answer," Dr. Helen Caldicott speaks and discusses her forthcoming book, Wednesday, October 4, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Caldicott "maintains

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ROOTS AND SHOOTSI!

Conservationist Jane Goodall, Wednesday, October 4, La Jolla Library.

(SEE LECTURES)



that contrary to propaganda promoting nuclear power as a 'clean and green' alternative energy source, nuclear power in fact does contribute to global warming." Booksigning follows. Reservations: 619-260-7509. (LINDA VISTA)

Author and Raconteur Daniel Reveles reads from his works (*Tequila, Lemon, and Salt; Salsa and Chips*) for Lemon Grove Historical Society's History Alive series on Thursday, October 5, 1:30 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Juice Newton Concert benefiting Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc

Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Newton's hits include "Queen of Hearts," "Angel of the Morning." Tickets: \$20-\$45. 858-922-8309. (ROLANDO)

A Song and a Smile presents barbershop quartet entertainment for First Thursday Concert on October 5, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

"Demetri Martin: These Are Jokes" — Comedy Central Live, Thursday, October 5, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$29.75, available through Ticketmaster (19-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres conclude regular season play with games in Arizona against Diamondbacks, September 28–October 1, at 6:40 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 1:10 p.m. on Saturday, 1:40 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: 877-374-2784.

The 34th Annual Poway PRCA Rodeo runs September 29–October 1 at Poway Valley Riders Association Arena (at Twin Peaks and Tierra Bonita Road). All manner of rodeo activities. Dances with music by Southbound Johnny after rodeos on Friday and Saturday (for those over 21).

Rodeo performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. General admission ranges from \$12–\$30, depending upon day and seats selected. 866-PRORODEO. (POWAY)

Take a Group Fitness Class (cycling, yoga, pilates), see new equipment demonstrations, tour facilities during community open house, Saturday, September 30, 7 a.m.–7 p.m., at Mission Valley YMCA (5505 Friars Road) and Toby Wells Facility (5105 Overland Avenue). Free. 619-298-3576. (MISSION VALLEY, KEARNY MESA)

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

MADD Strides for Change 5K, Saturday, September 30,



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LOCAL EVENTS

9 a.m.–noon, at Del Mar racetrack. Free. 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

Board and Brew the Long Way, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 50-mile ride, Saturday, September 30, 8:45 a.m., at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch. 619-243-8617. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Highway 56 Bike Path — and Beyond! Join Knickerbikers bicyclists for a ride “as traffic-free as possible,” Saturday, September 30. The 30-miler on side streets and bike path starts at 9 a.m. at Jose O'Reilly's Cantina (13211 Black Mountain Road). Free. 760-747-8622. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Revolution 5K National City Run/Walk is Sunday, October 1, starting at 8 a.m. at Kimball Park. 760-692-2900. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Chargers are in Baltimore for football against Ravens, Sunday, October 1, 10 a.m. Game broadcast on CBS; listen on radio station KIOZ, Rock 105.3 Tickets for future games in Qualcomm Stadium start at \$54, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

Spreckels Cup finals competition at San Diego Polo Club closes meet on Sunday, October 1. Preliminary matches begin 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)

Cuyamaca State Park Mountain Bike Poker Ride is Sunday, October 15. Cards handed out at five locations along 15-mile course on fire roads and single-track; optional sixth card available for extra



Moonlight Canyon boulders

early due to the sharply rising mountains to the west. The well-marked, 1.5-mile trail starts from the south end of the campground, and climbs abruptly to a rock-strewn saddle. It then drops into a small dry wash named Moonlight Canyon, descends past some seeps and a little oasis of willows, and finally circles back to campground.

Moonlight treks on the Moonlight Trail are not only possible; they're simply magical this time of year, when the nighttime air is pleasantly warm (85 degrees or so) and, more importantly, dry. The weekend of October 6–8 coincides the full moon, which should rise after twilight and work its way upward to illuminate most of the trail by around 9 p.m. This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should

four-mile ride. Starts: 8–9:30 a.m. at Camp Cuyamaca (12561 Highway 79). Riders need to turn in their hands by 1 p.m. Fee: \$35 adults, \$20 juniors. 619-885-9826. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Summer's hellishly hot siege of the Anza-Borrego Desert is nearly over, and Agua Caliente Regional Park (adjoining Anza-Borrego) is back open for business. For the next couple of weeks the demand for Agua Caliente's campsites won't be intense — but sooner or later, you'll have to reserve a spot if you intend to stay overnight (858-565-3600 is the county parks department reservation line).

There are two ways to get to Agua Caliente, both about equidistant from central San Diego. Option one: East on Interstate 8 to Ocotillo, then northwest on County Highway S-2 for about 27 miles. Option two: Eastward through Julian, down State Highway 78 to Scissors Crossing, then southeast for 22 miles along Highway S-2. It's best to make the journey a loop trip, so you can maximize the scenic variety.

Agua Caliente is San Diego County's best-known, open-to-the-public geothermal area. An offshoot of the Elsinore Fault is responsible for the upwelling of warm to hot water here. The Elsinore Fault itself passes through the Lake Elsinore area and Warner Springs, where hot springs are also found. Agua Caliente's outdoor bathing pool is kept at a natural 96 degrees, while the indoor “therapeutic” pool is heated to over 100 degrees.

A small network of trails radiates outward from the bathing pool and campground area. Moonlight Trail is a great one to start with, particularly (this time of year) during late afternoon, when evening shadows arrive

be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader*

and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

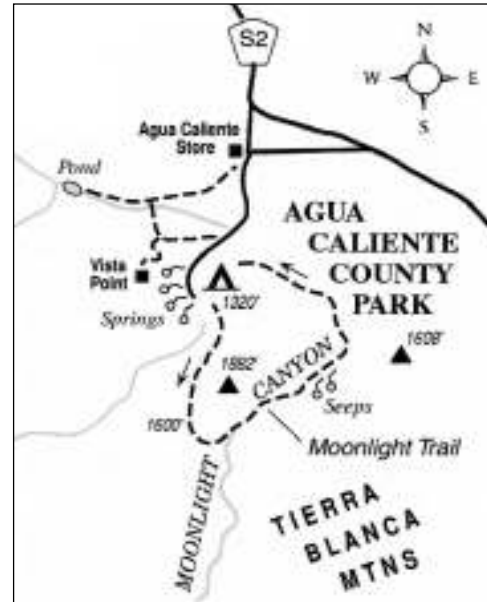
MOONLIGHT TRAIL, AGUA CALIENTE REGIONAL PARK

Bathe in the womb-like waters of Agua Caliente Regional Park, and try a moonlight trek on the Moonlight Trail.

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Length: 1.5 miles

Hiking difficulty: Easy



SPECIAL

La Jolla Gallery and Wine Walk is Thursday, September 28, 5–9 p.m. \$25 fee includes viewing

at more than 25 galleries, wine tasting at each gallery, food from local restaurants. Locations: 619-233-5008. (LA JOLLA)

Help Revive the Lost Art of Conversation! “Understanding

the Greek Orthodox Church” is topic on September 28, and “The Massachusetts Experiment — The Future of Health Care?” examined on October 5. Conversations begin at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at

Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Exercise Your Humor and Creativity with “variety of active and interactive exercises” led by Jacquie Lowell, Thursday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., at Radiance Studio (1618 West Lewis Street). \$20. 858-581-0050. (MISSION HILLS)

“Conjecture V Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention” runs September 29–October 1, at Red Lion Hanalei Hotel (2270 Hotel Circle North). Sci-fi authors, artists, fans gather for panel discussions, presentations, workshops. Also on tap: sci-fi fantasy art exhibition, costume contest, more.

Hours: 2–10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–10 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Sunday. Single day: \$20–\$30; full weekend, \$45. 619-218-2214. (MISSION VALLEY)

43rd Annual Cabrillo Festival runs September 29–October 1, at Cabrillo National Monument (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Festival begins with Navy Band Southwest concert, Kumeyaay bird songs, and commemorative ceremony, Friday, 5:30 p.m. Visit 16th-Century Spanish soldier's living history encampment, Saturday, 11:30–4:30 p.m.

Ballast Point is site for Cabrillo Festival open house and festival, Sunday, October 1, 11 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Music from Mexico, Native Americans, Portugal, Spain; food from these cultures; dancing, storytelling, reenactment of Cabrillo's landing (1 p.m.), cultural demonstrations. Free admission. 619-557-5450 x0. (POINT LOMA)

Screamin' Season, the Del Mar “Scaregrounds” host annual Scream Zone, September 29–October 31. This year: haunted hayride, house of horror, chamber

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Fleet Week San Diego gets underway with Sea 'n' Air Parade on Saturday, September 30, noon–2:30 p.m., along San Diego shoreline. Aircraft carriers, guided-missile destroyers, frigates, Coast Guard vessels will parade through San Diego Bay.

Navy ship tours offered 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, September 30, October 1, 7, and 8, along Broadway Pier. Free. Photo identification required for those over 16; minimum age is 4. 619-296-0605. (DOWNTOWN)

“Sand Blasters: The Extreme Sand-Sculpting Championships” promises “eight of the world’s greatest sand-sculpting teams” competing for cash. Teams carve in Pacific Beach (between Reed and Thomas Streets) on Saturday and Sunday, September 30 and October 1, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., but every few hours one of the sculptures will be “blown to bits by an expert Hollywood pyrotechnics team.” Free for spectators. 310-945-1044. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Masters of San Diego Modern Architecture,” UCSD’s modernist architecture is celebrated by SOHO and San Diego Architecture Foundation on Saturday, September 30, in Stuart Commons (building 225) of Muir College, UCSD. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

Activities include slideshow of vintage and recent photographs, panel discussion with several of the original architects, walking tour of cluster of buildings by local firms. \$18. 619-297-9327. (LA JOLLA)

34th Annual Bonitafest is Saturday, September 30. McMillin

“Fun Run” starts at Jack-in-the-Box at 9:30 a.m.; Bonitafest parade starts at 10 a.m. at Otay Lakes Road and Bonita Road, heads west to Willow Road. Craft and food booths (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) in shopping centers on Bonita Road; entertainment behind Wells Fargo Bank (11:30 a.m.–5 p.m.), Bonitafest barbecue at Bonita Sunnyside Library (5–9 p.m.). Free admission. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Alpine Art Festival, Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at Alpine Community Center Park (1830 Alpine Boulevard). Original art, hands-on art projects for all ages, community art exhibits and sidewalk art displays, food, festivities, live entertainment. Free. 619-445-8968. (ALPINE)

Deaf Awareness Day celebrated Saturday, September 30, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., at Balboa Park Club (2080 Pan American Plaza). ASL telling of “tales from the deaf world,” information booths, more. Admission: \$10 general, \$5 seniors and students, \$1 for those 5–13, free under 5. 619-398-2441. (BALBOA PARK)

Used Book Sale, Saturday, September 30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

Life Drawing and Painting Open Studio offered every Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Bring drawing and painting supplies. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900. (EAST VILLAGE)

Eighth Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair, Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., at Mira Mesa Boulevard and Camino Ruiz. Entertainment, Marine displays,

entertainment, kids’ rides, vendors. 858-643-9885. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Exploration and Surveys of Public Lands chronicled during living history reenactment, Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park (San Diego Avenue at Twigg’s Street). How did exploration in West lead to national parks, monuments, refuges public enjoys today? Authentic 19th-Century survey instruments on display. Free. 760-251-4840. (OLD TOWN STATE PARK)

Ninth Annual Heart Ride and Heart of Gold Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Charity fundraising event includes motorcycle and classic car show, International Chili Society-sanctioned district chili cook-off, music, barbecue, “Road Kill Rodeo” safety event. 760-481-7300. \$35. (DEL MAR)

See a Rare “Dinosaur Tree”! The Wollemi pine is considered one of world’s oldest plants, dating back to time of dinosaurs; fewer than 100 adult trees are known to exist in wild. View four young specimens on Saturday and Sunday, September 30 and October 1, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Included in regular admission (\$10 general). 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Solar Homes Tour 2006, showcase of residential solar technologies is Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Self-guided tour of over 30 homes demonstrate photovoltaics (solar electricity), solar water- and pool-heating technology. Free. Locations: 866-SDENERGY. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Viking Festival 2006, see, share, and “sample all things Viking and Norwegian” on September 30 and October 1 at Norway Hall (2006 East Vista Way). Viking log toss competition, axe throwing, *fiske* fling, battle cry competition, Viking battles and encampment, live music, arts and crafts, foods. Fest opens at 11 a.m. each day, closes at 9 p.m. on Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$7 general, free for those 12 and younger. 760-806-9968. (VISTA)

Oom-Pah-Pah, traditional German Oktoberfest hosted by German-American Societies of San Diego, Saturdays and Sundays, September 30–October 8, at clubhouse and beer garden (1017 South Mollison Avenue). Live German music, dancing, food for sale, vendors’ and craft booths, children’s fun zone, more. Admission: \$3 for people over 21, free for active military and those under 21. 619-442-6637. (EL CAJON)

Summer Beach Blast, Old Mission Beach Athletic Club’s annual Coming Out Party, Saturday, September 30, 2–9 p.m., at Mariner’s Point. Live music, food for sale. \$25. For those 21 and older. (MISSION BAY)

27th Annual San Diego British Car Day, Sunday, October 1, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Fairbrook Farm (4949 South Mission Road). Featured marque is DeLorean; several hundred vintage to modern British cars on display. Admission for spectators: \$2 general, free for those under 15. 760-746-1458. (FALLBROOK)

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale during San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, October 1, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Extreme Autofest Carshow and Lifestyle Festival returns to Coors Amphitheatre on Sunday, October 1, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Over 500 custom show vehicles on display, car audio competition, DJ battle, motorcycle stunt show, breakdancing. Tickets: \$17 general, \$10 for kids 6–12, free for those under 5. 619-407-4180. (CHULA VISTA)

House of China hosts lawn program at International Cottages — with dance, music, and cultural costumes — Sunday, October 1, 2 p.m. Food (for sale). Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

The Haunted Trail, this “all-outdoor haunted attraction” is open 7–11 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays; 7 p.m.–midnight Fridays and Saturdays through October. Find trail at Marston Point (just east of Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street). \$13.99. Not for those under 10. 619-696-7227. (BALBOA PARK)

Experience a Traditional Tea Ceremony when Sohya Ayako Stott and Junko Kawa present demonstrations, Tuesday, October 3, at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in garden admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Have a Story to Tell? San Diego Public Library’s digital community storytelling station remains available

through Saturday, December 30. Gather reminiscences of your neighborhood, memories of interesting jobs, tales of special interests and activities, to record San Diego history as told by general public. Find library at 820 E Street. Requirements, reservations: 619-236-5821 or 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

Earth-Shaking Explosions! Daredevil Acrobatics! Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show is October 13–15. Flying performances by many military and civilian performers (including Blue Angels, celebrating their 60th anniversary), static displays, food, more.

Show hours: 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Friday–Sunday; twilight show 5:30–9 p.m. on Saturday. General admission is free; preferred and grandstand seats available through 877-772-5425. (MIRAMAR)

Old Globe Costume and Prop Sale. Saturday, October 14, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., on Lowell Davis Festival Theatre Stage. Designs on offer by Tony Award-winners Jess Goldstein, Gregg Barnes, Robert Blackman, many others; costumes worn by Mary Louise Parker, Marsha Cross, Cynthia Nixon, Dana Delaney, John Goodman, others; furniture from recent productions of *Moonlight and Magnolias*, *The Constant Wife*, *Nixon’s Nixon*; more than 50 prop pieces from variety of shows. Free admission. 19-23-GLOBE. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Writer’s Muse: L. Frank Baum and the Hotel del Coronado” commemorates one of the Hotel Del’s most celebrated guests. Baum wintered at Del beginning in 1904 and penned several of his Oz books during his stays. Exhibit with “rarely viewed items” on loan from Baum’s family continues through Wednesday, February 28, in donor corridor of San Diego State University’s Love Library

OUT & ABOUT

COWBOY UP!

Poway Coors Rodeo, September 29–October 1.

(SEE SPORTS)



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(5500 Campanile Drive). Free. 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

FOR KIDS

Decorate Garden Pots during Botany for Kids class, Thursday, September 28, 2:30 p.m., at Coastal Sage (3685 Voltaire Street). \$10. Registration: 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

“Peter Rabbit” performed by Enid Bartnicki and Puppet Express through Sunday, October 1, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. *Fun with Fables and Modern Myths* presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble and Weaver’s Tales, October 4–8. Showtimes: 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday–Friday; 11 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

Tots and Tales interactive story time for preschoolers, Thursday,

September 28, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Free. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

Take a Topsy-Turvy Tour through some famous fairy tales when South Bay San Diego Junior Theatre presents *The Stinky Cheese Man* through October 1, at Theatre on Third (250 3rd Avenue). Recommended for all ages. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, at 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 youths. 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

Be a Fossil Detective, Dennis Schatz reads from his fossil detective books on Saturday, September 30, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants will touch real fossils, reconstruct bones from an ancient animal and figure out what caused its demise. Included in museum admission. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Picking Up the Pieces: Collage and Construction” is theme for family open studio event on

Saturday, September 30, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Exhibit tours, art-making workshops for all ages. Materials provided. Free. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

Family Fun activities planned Sunday, October 1, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at Maritime Museum. Children 12 and under admitted free, with activities including mini-boat races, raising sails, sea chantey sing-alongs, science of seafaring experiments, rides on historic 1914 *Pilot* boat. Adults pay regular admission; children must be accompanied by adult to enter for free. Find museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along Embarcadero. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS

California Surf Museum, “The Surfer-Shapers,” on exhibit

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

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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

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

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The Best American Science Writing 2006



Jesse Cohen

Editor: Atul Gawande
Series Editor: Jesse Cohen
Harper Collins Publishers, 2006,
\$13.95, 384 pages

ABOUT THE BOOK:

Carrying the imprimatur of best-selling author Atul Gawande, a rock-and-roll-loving surgeon and one of our foremost writers on medicine, *The Best American Science Writing 2006* explores the full range of scientific inquiry – from biochemistry, physics, and astronomy to genetics, evolutionary theory, and cognition.

Culled from a wide variety of publications, the pieces provide a comprehensive overview of the year's most thought-provoking and exciting scientific developments.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: Surgeon and *New Yorker* contributor Gawande (*Complications*) says the "coolest" science writing isn't necessarily found in the science press. His collection of the year's best includes only one research paper – an *American Scientist* treatise on yawning. And though Jack Hitt's essay (from *Harper's*) on racist subtexts in the archeological study of who the first Americans were has footnotes, they tend to contain side jokes, not science. Most of Gawande's selections come from mainstream publications like the *New York Times* and the *Atlantic Monthly*, and especially from fellow *New Yorker* writers like Elizabeth Kolbert (on avian flu), Jonathan Weiner (on a rare

neurological disease), and Richard Preston (on redwoods). Still, there are plenty of opportunities for writers at other publications to shine. D.T. Max's piece from the *New York Times Magazine* presents a lively inquiry into "literary Darwinism," speculating on the evolutionary function of storytelling. And in the anthology's most moving essay (from *Wired*), Michael Chorost recounts his efforts to find hearing aid technology that will help him to hear Ravel's *Boléro* with the same clarity it held before he went deaf. The diversity and readability of Gawande's selections are very cool indeed.

ABOUT THE SERIES EDITOR:

Jesse Cohen has been a senior

editor at Lipper Publications, co-publishers of the distinguished Penguin Lives series, where he developed a series of short-format books about science. He is a senior editor at Atlas Books, a division of W.W. Norton. He lives in New York City.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE SERIES EDITOR:

Jesse Cohen was finishing his work week on a damp end-of-summer Friday afternoon in New York when I phoned. Here on the West Coast, the clouds, coolness, and quality of light also hinted at fall's arrival. He began by giving some background on how this series came to be. "It got started because Dan Halpern at Ecco wanted to have an anthol-

ogy of the year's best science writing. It was really his brainchild. He contacted James Gleick, who wrote *Chaos* and *Genius*, among other things, and asked him to be the first guest editor.

"At that time, I was in the process of doing a proposal for a series of short books on science called *Great Discoveries*. This was for a company that later became Atlas Books. Dan knew I was working on this series and thought that I might be the right person, given my background, to be the series editor, and it's worked out very well. I had a great experience working with Jim Gleick on that first volume in 2000."

"What is your background in science?"

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"My background in science is that I have no background in science. I was an English major in college."

seum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

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

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644)

are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North

America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery

family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of

the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of Making Music, "Brother Musician, Listen to a Miracle," exhibit celebrating 75th birthday of electric guitar is collaboration between museum, organology expert Matthew Hill, and Rickenbacker International Corporation. Exhibit charts development of electric guitar by exploring innovations, includes prototypes and custom instruments. Through December.

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Reading

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"My background in science is that I have no background in science. I was an English major in college and went into book publishing and did literary fiction and serious nonfiction at Doubleday. As a result of the research I did to prepare for the *Great Discoveries* series, I became conversant with a lot of what was happening in science writing. Although I'm not a scientist, I feel in some ways that's to the good. I come to this as our idealized reader would: not an expert, but somebody who is interested in the subject and wants to be told what's going on in a way that isn't dumbed down, but isn't so technical that it can't be understood."

"Do you see a significant difference between the way Americans write about science and the way writers from other nations approach the topic?"

"I haven't read that much of foreign science writing. The great thing about the anthology, though, is that we are open to anything that is by scientists, science writers and journalists and all sorts of other people. Sometimes we even include a poem. It's pretty eclectic in terms of the writing. The 'American' side of it is a little bit loose. Sometimes a British writer or a Canadian writer will find their way in."

"How do you decide who will be the guest editor for a particular year?"

"Dan Halpern and I brainstorm. We try to think of science writers or scientists who people know because they've written best-selling books or who are on the radar somehow. This year Atul Gawande is our editor, and he's a remarkable guy. He wrote a wonderful book called *Complications* a few years ago. He writes regularly for *The New Yorker*, in addition to being a surgeon and a professor at Harvard. He's a brilliant mind and a brilliant man and

a great guy. We were thrilled that he was willing to do it. I don't know where he finds the time. He must never sleep."

In the introduction to *The Best American Science Writing, 2006*, Gawande explains that, to him, science writing is "...writing about the scientific investigation of the world, about the knowledge acquired, or about what happens when that knowledge is thrown back into the world." I ask Mr. Cohen if he concurs with this definition.

"I've been thinking about this a lot, because I've been doing this for a long time. I agree with Gawande in general. But, I would add that good science writing is good writing, and good writing is good storytelling. We want to be told a story, and that helps us understand the world we live in. It can be a story about a scientist who has a brilliant idea, or the story of a discovery, or the story of our origins. In this volume, and others, we do have a few meditative essays, but for

the most part everything has a very strong narrative. That really gets you caught up in whatever topic is being written about."

A case in point in this year's compendium is a story by Gardiner Harris and Anahad O'Connor about the parents of children with autism being at odds with a growing body of research that finds no correlation between vaccinations and the disease.

"The thing that struck me about that article is that so many of the people who become scientists are not temperamentally prepared to understand the degree to which people in the situations of these parents can have their emotions overwhelm them. I can't think of anything more anguishing to a parent than this kind of diagnosis, and it obviously sets in place all these strong, primal emotions to protect their child and to find out what's going on. I think the scientists haven't done as good a job as they should of understanding that side of it. I think they look at the facts, and

"What they're forgetting is that they're dealing with people who want something more than cold reason."

the facts are telling them something and they communicate what they find, and feel that should be enough. What they're forgetting is that they're dealing with people who want something more than cold reason.

"This vaccination issue has become almost folkloric. I have small children, and I know people who won't have their kids inoculated and vaccinated. It's interesting. I have my concerns, too, but we went ahead with it. I know all these studies, and they are pretty convincing. At the same time, I also know people whose

children have been diagnosed with autistic-like symptoms, and it's very hard to deal with."

I tell Mr. Cohen that Gibbs's article on obesity was, for me, the most surprising in the book. It turns out that there is little scientific evidence to support the claim that excess fat, by itself, is a serious health risk.

"That's a classic case of a lot of good intentions building something into something it's not. Everybody wants Americans to be more fit, but, as is pointed out in that article, the numbers just don't make the case.

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

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs

Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

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

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

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

donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the

Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the

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

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

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The ex-

hibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

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

Birch Aquarium at Scripps, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations.

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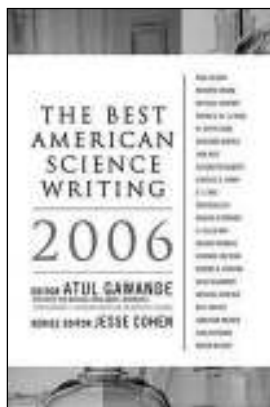
2. A motivated base. Twice as many volunteer signatures were gathered this spring — at churches and through the mail — and this in a time span of three months instead of five months. The Proposition 85 campaign woke a base of supporters that had been dormant for years.



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"It's very interesting, because a few years back we ran an amazing article by Greg Christor on obesity and how doctors were so concerned at seeing certain symptoms, like juvenile diabetes, increasing. That was a very different take.

"Because we don't have a point of view, we can put forth these robust arguments and very strong stories — it's akin to the scientific approach, in some

ways — allowing the storytelling and the facts to make the case."

I ask Mr. Cohen if there is a piece in the series that is particularly intriguing to him.

"They're all intriguing for me, because the process of doing this is that I cull them from a much larger set. Then I submit 50 or so to our guest editor, and he whittles it down further. So, these are among my favorites for the year.

"One thing that happens a lot is that I will find, in the months after the book comes out, stories in the newspaper that speak to a story or theme or issue that was in the anthology. In New York right now everybody's talking about this rather bizarre story about Brooke Astor, the millionaire socialite who is 104 years old, and her 80-year-old son. There has been a huge dispute as to whether he is or isn't providing appropriate care for her, whether he's bilking her out of money and so on. This speaks very strongly to Charles C. Mann's

article, "The Coming Death Shortage."

"He used the example of Anna Nicole Smith and that whole fight, but you just get the feeling that if he had written the article one year later, he'd be seizing on this Astor stuff. It's a complete demonstration of the kind of generational warfare that Mann is predicting."

The demotion of Pluto from planet status and the identification of a California redwood as the world's tallest tree are also news stories from the past month that are presaged in *The Best American Science Writing, 2006*.

I share with Mr. Cohen that an article from a previous issue, two or three years ago, has haunted me. "It was a story about genetically altered goats that secreted spider web material along with their milk."

"It's amazing what scientists are thinking of and doing. What's going on in genetics has been a theme in all of our volumes. David Quammen's article

this year, called "Clone Your Troubles Away" has just the right tone. He's so good at explaining this stuff without sounding ponderous. The article is basically about trying to clone your pet, and he tells us it's never going to be the answer. The last image he leaves is so powerful. The cat that's the clone of a beloved pet is a tabby, but the cat it was cloned from was a calico, so it doesn't even look like the original cat. That's because there are things that happen epigenetically that affect the color of the cat's coat. The article is a real plunge into the obscurities and ambiguities of genetics."

"Walk me through your year. There must be a cycle, at this point, in putting together the anthology."

"There's definitely a cycle. Throughout the year I collect and clip articles from various magazines. Around summertime I put together a group of articles that I think deserve the guest editor's attention and send it to him or

"The article is a real plunge into the obscurities and ambiguities of genetics."

her. The first few batches of articles I send and get feedback on are very important because then I have a better sense in what to look for. Each guest editor wants to promote or highlight a certain kind of article. Tim Ferris (2001) wanted to make sure that there was a good sampling of astrophysics and astronomy articles, because that's his particular bent. Oliver Sacks (2003) made sure that we had a good array of articles from scientists he liked.

"There's always a bit of a scramble at the end of the year. The guest editor makes the final selections and writes an intro-

duction. Then, I have the happy duty of telling all the contributors they're in. I gather from them a short statement about the article and their bio. By early in the year everything is in to Harper Collins and gets put together for the fall."

Hoping for hints about the 2007 edition, I ask, "So, what's the pile of articles for next year looking like?"

Mr. Cohen laughs deeply. "My pile for next year is looking good. There have already been quite a few really interesting articles, but I don't want to give anything away."

— Jerry Miller

The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

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

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in

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

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

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

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

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

"Fossil Mysteries," a new per-

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

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," continuing through Sunday, March 11, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordovery Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. "Galen Rowell: A Retrospective" continues through Sunday, November 12, with work by Rowell, Abe Or-

dover, Philipp Scholz Rittermann, Dick Ditore, Jeffery Laudenslager. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

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

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

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Pacifica Quartet kicks off Art-Power season with concert on Friday, September 29, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Simin Ganatra (violin), Sibbi Bernhardsson (violin), Masumi Per Rostad (viola), Brandon Vamos (cello) play Mendelssohn's "Quartet in E-Flat Major," "String Quartet No. 4 in C Major" by Bartók, Beethoven's "String Quartet No. 8 in E Minor (Razumovsky 2)." Tickets: \$30, \$34, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

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The Manhattan Ragtime Orchestra plays classic rags and "other related forgotten American

popular music from the ragtime era," Friday, September 29, 7:30 p.m., at Maxine Theatre (31322 Cole Grade Road). \$25. 760-749-7390. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Baroque to Bebop," Cabrillo Chamber Orchestra in concert with pieces by Vivaldi, Gluck, Stravinsky, others, Saturday, September 30, 7:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (890 Balour Drive). Concert features six-time Grammy-nominated jazz flautist Lori Bell. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$15 students. 619-300-5520. (ENCINITAS)

Spreckels Organ Pavilion is site for concert by civic organist Carol Williams on Sunday, October 1, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Young Vocalists, Pianists, and Violinists who won this year's La Jolla Symphony Youth Competition perform for mini-concert at noon on Monday, October 2, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! Free. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

"Mozart at the Opera," voice faculty performs Tuesday, October 3, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Piano Quintets by Shostakovich and Dvořák on tap when Annarocelle Quintet appears for Concert Hour series, Thursday, October 5, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

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GALLERIES

"Mada: New Perspectives," contemporary art by Mada Leach rendered with acrylic, fabric, and paper on canvas accented with metallic media on view through Saturday, November 4, at La Jolla Fiber Arts (7644 Girard Avenue). Meet artist during reception on Friday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. 858-454-6732. (LA JOLLA)

Recent Paintings and Photographs by Boyd and Evans and recent paintings by Dirke Johnson are on exhibit through Monday, October 30, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Reception for artists: Friday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Coulrophobia: Fear of Clowns," art show with work by over 40 "national and local" artists opens with reception promising "loads of laughs and creepy fun" on Friday, September 29, 6 p.m., at Art of Framing Gallery (3333 Adams Avenue; 619-563-9770). Through October. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Ice Formation" — new series inspired by a visit to Alaska is on display through Friday, October 20, in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Reception for artist by Yoonchung "YC" Kim is Saturday, September 30, 4:30 p.m. Kim tries "to show time as a visual element and scale beyond human perception." 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

"6000 Pins," new installation by Veronica Graham commencing with reception on Saturday, September 30, 6:30 p.m., heralds opening of Smith Art Gallery in music building at San Diego State University. 619-594-6060. (SDSU)

"26th International Exhibition" boasting 88 watercolors by artists from 41 states and 6 countries opens with reception, Sunday, October 1,

5 p.m., at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Frank Francese. 619-338-0502. Through October. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Veterans" — *North County Times* photographer Waldo Nilo exhibits work ranging from photos taken as a Marine in Vietnam (1968) to current veteran-related shots through Friday, December 15, in Kellogg Library at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Reception for Nilo is Thursday, October 5, 11:30 a.m. 760-750-4378. (SAN MARCOS)

New Methods of Artist Thought exposed in exhibit by eight local artists opening with reception on Thursday, October 5, 6 p.m., at Design Within Reach (393 Seventh Avenue). Closes Friday, October 13. 619-744-9900. (EAST VILLAGE)

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 craftsman, educator, founder, and director of Mingei International Museum. San Diego State University hired Longenecker to develop its ceramics program in 1955.

"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, La Jolla, "TRANSactions: Contemporary Latin American and Latino Art" — closing on Sunday, May 13 — features approximately 50 works by 48 artists from museum's permanent collection. Showcased pieces demonstrate "diversity and hybridity of contemporary Latin American art," with artists working across media and between disciplines. Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Argentinean artist Santiago Cucullu. His art juxtaposes images of progressive, historical figures and events with his personal experiences. This piece engages the architecture and oceanfront site of museum.

"From the Vaults: Recent Acquisitions" focuses primarily on works on paper, demonstrating a range of contemporary drawing and photography practices in recent additions to permanent collection. Closes Sunday, December 10.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, "The Roads Most Traveled: Photographs of Migration by Don Bartlett" examines lives of migratory workers in search of economic survival. Exhibit including 90 photographs by Pulitzer Prize-winner Bartlett opens on Sunday, October 1, and continues through Sunday, January 14.

"Close-Ups: San Diego Neighborhoods" showcases creativity and artistic expression of San

Diego's youth. Students from San Diego City and County public schools, grades K–12, explored their neighborhoods using photography and film over course of 2005–2006 school year. Closes Sunday, November 5.

"James Fee: Recent Photographs" captures Fee's most recent road trip to Big Sur and San Francisco, capturing landscape "distinctly West Coast and American." Through Sunday, October 29.

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, "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.

"Backs," on exhibit through Sunday, February 18, focuses on backs of five paintings where important information such as age and ownership is revealed. Works are drawn from museum's European collection. Labels, inscriptions, and markings divulge details of painting's history of attribution, exhibition, ownership, sale.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, museum reopens after September hiatus on Sunday, October 1. Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



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This exhibition is organized by the San Diego Museum of Art and is made possible by the generous support of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, and the LEF Foundation.

IMAGE: Roberto Matta, *Assage* (detail), oil on canvas, 1943. Collection of Thomas R. Morahan, Chicago.

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O.B.'s New Heart When Jeff Fagan ("Dr. Jefe") began piercing noses in 1994, he says there was one other body piercer in town. During his

piercings onstage between bands."

With the June opening of Rock Paper Scissors (Fagan's Ocean Beach store in which 75 vendors sell clothing, artwork, and jewelry), he has bands coming to him. The business, in a former bank on Newport Avenue, has a 16-by 60-foot area Fagan calls

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glory years (1994-'98), Fagan's shop would have 50 to 60 customers per day. When he decided to get out of the business in 2004, there were 100 body piercers in town.

"I would say 25 percent of the population of San Diego has heard of me," says Fagan. "I figured out once we did enough piercings to fill Qualcomm stadium." Fagan made a connection with the rock crowd. "We'd go to Dream Street and Brick by Brick and Winston's and do

"the beach."

"We brought in sand and palm trees and made it look like Hawaii. If there is a band, we can hold about 100 people." So far, six bands have played there. Event organizers have to hire their own security or pay Fagan to provide it. The space is available for four hours for \$100, and Fagan says he can obtain a one-day liquor license for 21-and-up parties.

Matthew Hydar of the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

says one-day liquor permits are available through catering companies, but "There is a



DR. JEFE TURNS CALIFORNIA INTO HAWAII

limit to how many you can get in one year."

Fagan says, "The heart of O.B. used to be the Strand movie theater. It's been remodeled, and now it's a tourist shop. No locals will go in there. I want my shop to be the new heart of Ocean Beach."

— Ken Leighton

Bar Band None Scolari's Office, the North Park bar on 30th Street that has hosted

local and touring bands for five years, won't be offering music for at least a little while.

"The entertainment license ran out," says a bartender who declined to be identified. The last set of free, live music was September 16.

"There are no other bars that are as easygoing as Scolari's," says Long Live Logos singer Danny Castro. "You just go in and set up and play. And they pay you at the end of the night. They are actually pretty generous."

The bar was to be sold by owner George Scolari by June, but undisclosed complications stalled the sale. The bartender believed the music would resume under new ownership. An investigator with the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control says a transfer date has not been set. A clerk with the SDPD vice department says details about the entertainment license are not public.

Some regulars wonder if Scolari's will be embraced by new residents of the half-million-dollar condos across the street.

— Ken Leighton

This Is Not a Rock and Roll Town Ten days before the San Diego Music Awards ceremonies, a former L.A.-based limo-company owner hosted a two-day music event at Squid Joe's in Carlsbad. Al Bowman describes his "Rockfest" as part of a showcase series that leads up to the 16th annual L.A. Music Awards ceremony on November 9.

Of the 24 local bands that played, 12 scored well enough to become nominees for L.A. Music Awards.

Bowman says he included San Diego bands because "of the laid-back attitude of San Diego talent. There's not a lot of L.A. haughty, snooty, 'I'm a rock star, I'm great' attitude. There's nothing worse than dealing with a little prick of a singer."

The 12 local nominees won a framed certificate. The eventual winners in 20

categories will get a plaque. According to Bowman, No Doubt, Sugar Ray, the Black Eyed Peas, and Alien Ant Farm won LAMA plaques before getting signed to major labels.

Local bands became nominees based on how Bowman rated the bands; each one needed 75 points out of 100 to make the cut. "Crowd response" was one of the rating categories, so bands were told it was important to make sure their fans showed



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up at Squid Joe's. Admission cost \$10 on the day of the show and \$6 through presale tickets sold by bands. Bowman admits he didn't have to pay to use the venue, but he covered \$700 in

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production expenses. Admission to the awards ceremony costs between \$35 and \$80; nominees pay to get in as well, says Bowman. (San Diego Music Awards executive director Kevin Hellman says musicians do not have to pay anything to be eligible for nomination, and each nominee got a free ticket to the awards ceremony.)

Why does Bowman believe San Diego bands qualify for the L.A. Music Awards?

"My answer is we're an international city. We're the music capital, and San Diego is a close neighbor."

Chris Eaton says he was pleased that his local band Junkies and Thieves won a LAMA nomination.

"I saw [the list of] the SDMA winners," says Eaton. "I never even heard of those people." Eaton says he is frustrated with the S.D. club scene. "We played the Whisky one night, and we found we had an easier time getting people from San Diego to go to L.A. than to come to a San Diego club. People hate the clubs down here.... This is just not a rock and roll town."

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— Ken Leighton

Get Dio! It was billed as "Hell and Heaven United," with Satan-loving Slayer co-headlining with Christian rockers Stryper. However, the September 23 Monterrey Metal Fest in Nuevo León, Mexico, was derailed "due to Slayer not wanting to share the stage with Stryper," according to an e-mail from show promoters.

"This came as a shock to us after eight months of long and very complicated negotiations with Slayer's booking agent.... We are looking at Saturday, November 18, 2006, as the new festival date." Before Slayer's cancellation was announced, the band's website indicated that they'd be appearing in Mexico City on the same day as the Monterrey festival. A band press release cites "personal reasons" for the pullout.

"I was literally booking our plane and hotel reservations when they sent word not to confirm anything yet," says Veronica Freeman, singer for Benedictum, which

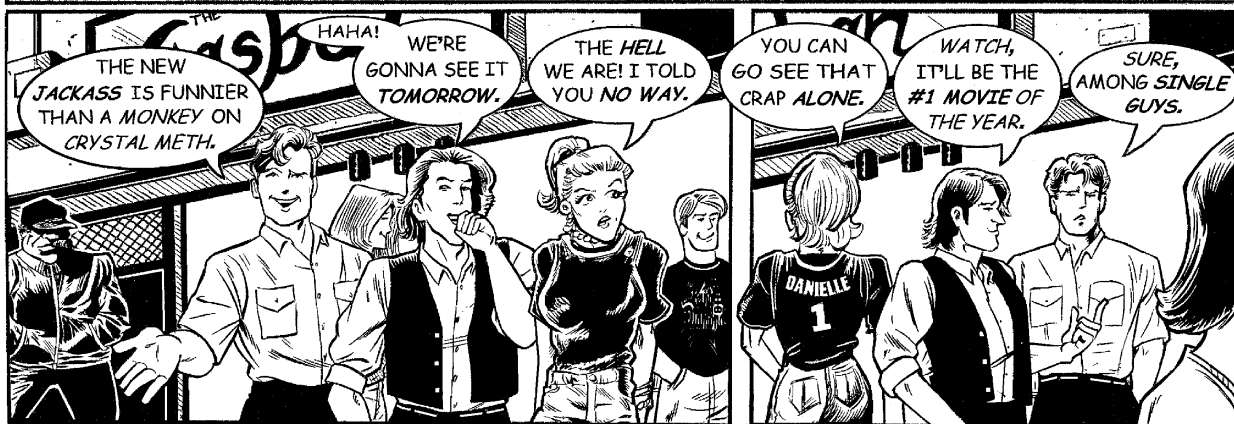


STRYPER: UNAFAID TO FACE SLAYER

remains on the bill. "I think a lot of people will still show up. Decide is still playing, and we heard a rumor they were trying to book Accept.... I wish they'd get Dio!" Benedictum's new album, *Uncreation*, was produced by Dio knob-twister Jeff Pilson and

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: THE CASBAH

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includes Dio vets Craig Goldy (guitar) and Jimmy Bain (bass).

Slayer's new album, *Christ Illusion*, was released 6-6-06; on their website that day, the band urged fans to "desecrate a few churches." The entreaty was removed a day later, after several churches reported being defaced by depictions of the band's logo.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Of Olives and Cherries

After four years as a live-music venue, San Marcos's Longshot Saloon has shut down. The owner of the building, Paul Eckert, says that three weeks ago the fixtures were removed, and the Longshot will no longer be a bar.

"I had [the Longshot Saloon] from 1980 until 2002," says Tom Goettle, who owned and operated the business with his partner Flo Mowery. "We had live bands for the first five years, then the *Urban Cowboy* craze hit us. Everyone wanted a band. There weren't enough bands to go around. We switched to darts and baseball, and we got rid of music in 1985....

"Everybody saw me as the long-haired hippie fuck. They thought, 'If he could do

it, I can do this, too.'... But you have to work hard. You have to pull a shift yourself. Flo and I never took any money out of the business. For two and a half years, Flo and I lived off our tips.... Leo's Little Bit of Country and the Mission Inn [in San Marcos] are gone. The Jumping Turtle [in San Marcos] is around, but it's a small-sized room. With all the permits and security guards you have to have, it's hard to make a go of it in North County unless you are a tiny place like Pounder's [in Escondido]."

Goettle says the Longshot closed over three months ago in the aftermath of a wet T-shirt contest.

"They had a deal with [Rock 105.3] that they would do a wet T-shirt contest, but they lost their cabaret license the day before. The city strictly told them not to do it. But they didn't listen and the City of San Marcos got an injunction....

"You can make money at this business, but you have to be prepared to beat the hell out of your [vendors]. You have to know what a goddamn olive costs. You have to know that one marachino cherry costs nine

cents. If a kid comes in and wants a Coke with five goddamn cherries, you have to know you are losing money."

— Ken Leighton

Hippies Love Their Money

Thirty-eight years ago today (9-28-68), Big Brother and the Holding Company were scheduled to



JANIS COULD AFFORD HER OWN DANG BENZ

play a sold-out show at downtown's Community Concourse. The afternoon before the show, Janis Joplin announced to the press her intention to quit the band.

"I told you, you remember, that I was going

to do a thing of my own," she wrote in a letter to her family dated the same day (and published by her sister in the book *Love, Janis*). "There'll be a whole lot of pressure because of the 'vibes' created by my leaving Big Brother and also how big I am now." (The band's album, *Cheap Thrills*, was number one on the *Billboard* charts, where it remained for eight weeks.)

Joplin explained in the letter that "It's to be set up [so] I'm a corporation called Fantality, which will hire all the musicians and pay all the bills. Much more responsibility, but also much more chance of making money for me as my price goes up.... Albert [Grossman, manager] told me — are you ready? — that I should make a half million next year, counting record royalties." Her final gig with Big Brother took place in San Francisco two months later.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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From Punk to Pop

“I wanted to go in a more funky, layered direction.... And I wanted a beer.”

Back when singer/guitarist Steven Bradford was in Waiting for Autumn, it looked like the power-punk band was about to break big, with write-ups in *Alternative Press* and a tour opening for Underoath. Many were surprised when he quit the group in 2003 to form Get Back Loretta, a decidedly more soulful and psychedelic outfit.

“[The breakup] was all about women, and of course the usual creative differences,” he says. “I liked that Waiting for Autumn played the all-age clubs, like Soma and Epicentre — that’s a great crowd to learn your chops in front of — but I wanted to go in a more funky, layered direction and do more of a Queen-meets-Jeff Buckley kind of thing. And I wanted a beer.”

With his band named after a line in a Beatles song (“Get Back”), one may wonder what Bradford’s cousin Lars Fredrickson (of Rancid) might say of his defection from punk to pop. “I’ve only met him twice in my life,” laughs Bradford, “and I didn’t even know who he was at the time. I doubt anyone will ask him if he’s related to *me* anytime soon.” Get Back Loretta won the Best New Artist award at last year’s SD-MAs and won Best Pop this year. Their new album *Over the Wall* was released in July on Pacific Records.

WHAT’S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Beach Boys, *Pet Sounds* (“What can you say about such genius?”)
2. Radiohead, *Amnesiac* (“I save this album for long, droning rides.”)
3. Ben Kweller, *Sha Sha* (“This album makes everyone tear up and think of all their exes.”)
4. Queen, *Greatest Hits* (“Normally, a hits compilation wouldn’t be in my top five, but this album makes you crap yourself and laugh at the same time.”)

DESERT ISLAND DVDs?

1. *Dumb and Dumber* (“The funniest movie ever.”)
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3. *Coach Carter* (“I like Denzel.”)
4. *The Boondock Saints*
5. *Pulp Fiction*

BEST BEATLES SONG (BESIDES “GET BACK”)?

“‘A Day in the Life,’ because it’s a perfect blend of the songwriting styles of John and Paul. Listening to this song still makes the hair on my arms stand up.”

FAVORITE TWILIGHT ZONE?

“The one with the guy who has the watch that



Steven Bradford

stops time, and then it breaks and he’s all alone [“A Kind of Stopwatch”].

MONTY PYTHON OR KIDS IN THE HALL?

“*Kids in the Hall*, ’cause Canadians are funnier than the British.”

WORST CURRENT MUSICAL TREND?

“The fact that disco kind of came back. What’s that all about?”

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

Herman's Hermits: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, September 28, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs: Soma, Thursday, September 28, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

FRIDAY

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

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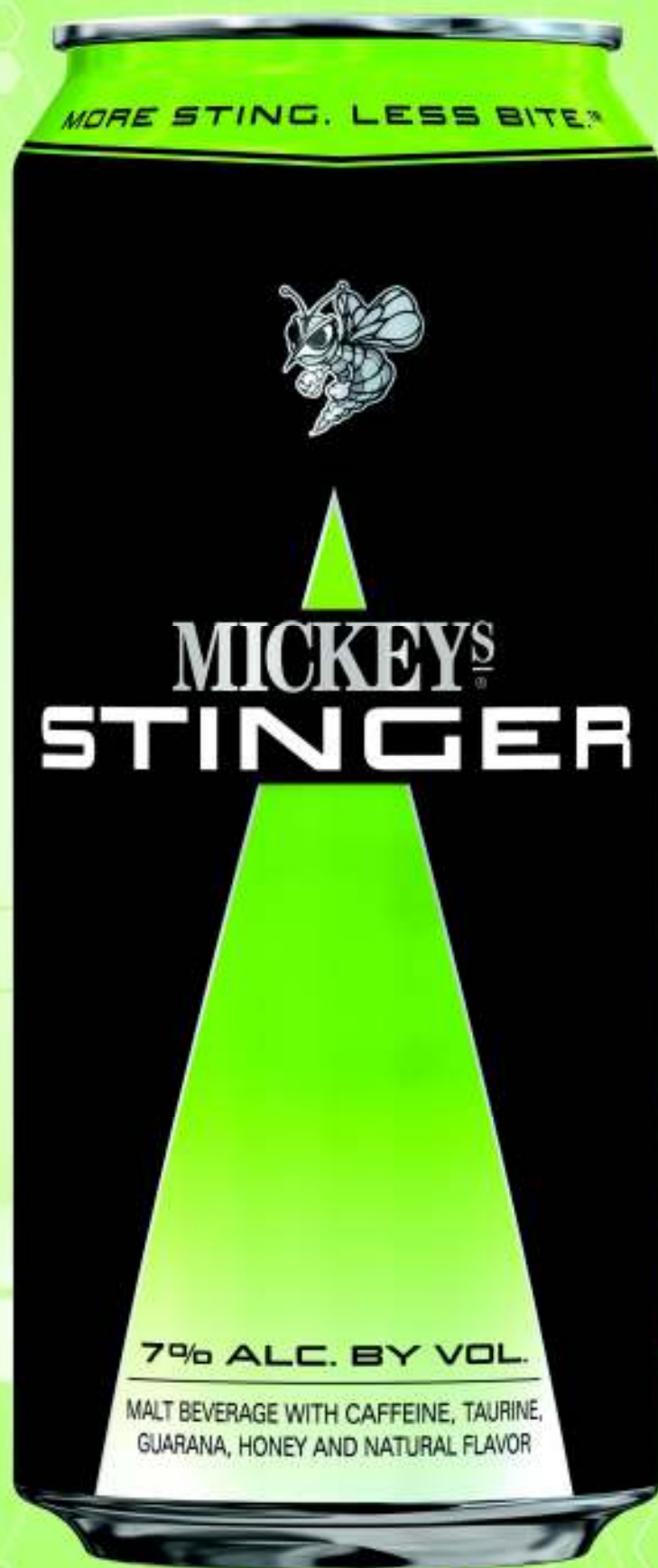
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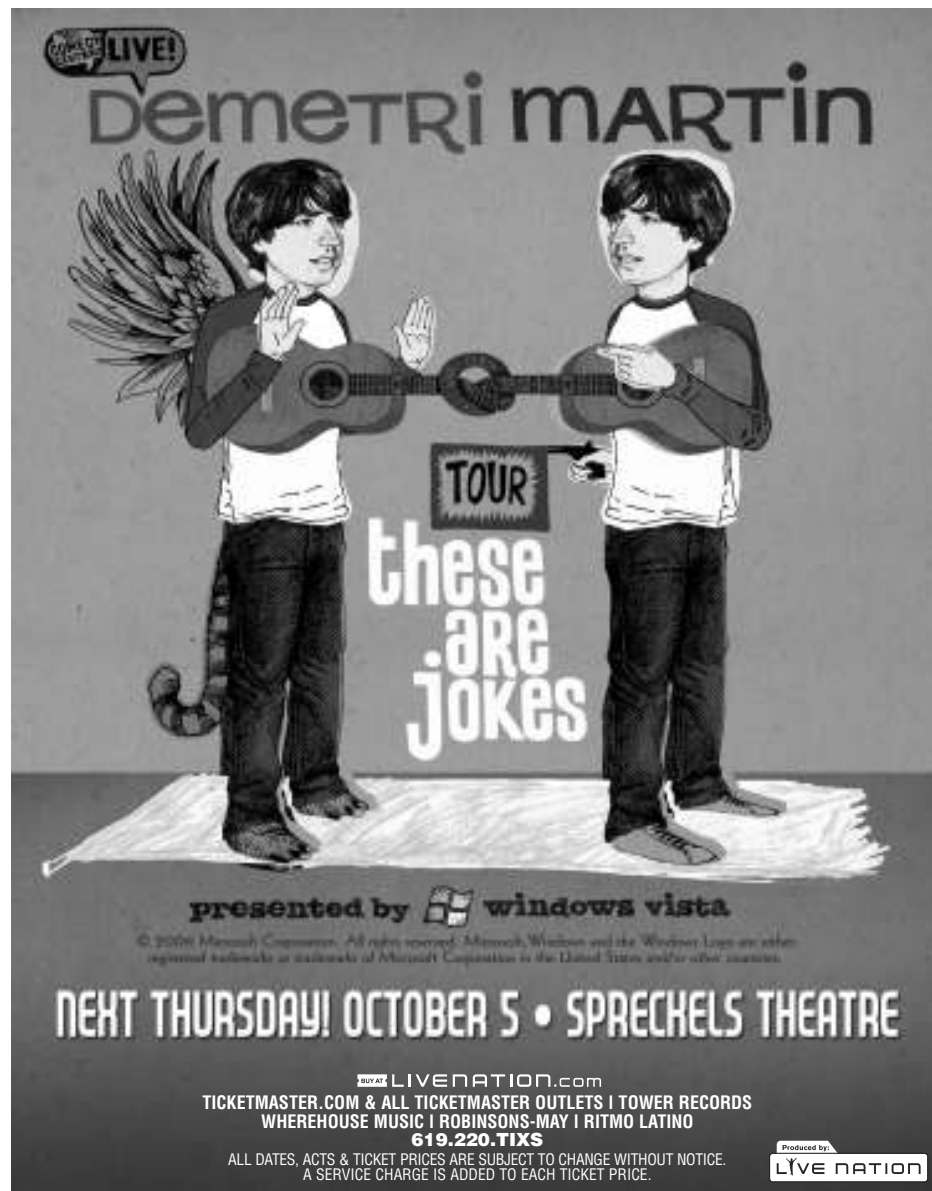
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The Barenaked Ladies: RIMAC
Arena, Sunday, December 3, UCSD
campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497.

Gregg Allman: House of Blues,
Wednesday, December 6, 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Andre Rieu: ipayOne Center,
Thursday, December 7, 3500 Sports
Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Slightly Stoopid and Pepper: 4th &
B, Friday, December 8, 345 B Street, San
Diego. 619-231-4343.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Sycuan
Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday,
December 8, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa.
619-659-3380.

Primus: RIMAC Arena, Friday,
December 8, UCSD campus, La Jolla.
858-534-8497.

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San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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Tom Russell:
AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday,
December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street,
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December 15, 4650 Mansfield Street,
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Glen Yarbrough:
AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday,
December 23, 4650 Mansfield Street,
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El Vez: The Casbah, Saturday,
December 23, 2501 Kettner Boulevard,
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Al Kooper: AcousticMusicSanDiego,
Friday, January 12, 4650 Mansfield
Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Manhattan Transfer: California
Center for the Arts, Friday, January 12,
340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido.
800-988-4253.

Eliza Gilkyson:
AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday,
January 18, 4650 Mansfield Street,
Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Chieftains: California Center for
the Arts, Friday, January 26, 340 N.
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DJ EVENTS

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event, e-mail sellis@nethere.com or
fax information to 619-881-2401 by
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Ascension: Second Friday of the
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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.

BrokenBeat Night: First Saturday
of the month, live electronic,
machine funk, and breaks. No cover.
Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park.
619-640-2500.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of
the month, gothic, industrial, and
fetish with DJs Darkman and Creep.
9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports
Club, 1271 University Avenue,
Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club '80s: Thursdays, nuwave,
new romantic, and punk synthpop
with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and
Stern. 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.
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9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports
Club, 1271 University Avenue,
Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays,
Robin Roth and other female DJs
spin indie rock, electro pop, and '80s.
9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No
cover. San Diego Sports Club, 1271
University Avenue, Hillcrest.
619-299-7372.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays,
punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs
Bryan Pollard, Stern, and
Grimderella. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21
and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th
Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass
with DJs Wallcrawler, 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.
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Fridays@Jack's: Fridays, sexy
dance music with DJ Misha and
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Friends Chill: Tuesdays,
downtempo, electronic, and ambient
with DJs Wank Chops, Lstr, and
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Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street
(corner of 30th and Juniper), South
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Gimmie Gimmie Gimmie:
Fridays, punk, goth, and rock with
DJs Bryan Pollard, Morgan Young,
and guest. Dino's, 3929 30th Street,
North Park. 619-291-3466.

Husky Boy Allstars: Sundays,
hip-hop, funk, and old skool. 710
Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue,
Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

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Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and
drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21
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Fifth Avenue, downtown.
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Mixtape Sessions: Wednesdays,
underground hip-hop, downtempo,
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Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street
(corner of 14th Street, across from
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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.

Programme:Zero: Second
Thursday of the month, indie, Brit
pop, and soul. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No
cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern
Street (corner of 30th and Juniper),
South Park. 619-284-6784.

Sabbat: Second and fifth Saturday
of the month, gothic, industrial, and
dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam
Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to
2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780
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619-295-4163.

Salsa/Latin Night: Fridays, DJ
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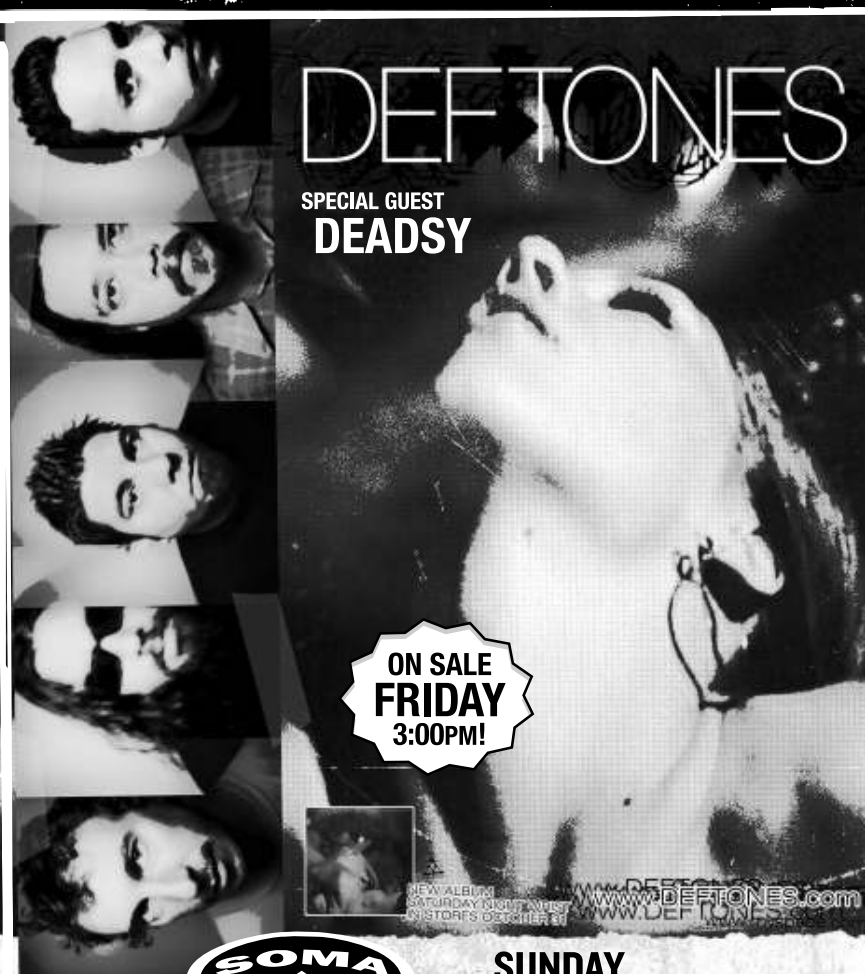
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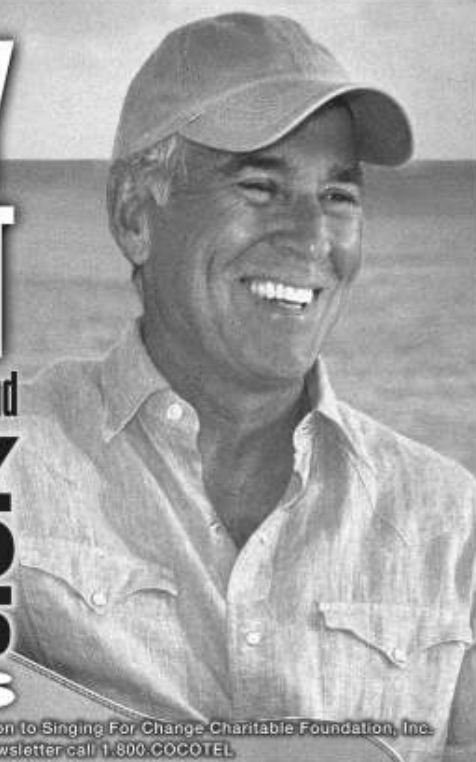
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Saturday Soiree: Saturdays, vocal house with DJ Sean Wilson. Upscale attire. 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Jack's Lounge, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs 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.

Static Lounge: Saturdays, house music to dark dance beats. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 18 and up. 634 Broadway (between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and fetish with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Underground Playground: Second and third Saturday of the month, breaks, house, and progressive 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

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Upcoming concerts, DJ events, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261; e-mailed to sellis@nethere.com; or faxed to 619-881-2401.

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.

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live bands, call club for information.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, *Katie Reynolds*, folk/rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Richard Samuels*, contemporary. Friday, *Jeff Moore*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday, *Sambajazz*. Monday, *the Flounders*, acoustic. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, global jazz. Wednesday, call club for information.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *Heroe, Critical Me*, and *Ten Mile Drive*, rock/punk/hardcore. Friday, *the Big Provider, Four Minutes Til Midnight*, and *Call Down Fire*, alternative rock. Saturday, *Tainted Love*, '80s rock.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Music is blues. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney*, solo. Friday, *Charles Burton*. Saturday, *J.J. Slyde*.

Clay's, atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Latin jazz. Saturday and Wednesday, live jazz/funk.

Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *the Strikers, the Cosmic Americans, the Derelicts, and Corporate Circus*, rock. Friday, *Silverside, Gadfly, the Whiskey Avengers, and When I Rise*, rock/reggae. Saturday, *Sindrome, Without a Warning, Paco Manson, and Da Scoop*, hip-hop.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Melody Prout*. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Brian Darnell*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Steven Ybarra*. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bluegrass Social*. Monday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vladimir*.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, hip-hop/house.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Wednesday, 10 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/reggae/rock.

Jack's La Jolla, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111. Saturday, 10 p.m., *Saturday Soiree, Sean Wilson*, and *Black Ink*, DJ event. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., *Soul Seduction*, jazz.

Ki's Coffee on Top, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Friday, *Patrick Berrogain*, jazz.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Chill Boy*, blues. Saturday and Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Tuesday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Wednesday, call club for information.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. DJ events, call club for information.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday and Saturday, Latin jazz. Friday, rational jazz trio.

St. Tropez Bistro & Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Water 2 Wine*, DJ event. Friday, *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations*, reggae. Saturday, *Delta Nove*, Latin/funk, and *the Strive Roots*, roots reggae. Sunday, *the Husky Boy Allstars*, DJ event, hip-hop/funk/old skool. Monday, open-mike. Wednesday, call club for information.

Tapenade Restaurant, 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-551-7500. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *the Forecast Jazz Duo* and *Greg Pardue*, jazz.

Taylor's Bar & Brewery, 721 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach. 619-270-3596. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., *the MoJoley Jazz Quartet*.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/reggae/rock. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Willowalot*, smooth jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Micromaniacs*, indie rock. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Sunday, open-mike. Tuesday, *Christopher Dale* and friends. Wednesday, *Meld*, rock.

Tower Two Beach Cafe, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., live music.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Pruitt Igoe* and *Automatic Trannies*. Friday, *Toubab*

Krewe and *Bat Makumba*, reggae. Saturday, *Superunloader* and *Huge Rooster*, rock. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday and Wednesday, live bands.

Downtown

Belo, 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-9200. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJs and live bands.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, *Waiting 4 Wyatt*, acoustic folk rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Lee Tyler Post*, acoustic rock.

C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Music every night except Monday, call club for information.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Supersystem, Chew Nasty* and *Zombi*. Friday, *Charley Horse, the Dukes of Haggard, and the Ghost Town Deputies*. Saturday, *Grand Ole Party, Kill Me Tomorrow, the Prayers, and Sirhan Sirhan*. Sunday, *Lambchop* and *Rosie Thomas*. Tuesday, *the Mojave 3* and *Bright Black*. Wednesday, *Jose Gonzales* and *Death Vessel*.

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*.



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MARCIA BALL  BILLY WATSON Thur 10/12 • 8:00 PM	TWIST PARTY! LOS STRAITJACKETS  THE WORLD-FAMOUS PONTANI SISTERS w/GUEST VOCALIST KAISER GEORGE & DEKE DICKERSON Fri 10/13 • 9:00 PM	ELIJAH EMANUEL & THE REVELATIONS  THE DEVASTATORS Sat 10/14 • 9:00 PM	EDIE BRICKELL & THE NEW BOHEMIANS  JOE PURDY Sun 10/15 • 8:00 PM
ANTHONY B  WISDOM Mon 10/16 • 9:00 PM	LADYTRON  CSS Wed 10/18 • 8:00 PM	AN EVENING WITH FRANK MARINO & MAHOGANY RUSH  THE DEVASTATORS Thu 10/19 • 8:00 PM	THE SUBDUDES  w/GUEST Fri 10/20 • 9:00 PM

JUST ADDED! 11/10 **Common Sense** 12/5 **Fourgoodmen**
11/18 **Boogie Nights-Dance Party!** 12/7 **Aimee Mann's First Annual Christmas Show**

UPCOMING SHOWS:

10/21 Ras Michael & The Sons of Negus	10/27 English Beat	11/16 Groundation
10/22 Peter Puppington's Guitar Extravaganza - Special Matinee! 1:30 pm	10/28 Atomic Punks	11/17 The Skatalites & The Aggrolites
10/22 Easy Star All-Stars 9:00 pm	10/29 Gin Blossoms w/Shawn Mullins	11/19 The Lemonheads
10/23 Bonnie Prince Billy	10/31 Halloween Party! w/80s Heat & Flock of 80's	11/25 Joe Bonamassa
10/24 O2 For Life - An Evening in the Rainforest	11/1 Shelby Lynne	11/27 Wall of Voodoo w/Stan Ridgway
10/25 Shawn Colvin & Brandi Carlile	11/2 Five For Fighting	12/14 Venice
10/26 Bob Schneider & Band	11/3 John Brown's Body w/Go Jimmy Go	12/28 Particle
	11/4 The Tommy Castro Band	1/13 Dead Man's Party
	11/5 Jackie Greene	1/31 Jake Shimabukuro
	11/7 Adrian Belew	3/8 Leo Kottke & David Lindley
	11/8 Lisa Marie Presley	
	11/11 Brand New Heavies w/N'Dea Davenport	
	11/12 Ben Taylor & Sonya Kittell	
	11/15 Idan Raichel	

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DOWNTOWN

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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, house/hip-hop/Top 40/dance.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, *the Siers Brothers*. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *the 86'd*. Wednesday, *the Ghost of Sada*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 p.m., *Beat.itude*, folk/jazz. Saturday, *Azar Lawrence*, saxophonist. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Gretchen Parlato*.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music and live bands almost every night.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Saturday, *Yerba Buena*, *Akwid*, *Voltrio*, and *Radio Mundial*, Latin rock/hip-hop/rap/funk. Monday, *Beres Hammond*, reggae. Wednesday, *Buju Banton*, reggae.

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 Stiletto's*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Snow Patrol*. Friday, *West of Memphis*, *We Are Scientists*, *Dustin Kensrue*, and *the Future of Forestry*, blues/indie rock/acoustic. Sunday, *Del tha Funkee Homosapien*, hip-hop. Monday *Starsailor*, *Brother Man Dude*, and *Peter Walker*. Tuesday, *White Buffalo*, *Brett Dennen*, *Cary Brothers*, *Joshua Radin*, and *Anya Marina*, pop/acoustic/folk. Wednesday, *Celtic Frost* and *Goatwhore*, heavy metal.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *Diva Soul*, disco/Top 40. Saturday, *Pop Rocks*, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m.

to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

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. Friday, house/hip-hop. Saturday, hip-hop/house/'80s music.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Bill Magee Blues*. Friday, *Soul Diego*. Saturday, *the Fremonts*. Sunday, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Monday and Tuesday, *Lil' Dave Thompson*. Wednesday, *Blue Four*.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Bouchard*, piano.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Samba Grill, 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Edo Brazil*, Brazilian jazz.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday and Tuesday, *Primo*, salsa/Latin jazz.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

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, Saturday, and Monday, *DJ Marc Thrasher* with *Da Groove* on Thursday, and *DJ Danimal* on Saturday. Sunday, *the Mitch Budd Band* and *DJ Danimal*. Tuesday, and Wednesday, *DJ Famous Dave* with *Nitro Express*, Southern rock/country/blues, on Tuesday, and *the Stepping Feet*, Dave Matthews tribute band, on Wednesday.

San Diego

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Music is acoustic/folk/rock. Thursday, *Venice*. Friday, *Ellis Paul*. Sunday, *Bruce Molsky & Marley's Ghost*.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, 7 p.m., *the San Diego Blues Trio*.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

If you're a music-loving anthropology or sociology student looking for a thesis subject, you could do worse than to study the sudden popularity of **José González**. González, a young Swedish singer-guitarist with an Argentinean heritage, writes songs in English — songs whose quiet vocals and nylon-string guitar sometimes call to mind Brazil's Antonio Carlos Jobim, Britain's Nick Drake, or our Elliott Smith. So there's plenty of material if you want to talk about globalization of culture. You could also talk about how the Internet, while making so much of life faster and louder, has been a boon for quieter, slower music, like that of Zero-7 (with whom González has sung and toured).

If you want to, you could argue that, while aggressive sounds may be made for car stereos, downtempo music is well suited to the intimacy of iPod headphones and dorm-room PC speakers.

González is ripe for research by business students, too. His career really took off when Sony chose his song "Heartbeats" to accompany a TV commercial that featured lovely footage of 250,000 rubber balls bouncing in slow motion down a San Francisco street. (Hmm...might be something in there for film and physics students, too.) Whether it did anything for Sony is an open question, but the clip became an Internet phenomenon. Cue your examination of the advantages and disadvantages of musicians lending their work to advertising firms and how the artist taboo against the practice has broken down over the past



JOSÉ GONZÁLEZ

20 years.

Have fun with it, students. Lucky me, I'm not in school. I simply get to enjoy González's music.

JOSÉ GONZÁLEZ, The Casbah, Wednesday, October 4, 8 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12.

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 and Saturday, live classic rock/Top 40.

The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746. Call club for information.

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., *Kim Divine*, acoustic.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Second 2 Last*, pop punk. Friday, *Los Burbanks*, *Cabesa de Gallo*, *Zuite Divan*, and *Someday Assassin*, rock en español/Latin. Saturday, *M.T. Hollis*,

the Knee Highs, *South Psycho Cide*, *Ione Angeles*, and *Unseen the Tabilist*, hip-hop.

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/Top 40. Friday, 9 p.m., *Gimme Gimme Gimme* with *DJs Atari*, *Bryan Pollard*, and *Morgan Young*. '70s/'80s/punk/new wave. Saturday, 10 p.m., live music. Sunday, 7 p.m., *DJs Sachomo*, hip-hop/house/soul. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *DJ Carlos Culture*, reggae/dancehall. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Girls' Night Out* by *She Promotions*, hip-hop/house.

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Call club for information.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/punk. Thursday, *Choir Invisible*, *Plane without a Pilot*, *No One Home*, and *the Pillars of Autumn*. Friday, *Razz Tip*, *Quartetto Desolace*, *Effusive Folk*, and *Slow Car Boost*. Saturday, *Band of Horses*. Wednesday, *Long Live Logos* and *Get Back Loretta*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Call club for information.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Billy Watson*, blues.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Bento Beatbox*. Wednesday, DJ event.

Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Karin Carson & Sweet Tea*, jazz/soul/swing. Monday, tango. Tuesday, DJ event. Wednesday, *Lisa Sanders*, *Joe Rathburn*, *Berkley Hart*, *Lindsey Troy*, and *Jalopy*, acoustic.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Criminal Funk*, '80s dance. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Blue Rockit*, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Rockola*, classic rock. Sunday through Wednesday, live music.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

Kadan's, 4696 30th Street, San Diego. 619-640-2500. Friday, 10 p.m., DJ event, funk/soul/hip-hop/jazz/downtempo.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Friday, *Society!*, *the Mayan Kings*, and *the Monsters from Mars*. Saturday, *the Orion Frequency*, *the Postals*, *the Trashies*, and *the Dissimilars*.

Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio*.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *the Mark Jackson Band*. Friday, *Gregory Page*. Saturday, *Chasing Paper*. Sunday, *Dylan Donkin*. Monday, open-mike. Wednesday, *Stan Silver* and *Kev*.

Martini's Bar & Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *DJ D-2*, hustle/West Coast swing.

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The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big Band*.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Night Shift*, classic rock.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Eddie Rossi* and *Joe Soprano*, piano. Monday and Tuesday, *the David Shaw Duo*.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

San Diego City College Theatre, 14th and C Street, downtown. 234-1062. Saturday, *the Daniel Jackson Jazz Extravaganza*.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock, call club for information.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/R&B/rap.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Performances start at 7 p.m. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *the Yeah Yeah Yeahs*, *the Eagles of Death Metal*, and *Imaad Wasif*. Friday, *As Blood Runs Black*, *Of Hearts & Shadows*, *Fate of a Friend*, *Terrorspell*, and *the Pillars of Autumn*. Saturday, *Mastodon*, *Converge*, and *the Bronx*. Sunday, *Destroy the Runner*, *Sever Your Ties*, *Carol Ann*, *a Love Ends Suicide*, and *Dark Horse*. Monday, *Good Charlotte*, *Pink Spiders*, and *Young Love*. Tuesday, *the Stills*, and guests.

Static Lounge, 634 Broadway, San Diego. 858-534-2311. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Accesible Entertainment*, DJ event, hip-hop/R&B/reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ events, electronic/house/hard dance beats.

Terra, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo blues/jazz.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Switched Saturday*, *Sons & Lovers*, and *DJ Tony & the Tyger*, rock. Monday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jaime Valle*, and guests.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, *Brian Benham*, *Dave Boodakian*, and *Robin Matozao*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Alex Esther*, *Brian Benham*, *Ernie Halter*, *Skyler*, and *the Jowls*. Saturday, *Drew Gasparini*, *Matt Jones*, *Mobetta Loretta*, *Rachael Kae*, *Randi Driscoll*, and *Ryan Holly*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open-mike hosted by *Tim Mudd*.

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 vocalist *David Mosby*, jazz.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Fremonts*, blues. Saturday, *One Nation* featuring *DJ Atari*, rock.

The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD. Music is rock/punk/metal/alternative. Thursday, *DJ Marky Zero*. Friday, *the High Rollers*, *Zombie Surf Camp*, and

the Iron King 100's. Saturday, *the Rhythm Stompers*, *Taildragger*, and *Vagrant Dead*. Sunday, *a Scribe Amidst the Lions*, *the Ninja Academy*, and *a Week's Worth*. Tuesday, *Fast Tuesday*. Wednesday, DJ event.

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 and Friday, 9 p.m., *Dark Star Orchestra*, Grateful Dead tribute. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the B-Side Players* and *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *the Shadows of Knight*, *the Romantics*, and *the Charms*, new wave. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Michael Tiernan Trio*, *the Cathryn Beeks Ordeal*, *Simeon Flick*, *Kim Divine*, and *Lee Coulter*, pop/rock/acoustic.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Friday, 8 p.m., *Inferno*, *Dieselboy*, *Doc Martin*, and *Victor Dinaire*, electronic dance music. Saturday, '80s music. Tuesday, country.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., live jazz/blues/acoustic.

Borders Books & Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Mike McGill*, acoustic folk rock. Saturday, *Skibbereen*, Irish folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Kova*, rock/jazz/funk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock.



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Calendar CLUBS

NORTH COUNTY

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The Comstock Bar and Grill, 316 West Mission, #115, Escondido. 960-746-6188. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Live Wire*, rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, harmonica blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bordertown*, rock/blues/folk; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Billy Watson*; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Roots to Rockets*, reggae/rock; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Steamers*; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Peter Sprague*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues*.

Del Dios Bar & Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, *Grand Canyon Sundown*, Americana/roots jam band. Saturday, *Peter Sprague*, jazz.

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, *American Made*, rock. Saturday, *Tumblin' Dice*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, DJ event, '80s music. Friday, *Leo Rising*, rock. Saturday, *the New Breed Band*, jazz/pop.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to

9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, 7 p.m., *the Center*, *Children of the Grave*, *Wither*, and *Nihilist*. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Love Handle*, *Ocular*, and *Noiz*. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Fighting Chance*, *DeCapulet*, *Irie I*, and *the Birds of Yore*. Monday, 8:30 p.m., *the Independents* and *the State of Revolution*. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Ayla We're Falling*, *Entice*, *Joneslagger*, and *Rich in Poverty*.

La Playa Cantina & Grill, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-7550. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Heartland*, acoustic pop.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Wednesday, R&B.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Friday and Saturday, live music. Monday, Dixieland jazz.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Credit Union*, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474.

Friday, *C.O.I.*, rock. Saturday, *the Alternatives*. Wednesday, open-mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Live traditional Irish music.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, *Phat Daddy & Uncle Johnny*.

South Bay/Coronado

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson*, *Robert Sebastian*, and *Scott Wallingford*, jazz.

Coronado Island Marriott, 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

Galley at the Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-422-5714. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Justin Brothers*, rock and roll. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *David Hauser*, acoustic. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Gary Seiler*, acoustic.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita & Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

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South Bay Fish & Grill, 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-720-7234. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to

1:30 p.m., *the Third Coast Jazz Band*, classic jazz.

East County

Borders Books & Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *Marie Haddad*, folk.

Cosmos Coffee Cafe, 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-698-4217. Friday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *the Sam Johnson Jazz Duo*.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Zone 4*, rock.

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Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Emerald River*, country. Friday, 9 p.m., *Makai*, pop/Top 40/dance. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the 80's Allstars*, pop rock.

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Band of Horses: Epicentre
The Big Provider: 'Canes
Bright Black: The Casbah
Brother Man Dude: House of Blues
Call Down Fire: 'Canes
The Center: The Jumping Turtle
The Charms: Belly Up Tavern
Children of the Grave: The Jumping Turtle
Choir Invisible: Epicentre
Chow Nasty: The Casbah
Converge: Soma
Dark Horse: Soma
DeCapulet: The Jumping Turtle
Death Vessel: The Casbah
Destroy the Runner: Soma
The Dissimilars: The Kensington Club
The Eagles of Death Metal: Soma
Effusive Folk: Epicentre
Entice: The Jumping Turtle
Fate of a Friend: Soma
Four Minutes Till Midnight: 'Canes

The Future of Forestry: House of Blues
Get Back Loretta: Epicentre
Huge Rooster: Winstons
Pruitt Igoe: Winstons
The Independents: The Jumping Turtle
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Kill Me Tomorrow: The Casbah
Lambchop: The Casbah
Long Live Logos: Epicentre
A Love Ends Suicide: Soma
Love Handle: The Jumping Turtle
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The Monsters from Mars: The Kensington Club
Nihilist: The Jumping Turtle
The Ninja Academy: The Zombie Lounge
No One Home: Epicentre
Noiz: The Jumping Turtle
Ocular: The Jumping Turtle
Of Hearts & Shadows: Soma
The Orion Frequency: The Kensington Club
The Pillars of Autumn: Epicentre, Soma
Plane Without a Pilot: Epicentre
The Postals: The Kensington Club
The Prayers: The Casbah
Quartetto Desolace: Epicentre
Razz Tip: Epicentre
Rich in Poverty: The Jumping Turtle

The Romantics: Belly Up Tavern
A Scribe Amidst the Lions: The Zombie Lounge
Sever Your Ties: Soma
The Shadows of Knight: Belly Up Tavern
Sirhan Sirhan: The Casbah
Slow Car Boost: Epicentre
Snow Patrol: House of Blues
Society!: The Kensington Club
Someday Assassin: Brick By Brick
Starsailor: House of Blues
The State of Revolution: The Jumping Turtle
The Stills: Soma
Supersystem: The Casbah
Taildragger: The Zombie Lounge
Ten Mile Drive: 'Canes
Terrorspell: Soma
Rosie Thomas: The Casbah
The Trashies: The Kensington Club
Unseen the Tabilist: Brick By Brick
Vagrant Dead: The Zombie Lounge
Waiting 4 Wyatt: Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp)
Imaad Wasif: Soma
We Are Scientists: House of Blues
A Week's Worth: The Zombie Lounge
When I Rise: Dreamstreet
Wither: The Jumping Turtle
The Yeah Yeah Yeahs: Soma
Young Love: Soma
Zombi: The Casbah

ROCK

Agave: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
American Made: Game Time Tavern
Automatic Trannies: Winstons
Bedpost Buzzard: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Better Borrowed: Fannie's Nightclub
The Birds of Yore: The Jumping Turtle
The Blackbirdz: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Blanks: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Brat Pack: Henry's Pub
The Bronx: Soma
Canobliss: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Carol Ann: Soma
Celtic Frost: House of Blues
Charley Horse: The Casbah
C.O.I.: Surf N'Saddle
Critical Me: 'Canes
Da Groove: Woody's Sports Bar
Dark Star Orchestra: Belly Up Tavern
Def in One Eye: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Down with Leo: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Fighting Chance: The Jumping Turtle
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Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina
GFI: Fannie's Nightclub
The Ghost Town Deputies: The Casbah
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Goatwhore: House of Blues
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Grand Canyon Sundown: Del Dios Bar & Grill
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The Taylor Harvey Band: Don's Cocktail Lounge
Heroe: 'Canes
The High Rollers: The Zombie Lounge
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Leo Rising: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)
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Private Domain: Dick's Last Resort

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Second 2 Last: Brick By Brick
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POP / TOP 40

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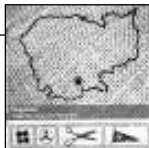
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Songs: 1) Introduction 2) Mediocrity 3) IVF 4) Spencer's Accordion 5) Expiration Dates 6) Annie 7) Cambodia 8) Entertainment 9) Cambodian Hairdresser 10) Monkey 11) The Candy of All Meats 12) Solidarity 13) We Have Control

Website: *www.manganista.com*

Extra info: Manganista plays the Halloween show at the Kensington Club on October 27.

This is a new wave album. In case you're not old

enough to remember it, new wave is that early-'80s sound

that is predicated upon and driven by the intent to irritate the listener.

Manganista isn't so much Devo-style new wave, but more like Oingo Boingo. *I Make You Look Like Movie Star* offers high-pitched vocals over a range of percussion instruments, fronted by a synthesizer.

The subjects of the songs are all over the place. "Spencer's Accordion" is about a kid's accordion. The songs "Mediocrity" and "Entertainment" are about the trappings of modern life. A couple of tracks and the cover art are about Cambodia. (I'm guessing the album title has to do with the "Cambodian Hairdresser" track.)

It's not that Manganista is a bad band; the instruments are played well. But what I hear is an alternative sound-



Manganista

track for the chase scenes in *Mannequin* or *Weekend at Bernie's*. The only thing that is awful about the music is the singing. It is whiny and annoying.

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Anatomy of a Song

Gershwin pored over a song...laboring Beethoven-like, all night and half the day.

The speculation can boggle the mind: what would artists who died young have done if they lived, say, 25 more years? What poetry was the world denied when John Keats died at 26? Some say his thoughts were turning to theater.

And Anton Chekhov, who succumbed to TB at 44, wanted his next play to be a science-fiction fantasy. The question persists throughout Hershey Felder's 90-minute *George Gershwin Alone*. Gershwin died of a brain tumor in 1937. The composer of *Rhapsody in Blue* (1924), *An American in Paris* (1928), *Porgy and Bess* (1935), and over a thousand songs — many of them now ingrained in our collective genetic code — was 38.

At the time, he was working on a song his lyricist brother Ira and composer Vernon Duke completed, "Our Love Is Here to Stay." Give Gershwin another quarter century and who knows? Felder says in a program note, "That Gershwin didn't live to see the opening night of *Oklahoma!* or *West Side Story*, *My Fair Lady*...is a tragedy." Biographers and musicologists who have interviewed his friends and combed Gershwin's letters have him envisioning classical concertos, operas, symphonies, and, of course, Broadway shows. And it boggles the mind to imagine how *they* would have enhanced the Golden Age of Musicals.

It's also painful to learn that when he died, in critical circles Gershwin's music had as many de-

tractors as supporters. Most critics need to label an artist's work, to set limits, and not let the artist grow beyond them (look at what the New York pundits did to Tennessee Williams when he tried to stretch with *El Camino Real*). The problem

many had with Gershwin: his music was never one thing. They couldn't cubbyhole him. Gershwin's works are plural, hybrid — his "rhapsody" is a "blues." So critics complained that his "serious" compositions had too many popular elements, and vice versa. He simply wouldn't hold still.

At the end of *Gershwin Alone*, Felder plays *Rhapsody*. He hammers the Steinway keys like an anvil and generates a raw beauty from the often prettified score. You'll hear everything from Debussy to '20s jazz to Shostakovich to Scott Joplin. Throughout Gershwin's works, the influences are discrete, or played contrapuntally, or fused, and there's always this other, indefinable quality: his distinct voice — That Gershwin Thing.

Like *Ella* at the Rep, and countless others, *George Gershwin Alone's* another concert with biographical patter: the greatest hits joined with facts about the artist's life. But where *Ella* opts for exposé and personal travail, *Alone* is protective of its subject: was Gershwin an egomaniac? Well, maybe yes and maybe no. Felder touches on details and often assumes the audience already knows them (when he mentioned Gershwin's long affair with Kate Swift, the gent behind me



Hershey Felder in *George Gershwin Alone*

George Gershwin Alone, book by Hershey Felder
Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Joel Zwick; cast: Hershey Felder; scenic design, Yael Pardess; costume, Kenneth Cole; lighting, Milton T. Gilliam; sound, Jon Gottlieb
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told his companion, for half of the Old Globe to hear, "I didn't know he dated Kate Smith").

The life story's a sketch, at best (Felder includes a talk-back session after to fill in selective details). Felder prefers to give biographies of individual songs. In 1921, Gershwin wrote "Sewanee" in 15 minutes. He started humming

something ("I hear music in the heart of noise," he once said) and wrote it down in F minor. Then, enter the Gershwin genius, he added a "hook." He made a key change for a genre unaccustomed to the tactic. He and Irving Caesar gave the tune some lyrics, and Gershwin performed the song uptown. A man in the audience asked to hear it

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Felder's Lives of the Hits includes descriptions of a song's inner workings. He's unafraid to use technical terms, like "interval," and one of the real values of *Gershwin Alone*, along with getting to hear the great songs, is its emphasis on music appreciation. Gershwin's image is of a glib, Noël Coward-like facility to dash off enduring art (composing "Swanee" in 15 minutes plays into this). Felder shows that, to the contrary, Gershwin pored over a song, over and over, laboring Beethoven-like, all night and half the day.

Felder, whose high forehead makes him a cross between Gershwin and George S. Kaufman, gives us a "loud and brash" portrayal, though his singing is often more strident than either, especially in the upper registers. He performs on Yael Pardess's jazzy set: multiple geometrical slants (curtains, a mirror, sheet music, a rug corner spearing up the back wall), angle-lit by Michael T. Gilliam's mood-enhancing patterns.

A biography should give us the person writ large and small. Few of the concert biographies we've seen come close. They're just excuses to do the songs. The music appreciation elements of *Gershwin Alone*, however, inspired me to read studies of his compositions: get closer to That Gershwin Thing. When I called a local bookstore I realized the other need for concert biographies: to spread the word.

Guy answers the phone.

"Got any books about George Gershwin's music," I ask, "the technical stuff?"

He answers: "Could I have that name again?" ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Ain't You Heard?

Langston Hughes had no idea that when he began writing sketches about Jesse B. Semple ("just be simple"), for the *Chicago Defender* in 1943, that he would continue them for decades and that Jesse and his friends would become an essential part of Americana. For the Ira Aldridge Repertory Players, multi-talented Charmen Jackson wove the early Semple stories into a dramatic narrative. Though married (and spending late nights with Zarita), Jesse's in love with Miss Joyce. But in order to marry her, he'll need to swing some finances and do some growing up. The opening-night performance was a bit shaky, at first. Once it settled in, the 13-scene, 90-minute piece was both funny and wise. Whether he's acting, reciting Hughes's poetry ("I slept like a rock, or a man that's dead") or singing "Lament Over Love," Leonard Patton's terrific as Jesse, the outspoken man hailed as "the Black Aristotle." Hughes

didn't consider Semple an Every-man. "It's impossible to live in Harlem and not know at least a hundred Semples, fifty Joyces, twenty-five Zaritas, or reasonable facsimiles thereof." Andrea Purnell (Joyce), Ida Rhem (Zarita), Laurence Brown (Sonny), and Patrick Kelly (Darby) bring these immensely popular figures to life.

Worth a try.

EXPRESS STAGE, ACOUSTIC EXPRESS, 2852 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 7; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-283-4574.

Attorney for the Damned: Clarence Darrow

As Joe Nesnow portrays the life of the famous lawyer, you begin to wonder who the "defender of the underdog" *didn't* represent. Darrow's cases constitute a who's who of American legal history: socialists Eugene V. Debs and "Big Bill" Haywood, the McNamara brothers' bombing of the L.A. *Times*, the Scopes "Monkey" Trial, Leopold and Loeb. In each he fought injustice — and paid an emotional price for every battle (including his marriage). It doesn't take Nesnow long to become Darrow: a gentle, engaging rapport with his audience, a rage at stupidity and intolerance, and, most of all, a fearless conviction. Nothing stood in his way. Would this were true of David W. Rintels's wordy, overlong, badly paced script. The play moves chronologically through Darrow's life and feels compelled to cover all of it. The result is a two-hour, episodic ramble that begs for a major edit (Rintels often takes longer to set up a scene than present it). After a while, the script works against Nesnow's finely etched performance. The playwright's words upstage him. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4 (THE SHOW WILL BE DARK DURING OCTOBER); SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Back at Leipzig

South Coast Repertory Theatre offers Itamar Moses' farce about claimants for the title of organmaster at Leipzig's leading church (amid the schemes, "Johann Sebastian Bach lays low"). Art Manke directed.

JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, THROUGH OCTOBER 15; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?

New Vision and Sunshine Brooks Theatres present Del Shore's comedy about a family gathering for the imminent death of the patriarch. SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, THROUGH OCTOBER 22; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-529-9140.

Ella

Anyone asked to perform as Ella Fitzgerald will trigger comparisons. And no one — not now, not ever — will measure up to the "First Lady of Song" (who might have objected to an exposé of her private life because she refused to parade her suffering in public: "I'm the only woman in this business who doesn't have a past," she has said). In this concert-with-words biography of the musical genius, Tina Fabrique is very good and has excellent rapport with her audi-

ence. It's just that, and it's probably unfair to say this, she isn't empyrean. Fabrique looks a bit like Fitzgerald, especially when wearing glasses, and what she does well is evoke Ella with a kind of conjuration, and few can do even that. Fabrique shows her versatility in "You'll Have to Swing It (Mr. Paganini)," a Whitman's sampler of styles, from ballad to scat, that comes early in the evening and puts the show on a fast track from which it rarely falters. A tight, four-piece band plays on a platform of art deco discs backed by tall bead-curtains and baked by John Lasser's bold lemon and hot pink lighting. In Act Two Brian Sledge, a pinpoint precise trumpeter, joins Fabrique and mimics Louis Armstrong. Their duet, in Gershwin's "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off," is one of many highlights.

Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 15; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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., SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

Gaytino!

Diversionary Theatre hosts Dan Guerrero's solo show about being Mexican-American and gay. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 1; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

George Gershwin Alone

Reviewed this issue. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 22; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.



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Hershey Felder as *George Gershwin Alone* will showcase the Gershwins' classics – including *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *An American in Paris* and *Porgy and Bess*.

Calendar

THEATER

Hemingway's Rose

The Plutonium Theatre Company presents Matt Thompson's dark comedy about Max and George, opposites forced to spend time together and discover a surprise. Angela Miller directed.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, THROUGH OCTOBER 28; FRIDAY AT 10:30 P.M. SATURDAY (EXCEPT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14) AT 4:00 P.M. (SPECIAL 10:30 P.M. SATURDAY PERFORMANCES OCTOBER 14 THROUGH OCTOBER 28.) 619-688-9210.

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Leading Ladies

For anyone familiar with Ken Ludwig's farces, an aura of déjà vu will shroud this one. Ludwig has twin *Otellos* in *Lend Me a Tenor*, and here he has down-and-out Shakespearean actors — Leo Clark and Jack Gable: Clark/Gable...yeah...yeah) — cross-dressing to fool a dowager into giving them her inheritance. Shenanigans ensue, slowly. *Ladies* feels like *Tenor* plagiarized and moved from the 1930s to 1958. The show's so formulaic it must be a send-up. It isn't. And the construction's so sketchy it takes almost forever to load in a situation and

then reload for the next. Schemes fail. New ones get drummed up. Then someone wants to see the woman, and the man playing her, at the same time. Though farce calls for the lightest of touches, the North Coast Rep cast labors to make the script funny. Genuine laughs come from unscripted moments: Chris Luessmann's excellent sound design dopplers a ringing railroad crossing every time Leo has an idea; Brenda Hogan's terrific Marlon Brando imitation (especially coming from her unlikely character, Audrey, a literate ditz); and set designer Marty Burnett making scene changes while dancing a goofy jig. Individual efforts (including chipper Jeannine Marquie and harried Phil Johnson) make the show, at best, intermittently funny, but they don't overcome the script's ransacking of *Tenor* or taking its sweet time to unfold a bit.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Love Letters

Black Rabbit Theatre presents a fundraising production of A.R. Gurney's popular play about the lives of two friends as told in their letters.

SCRIPPS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 9920 SCRIPPS LAKE DRIVE, SUITE 104, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, THROUGH OCTOBER 1; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-281-2782.

Lysistrata: A Peace to End All Wars

Palomar College presents Michael Mufson and Andres Friedman's new adaptation of Aristophanes'



Ella

"poetic comedy" about a nationwide "sex strike," by the women of ancient Athens, to force warring males into a permanent truce. Mufson directed.

HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE, PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD, SAN MARCOS, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. THURSDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 760-744-1150 X2453.

Macbeth

The Excellent Motion Shakespeare Company performs Shakespeare's tragedy with "Renaissance style" staging. Benjamin Curns directed. NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER, 4648 HAWLEY, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-283-1752.

Middle-Aged White Guys

6th@Penn presents Jane Martin's comedy that "bares all" about Elvis, God, and certain high-up officials. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra

The Welk Resort Theatre presents a musical revue of "Old Blue Eyes" opus.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY, AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San

Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATRE, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Nothing Sacred

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents George F. Walker's "serious comedy" about Bazarov, a young rebel who effects a reconciliation and tries to "overrun sacredly held principles of the establishment." Martin Benson directed. SEGERSTROM STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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Leading Ladies

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Othello

"Have you prayed tonight, Desdemona?" — one of Shakespeare's most chilling lines, in the Jesse Berger-directed production's best scene. When she realizes Othello wants to murder her, Julie Jesneck's Desdemona battles for life and seems to become even more innocent, more loving. Jonathan Peck's sonorous Othello matches this urgency. The clash of the guiltless bride and stone-hearted warrior is at once primal, infuriating beyond belief — because this should *not* be happening — and deeply moving. The only irksome performance in an otherwise smartly staged *Othello*: Karl Kenzler runs Iago all over the map, from frat-brother/prankster to Halloween goblin. Kenzler's too facile in a role that requires some effort at dismantling the Moor, some surprise that his schemes are working. Dressed in Elizabethan garb, including white circular collars, the supporting cast does quality work (especially Michael A. Newcomer's two-faced Cassius, and Cileste Ciulla's Emilia, Iago's wife who, the angrier she gets, the more she becomes the play's *raisonneur*). York Kennedy's lighting sculpts scenes and Christopher R. Walker creates moods with half-heard, long-held notes.

Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 1. (NOTE: *OTHELLO* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* AND *TITUS ANDRONICUS*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES, CALL 619-239-2255.)

Pig Farm

The Old Globe Theatre, in collaboration with New York's Roundabout Theatre Company, presents the world premiere of Greg (*Urine-town*) Kotis's absurdist comedy about "sustainable agriculture, the federal government, and mythic portrayals of the American hero." Matt August directed. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, THROUGH OCTOBER 29; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Readings of August Wilson's Plays: Seven Guitars

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. Next offering: Rhys Greene directs *Seven Guitars*.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; *SEVEN GUITARS*: MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, AT 7:30 P.M. HORACE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 4345 54TH STREET, CITY HEIGHTS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

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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.

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acters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

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The pleasures of the Brazilian table go beyond the orgies of skewered meats served at *rodizios* such as Rei Do Gado and Samba Grill. But unless you spend most of your *rodizio* time lurking at the side-dish buffets, getting a taste of what Brazilians eat at home has been, in San Diego, close to impossible.

With the opening of Brazil by the Hill (and its Point Loma parent restaurant, Brazil by the Bay), you can finally eat like a real *carioca* (a native of Rio), sampling typical dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo — a tour of the country's central coast. As a famous blonde felon says, "And that's a good thing." The bad thing is that to do so in Hillcrest, you'll have to tolerate serious noise along with your food. This is not the joyous noise of Carnaval in Rio or the exultant yawps of Brazilian soccer fans, but the din of cruel design. (The Point Loma mother ship is less loud and has a similar but not identical menu.)

Formerly an Italian restaurant, Brazil by the Hill's corner location is bounded by a wrought-iron fence that girdles the sidewalk patio tables out front, then runs along the Third Avenue side. Even there, you can hear the rock and disco that the restaurant pipes out to the street. Inside, in place of the former booths, there are high wooden bar-tables for six or eight, with wooden stools, and regular tables for four with hard chairs, as well as seats at the wooden bar. Two large flat-screen TVs play mutely (except, I guess, when a soccer game is on). The flooring is linoleum and the tables are naked, while the high ceiling displays the building's infrastructure, and tall windows on two sides give a view of the street action. All these hard surfaces bounce every sound, including the bass thump of the ambient music. One loud voice at a nearby table can drown out every other conversation in the room.

My partner and I headed there on a Saturday night with our friends Scott and Mike, because only on weekends does Brazil (this restaurant, and the whole country) serve the national dish, *feijoada*. But the appetizer list was too tempting to plunge right into entrées. You could make a lunch or grazing supper of these deep-fried treats, as many Brazilians do. Sampling the full array is a crash course in Brazilian flavors. All



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recipes come from owner Helena Janeiro, who hails from São Paulo. (She was on vacation at this writing, so unavailable for interview.)

The first major influence on Brazil's cuisine was African, with dishes brought or improvised by the slaves on the sugar plantations of Bahia. We tasted echoes of this ancestry in the *coxinhas* (croquettes), deep-fried potato puffs with an interesting, faintly glutinous texture and an odd taste from a Brazilian version of cream cheese. In the center was a tight filling of shredded chicken and cheese, flavored and tinted pink with puréed tomato, onions, and spices. The texture of the potato reminded me of the West African staple starch dish, *foo-foo*, and the more I ate, the more I liked it. It came with a pale coral dipping sauce tasting of lime juice and a touch of hot pepper, just the thing to cut the richness of oil and cheese. Brazilians, says Cece, the manager, eat these fried snacks with bottled hot sauce. Some tables have Tapatio (Mexican) hot sauce on them. If you'd like to try the real thing, ask for Brazilian hot sauce — they do have it, hidden

from the gringos. The primary Brazilian hot pepper, the *malagueta*, has a different flavor from Mexican peppers (and is way hotter, too).

Rissoles offer another taste of the tropics, with chopped hearts of palm, tomatoes, onions, and

spices deep-fried in a thick yeast dough shell, while *kibe* is your Lebanese classic (*kibbe* minus a *b*). Many Middle Easterners have settled in Latin America. (The last

time I was in Merida, in the Yucatán, two corners of the town square were occupied by Lebanese restaurants, and vendors sold *kibbe* on the overnight bus to Quintana Roo.) Wherever they went, Lebanese brought these sausage-size pieces of seasoned ground beef wrapped in a cracked-wheat coating and deep-fried crisp. Here, these come with the same sauce as the *coxinhas*, plus lime quarters.

Croquettes de Carne have a yeast dough shell filled with shredded beef and potato, with the texture of soft meatballs. These are tasty, but we were glad of the dip to lighten their meatiness. The Pastel resembles a huge, deep-fried wonton, with a crisp skin. We tried the chicken version,

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Brazil by the Hill

★★½ (Good to Very Good)

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PICK HITS: *Coxinha* (chicken croquette); banana "Milanese"; steak with Catupiry sauce; *Moqueca de Peixe* (special); passion fruit mousse.

NEED TO KNOW: Validated parking in small lot north of restaurant on Third Avenue. *Feijoada* offered Saturdays and Sundays only. Reservations accepted, not usually needed. A scant handful of vegetarian dishes, most with cheese. Sidewalk patio seating available. Interior is painfully noisy. *Note:* Bill may include 18 percent tip added automatically, regardless of party size.

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which has the same filling as in the *coxinhas*. The *pasteles* are also available filled with cheese, or with a mixture nicknamed "pizza," a combination of melted cheese, tomatoes, and oregano.

Above all, don't miss the Milanese fried bananas. These are ripe whole bananas coated in flour and bread crumbs and rapidly fried. Sweet and succulent, they bear no resemblance to the thin-sliced fried plantains of the Caribbean. Should you want to make a whole meal of snacks, you can also order a portion of sautéed beef, chicken, or sausages with onions, a sea-

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soned, grilled portobello mushroom, grilled garlic bread, and — ya want fries with that? Those too.

Now it was time for *feijoada* (pronounced fay-zho-wah-dah). Here it's served on weekends only, as it is on the beaches of Rio and Bahia and at many restaurants throughout the country — except that in Brazil it's typically eaten at noon, accompanied by *caipirinhas* (pounded lime cocktails made with the local *cachaça*, a sugarcane liquor) and then followed by a long, sated siesta. The dish began as the creation of Bahian slaves to celebrate festive occasions on the plantation. While the owners literally ate "high on the hog," the slaves got rice, beans, and the cast-off pig's feet, snouts, ears, tails, etc., and made creative use of them in this stew. Nowadays, few restaurants anywhere include "spare parts" beyond the hocks, substituting a variety of classier meats. The dish is a slow-simmered black-bean stew, cooked

with fatty pork for flavor. Another huge bunch of varied meats (corned beef, dried beef, Canadian bacon, pork, and beef, all manner of sausages, etc.) are often cooked separately, cut or sliced, and added to the beans just before serving. The "full feijoada" (*feijoada completa*) — which is what Brazil by the Hill serves — also calls for sides of rice, orange slices, lightly sautéed shredded collard greens (*couvé mineiro*), and a ramekin of *farofa*, toasted flour made from manioc (a.k.a. cassava root), to sprinkle on as desired — a heritage of the native Brazilians, for whom it was (and is) a dietary staple.

Before tasting the dish here, my partner said, "The worst version of *feijoada* I ever ate was in San Francisco at a cheap *rodizio*. With all the leftover meats they must have had on hand, the only meat they put in was hot dogs." Well, at Brazil by the Hill, the *feijoada* was thin and soupy rather than properly stewy, with bits of meat afloat — meatballs (the croquette filling), slices of mild sausage, a little pork and tri-tip and — "Hot dogs! They make it with hot dogs!" my partner burst out. "Maybe, for

our bowl, they just didn't dip down deep enough into the pot," said Mike forgivingly. The flavors were rich, but this was far from the most generous version I've ever tasted (that was at another mom 'n' pop in San Francisco). And it did come with the proper side dishes. The simple, crisp "miner-style" collards were a big hit with everybody, but the plain *farofa*, tasting like dry bread crumbs, was the minimum daily requirement rendition, lacking the red palm oil (bad for the heart, good for the mouth), onions, garlic, and spices that are often mixed in to boost the flavor.

And, sorry to say, the "saquerinha" that substitutes for a real *caipirinha* is unspeakably sweet, with no hint of the authentic tart fresh-lime cocktail. Using sake in place of the *cachaça* is less a problem than the excess of sugar and severe shortage of bashed-up fresh limes. You'll find better sips on the brief but cosmopolitan wine and beer lists.

We thoroughly enjoyed all our other entrées. Prato Feito seems to mean "well-served plate" (something like Hawaii's "plate lunch"),

though a cookbook and Internet search turned up no specific dish of that name. It's basically your choice of well-seasoned grilled beef, fish, or chicken, sprinkled with lemon juice and served over a sea of red beans. It comes in two versions, the first plain, the second — *prato feito acebolado* — smothered with small white onion slices, caramelized on the grill but still crisp in the centers. We ordered chicken with the onion variation, hoping for dark meat, instead receiving pieces of dry breast. The beef or fish would have suited me more. The plate comes with a mound of rice and a delightful house salad — lettuce, ripe tomato slices, and corn kernels, lightly dressed.

Another reason we chose to visit on a weekend is that the kitchen turns out more specials then. The regular menu includes filet mignon with "Catupiry." Catupiry is a stroganoff-like concoction made with a soft, high-fat, processed Brazilian cheese of the same name. For the weekend special, the rich sauce came atop a tri-tip (which is all over the menu in other

treatments, including a table-top barbecue). This meat was considered a "trash cut" before the mid-California burg of Santa Maria rescued it for foodie-dom with their celebrated annual town barbecue of tri-tip and pinquito beans. It's a combination of sirloin and top round and will never be a porterhouse. We received two thick hunks of grilled beef, smoky and meaty, cooked to a perfect medium-rare pink inside. "It's tough to slice, but no problem to chew," said Mike. The top of the gratin was strewn with mushroom slices, but despite the prevalence of portobellos on the menu, these were bottled, hence all wet. The rest was so luscious, it hardly mattered. "Hey, cream gravy!" Scott exulted.

The evening's masterpiece was another special: a *Moqueca de Peixe* featured a large tilapia fillet (fresh-tasting and pleasing for a farm-raised freshwater fish) cooked tender in a sensual sauce of coconut milk, seasonings, and fresh red and green bell pepper and onion slices. Opposite the fish, the sauce held a school of medium shrimp. "Mmm, re-

minds me of Panang curry," said Mike. That reminded me to grab the hot sauce and administer a few drops to bring this pure Bahian dish a hint of Bahian spiciness. Good move. You can put hot sauce on the other dishes, too, including the *feijoada*. That's what a *carrioca* would probably do.

Brazilians have a sweet tooth as well as a hot tongue, and we, too, developed one for the occasion. The superstar dessert was a passion fruit mousse — light, creamy, and intense, with sweet-tart fruit flavor. You knew without a doubt that you were eating passion fruit. The flan was good, too, lush but not eggy, with a nip of cinnamon in the syrup. A chocolate dessert called a *brigadeiro* resembled melted Tootsie Rolls wafted with chocolate sprinkles. Your spoon sticks like a saber-tooth in the La Brea Tar Pit. One bite, and you've had dessert enough for a week. It and the flan both come with whipped cream on the side to lighten things up.

The mountain may not have come to Mohammed, but I'm glad that Brazil has come to the hill. ■

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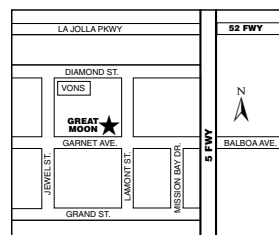
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“Here’s the problem. The Aztec cook? He left, along with his wife, Michelle.”

All that blood sacrifice stuff? I don’t believe it,” says Rogelio Franco. “Because guess who wrote the story? Not us Aztecs. It was the conquistadors. The Church. The Aztec culture is not well defended.”

I can believe it. We don’t hear the Aztec version. And he who tells the story wins, right?

We’re sitting here in Plaza San Angel, just on the other side of the footbridge across the Tijuana River. It’s amazing how I’ve walked past this place a thousand times, on the way up to Revolución, and never stopped.

This time, everything looked the same. Guys stood outside their souvenir stalls, hawking glass-bladed swords and sombreros and bracelets they swore came from the silver mines of Taxco. But this time, I stopped beside a bunch of hammocks a guy named Oscar had strung up for sale. Because, for the first time, the sign to the right of the hammocks sank in.

“Aztec Food Michelle.”

Huh. Aztec food. And what food can you lay at their doorstep? Oh man. Where to begin? I read a list once that amazed me. Lessee if I can remember: squashes, corn, tortillas, tomatoes (from the Aztec language, *tomatl*), the potato, for crying out loud. Also, chocolate, chiles, avocados, chewing gum, peanuts, vanilla, pineapples, papaya, and hey, they invented popcorn. Just think, Hollywood would never have happened without the Aztecs! And imagine a world without French fries. Come to think

of it, what da heck *did* the rest of us eat before Columbus sailed the ocean blue?

And then, upstairs, above Aztec Food Michelle, I saw what looked like a kind of Aztec nightclub. It was decorated with realistic figures and mythical creatures, iguanas, Kokopeli (the Hopis’ prankster god), topped by a giant Aztec calendar hung between metal-sculpted words: “Mangos Tijuana.”

So I ambled over through a bunch of Corona and Sol umbrella tables, past a new goldy-green copper fountain with water curling sexily over the top of a giant *olla*. It hits me what a perfect Old Mexico plaza this is. They have recently added little two-story traditional buildings — empty so far — with narrow streets, bushy green rows of ficus trees, and two fountains.

Right now, for us gringos, George Harrison’s singing “My Sweet Lord.” Aah. Nice.

So first I go visit the man and woman behind the counter of the open-air kitchen. But when I ask which items are, like, really Aztec, they call over this waiter Augustin.

“Here’s the problem,” says Augustin, when he’s got me seated at a Sol beer table. “The Aztec cook? He left, along with his wife Michelle.”

Great. Well, they have all the normal things, like sopes, tacos, *guisados* (stews), empanadas, gorditas, and tostadas. But then I start spotting words I don’t know. *Tlacollos*, *pambazo*, *huitlacoche*.

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“Can they do me a *pambazo*?” I ask. It has “red bread, cheese, potatoes with chorizo, lettuce, and cream.” It’s \$1.50 on the menu. Can’t lose at that price. “Of course,” says Augustin. So I order that and a Sprite (\$1.00).

While I’m waiting, a mariacho comes up, Dimitre. Lively guy. Says he’s 77. “I’m the only mariacho in Tijuana who can play ‘Tequila,’” he says, and launches in just to prove it. He’s good. “That’s why they call me ‘Mr. Tequila,’” he says, just as Augustin brings my *pambazo* on a plate. “Okay, Pancho,” Augustin says. They call every gringo “Pancho” around here. But then he goes *Pam!* The man bops me on the head. What the...?

“They call this the Veracruz sandwich. But *pambazo* means a ‘hit.’”

He does it again — *Pam!* — and laughs. This guy’s a character. “*Buen provecho*,” he says.

One bite, and I realize my *pambazo*’s probably not too Aztec. But it is tasty, a big broad bread with some hot sauce on top and this potatoey, cheesy, chorizo-stuffed interior.

That’s when Augustin brings over Rogelio. “You’re interested in Aztec?” he says. “This man knows Aztec.”

“I’m 100 percent Aztec,” says Rogelio. He sits down. “I was born at the Pyramid of the Sun. Teotihuacán. My father was a traditional Aztec chiropractor.” Turns out he owns the Mangos Tijuana dance place above. He makes

metal sculptures and fountains — including this fountain. But he sculpted the whole upstairs in copper.

“Try the *tlacollos*,” he says. “Those are original Aztec.” I see on the menu that it comes with lima beans, cottage cheese, and refried beans, \$2.00. Rogelio goes himself and orders me one. When Augustin brings it, he’s amazed. “This is the first *tlacollo* I’ve seen this cook make,” he says. “I thought he couldn’t.”

It’s a lipped tortilla disk loaded with the lima beans and frijoles and tastes pretty much like that. Not exactly thrilling, but filling, and I hear it’s often done with, like, strips of beef and other goodies on top.

But what’s really classic, Rogelio says, is the *huitlacoche*, a kind of, uh, black mold that grows on ears of corn, along with *flor de calabaza* (pumpkin or squash flowers). “We make it with onions, chile, oil, and chocolate....”

The joke is that the word *huitlacoche* translates as “crow’s poop.” Love it! So the Aztecs had a sense of humor. I honestly would try this, except I’m out of bread. True! What with the food, paying Dimitre, and a bracelet I got for Carla, I’m near tapped out, runnin’ on the rims.

But for that *huitlacoche* I will definitely be back. Mold as delicacy! Who knew? And I wanna taste more from this culture that — let’s face it — gave us half of the food we eat today. Makes you wonder who really won that culture war. ■

The Place: Aztec Food Michelle/Mangos Tijuana, Plaza San Angel, Avenida México, 222, Location 1, 2, 3, at the corner with Avenida Negrete, central zone, Tijuana. No phone.

Type of Food: Aztec, Mexican

Prices: Tacos (pork, chorizo, chicken, asada) three for \$1.00; stews (chicken, mushroom, huitlacoche [corn fungus], pumpkin flowers), \$3.00; tostadas (shrimp, tuna, shredded beef, chicken), \$1.00; empanadas, with stew, lettuce, cream and cheese, \$1.50; huaraches, with stew, cactus, cheese, \$3.00; pambazos, \$1.50; tlacollos, with lima beans, cottage cheese, refried beans, \$2.00

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"There was a real need for a little wine guide for gringos."

Three years ago, Steve Dryden arrived in Baja's wine country, looking for a niche — a way to spend his retirement living close to the wine world, preferably on the touring/writing side of things. It didn't take him long to notice "that there was a real need for a little wine guide for gringos. There was no information in English. People would kind of hear about the wine country, but they'd be asking, 'Where are all these places? How do you find them?'"

Dryden had a resource that Joe Tourist didn't — Ralph Amey's *Wines of Baja California*. He borrowed the book's regional map and set about putting together "a six-page newsletter, which I still publish, called *The Guadalupe Grapevine*. It had explicit directions on how to get to each winery, phone numbers, hours, everything." As a bonus, the quarterly publication "used to feature a different winemaker in each issue, and I always had a different artist's wine-themed piece on the cover." (Dryden notes that he always credits Amey for providing "the basic information I needed. I met him at the Discover Baja Travel Club in Clairemont and told him, 'By the way, I used your map.' He was really cool about it.")

Distribution was a matter of driving winery to winery and setting up a clear-plastic rack in the tasting room. If you made it to one winery and were willing to plunk down five bucks, you could get to the rest with relative ease. "I gave free ads to

the wineries who supported me. It worked out well for both of us. It was kind of small, but I had good graphics and good information." Eventually, people started subscribing.

The newsletter got the word out about the wineries. It also got the word out about Steve Dryden. "The newsletter started getting me some attention from the locals, some respect from the wineries" — an important gain in a winery culture that doesn't go out of its way to curry favor with wine writers. World Talk Radio host Ted Donovan "picked up a

copy of the *Grapevine* in the valley. He e-mailed me and said, 'Come be on my show.' I was the first person to talk about Baja wine on Baja talk radio." Dryden gave a spiel about the region, answered questions, and generally established himself as an authority.

He took his cred as a radio commentator and tour-guide author to the news world. "I approached the *Baja Times*." The biweekly newspaper, aimed primarily at Americans living in Baja, was delighted to hire him. His first column appeared on April 15, 2005: an introduction to the Guadalupe Valley, segueing into a brief history of winemaking in the region, starting with the Molokan immigrants from Russia in 1905. Profiles of wineries followed: Bodega Santo Tomás, L.A. Cetto, Monte Xanic...and also newer, smaller operations. "I'm going to start doing a whole series on artisan wine-

makers. First, it was the big boys — Cetto and Domecq. Then came this revolution — it kind of started with Monte Xanic, and then came Hugo D'Acosta."

D'Acosta, who currently makes wine for Adobe Guadalupe, Casa de Piedra, and Paralelo, has also gotten into the education business. "He started this little wine school in El Porvenir in an old, abandoned winery. He teaches 50 or 60 people a year how to make wine — Americans and Mexicans." A few of his students have gone and started up their own boutique wine operations and are meeting with some success. "Most of the Baja wine is consumed in Mexico City, and I'm hearing that they're really into these artisan wines; they're selling like crazy."

And in at least one case, they're selling with a little help from Dryden's column. Earlier this year, he profiled Three Women winery, a wine collective run by Ivette Vaillard. "They're on such a limited budget that they chip in and buy one barrel, and then they keep records: 'Okay, Ava, you've got 90 days.' They pump the wine from an old barrel into the new French oak." One of the women, Ava Coterio, "makes a Cabernet that's become a cult wine; it's gone in 30 days. I did this article about them; then I didn't see them for about a month. When I did, Ava said, 'No more articles.'"

"I thought, 'Now what?'" "We sold everything," said Ava. "We had 400 people come from that *Baja Times* piece. We sold all of our inventory, all of our artwork."

By way of thanks, Coterio invited Dryden to dinner. "Word got around the valley. That was a really interesting experience." Again, Dryden's credibility rose, which helped on the tour-guide end of things. "The tours are where I make my money. But the newsletter gives me knowledge, because you've got to do the research. Nobody's covering the wine industry in depth. I think that will be my niche — personal conversations" with



Hugo D'Acosta

the people who make the industry work.

Of course, when you start to succeed, you run the risk of imitators. "Some people from Mexico City went and did what I've been doing with *The Guadalupe Grapevine*, only they did it right," he says, meaning something not only informative, but also glossy and attractive. "It's a *Sunset* magazine-type guide. It's in Spanish, and next year, there will be one in English. It's going to affect us. But I still have a little niche. I turned the *Grapevine* into a self-guided tour book," featuring "the people who actually sell the newsletter, who work with me. I have a five-winery tour and lunch. It's made life easier for me, and it's selling like crazy, because I put 'Self-Guided Tour' at the top of the page."

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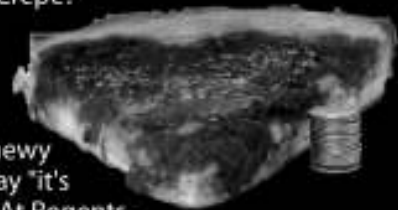
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him. “I live there. There are two new wineries already that they don’t have in their guide. I’ve integrated myself into the culture down there. I planted some grapes: about 100 Nebbiolo plants so far. I’ve grown grapes in the past, with Deer Park, and I wanted to be in sync with the other growers. If there’s a fungus problem, I’ll know about it.”

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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a “loss leader” featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner’s family recipes: his mom’s Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great “Armenian salad” and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. The scene is young and lively at this handsome, always-crowded eatery, with seating both indoors and on a patio with a view. The pleasing fare features modern Southwestern-Latino cuisine and a scattering of Pacific Rim flavors. The long appetizer list is a natural for group grazing. Sunday brunch à la carte. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with an à la carte Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard

wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Kealani’s 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says “Saimin” (for Hawaii’s version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes “Living Da Aloha Spirit.” A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grins.” Don’t miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau’s worth of “local food.” While you’re waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Milton’s Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery

started out as a non-kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that’s your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It’s got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101’s vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café’s (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

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Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals’ favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Diner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

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Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with dead-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about

their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egg (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar.

Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Asia Vous 417 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000. Chef-owner Riko Bartolomei produces outstandingly inventive Asian-French fusion cuisine, remaking the classics with fresh twists and superb ingredients, including naturally raised meats and poultry. No one does "fusion" better, and there's not a

culinary cliché on the menu: e.g., everybody else's warm goat cheese with beet salad is replaced with goat cheese tempura and braised fennel. The inspired combinations include sweetbreads with Chinese sausage, potato gnocchi with lobster and vanilla bean sauce, house-cured hamachi atop a flower-like heirloom tomato mandala, and a Kurobata pork shank treated like French "confit" but lightened by a sprightly salad accompaniment. Bartolomei's desserts are not only housemade but as brilliant as the earlier courses. The international wine list is adventurous — all this, plus the unpretentious atmosphere and considerate service, too. (But the place can get noisy when full.) Reservations urged, even for lunch. Parties of more than six accommodated only with set menus. Two vegetarian entrées (including one vegan) on the typical menu. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (11/05)*

Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565, with a Mexican-Italian menu.) "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything's a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late break-

fast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights (Wednesday and Saturday). Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — *N.W. (3/05)*

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W. (9/03)*

El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. In this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway, Chef Gavin Kaysen features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. Desserts run fancy and very sweet. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road, to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant-goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise, there's a maze of short

staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambiance. Dinner nightly; Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/05)*

Fiore's Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species and a fine slow-roasted duck. For starters, the salmon tower and shrimp margarita are delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at Oyster Bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — *N.W. (3/05)*

The Grill 10920 Roselle Street, Suite 104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you'd expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but really cheap breakfast dishes like the feta cheese omelets and lunch specials such as luscious Philly cheese steaks. And they're flexible. Want bacon, sausage, *and* ham in your breakfast pita? They'll do all three, same price as with a single meat. As of this writing, the day of the three-

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LA JOLLA

A.R. Valentien The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. This is the closest in San Diego to dining at Berkeley's famed Chez Panisse — but the scenery is prettier. Chef Jeff Jackson's daily-changing menu of California cuisine emphasizes peak, in-season produce and top-quality meats and seafood, cooked to maximize and not disguise their natural flavors. For restaurant food it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than most. Some frequently served menu highlights include tuna carpaccio, date-marinated Colorado rack of lamb, roasted breast of duck, and dreamy brioche bread pudding. The long California wine list is pricey, but there's plenty by the glass or half-bottle, while cocktail prices are moderate. Reservations essential on weekends. Validated valet parking, free self-parking. Quiet and romantic unless packed. Business-casual to dressy-casual attire. Just south of the Torrey Pines Hilton; look for road signs to golf course and lodge. Three meals daily. Breakfast and lunches high moderate, dinners very expensive. — *N.W. (12/05)*

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Of course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Open daily, weekends to 8 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include

creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneled, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative *bento* boxes as well as sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations a must at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have

to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners." Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *umi* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convo), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combina-

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tion dinners” but they’re written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Friday for lunch; daily for dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/03)*

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you’ve got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you’d better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego’s 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden’s wildly successful “home interiors” chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food’s more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for

the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant’s mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the “Korean B.B.Q.” marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (*beef gui*). You’ll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwae*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner daily. — *M.N. (12/99)*

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese “run over” between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie

Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an “outback experience,” order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it’s the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg “Broken Yolk Café Special” comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you’ve got huevos. If you can’t, the yolk’s on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf’s liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery and breakfast daily; no lunch or din-

ner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M. (9/04)*

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you’re here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you’re often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he’ll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego’s most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB’s most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they’ll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Saska’s 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior’s low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook’s sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant’s serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M. (8/02)*

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore’s casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It’s \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you’ll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; closed Monday. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (12/05)*

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a “Crazy Boy” roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids’ menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Apertivo 3926 30th Street (between University and Lincoln), North Park, 619-297-7799. This wine bar-bistro offers “Italian tapas” of simple Italian classics lightened up and scaled down to medium-size portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter waft them before you’ve lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheesecake mousse. Parking via alley 1/2-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Plenty for vegetarians and vegans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday (weekends until 11 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/05)*

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Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

La Dona 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. Zoot-suitors drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharrones*, *menudo*, and *pozole*. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/05)

The Linkery 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguisa*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better tasting than U.S. made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (7/05)

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Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Johnny B's 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday,

three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/05)*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *musaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/04)*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish

alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with

lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable chardonnay (and beer works with this food, too). Closed Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff.

End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/04)*

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or

out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakor*as (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister

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restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B. (4/03)*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos quitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-922-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep

in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or turkey Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Islander Grill Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *ke-laguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy "pot roast" is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/05)*

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Laurel Restaurant 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth), uptown, 619-239-2222. Freshly remodeled and remade by Tracey Borkum, the owner of Chive and Kensington Grill, the restaurant looks

like a million bucks (the price she bought it for). In a chic, creamy dining room below street level you'll enjoy modern eclectic cuisine with French and Mediterranean flavors showcasing premium in-season ingredients, including free-range chicken and pork. No bread unless you pay for it, but you get *edamame* to nibble while awaiting your order. The global wine list is extensive and expensive; selected bottles are half-price on Sundays. The full bar features creative cocktails and 20 sakes. Valet parking \$6. Several steps down from street level; disabled access via carport on Fifth Avenue (phone before coming to ensure that entry is open). Open for dinner nightly. Expensive, but an early-bird three-course chef menu is moderate. — *N.W. (3/06)*

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/99)*

DOWNTOWN

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems

blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillote*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W. (3/06)*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-sea-

soned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M. (3/04)*

George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbitied and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Harbor House 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most,

drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Man-ales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Molly's Marriott Hotel Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive (at Front Street), North Tower level 1 (sub-lobby level), downtown, 619-230-8909. Liberate this restaurant from the conventioner occupation! The old gal has come back to life as a lovely, fresh young thing, thanks to chef Brian Sinnott, arriving from San Francisco's top Italian restaurants. His seasonal cuisine offers clever, creative twists and superb local produce. Pick up a miniature menu at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you're eating — you'll appreciate all the more his astute combinations of unexpected ingredients. (Of course, some dishes are tried-and-true clichés, however nicely prepared — conventioners, remember?) Try the stuffed squash blossoms, pappardelle with chanterelles, or diver scallops on celery root puree when available. The vegetarian tasting-platter

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Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po’ boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffuletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery’s big, round Italian bread. The jambalaya is tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It’s not just for tourists, but a lovely evening’s getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef’s tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a “sea spa” dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California’s typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sauté items and children’s plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o’ kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that’s intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture. Your server will tell you about the day’s fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with

fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let’s face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you’ll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It’s only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you’re-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain’t. It’s either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn’t great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

L’Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L’Escale (“Port of Call” in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For “Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair,” read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in

several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant’s seven-digit number.

D’Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martínez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *torros* and pizza. *Torros* are giant mugs that hold *caguanas* (large “sea turtle” bottles) of Tecate beer. There’s plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a “gigantic” pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — *E.B. (2/04)*

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the “Specialties” section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you’ll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open

daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there’s a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghostly local Kitchen Maid “spread.” Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D’Lish Pizza and Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D’Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex’d out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the “bistro entrées.” If you’re ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d’lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And “Mediterranean chicken salad” works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D’Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

Oggi’s At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the

nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi’s so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambiance (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous “best pizza” citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

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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 Hersman, Columbus Short; directed by Steve Pink. 2006.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Accidental Tourist — Single-handedly, William Hurt damn near ruins the movie. Always a strange, always a mannered, always a tormented actor, he would appear here to be making a concerted effort to find out how close he can get to being the World’s Worst Actor without sacrificing the good opinion of his fans and the critics. Of course the role itself affords him a certain length of rope for strangeness, manneredness, tormentedness: he’s a travel writer dedicated to the gods of smoothness and comfort, a fastidious seeker in foreign lands of that which is most like home, except that at his untroubled home he has lately suffered the death of his only son and the departure of his wife. With Hurt, how-



Accepted

ever, withdrawal nudges up to clinical catatonia, and eccentricity lapses into lunacy. Where he ought, in other words, to arouse concern and sympathy, he arouses exasperation instead. Fortunately Hurt is not the whole movie. There is also Geena Davis,

more than an equal counterweight, as its most unlikely romantic heroine — a teacher of Dog Obedience and an aggressively available divorcée, undiscourageably chipper and chatty, so garish on the surface as to blind us at first to her depths. The

gradual revealing of this character, starting with her not too promising miniskirts and press-on fingernails, and continuing on to her quite unattractive canine-communication techniques, and to her truly unsettling neighborhood and sickly son, restores some

real meaning, some most unmovie-ish meaning, to the concept of Getting To Know Someone. She is, like anyone genuinely gotten to know, a singular creation. And Davis, no longer just filling the void left by Paula Prentiss, but striking out into an adjacent and uncharted void as well, is very much up to the job, every measured step of it. With Kathleen Turner; directed by Lawrence Kasdan. 1988.
★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/28 THROUGH 30, 8:30 P.M.)

All the King’s Men — Steven Zaillian’s new version of the Robert Penn Warren novel, with Sean Penn, Jude Law, Kate Winslet, and Anthony Hopkins.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 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.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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The Black Dahlia — James Ellroy’s theory of the case — the unsolved murder, disembowelment, and bisection of Hollywood wannabe Elizabeth Short in 1947 — as expounded in 325 dense pages of fiction, fitted on screen into the *film noir* boilerplate: the laconic first-person narration of a two-fisted cop (Josh Hartnett), the moody solo trumpet of Mark Isham in the background, and a blonde and brunette brace of *femmes fatales* (Scarlett Johansson, Hilary Swank). Brian De Palma, the director, has never had much grasp of narrative, and here the tangle so overwhelms him that he neglects even his baroque stylistics. A complicated piece of slo-mo action, akin to his *Potemkin* plagiarism in *The Untouchables*, is not only unpersuasive in its staging, but fails to conceal the identity of the killer despite going to great pains (short of cheating with a stand-in) to do so. The highlight, if there must be one, would probably be K.D. Lang’s rendition of “Love for Sale” in a subterranean lesbian nightclub. A lower but steadier light comes from the nice waxy sheen of Vilmos Zsigmond’s cinematography. With Aaron Eckhart, Mia Kirshner, Fiona Shaw. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)



The Black Dahlia

The Bridesmaid — Claude Chabrol’s adaptation of a Ruth Rendell thriller, with Benoit Magimel and Laura Smet. (KEN, FROM 9/29)

The Devil Wears Prada — Working-girl comedy in the vein of, oh, say, *Working Girl*, the eager, gifted, underemployed, and underpaid secretary (“A million girls would kill for that job”) and the imperious, capricious, queen-bee boss. An ice queen, more descriptively, with snow-white hair, just a bit of sludge showing through at the neck, and an anemic, cryonic complexion. Meryl Streep, in the latter part, is interesting as always, talking in a narcotized, uninflected voice that betrays no emotion deeper than a sigh. But Anne Hathaway, talking with a clothespin on her nose, doesn’t quite fill the bill as “the smart fat girl.” Or to put it more flatteringly, the offenses of her weight and her wardrobe are not overstated. Disappointingly, the possibilities of the fashion-industry setting, from Lauren Weisberger’s

fang-baring novel, largely go by in a blur of montages and a blizzard of name-dropping. With Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt, Simon Baker, and Adrien Grenier; directed by David Frankel. 2006.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Everyone’s Hero — Computer-animated baseball yarn, a project of Christopher Reeve’s at the time of his death, taken over by co-directors Colin Brady and Dan St. Pierre. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Fearless — Martial-arts period piece starring Jet Li and directed by Ronny Yu. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Flyboys — WWI aviation adventure with James Franco, Martin Henderson, and Jean Reno, directed by Tony Bill. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Gridiron Gang — Not unpalatable, but predictable and corny anti-gang message movie, based on the “TRUE STORY” (in prelude capital letters) of an experimental football program at Camp Kilpatrick juvenile detention center. Filmed in an in-your-face style by director Phil Joanou, with emphasis on coarse-grained closeups and pushy telephoto shots. Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, billed under both his names for this “serious” acting effort, does a creditable job as the haranguing coach. With Xzibit, L. Scott Campbell, Leon Rippey, Jade Yorker, David Thomas, Setu Taase. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Guardian — Kevin Costner as a veteran Coast Guard rescue swimmer and Ashton Kutcher as a trainee, directed by Andrew Davis. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/29)

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Half Nelson — Ryan Gosling has his arms full as a do-gooding, dedicated, young, white, liberal history teacher and girls’ basketball coach at an inner-city middle school, a voluntary role model who develops a special friendship with a fatherless black girl and a rivalry for her affections with a neighborhood dope peddler. Oh, and his usefulness as a role model, friend, or rival is somewhat compromised by his own crack addiction. That’s a recipe for complication, if not quite complexity, and the film — the first fictional feature by Ryan Fleck, an expansion of his twenty-minute short, *Gowanus*, *Brooklyn* — feels fairly authentic at any second (no credit to the obligatory grainy, wavery photography), but it generates no flow, no pace, no momentum. And the authenticity is compromised a bit, too, by the self-regarding, actorish work of Gosling. With Shareeka Epps, Anthony Mackie, Monique Gabriela Curnen. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Hollywoodland — The speculative investigation into the death of Superman — i.e., the man who played him on television, George Reeves — by gunshot on June 16, 1959, divides itself into the present-tense, but in no other sense tense, nosing-around of a shady private eye (Adrien Brody) and a past-tense review of the third-tier career of the deceased actor (Ben Affleck, a stiff even prior to death, several degrees colder and less supple than the real Reeves). An on-the-set vignette of Fifties grade-Z special effects is amusing in an *Ed Wood* sort of way; and the digital insertion of Affleck alongside Burt Lancaster in footage from *From Here to Eternity*, although not quite an exact match, is amusing in a different sort of way, a *Dead Men Don’t Wear Plaid* way. And the vintage clothes and cars are nice. However, the parallel plotlines take a long time to shed any light on each other, and never very much light even by the end; and the present-tense one, padded out with the case of an extraneous jealous husband, doesn’t hold up its end of things, is more of a rude interrupter, despite the anecdotal interest of the impact of the reported suicide on the detective’s young son. None of the three possible scenarios restaged for the cameras alters the essential facts of the matter: *Rashomon* this is not. Suicide, for an actor imprisoned in a single role, made sense at the time. Suicide still makes sense. The further speculation never seems more than idle. First-time filmmaker Allen Coulter (a TV veteran, albeit “quality” TV, *The Sopranos*, *Six Feet Under*, *Sex and the City*, etc.) keeps trying and trying to make it more of a story. And failing, failing. With Diane Lane, Bob Hoskins, Robin Tunney, Molly Parker. 2006.

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The Illusionist — Ponderous amplification of a Steven Millhauser short story about a thaumaturge in turn-of-the-century Vienna (a fiercely scowling if not terribly intimidating Edward Norton), arrested on stage in the film’s first scene and fast start. There follows a tedious childhood flashback to a forbidden friendship across class barriers and a clichéd shot of clutched fingertips poignantly pulled apart. The separated friends are destined to meet again in adulthood when Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell with a joke-shop mustache) volunteers his presumptive fiancée as a pigeon in the magic act, whereupon the magician immediately recognizes his long-lost sweetheart (Jessica Biel), while she fails to return the favor, perhaps because of his beard or perhaps because he has aged at twice the rate. The entire story, until at long last it makes its way back to its starting point, is ostensibly told to the Crown Prince by the Chief of Police (the unprepossessing Paul Giamatti), including information he couldn’t know or wouldn’t share. Questions of whether the magician’s powers are supernatural or just prestidigital cannot be answered without Plot Spoilers, or Bean Spillers, though it’s fair to say they



Hollywoodland

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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18;

MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 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 substantiation. “I’ve been trying to tell this story for a long time,” remarks our lecturer, who estimates that he has delivered the presentation a thousand times around the globe, “and I feel as if I’ve failed to get the message across.” Thus the movie. A new medium, a new conveyance. Needless to say, the identity of the messenger will by itself be enough to persuade a large fraction of the public to stay clear, on the presumption that all he wants to do is to take away from their annual stock dividends. They will miss an interesting, entertaining, and alarming show. 2006.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)

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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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Jackass Number Two — Don’t-try-this-at-home hijinks with Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Chris Pontius, and Steve-O, directed by Jeff Tremaine.

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Keeping Mum — British comedy starring Rowan Atkinson as a preoccupied vicar, co-starring Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, and Patrick Swayze, directed by



The Illusionist

Niall Johnson.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/29)

The Last Kiss — Americanization, and if it doesn’t go without saying, vulgarization, of the Italian film of the same name, a fear-of-adulthood seriocomedy centered around

a tight-knit group of pushing-thirties. The young cast has some glaring weak spots — Zach Braff looks as if he’d prefer to turn it into a lighter comedy, Rachel Bilson can barely deliver a line — and all of them are outshone by the oldsters, Tom Wilkinson and Blythe Danner. With Jacinda Barrett,

Casey Affleck, Michael Weston, Eric Christian Olsen, and Marley Shelton; directed by Tony Goldwyn. 2006.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16;

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Little Miss Sunshine — The feature debut of music-video veterans Jonathan Dayton and his wife Valerie Faris was put together on the “quirky” assembly line, a product of the thriving “quirky” industry. Dad (Greg Kinnear) is a would-be self-help guru, “would-be,” that is, if anyone were buying his Nine-Step Refuse-to-Lose System. Sample pearl, in casual conversation: “Sarcasm is the refuge of losers.” Mom (Toni Collette) is not such an ardent 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 younger sister (Abigail Breslin) in competition for the crown of Little Miss Sunshine in Redondo Beach. Since the family lives in Albuquerque, a road movie ensues, with all members of the family packed into a yellow-and-white VW bus. You wait with dread for the moment that will cause the boy to break his silence, and even greater dread for the first public performance of the girl’s “talent” as nurtured in secret by Granddad; and the dread in each case proves fully justified. Quirkiness does not preclude sappiness. There are ample compensations, however. Little Miss Breslin is a good crier, and her competitors in the beauty pageant are a frightening collection of JonBenét Ramsey plastic dolls, and the bus itself emerges as the best character, requiring a collective push after the clutch goes out en route, and emitting a rude-sounding, unpredictable bleat after the horn gets stuck. 2006.

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kiddie horror show lowers its sights to an illusion of Claymation. The human figures are awfully stiff, but the space around them is wonderfully plastic and elastic (the fall of an autumn leaf, first thing in the movie, gives you a dizzying idea of what's in store), and the action moves right along until it runs into the overwrought, long-drawn-out finale. With the voices of Mitchel Musso, Sam Lerner, Spencer Locke, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Steve Buscemi; directed by Gil Kenan. 2006.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Open Season — Computer cartoon featuring the voices of Ashton Kutcher and Martin Lawrence as an endangered deer and bear respectively.

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School for Scoundrels — Jon Heder and Billy Bob Thornton compete for the affections of Jacinda Barrett, directed by Todd Phillips.

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The Science of Sleep — Comedy-fantasy from director Michel Gondry, of *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, and Gabriel García Bernal and Charlotte Gainsbourg.

(FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 9/29)

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 McShane. 2006.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby — Will Ferrell vehicle, on the NASCAR circuit, goes too far, too fast, too often, but the excesses are usually easy-going (the bratty brothers' response to the news of their parents' divorce: "Yeah! Two Christmases!"), and the nonstop product plugging is satirically motivated (i.e., dramatically justified), and John C. Reilly and Gary Cole, along with Ferrell, have good eyes and ears for rednecks. With Sacha Baron Cohen, Leslie Bibb, Amy Adams, and Michael Clarke Duncan; directed by Adam McKay. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

This Film Is Not Yet Rated — Kirby Dick's video documentary on the inconsistencies, injustices, etc., of the anonymous and arbitrary MPAA ratings board. The blabbody-blah of the talking heads — filmmakers, critics, lawyers, scholars — is intermittently alleviated by some Michael Moore-style mischief, whereby a lesbian private investigator attempts to ferret out the identities of the current board members. With John Waters, Kevin Smith, Kimberly Peirce, Wayne Kramer, Maria Bello, David Ansen, Stephen Farber, among others. 2006.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 9/28)

The U.S. vs. John Lennon — David Leaf's and John Scheinfeld's documentary on the anti-war activism of the ex-Beatle. (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 9/29)

Who Framed Roger Rabbit — In the time-honored tradition of alternate-world fantasies, this posits a post-WWII Hollywood nestled against a borough called Toontown, populated by autonomous car-

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toon figures. Most of these seem to find employment in the entertainment industry, and all may wander about Hollywood at will and rub elbows with resident humans. The result is just about the damndest thing ever seen. Of course we have seen mildly damned things of this nature, or merely darned ones, before. (Gene Kelly dancing with Jerry the mouse in *Anchors Aweigh*, etc.) But never anything remotely on this scale. And the convincingness of the treatment overcomes all misgivings and validates these cartoon figures as fantasy life-forms as much as — or more so

ROBIN MACKENZIE

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Directed by Hal Ashby, **Harold and Maude** is a timeless love story assuring us that every person on this earth — no matter how weird or whacked — has a mate waiting somewhere. Love has no boundaries. Bud Cort and Ruth Gordon star as the title characters.

I love the sexual imagery and energy of Jane Campion's **The Piano**, starring Holly Hunter and Harvey Keitel. Only a woman could write and direct a story of such erotic intensity and passion. One piano key at a time. Yum.

Michael Cimino's **The Deer Hunter** is a modern film noir. It's got everything — over-the-top male bonding, anti-heroism, doomed love, betrayal. Each and every one of the characters changes dramatically by the end of the film, and you know their lives can never be the same.

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Jonathan Demme's **Silence of the Lambs** is a brilliant study in psychology with a civilized serial killer played by Anthony Hopkins. If I didn't run a film festival, I would have Clarice Starling's job.

Misery, directed by Rob Reiner, is another tension-filled study in psychology with an obsessed fan (an Oscar-winning Kathy Bates). One of the best adaptations of a Stephen King novel, **Misery** has a deviously simple plot, but it leads you on an emotional rollercoaster.

Darren Aronofsky's **Requiem for a Dream** is a raw, revealing, disturbing, and painfully true depiction of addiction. There is no sugar coating here. It's painful to watch, but you feel you must share it with others.

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★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 9/30 MIDNIGHT)

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ating an EV (do they think every car owner in America has his own garage?). But where else are you going to see Mel Gibson and Phyllis Diller in the same movie? Martin Sheen narrates, to sharpen the liberal axe. 2006.

★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 9/29)

The Wicker Man — A needless remake, though not as big a time-waster for the viewer (an hour and three-quarters) as for the writer and director, Neil LaBute, known for less generic stuff like *In the Company of Men* and *Your Friends and Neighbors*. He has weeded out some of the silliness of the 1973 British original, but that bit of garden-ing is offset by his transplanting of the ac-tion to a Goddess-worshipping, organic-farming colony on a private island in Puget Sound, where a California motorcycle cop (Nicolas Cage, not altogether serious about the assignment) has come on a personal in-vitation from his former fiancée to search for her missing child. Further, the pruning of the protagonist’s Christian faith and the grafting-on of a fresh mental trauma and some cheap-thrill dreams are no help at all. If the film serves no other purpose, it at least allows the filmmaker’s suspected un-dercurrent of misogyny to erupt unam-



World Trade Center

biguously and unapologetically into a geyser. The ad campaign — “A psychologi-cal thriller. A mind blowing conclusion” — leaves no possibility, even if you missed the

original, that the ending is going to sneak up on you. Unless, that is, the campaign strategists thought your mind might be blown by the unannounced guest appear-

ance of James Franco in a redundant epi-logue, or by the closing dedication of the film to the late punk rocker, Johnny Ram-one. (Whoa.) With Ellen Burstyn, Kate Beahan, Molly Parker, Frances Conroy, and Leelee Sobieski. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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All the King's Men (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 6:40, 9:30; **Crank** (R) Fri. (12:55, 5:30) 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:55) 5:30, 10:15; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (1:05) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 1:00, 3:25, 4:10) 6:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25, 1:00, 3:25) 4:10, 6:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:20; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri. (12:45, 4:05) 6:55, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45) 4:05, 6:55, 10:05; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; **An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:05, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:05, 9:20; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:35, 9:15, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50) 4:40, 5:10, 7:00, 7:35, 9:15, 9:50; **Monster House** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:00) 7:20, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9:35; **Open Season** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 12:40, 2:25, 3:05, 4:35, 5:20) 6:50, 7:30, 9:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 12:40, 2:25, 3:05) 4:35, 5:20, 6:50, 7:30, 9:00, 9:40; **School for Scoundrels** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 3:10, 5:35) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:10) 5:35, 7:55, 10:20; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (3:00) 7:45; **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri.,-Sun.

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
All the King's Men (PG-13); **The Black Dahlia** (R); **Flyboys** (PG-13); **The Guardian** (PG-13); **Invincible** (PG); **Jackass: Number Two** (R); **Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13); **The Last Kiss** (R); **Little Miss Sunshine** (R); **Open Season** (PG); **School for Scoundrels** (PG-13)

La Jolla Village

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Mira Mesa 18

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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

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Barneyard (PG); **The Black Dahlia** (R); **The Covenant** (R); **Crank** (R); **Everyone's Hero** (G); **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13); **The Guardian** (PG-13); **Hollywoodland** (R); **Idlewild** (R); **Invincible** (PG); **The Last Kiss** (R); **Open Season** (PG); **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13); **School for Scoundrels** (PG-13); **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13); **World Trade Center** (Pg-13)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
All the King's Men (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 2:00, 5:00) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 2:00, 5:00) 7:45, 10:45; **The Black Dahlia** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 4:45); **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 10:15 Sun. (12:45, 4:00) 7:00; **Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:15) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (2:15) 7:30; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **The Last Kiss** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **Open Season** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00, 10:15 Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00; **School for Scoundrels** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:15

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
All the King's Men (PG-13); **The Black Dahlia** (R); **The Covenant** (R); **Crank** (R); **Everyone's Hero** (G); **Flyboys** (PG-13); **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13); **The Guardian** (PG-13); **Hollywoodland** (R); **The Illusionist** (PG-13); **Invincible** (PG); **Jackass: Number Two** (R); **Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13); **The Last Kiss** (R); **Open Season** (PG); **The Protector** (PG-13); **School for Scoundrels** (PG-13); **The Wicker Man** (PG-13)

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Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Gridiron Gang (PG-13) Fri. 5:25, 8:00, 10:40, (2:45) Sat. 5:25, 8:00, 10:40, (12:05, 2:45) Sun. 5:25, 8:00, (12:05, 2:45); **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri. 7:00, 10:00, (3:00) Sat. 7:00, 10:00, (12:00, 3:00) Sun. 7:00, (12:00, 3:00); **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri. 5:20, 7:35, 9:45, (2:55) Sat. 5:20, 7:35, 9:45, (12:25, 2:55) Sun. 5:20, 7:35, (12:25, 2:55); **Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) Fri. 5:30, 8:05, 10:30, (2:50) Sat. 5:30, 8:05, 10:30, (12:15, 2:50) Sun. 5:30, 8:05, (12:15, 2:50); **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:05, (2:35) Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:05, (12:10, 2:35) Sun. 5:00, 7:40, (12:10, 2:35)

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Bridesmaid Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

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Half Nelson (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **The Science of Sleep** (R) Fri. 1:40, 2:50, 4:20, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 11:00, 12:10, 1:40, 2:50, 4:20, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30; **The U.S. vs. John Lennon** (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:05

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Amazing Journeys (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Bugs!** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Deep Sea 3D** (G) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00

be taken by Oliver Stone, professional boat-rocker and wave-maker, who for once is not looking to cast an accusation or an as-ersion (i.e., a stone), but rather to recast himself as the champion of Men in Uni-form he became so briefly and incongru-ously 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 ver-sion of it — would appear to have cowed him into his best behavior, both civically and cinematically, toning down his camera-work and his cutting along with his bellow. At bottom, this is little more than a grade-A docudrama — a made-for-TV movie bulked up for the big screen — with a smooth incorporation of familiar archive footage, a decent selection of re-created de-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-maker’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 suf-fering and sweating with the immobilized men (calling to mind the forgotten *Ladder 49*, that post-9/11 tribute to fire-fighters everywhere, elsewhere, especially Baltimore), are incalculably more tension-free, more routine, more trite, more mawk-ish, more TV-ish. Soft Stone, if you will. You might be surprised how much you miss the hard one. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

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Diario San Diego

Minutos después de abandonar su casa, el subdirector de la Policía Municipal de Tijuana, Arturo Rivas Vaca, fue acribillado por un comando de sicarios que le disparó más de 170 veces.

Los hechos ocurrieron cuando el funcionario viajaba en su auto oficial a la salida de Playas de Tijuana, desde donde fue llevado al Hospital General en donde los médicos ya no pudieron

hacer nada por salvarle la vida.

En el atentado del jueves 21 de septiembre un escolta de Rivas Vaca fue herido de gravedad al igual que un civil que se encontraba en la zona.

El grupo armado disparó con armas de grueso calibre en contra de sus víctimas y huyó.

Rivas Vaca tenía dos décadas en la corporación policiaca de Tijuana y en fecha reciente fue designado subjefe de la Policía Municipal.

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Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

El camino fue largo, 16 años para ser exactos, es el tiempo que le tardó escribir su pasaporte a la inmortalidad.

Con su actuación del domingo pasado ante los Piratas de Pittsburgh, Trevor Hoffman se convirtió en el pitcher relevista con más juegos salvados en la historia de las Grandes Ligas con un total de 479 para dejar atrás la

marca de Lee Smith.

Hoffman inició la temporada 2006 con 436 salvamentos y el domingo rompió el record de todos los tiempos al sumar su rescate 43 de la temporada.

Con el Parque Petco lleno a su máxima capacidad, un sol radiante y un ambiente de fiesta, el relevista de lujo no tuvo problemas para sacar los tres outs de la parte alta de la novena entrada.

espectáculos



Luce Pepe

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Complació, gustó, extasió, divirtió y... habló en inglés. Así se puede resumir el concierto de Pepe Aguilar que ofreció este sábado pasado en el Embarcadero de San Diego.

Con una noche un poco fría, que se olvidaría al escucharse la peculiar voz del zacatecano al entrar a su escenario en donde colgaban dos enormes lámparas con flores multicolores y una bella escenografía adornada

por colas de diablo, inició uno de los más memorables conciertos hasta este momento en la región.

Después de interpretar 'Toro serrano', 'Por una mujer bonita' y 'Directo corazón', dijo el cantante: 'I'm mexican charro from Zacatecas' y prometió cantar hasta la madrugada. A las 9:55 dejó de cantar para regresar dos veces e interpretar 'Fuerte no soy', pero el público quería más tanto de él como de su mariachi con once integrantes, dos coros y seis músicos.

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Se convierte en una realidad la construcción de complejos habitacionales en edificios de condominio en National City.

El Gobierno local, inversionistas y constructores junto con la Comisión de Desarrollo Comunitario de la ciudad, iniciaron el primer proyecto de construcción de viviendas en esta área de San Diego.

Con la construcción de 75 unidades habitacionales se pone en marcha el Plan Específico de Revitalización del Centro de National City.

El ambicioso proyecto urbano está valuado en dos mil millones de dóla-

res. La construcción del complejo de Condominios Harborview da inicio a los planes de reconstrucción de viviendas e impulso económico del centro de National City.

Se trata de un proyecto mixto que une viviendas y comercios en un moderno edificio de condominios al estilo de las estructuras en ciudades como San Francisco, San Diego y otras metrópolis.

Este edificio de condominios contará con 75 unidades habitacionales de una a tres recamaras y de 700 a 3 mil pies cuadrados.

El costo de este proyecto de viviendas de Harborview es de 20 millones de dólares.



Orgullo latino

Sixto Gaspar

Diario San Diego

Un día dedicado a la mujer, en muchas de las ramas que son más que necesarias en estos tiempos para la mujer de hoy.

Moda, finanzas, salud, belleza, hogar y entretenimiento, fueron los ofrecimientos del evento "Mujer Latina" organizado por la estación de mayor alcance en la región, Radio Latina, además de contar con la participación de conocidos artistas para engalanar la noche, tales como Jeremías, Anaís, y Yahir.

Jeremías venía directo de una ardua gira de promoción, pero siempre dispuesto, se adueñó del escenario, y con guitarra en mano interpre-

tó su sencillo "Uno y uno es igual a tres". Aplausos dieron pie para un par de temas más, la voz de Jeremías se escuchaba muy entonada, además de un característico timbre de voz.

Anaís, la joven cantante puertorriqueña, salida del "reality" Operación Triunfo, un tanto nerviosa por ser... "la primera vez que me presento de esta manera", decía la cantante, sólo una guitarra acompañó a Anaís, tres temas y un público poco frío pero sin dejar de aplaudir.

El público esperaba muy ansioso a "la presentación especial de la noche", otro cantante producto de los "reality", Yahir, un joven que goza de mucho éxito.



Madre aguerrida

Por primera vez en la historia militar de San Diego una mujer de 40 años decidió enlistarse en las fuerzas armadas junto con sus dos hijos de 21 y 18 años.

Nico Padgett-Torres descubrió que la edad límite para entrar a las fuerzas armadas se incrementó el pasado mes de junio de 39 a 42 años, por lo que sin pensarlo dejó el mundo de la cosmetología para ponerse el uniforme militar.

"Desde que era joven quería estar en la armada, pero antes no era buen tiempo pues era madre soltera con tres pequeños a quienes sacar adelante", narró Padgett-Torres.

Desde que tenía 22

años Nico descubrió que quería servir en las fuerzas militares, y por más de 18 años guardó esa posibilidad como un lejano sueño.

"Ya me había resignado pero me casé con un oficial de la marina estadounidense, conviviendo surgió nuevamente la idea de la milicia, y luego vino el cambio en la edad para enlistarse y lo vi como mi última oportunidad para ser militar", dijo la nueva recluta.

La madre de familia explicó que sus dos hijos planean convertirse en oficiales de la armada, Joshua como piloto y James especialista en artillería. Lo tres estarán en diferentes lugares capacitándose.

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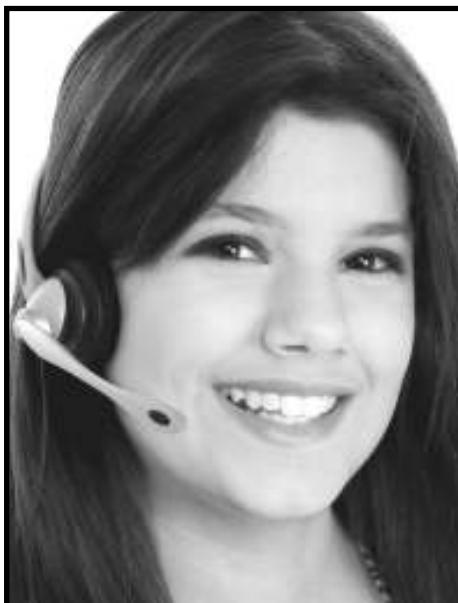
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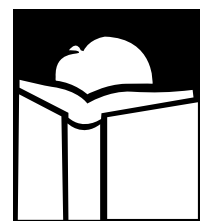
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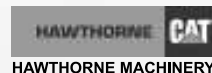
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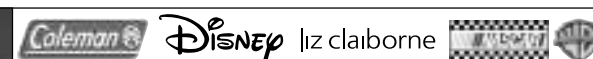
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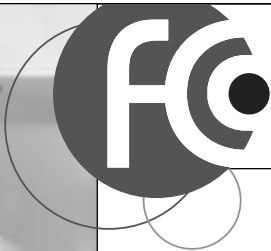
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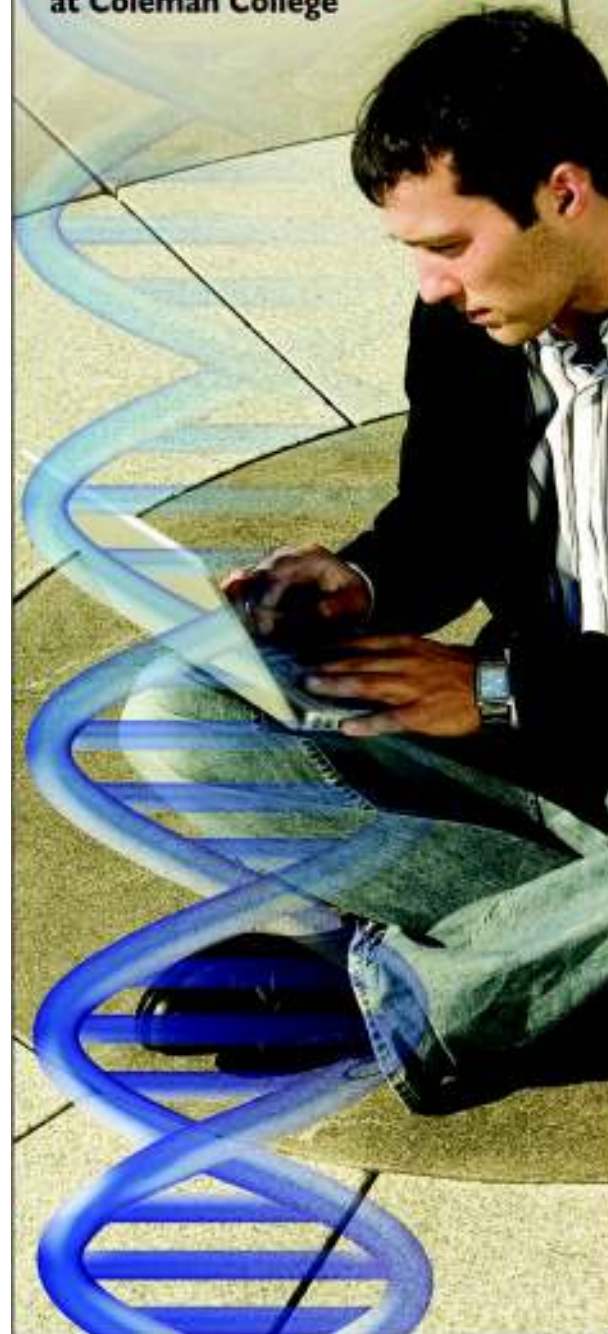
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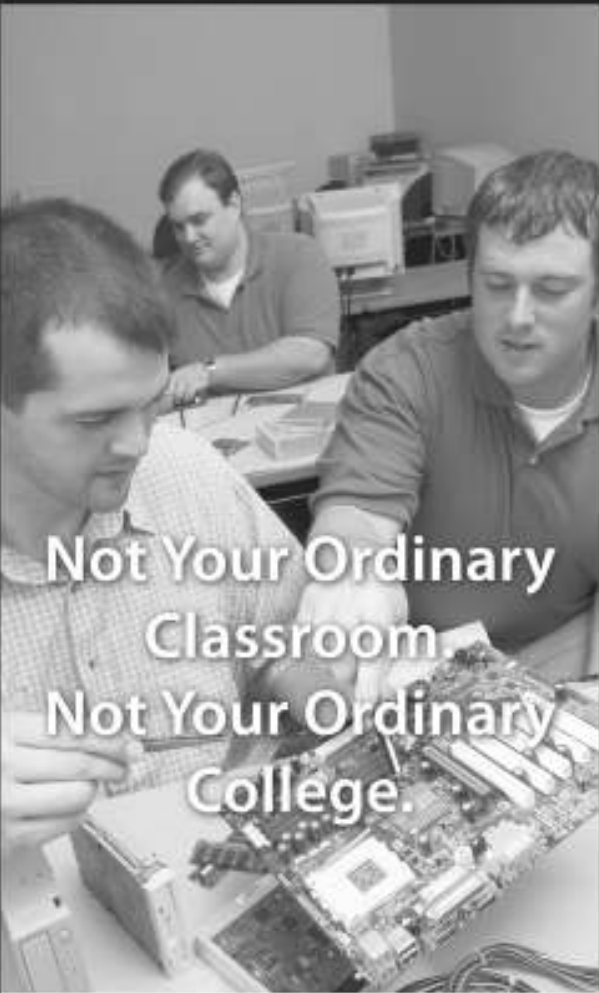
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BEVERLY and Marge H who lived in Imperial Beach and East County in the 60s, write Jerry. PO Box 731 El Cajon, California 92022.

BRENT H. Punkin from past: Years since last spoke. Much water under bridge. Life changes. Parents died. Bought house Portland. I'm listed. No strings. Victoria.

DAVIEBABE, in Boston. I am the local forlifer in Walt. Comin' back out West as soon as I can. Still crazy after all these years.

G, I think of you every day. Will see you soon. Dolphin heart necklace.

THIRD DIMENSION HELL, hole in Paradise (Earth), loaded with tricks, traps, all tests for humans, to develop thought, uncover truth, lies -- to think! think! think!! -- to blend, harmonize spiritual/physical.

ZOE MCFARLAND, Dear Zoe. Would love to see you again. You can find me OB Jazz Festival, Julian Bluegrass Festival, Adams Avenue Street Fair.

MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

LOYAL NATIVE SAN DIEGAN, Seeking 50ish male or female for friendship, conversation, occasional casual dinners out, maybe 24 Hour Fitness, keeping in touch. Easygoing, genuine. (10/11) **70378**

TRAVEL PALS WANTED, For trips to Hawaii, Mexico, Europe, Vegas and short weekend trips. Must be energetic, outgoing and love to travel. (10/11) **70377**

LADY CHARGER FANS wanted to watch games on TV together. Share houses, married or single, kids OK. Team is playing great ball. Season's started, call! (10/11) **70379**

MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

YOU'VE GOTTA BE Middle-age. It's like you're 45 going on 25, but no baggage, no issues. Alas, too much to ask. (10/4) **69882**

Halloween Costumed Gentleman Needed

Cat lady, fun, shapely, playful, blonde, artist. 49. Seeks happy, healthy, employed or retired gentleman, 49-64, for Halloween parties, concerts, travel, future holidays together. (10/11) **69919**

IF I COULD CATCH A rainbow, I'd do it for you. 70 year, happy adventurer, stable. Life is great, possibilities are endless, take a chance. (10/11) **69899**

ATTRACTIVE ATTORNEY, Romantic, passionate, loyal and considerate. Likes traveling, dancing, fine dining, theatre, jogging and tennis. Seeks successful, well-educated, slim, honest man, 40-49. (10/4) **69888**

SPIRITUAL PATH, 59, attractive Asian, widowed, fit, secure, nice. Seeking nonsmoker, nondrinker for monogamous relationship to share life with. No mind games please, only serious. (10/11) **69918**

AMAZING, QUIET, Suspicious, assumptive, all business, that's you. Size 4, almost communicative, trusting, factual, sensitive, that's me. Let's talk. (10/11) **69908**

SINCERE, ADVENTURESOME, Loving lady, 5'6", trim, no dependents, enjoys outdoors. Seeks tall, white, healthy, 57-69, to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (10/4) **69883**

KIND, MATURE, STABLE, Educated, professional man wanted, to build something special with smart, humorous, shapely, attractive, green-eyed blond. (10/11) **69909**

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, Gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (comp)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 35-53, 5'9"+. (10/4) **69884**

ATHEIST HUNK WANTED by sexy black lady, I'm 40. You under 40, fit, adventurous, loving, happy, self-confident; me same. Ready for love? Any race. (10/11) **69907**

ALL AMERICAN GIRL, Tall, slim, blonde, athletic, attractive. Playful, sense of humor, smart. Looking for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Coastal North County. (10/11) **69902**

CHOCOLATE SENIOR LADY, Not from New Orleans; Central America. Would like to meet senior gentleman to enjoy each other's company, dancing, movies, short trips together. (10/4) **69924**

PRETTY IN PENNSYLVANIA, Young 51. Seeking San Diego sweetheart, willing to relocate for man of my dreams in the land of my dreams. Serious only. (10/11) **69912**

LOVE BALI, Travel, dance, cruises, photography, writing, theatre, music, exploring California. You are college grad, active, similar interests, liberal, verbal, nonsmoker, religious, 65-75. (10/11) **69898**

VERY ATTRACTIVE, Petite, long hair, feminine, artistic. Into yoga, meditation, ocean, outdoors, travel. Seeks educated, kind, soft-spoken, loving, fun, gentleman, best friend, sweetheart forever. (10/4) **69880**

BRITISH GENTLEMAN Desired by green-eyed white lady, 47, nature lover, world traveler, great sense of humor, healthy lifestyle. Please have similar interests/lifestyle. (10/4) **69892**

WARM, TRADITIONAL, Creative, attractive, blonde blue, medical/fashion careers, navy widow, retired. Seeks secure Christian gentleman who wants to enjoy healthy, pleasant retirement, swimming, cruises. (10/4) **69881**

WANTED, SMART, SLIM, Gentleman, 30s to 50s, intellectually stimulating. I love sailing. I'm blonde, funny, pretty and would like to hold hands with a winner. (10/4) **69889**

LATIN, FUN, FIT, Professional, 50s, petite, love the outdoors, boating, sports, dancing. Seeking nice, fun, honest, educated guy for a lasting relationship. (10/11) **69894**

SEEKING ADVENTURER, Traveler, international man, romantic, intelligent, successful, bilingual Christian 47-57 for attractive, caring Christian many interests, painter, dancer, traveler mysterious lady. (10/11) **69917**

ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, Long hair, nice legs, easygoing. Wants to meet very attractive guy, 42-55, healthy, generous, honest, financially secure, nonsmoker, for friendship or possible relationship. (10/4) **69890**

YOU HAVE FINALLY FOUND Your pretty lady with good figure and pleasing personality. If you are 59+, fun-loving, sexy, adventurous, romantic, don't hesitate to call. (10/4) **69885**

Single Mom, 50

Enjoys talking, movies, dining out, walks on the beach, dancing, music, friendship. If you are honest, compassionate, spontaneous and a gentleman, call. (10/11) **69905**

ONE OF A KIND, Sincere, petite woman. Seeking fun-loving energetic man between 55-65. Likes outdoors, movies, dancing, affectionate, loving and caring. (10/11) **69904**

NORTHERN EUROPEAN Transplant, 60 (looking 40s), attractive, active, bright, well-traveled, former army translator. Seeking caring military officer, for social activities, travel, possible long-term relationship. (10/11) **69903**

BLACK PLUS SIZE WOMAN, Seeking a black male 45-55 who likes to travel, long walks, movies, plays, cards and dominoes. Be real, no games please! (10/11) **69901**

SEEKING MAN FOR PLATONIC Relationship. We will enjoy our humor, shared feelings and experiences, relative to our busy lives. Blonde, blue eyes, attractive, slender, seventy-ish. (10/11) **69893**

BEAUTY AND GRACE Looking for grey-haired gentleman, tall, honest, integrity, sense of humor, for intelligent, funny, kind-hearted, 56", blue eyed, blonde, tall, slender. (10/11) **69897**

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, Health care provider, 42, 115lbs, 5'4". No children, outgoing, love outdoor activities, home-owner, financially secure. Seeking college graduate, 40-45, nonsmoker. (10/11) **69916**

LA MESA EBONY WOMAN, Youthful 50 down to earth, kool, likes old school music, jazz. Seeks attractive, mature, kool, fun guy with a little soul. (10/4) **69923**

LEFTIST, 52, 5'9", son (18), O.B., natural, blues-opera, hiking-camping. Dog Beach. Seek progressive, 50ish, easy-going renaissance man to complicate/complement my simple life. (10/11) **69900**

WELL TRAVELLED, Slim, attractive, blonde, real estate agent, 60. Loves outdoors, arts, wine. Seeks partner who enjoys a similar lifestyle for fun and more. (10/4) **69879**

ASIAN EXOTIC SEXY, Nice legs, curvaceous figure, 5'3", 115lbs, professional, childless houseowner. Desires fun, fit,

nonsmoker, upscale, successful, compatible, generous, 36+ Asian/Caucasian stable gentleman. (10/4) **69886**

SLIM, CHEERFUL, HEALTHY, Tall, warm, affectionate, white female, 68. Seeking good-natured, fit, 6'1"+, gentleman, near age 68, for fun, companionship, TLC, friends first. Nonsmoker please. (10/4) **69891**

YOU ARE AN AFRICAN American gentleman, 55-65, seeking an extraordinary relationship on all levels. I'm anglo, 61, blonde, seeking same. We are educated, excited about life. Sense of humor required. (10/11) **69914**

JAPANESE, PETITE, CUTE, Former pianist, shy but sociable, great cook. Seeks ethical man, who can be reliable. (10/11) **69896**

EAST COUNTY WIDOW, Pretty blonde, 5'6", slim, 60s, young looking-/acting, nonsmoker. Enjoys travel, dancing, theater, movies, dining, concerts. Seeking tall, fit, attractive, compatible gentleman. (10/11) **69911**

OUTGOING GOOD HUMORED Lady, would like to meet gentle man for friendship and laughter. Let's enjoy lovely San Diego. (10/11) **69913**

ASIAN FILIPINA, Seeking man 30s-50s, good-looking, sincere, marriage-minded. Me, slim, petite 5'3", 103lbs, very attractive. Likes dancing, movies, traveling, dining. (10/11) **69910**

BEAUTIFUL 48 YEAR OLD, Striking, blue-ish, green eyed lady, likes sports, beach, going on walks, animals. Seeking easygoing man, non-smoker, between ages 43 to 52, with similar interests. (10/11) **69895**

NEW TO SAN DIEGO, Wants to go sailing, dining, concerts, cruises, camping and see San Diego. You are sweet, funny, romantic, good tour guide. (10/11) **69906**

MATCHES MEN SEEKING WOMEN

I LIKE LONG WALKS, Especially when they're taken by people who annoy me. 55, 5'11", 160lbs. Author, docent, trail guide. Playful, educated. Seeking same. (10/4) **70358**

HAS A DISABILITY CHANGED Your routine? Can't do what you did before? If you like barbecues, sharing, honesty, hugs, and want a companion. Race open. (10/11) **70365**

PART-TIME LONER. Seeking fit, curious 40-50 sweetheart/adventure partner, one maybe three days a week. I'm 55, 6'2" handsome/bald and gainfully employed, usually happy. (10/11) **70364**

HIGH REGARD FOR WOMEN, Including equal treatment. Unselfish, sensitive, personable, adventurous, liberal, well-traveled. Music, arts, politics, tennis, outdoor adventures, animals. Agnostic, 6'1". Young 59. (10/4) **70345**

YOUNG ATHLETIC, OUTGOING MALE. Seeking woman financially secure, fun-loving, diverse and looking for quality companionship. (10/11) **70380**

EASY ON THE EYES, 40-something, 6', brown/blue, loyal listener, intelligent with great smile, big heart. Seeks white female 30-46 for mellow, sweet relationship. (10/4) **70344**

WAKE ME UP When September ends! Good looking, friendly, outgoing, spontaneous, tall man. Searching for pretty, enthusiastic, romantic woman to chill in San Diego. (10/4) **70363**

AGE 40, Cute single black guy. Seeks younger, mixed/fair, single black female for home girl/friendship to kick it, movies, dinner, wine and dine. (10/11) **70374**

SPIRITUAL PATH, Humorous, caring, honest, intelligent, 52, 5'8", 170lbs, black/grey, enjoy coffeehouses, conversation, movies, rock music, nature books. Seeking someone to share life with. (10/4) **70349**

PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, 6'1", 160lbs., 54, blue/red, shaved, swing dancer, road bicycle racer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking chemistry/connection! (10/4) **70339**

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX? Humble

OLD FASHIONED VALUES, Good heart, hard-working, witty, easy-going, common sense. Yes! Tall, dark, and nice-looking, 47, and seeks a lasting relationship! (10/11) 📞70384

HISPANIC BUSINESS MAN, 52, fit. Enjoys barbecuing, hiking, thrills, yoga, travel, theater, concerts, movies, most sports. Clean, neat, homeowner, a gentleman, lives alone with doggie. (10/4) 📞70351

ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL Hispanic, 48, sense of humor. Likes dancing, traveling, outdoors, romantic dinners, movies. Seeking Hispanic, Caucasian, middle-age, attractive female, possible long-term relationship. (10/4) 📞70334

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs wanted, by attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share it with large passionate woman wanting permanent relationship. (10/4) 📞70343

TALL RETIRED MILITARY, Handsome, healthy black gentleman, fit. Looking for tall, savvy, attractive, athlete, or athletically inclined woman, sense of humor. Fun, happiness for two. (10/11) 📞70370

EAST COUNTY GENT, retired. Looking for a lady 60s plus. I am healthy, active. Like to travel, movies, walks and quiet times. (10/11) 📞70386

JEWISH MAN, 6'2", eyes of blue, into tennis, swimming. Seeking Jewish woman 35-50, health conscious, long walks with similar interests. (10/4) 📞70337

BURNING HUNK OF LOVE. Caucasian 5'9", 160lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, straight white teeth. Sense of humor. Born in the year of the dog. (10/11) 📞70376

WANTED, SLIM ACTIVE, Asian, Mexican, Caucasian for friendship and romance 55 active business owner enjoys beach, walks, biking, long drives if your 45-55 please call. (10/11) 📞70373

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 30-45, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. (10/11) 📞70390

I HOPE YOU LIKE PASTA. I'm 39, fit, tall, Latin, and attractive too! I love to travel and I'm searching for an outgoing lady. (10/4) 📞70361

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SEEKING SLIM, LATIN Woman, 40-50, easy-going, caring, non-smoker. White gentleman, 62, own business and home, loyal, caring, for long-term relationship. (10/11) 📞70369

MENSCH! Super nice guy, young 56 (looks 45), romantic, handsome, educated, honest, humorous, Jewish, non-smoker. Enjoys music, outdoors. Seeks younger, petite, attractive, quality, unencumbered lady. (10/11) 📞70385

39 WHITE MALE, 5'10", dark brown hair, hazel eyes, affectionate, romantic, loves to cook, cuddle, enjoys moonlit walks on beach. Seeks lady 26-43 for relationship. (10/4) 📞70354

I'M 57, 5'10", 175lbs. Looking for companionship with nice lady. I'm loyal, honest, caring. I enjoy working out, movies, dining, simple pleasures. 619, 858 areas. (10/4) 📞70362

IN SEARCH OF SPECIAL LADY, To share many things San Diego has to offer. Divorced white male, 65+, healthy, non-smoker, caring, sincere, for possible relationship. (10/11) 📞70367

TALL, SLIM, MECHANIC, 71. Seeks woman for travel, your RV or mine. Baja or ? (10/4) 📞70353

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", good looking, in good shape. I love music, fitness, nature, and fun at home! La Mesa. (10/4) 📞70357

HANDSOME, CARING, SUCCESSFUL, 36-year old homeowner who is non-smoking and looks only 30. Seeks 25-34 year old Asian woman who likes to hold hands. (10/4) 📞70352

HI, I'M HAPPY-GO-LUCKY, Looking for an optimistic, fun, loving gal. Someone to dance with, travel about with, and see what's local and beyond. (10/11) 📞70366

NICE-APPEARING BACHELOR, early 50s, trim, successful, childless, blue, brown, North County coastal homeowner without encumbrances. You: 40-something, well groomed, not overweight, serious-minded. (10/11) 📞70392

Midnight At The Oasis

Handsome Hillcrest musician, very youthful 58, 5'11", 185lbs., financially secure. Seeks delicious lady to share my sensuous oasis of music, dance, film, humor and the sweet taste of intimate communication. (10/11) 📞70391

EARLY 70s. Seeking shared love and heartfelt understanding of each other. (10/4) 📞70360

BLACK MALE, 6'2", 46, playful, modest, logical. In search of Asian female with similar interests, for friendship or more, 35-60, attractive, honest and sincere. (10/4) 📞70340

SINGLE, HANDSOME, BLACK CHRISTIAN Male, 38, 5'10", recently out of relationship. Looking for serious relationship only. Age, race not important, honesty is, no liars. (10/11) 📞70375

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 51, 6'1", 185lbs. Seeking mature, assertive, sublime, beautiful curvaceous woman for mutually beneficial companionship, respect, devotion, pleasing you. (10/4) 📞70350

Seeking Black Female

You 40 to 50, beautiful and white, average build, 5'8", loving and caring. I'm worth knowing. (10/4) 📞70346

TALL, BLUE-EYED, Good-looking Norwegian man, 55, athletic, energetic, romantic, great kisser. Seeks attractive woman 40-60, sparking eyes, enticing smile. Fun times, romance, more. (10/4) 📞70359

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Blue eyes, 56, white male, fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you. (10/4) 📞70341

49, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, gentleman's standards/morals, Fashion Valley. Seeking motivated lady, 42-50, to enjoy life's adventures and experiences with possible commitment. (10/4) 📞70335

BIKER WITH A GOOD HEART, Looking for nice woman, no games, nonsmoker, love, hug and kisses, ready to give all my heart, call me. (10/4) 📞79355

LET'S KICK IT UP A NOTCH. Food junkie, into movies, outdoors, your interests and lots of humor. North County, young 55.

Seeks smiles. Bring garlic! (10/11) 📞70372

DO YOU YEARN TO BE Desired? I do, too. Please, only serious replies. Leave detailed message. Thank you. (10/11) 📞70383

PERSONABLE SENIOR GENTLEMAN. Enjoys dancing, theatre, bridge, short trips. Seeks 70 to 80, up-to-date lady who is sincere, thoughtful, rather tall, plus size. (10/4) 📞70356

Good-Looking

Attractive, slender, sincere, warm-hearted, honest, fun, kind, caring, adventurous, spiritual, vivid, energy, white male, 40s. Seeks romantic friendship/relationship for dinners, parties, dancing and travel. (10/4) 📞70348

YOUNG, 60-YEAR-OLD MAN. Looking for nice, sweet woman in North County, with good sense of humor, nonsmoker, who wants good nice man. (10/4) 📞70342

BLACK MAN, 45. Seeking blonde Caucasian 39-43, petite, nonsmoker, non-drinker, love to cuddle, cook. I'm loyal, honest, caring, drama free, enjoy working out. (10/11) 📞70393

LONELY OLD GEEZER, 80s, retired, affluent. Seeks young chick 70s-80s for friendship, companionship, on cruises, trips, tours, dinners, shows, whatever we would enjoy doing together. (10/11) 📞70387

6'4" SINGLE DAD, 38, financially secure, sense of humor, drama-free, easy-going, smart. Give me a chance, I'll give you the world. Age 28-38. (10/4) 📞70338

ALL GOOD MEN AREN'T TAKEN. 49, 5'7" black male. Enjoys life, laughter. Seeks attractive, monogamous, fun, working, fit female, who enjoys life, laughter. Race unimportant. (10/11) 📞70382

40 YEAR OLD PHYSICIAN With great sense of humor, loves dancing, music, painting. Looking for woman, early 30s, petite, cute, fit, long-term relationship, possibly more. (70347) 📞5643

THIS SINGLE WHITE MALE, 6'4", professional chef, is seeking black female or Asian, 35-49, for long term. Swimming, sports, jazz concerts, long walks on beach. (10/11) 📞70371

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- Biblical evictee
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- "Get ____!"
- "Grease" actress Conn
- Mandlikova of tennis
- Gin's go-with
- They ring out in rings
- Kaput
- He had a Top 40 hit with 56-Across in 1956
- One day ____ time
- Clothing line
- "____ Grows in Brooklyn"
- He had a Top 40 hit with 56-Across in 1956
- Springsteen's "Born ____"
- "America's Most Wanted" letters
- Apple pie order?
- "To repeat — you don't have my permission"
- Rival to Woods
- Words to live by
- She had a Top 40 hit with 56-Across in 1960
- Bad mark?
- "I'm impressed!"
- "Treasure Island" author's monogram
- Hit song for many singers
- Old, in Oldenburg
- Protected, at sea
- Ancient Mexican
- Jacob who wrote "Children of the Tenements"
- Line to Penn Sta.
- Barack who represents Illinois
- Burrito alternative
- 1979 Roman Polanski film
- See 1-Across

Down

- Be up
- Treasure of the Sierra Madre?
- "C'est si ____"
- Seethe
- Org. founded by George Williams in 1844
- Idolizer
- Catch-22
- Yemeni port
- "Other" category: Abbr.
- Let someone look at
- Pub
- What arabesques are performed on
- ____-Davis pharmaceuticals

- "How's dat?"
- A barber has to work around it
- Popular Utah resort
- Shed item
- Emanation
- Suffix of about 68% of the elements on the Periodic Table
- ____-cone
- Travel between the poles?
- Byes
- "Monster's Ball" actor Mos
- QB Manning
- Something up the sleeve?
- Like some verbs: Abbr.
- Sweetie
- 1994 Jodie Foster film
- Bookie's figure
- Boiler room workers
- And others: Latin
- Milk-related
- In this way
- Picnic intruder
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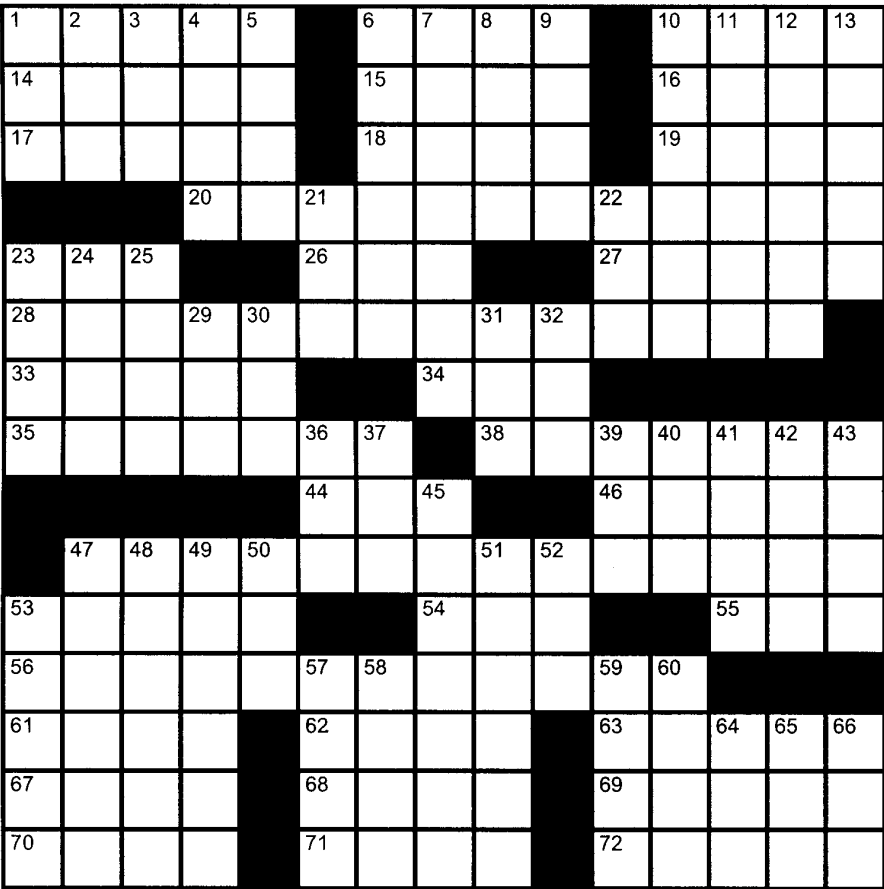
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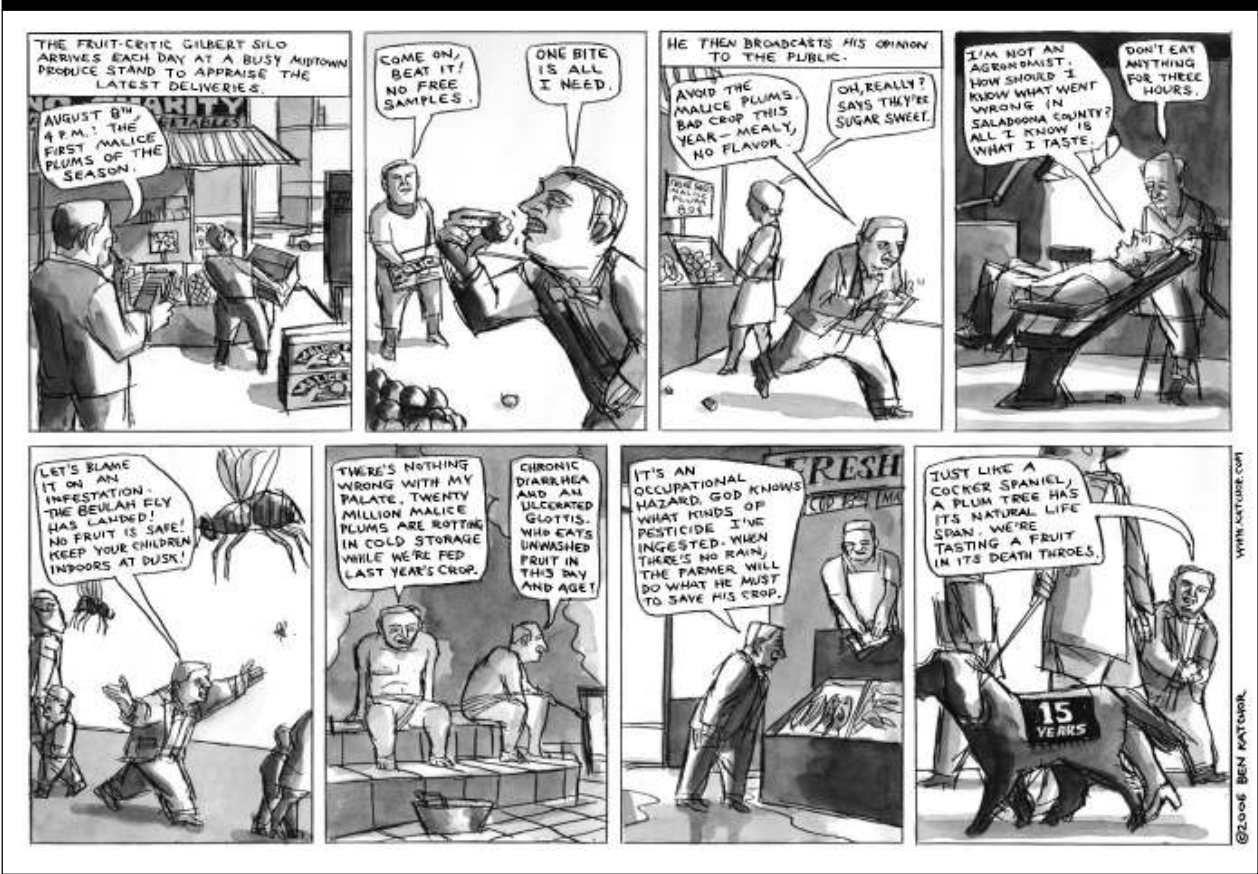
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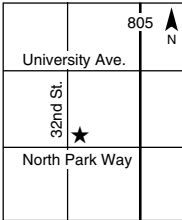
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Sean Olney
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When celebrities make statements, they are no better than average humans. They just have better jobs than the average person. Instead of driving around in a normal car, they might be driving around in a Lamborghini. They have no more importance than we do. They are coming from a right-wing, overpaid position in their life. It's like asking George Bush what he thinks about having a number painted on the curb of his sidewalk. He has no idea about those things. For some reason, everyone seems to listen to what actors feel on all these various topics. I take what they say with about as much credibility as asking a blind person what he thinks of a certain painting.



Roxane Sandoval
Executive Assistant
Del Mar

I remember Mel Gibson from *Lethal Weapon*, *Mad Max*, and all those '80s movies. I especially liked *Tequila Sunrise*. He was really good in that. What he does, or says, really doesn't matter to me. I have my own problems and things I'm worrying about in life. I don't need to waste my time thinking about their problems or their feelings on issues. And who cares about what Tom Cruise says? He was a dork jumping around in his underwear on a couch in *Risky Business*. Now he's a dork jumping around on Oprah Winfrey's couch. I take what those stars say with a grain of salt. I might even go home and take an anti-depressant pill just to spite Tom Cruise.



Karla Klinefelter
Student
Upstate New York

Everyone's entitled to their own opinion. Obviously, there's the First Amendment; free speech. I think if they are going around campaigning, and say whatever they want to say, it's up to them. If you turn on your radio and listen to Rush Limbaugh or Howard Stern, they can say whatever they want to say. You have a choice to switch the station if you are offended or don't like their take on things. You can turn off your TV. If you're on the Internet, you can close the window. You have a choice. I really like Mel Gibson, and there was this controversy about *The Passion of the Christ* and now his new movie might stir up controversy. I saw *Passion* and liked it. What he does acting or directing is one thing. It's separate from what he says as a public speaker.



Lindsay Boggan
Bartender
Mira Mesa

I think those guys can say what they want. Just because they are in the public eye doesn't make them more important than anyone else in society. If it's going to hurt their career, then they should be more careful. Tom Cruise lost that movie deal because of various things he said. Maybe those guys should have more courage when they speak about issues or news events. Sometimes there is all this controversy surrounding one celebrity or another, and I don't even pay attention to any of it. If a movie looks interesting to me, I'll go see it. I don't worry about their politics or comments in the media.



Jeff Fay
Sales Support
Mira Mesa

Well, as to whether or not I'll see their movies: Tom Cruise, absolutely not, because he's an idiot. Mel Gibson, yeah. I'd watch his films. I guess it really depends on what the movie was, and who else was in it, on whether I'd watch a Tom Cruise movie again. I usually couldn't care less about his movies anyway. For the most part, celebrities are idiots. They have an iota of talent, and they can do certain things on the screen. It doesn't mean that their views mean anything or that they are authorities on any particular subject. And it doesn't matter what subject it is that they decide to talk about.



Brandon Bruce
Shoe Salesman
Scripps Ranch

No, it doesn't bother me what celebrities say. They are people just like us, the way I see it. It shouldn't matter to anyone else. It just matters how they act and their performance in the film they are doing. When Tom Cruise talked about depression or Mel Gibson made certain comments, you wonder why they didn't just keep those feelings to themselves. Maybe they shouldn't just say everything that comes into their mind. And after things are said, there always seem to be a lot of apologies and PR people issuing statements.

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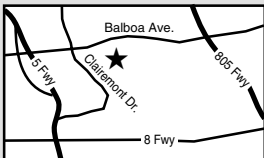
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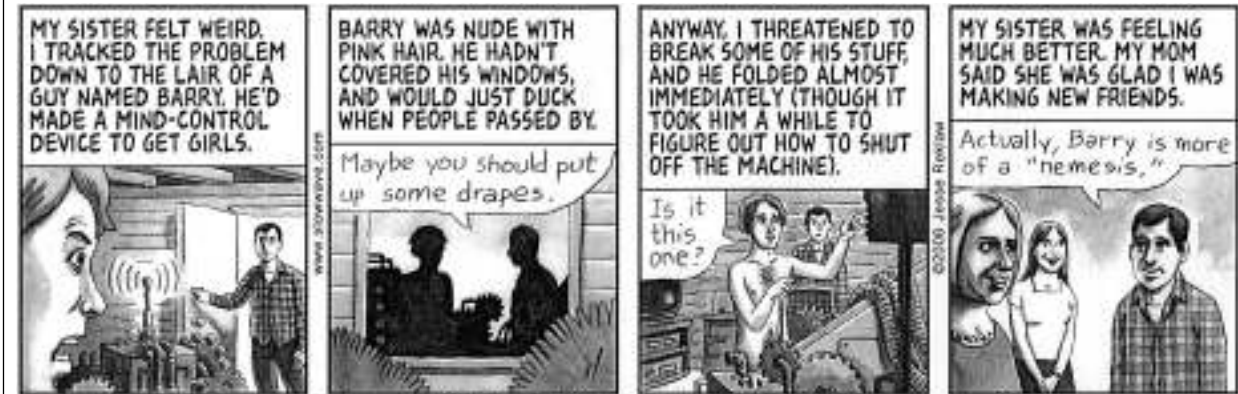
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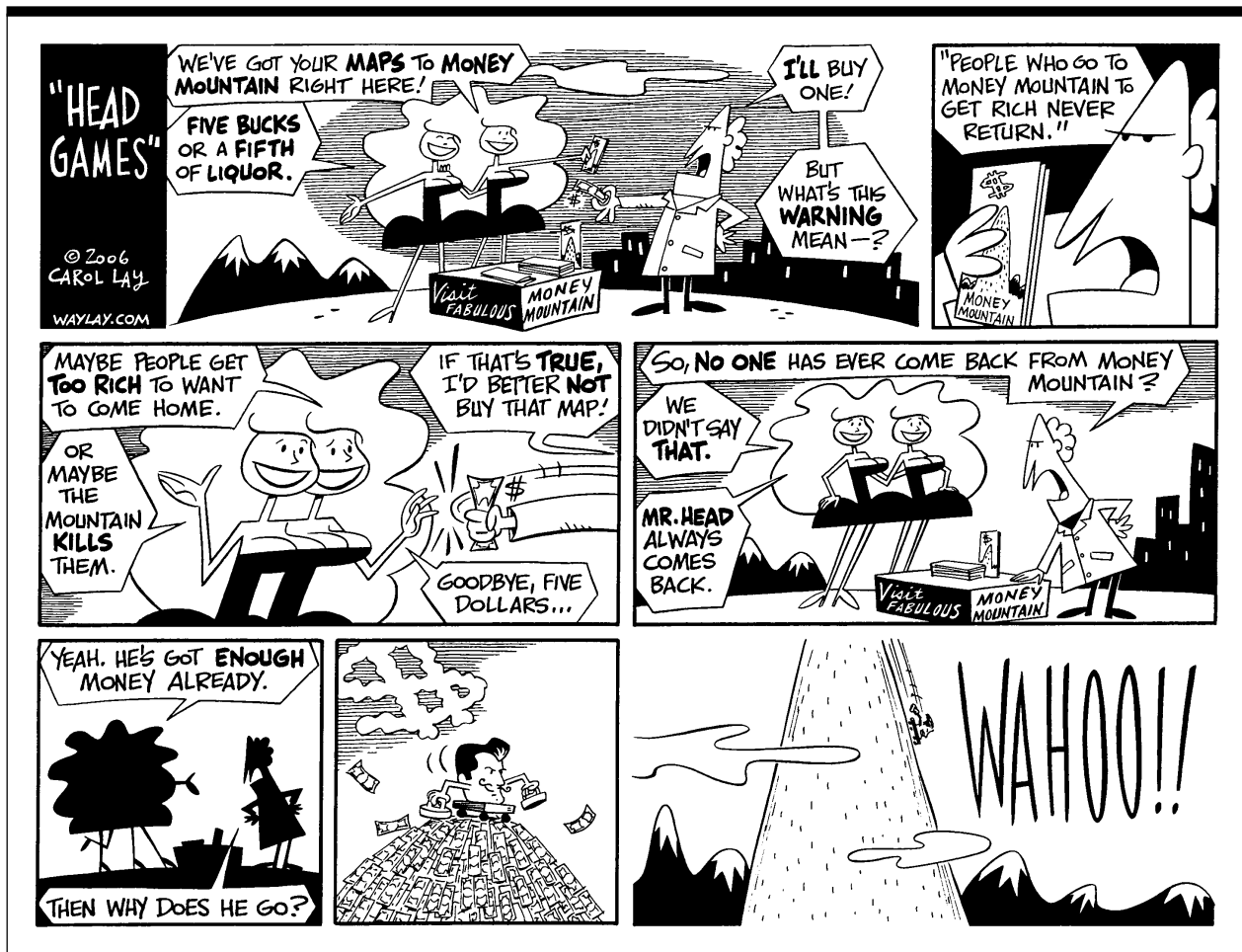
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— Carry-on Blues: (1) Just after the Aug. 10 restrictions were imposed, British Airways refused to allow disabled New Zealand runner Kate Horan (on her way to the paralympic world championships in the Netherlands) to carry on her prosthetic leg, as she had long been allowed to do. Her checked-baggage leg was then lost in the chaos at Heathrow airport, and the prosthetic’s manufacturer scrambled to make Horan a new one. (The leg was found a week later, and at press time Horan had won at least one medal.) (2) The Transportation Security Administration’s ban on carry-on liquids, gels and ointments apparently does not apply to small quantities of “personal lubricants,” such as the gels popular as sex aids.

Cultural Diversity

— Leave No Animal Uneaten: Colombia’s exports of “hormiga culona” (“big-butt queen ants”) are down this year due to a harsh winter and aggressive lizards and birds, creating steep prices for chocolate-dipped ants in London and ant-based sauces and spreads at home, according to an August Associated Press dispatch. ... A July Reuters story on the Explorers Club in New York City called it virtually the only place where gourmets can enjoy such delicacies as scorpion, cricket, tarantula and maggot, and pigeon paté, as well as odd parts of common livestock. Worms are also prized if they’ve been “evacuated” on oatmeal for a few days before serving.

— Weird Chinese: (1) In rural Jiangsu province, some still believe that a well-attended funeral leads to a successful afterlife, but police have recently cracked down on the practice of hiring strippers to punch up attendance, according to an August Reuters dispatch. (2) Chinese in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia still celebrate a lunar-calendar oddity termed the “hungry ghost” month, during which the gates of hell

supposedly open and create widespread fear. Many Buddhists seek to appease the ghosts (and acquire lucky lottery numbers) by offering them food and paper models of items they can use when they resume being dead.

Questionable Judgments

— Problem Solved: (1) Darrell Rodgers, 40, was treated at Bloomington (Ind.) Hospital in August after shooting himself in the left knee because he felt he had to try something to end the pain there (pain possibly from having shot himself in that knee ten years earlier). (2) Electrician Paul Trotman, 51, was arrested in Clay County, Fla., in August after allegedly rigging an electrical device to shock a 3 ½-year-old boy who lived with Trotman and his wife. Trotman got fed up that the boy was constantly urinating on electrical outlets to see sparks fly.

— The New South Wales state government in Australia will soon propose the installation of voting booths in bars, according to a July Australian Associated Press dispatch. The booths would have to be located in non-serving rooms with entrances separate from the bar, but the government said that in small towns, bars are popular community gathering points.

— In an attempt to raise environmental awareness, two concerned citizens of Walpole, Mass., hosted a “pump-out party” in June, with wine and cheese, to encourage neighbors to keep their septic systems in good order. The hosts allowed their own tank to be publicly cleaned as a demonstration, although the drinking and eating portion of the party came to a halt at that point, according to the *Daily News Transcript* of suburban Boston.

Latest Religious Messages

— Accommodating Your Parishioners: (1) Rabbi Yair Silverman recently declared a ring eight miles in circumference around his Berkeley,

Calif., synagogue, to be an “eruv,” or “home,” so that his parishioners could move about more freely on the Sabbath, when Jewish law imposes some “home”-based restrictions. (2) Some Sunni Muslims in Saudi Arabia practice the religious, and legal (though reviled), “misyar” contract, which permits a couple to be married but live separately, joining sometimes only for sex, and without financial responsibility for each other, according to a July Reuters dispatch from Riyadh.

— (1) Sarah Yule was fired as a receptionist at St. Mary’s Hospital in Troy, N.Y., earlier this year because she refused to remove her lip ring at work, which she said was integral to her religion, the Church of Body Modification. Yule insisted that her several piercings are spiritual, giving her control over her body, and she declined to accept an alternate job at St. Mary’s, away from public contact. (2) Joseph Butts is in jail in Franklin County, Mo., the result of being caught with 338 pounds of marijuana in a traffic stop, but according to an August *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* report, he informed the arresting officer that hassling him would be a “hate crime” because he was a special courier transporting religious instruments between member monasteries of the Church of Cognizance, which uses marijuana as a sacrament.

Least Competent Person

— Kaleb E. Spangler, 21, was badly hurt by fireworks in August when, according to his girlfriend, he decided to duct-tape a large “mortar-style” explosive onto a football helmet, put it on and light it, while riding with friends in a car. According to a story in the *Herald-Times* of Bloomington, Ind., alcohol was involved in Spangler’s decision.

Recent Alarming Headlines

— (1) “Shooting Reported at Firing Range” (an August story on mischief at Shooter’s Choice, in *The State* newspaper of Columbia,

S.C.). (2) “Hong Kong Man Found Being Eaten Alive by Maggots” (an August story in the *Sydney Morning Herald* about a 67-year-old man who was discovered just in time and is recovering). (3) “Asheville Corrections Official Sent to Prison for Sex With Inmate” (an August story in the *Winston-Salem Journal*, which seems like welcome punishment for the official, but actually it was a female official who had had sex with a male and was shipped to a women’s prison).

Creme de la Weird

— A recent documentary produced for Australia’s Channel 4 (and described in a July story in Sydney’s *Daily Telegraph*) caught up with a Ukrainian woman, now 23, who had been “forgot[ten]” by her mother and father and raised by dogs until discovered at age 8. Oxana Malaya (one of about 100 known feral children) has the tested mental age of 6, stilted speech, and an uncoordinated gait, and still buries any gifts she receives and runs into the woods when she is upset. For the camera, Malaya showed she can still bark, run on all fours, pant with her tongue out, and dry herself off by shaking.

Recurring Themes

— “News of the Weird” reported in 1993 that a nude dancer in Tampa had been spared a more serious injury (according to a police officer) when a gunshot to her chest was deflected by her breast implant. In August 2006, an Agence France-Presse report from a hospital in Nahariya, Israel, credited a young woman’s silicone breast implant with saving her from a more serious injury from shrapnel from a Hezbollah rocket during the recent war.

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—“**SECRET SURFING SPOTS**,” Mark Woelber,
October 7, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Shortly after opening his barbershop in Eden Gardens, Fidel bought the shop of a South Oceanside barber; he and an employee cut hair there in the daytime, and evenings Fidel worked alone in Eden Gardens. In 1962 Fidel put a beer bar in the Eden Gardens barbershop.

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—“**THE MAN WHO MADE IT**,” Steve Shepherd,
October 1, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

I was outraged by your pet advertisement in the September 11 issue entitled “Dog Training Collar.” Why would anyone want to shock their animal? I thought the best way to train an animal was through positive reinforcement.
—LETTERS: “**ZING AROUND THE COLLAR**,”
Carol Reynolds, October 2, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

I asked my mother to make green ham (no eggs, they made me gag) and she refused — “I'd just use food coloring, honey. It wouldn't change the taste.” This was the beginning of one of life's big disappointments.
Theodor Seuss Geisel died on a Tuesday evening; by last Thursday the public was overfed with personal reaction stories of newscasters and reporters and five-year-old girls. I found out I wasn't the only kid who once thought Dr. Seuss was the Cat in the Hat.
—CITY LIGHTS: “**ALL THE WORLD'S A SNEETCH**,”
Mary Lang, October 3, 1991

Ten Years Ago

A guy downstairs with a cellular phone, a hearty, jocular voice — a future lawyer and compulsive, tuneless whistler. He's a nice enough man, but he begins whistling *early* in the morning and continues all day, pausing only to speak into his cellular phone in his hearty, throaty tones on his balcony just beneath my window. Maybe I'm envious of people who are happy all day every day, but he makes me feel like Raskolnikov in *Crime and Punishment*.
—CITY LIGHTS: “**I DIDN'T HIT YOUR WIFE**,”
John Brizzolara, September 26, 1996

Five Years Ago

The Sunday People, a London tabloid, is out with what it says is a true account of the local strip-club revels of Khalid al-Midhar, Nawaf Alhamzi, and Hani Hanjour, the three terrorist hijackers with San Diego connections. According to the paper, the trio “blew at least £15,000 of terrorist funds in dozens of strip bars in San Diego on America's West Coast. A *Sunday People* investigation has discovered how the terrorists made a mockery of their strict Islamic beliefs by...SHAMELESSLY stuffing banknotes down the bras and knickers of the



San Diego Reader, October 7, 1976

dancers. The paper quotes two exotic dancers, Kerry and Monica, as saying the men told them they were pilots with Royal Saudi Airlines. “Of course, I feel cheap and ashamed — we may not be nuns, but Kerry and I aren't alley-cat sluts. I've watched those terrible images on TV. It makes me feel sick to my stomach that I entertained them. I cleared maybe \$12,000 from these beasts.”
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I was married to a man who apparently felt that any female staying under our roof owed him sexual favors. It happened to my sisters and a good friend that I know of. I had no idea he was a night prowler. No one told me. They just suddenly left. I always thought it was something I did. I ended my marriage when he began to accuse me of making our daughters sexually provocative. My question is: Could I have been spared a lot of grief down the road if someone had told me the truth? What is another person's responsibility to help protect a wife and her children?

STILL WONDERING IN LEMON GROVE

Dear Still Wondering,

You dealt with a horrible experience, and I thank you for your letter. Of course you should have been told immediately about your husband's sexually predatory behavior. You

needed to know what was going on in order to protect yourself, your daughters, and others who crossed this damaged man's path. I'm printing your letter to help spread the word that it's essential to break the silence on this issue. However, confronting a situation like this is complicated. It takes great strength for victims to come forward, and when they do, they often don't get the support they need. Women (and men) who've been sexually victimized can feel frightened, guilty, and ashamed. Often they fear that their story won't be believed. Their abuser may have threatened them. They might think they're the only one the abuser ever targeted — that the abuse is an isolated incident and not a pattern — and therefore they should just keep quiet (and not break up a marriage, damage anyone's reputation, shock family members, etc.). Or the victim may be a child who feels that he or she cannot accuse an adult of a crime. Please, if you've been sexually abused, no matter what your age, gender, or relationship to the abuser, speak up. Report it right away. You harm yourself, others, and even the abuser (who is sick and needs help) by letting him or her get away with the crime and continue to prowl for victims.

Dear Saffron,

I recently moved to the East County. My neigh-

bor/landlord takes in animals from people who don't know what else to do with them. The problem is, she doesn't take care of them, especially the cats. She leaves them out at night to fall prey to the coyotes. In the month I've been here she's lost 13 cats that I know of. Yet she will still accept them when people bring them out. I stay up as late as I can at night to try to run the coyotes off, but of course I can't do this every night. I don't want to make an enemy of this person. She is my landlord. I've tried talking to her about it, but she really doesn't care. I've found good people to adopt the kittens, but she won't give them up. What can I do?

EAST COUNTY ANIMAL LOVER

Dear Animal Lover,

What an awful situation. This woman sounds as if her judgment is impaired. She is not helping these animals by setting them up to become a coyote Happy Meal. I think it's time for an anonymous report to the San Diego Humane Society/SPCA. You can call them at 800-98ABUSE, or you can file a report of cruelty to animals online. There's no need to identify yourself. The report will be investigated. To report animal mistreatment online, go to: sdhumane.org/animalrights/complaintforms.cfm. You'll be doing your four-legged friends a big favor.

Dear Saffron,

In your September 7 column, about the guy who was thinking about uninviting "Brent" to his wedding because of Brent's inappropriate behavior due to his drug problems — I completely agree with you that he should be uninvited. But you probably should have warned him that odds are Brent will try to show up anyway, probably bombed out of his mind. He should keep an eye out for Brent crashing the wedding and/or the reception. I would wait till the day of the wedding and inform anybody that knows Brent that he is not invited.

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First, the office is really big on this pupil-dilation thing. I know, preventive care blah blah, but it's just never convenient and I hate it, so I declined this time around. And it was a big freaking deal, like, the optometrist's feelings were hurt, and there was this weird pressure to reschedule it for another time. The guy was hissing like an after-school special, "Tryyyy it, you'll liiike it. The first one's freeeee."

Then I had my vision exam. This or this? A or B? The usual drill. Except for one thing: I have an ingrown eyelash on my top left lid. The eyelash is a small, flesh-colored lump on the lid, skinned over and not visible unless you are putting makeup on me or getting right up in my face while I tell you what to look for. Which, don't. Get away from me, freak.

Suddenly the eye doctor is pulling at my eyelid, then he's using a cotton-swab thing to keep it in place, then he says, "Hold still," and he grabs some kind of instrument and starts poking. Soon I realize that he is working on the ingrown eyelash. I think about saying, "Hey, you can't get that with tweezers, I tried," but what if he has special optometrist tweezers? What if he has tweezing skills acquired at optometry college? So, I stay quiet and let him poke, even though it hurts like fuck. I can sense that we are not getting anywhere, and the eyelash, though moderately unsightly when viewed in extreme close-up, is not painful and not troublesome and probably should just be left alone. After a few minutes of alarming and unproductive tweezing, the optometrist tosses the tweezers aside and says, "I can't extract that eyelash. If I had a scalpel I could, but I forgot to bring it today. You could see a dermatologist or something, or make another appointment and I'll make sure to have a scalpel here."

(A) He wants to take a scalpel to my eyelid.

(B) If a scalpel had been available, he would have been slicing and dicing faster than you could say "Buñuel film" or "Pixies song" or "Pixies song about a Buñuel film." With no warning or informed consent.

(C) I could go see a "dermatologist or something." (Who's

the "something" who would be good at such things? A manicurist? A surgeon? Freddy Krueger?)

(D) The optometrist normally travels with a scalpel! But he forgot to bring it today! *Oh, damn, I left my scalpel in my other pants!*

I tried to recover from my near-scalpel experience by picking out new eyeglass frames. Flirty eyeglass guy was being helpful with narrowing down my choices, when all of a sudden he said, "You know, I lived in Wicker Park for seven years." We were not talking about neighborhoods but about eyeglass frames, so I'm not sure why he suddenly felt the need to establish his Chicago hipster cred with me. I hope it wasn't his influence, but I did end up with glasses that are even more wacky and cat-eye-shaped than my current ones. I am going to have to calm down and buy some Ann Taylor twin sets and sensible low-heeled loafers soon, because between the crazy glasses and the petticoat skirts, I fear ending up a me-so-kooky self-caricature by the time I'm 35.

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There are moments when one is hideously aware of race and class differences. Then there are moments when all that stuff gets smoothed out, if only tem-

porarily. I love those smoothed-out moments, which may be why I am such a rabid fan of public transportation — it is just a little bit harder for cell-phone-yapping jerks to own their privilege when a homeless woman with small twigs in her hair is screaming how Jesus loved vegetables.

Yesterday, I was riding



home on a crowded train near four middle-aged, South Side black guys, all wearing various forms of blue-collar dress — work shirts, overalls, hard hats. They seemed tight with each other and were having a loud, lively conversation about the old neighborhood, politics, basketball, and current events. The conversation turned to Michael Jackson and how jaw-droppingly freakish he is, and there was some amusing speculation on how long he would last in prison. Then:

Guy #1: I heard he was even messing with disabled

kids.

Chorus Of Guys: No way! That's sick!

Guy #1: I mean, it's bad enough to be messing with kids, but messing with disabled kids? He be getting them out of their wheelchairs and shit? Touching their little bald cancer heads? Oh, damn, it makes me sick.

Me (trying really, really hard not to laugh): ...

Guy #1 (looking at me, also starting to laugh): Am I right? Isn't that sick? Michael Jackson messing with disabled kids?

Me: Oh, it's sick. You got that right.

Guy #1: Disabled kids. Damn.

Then we were both laughing, for

hard-to-explain reasons, and soon it was my stop and we exchanged first names and he called me "baby girl" and told me to have a good day, and I wished him the same, and it was just a nice little stranger-bonding moment. It is slightly unfortunate that the nice little stranger-bonding moment took place in the context of the alleged sexual abuse of disabled children by a batshit-insane, hideously deformed skeleton of a multimillionaire, but there you go.

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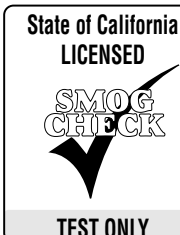
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Location: [8900] Singing Wood Way, Santee
Time/Date: 9:10 p.m. on 9/17/06

Investigation: Sheriff's Communications Center received a call of an intoxicated male physically assaulting a female. Based on directions provided by the reporting party, deputies contacted a female.... She told deputies that she had been involved in an argument with a male who was inside the residence. She additionally stated that the male had attempted to commit suicide.

Deputies entered the residence in order to check on the welfare of that male. Once the two deputies were inside the house they saw an adult male standing in the kitchen area. He raised his right hand, which held a butcher knife, above his shoulder, shouted something and advanced toward the deputies.

When he was within a few feet of the deputies, they both fired their handguns at the subject. He immediately fell to the floor.

Paramedics transported the subject to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 10:42 p.m.

MURDER SUSPECT

Location: 405 Tecate Road, Tecate
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. on 9/8/06

Report: Customs and Border Patrol officers encountered 40-year-old Gonzalo P., a Mexican citizen, as he entered the U.S. as a passenger in a Chevrolet Trailblazer. CBP officers became suspicious when P. was hesitant to answer their questions. The vehicle and occupants were referred to the secondary area for a more intensive examination.

During the secondary inspection, CBP officers uncovered and confirmed that [he] had an outstanding felony warrant for attempted murder out of Downey, CA. P. was

turned over to the custody of the San Diego Sheriff's Office and transported to the San Diego County Jail.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH

Location: 6996 El Camino Real, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 10:22 p.m. on 9/20/06



Report: Communications received a call to check the welfare of a man in a car who had not moved in some time. The car was parked in the parking lot. Responding officers found a deceased male subject lying across the front seats of the car. The victim had sustained major trauma to his head. Detectives were called to the scene and the death is being investigated as a homicide.

AWOL FUGITIVE

Location: International Border at San Ysidro
Time/Date: 1:00 p.m. on 7/15/06

Incident: Customs and Border Patrol officers encountered 63-year-old Victor A., a U.S. citizen, as he entered the port, driving a Mitsubishi Montero. CBP officers decided to refer the vehicle and occupants to the secondary area for a more intensive examination.

During the secondary inspection, CBP officers conducted law enforcement queries that positively verified A.'s identity, and revealed and con-

firmed the warrant for his arrest as active and outstanding.

The felony warrant was issued in 1966 when A. was 23 years old.

A. was turned over to the custody of the Marine Corps Absentee Collection Unit to prepare him for extradition to Washington, DC for prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS

Location: Various locations in Santee
Time/Date: Various times between December, 2001–November 2003

Report: Victor Z., the owner of a local electroplating firm, was sentenced...in federal court in San Diego by United States District Judge Napoleon A. Jones, Jr. to serve 24 months in custody and ordered to pay a \$120,000 fine. The sentence followed the conviction of Victor Z. and his firm, Victor's Premier Plating, Inc., of Santee, California, by a federal jury on May 10, 2006, of 24 violations of the federal Clean Water Act.

Judge Jones also ordered Victor's Premier Plating, Inc., to pay a \$120,000 fine, jointly and severally with owner Victor Z.... The evidence at trial established that Victor's Premier Plating, Inc. and its owner and operator...exceeded the legal limits on discharging wastewater contaminated with zinc on 18 occasions, wastewater contaminated with chromium on 1 occasion, and wastewater with a low (acidic) pH on 4 occasions, all between December 2001 and January 2003. The defendants were also convicted of discharging wastewater at a second loca-

tion between October 2003 and November 2003, without first obtaining a discharge permit...wastewater that exceeds the limits for heavy metals such as zinc and chromium is likely to pass through the sewage treatment plant and be discharged into the ocean because the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant is not designed to treat heavy metals.

LEWD BEHAVIOR

Location: [1900] Kettner, Little Italy
Time/Date: 8:35 a.m. on 8/20/06



Victim's Statement: I had just arrived to work and was opening the office up. This man walks into the office. He is a black male about 6'3" tall, with a gray beard and long dreadlocks. From his clothes and smell he seems to be homeless. From the way he was acting he seems to be intoxicated. I asked if I could help him and he said to me, "I want you to take your clothes off." I told him to leave. I was polite about it. He said again, "I want you to take your clothes off." I said no and told him to leave. He then said, "How much? I can pay you." He then started to fondle himself and hum a song. I told him if he did not leave now I would call the police. I picked up the phone. He left the office. I closed and locked the door.

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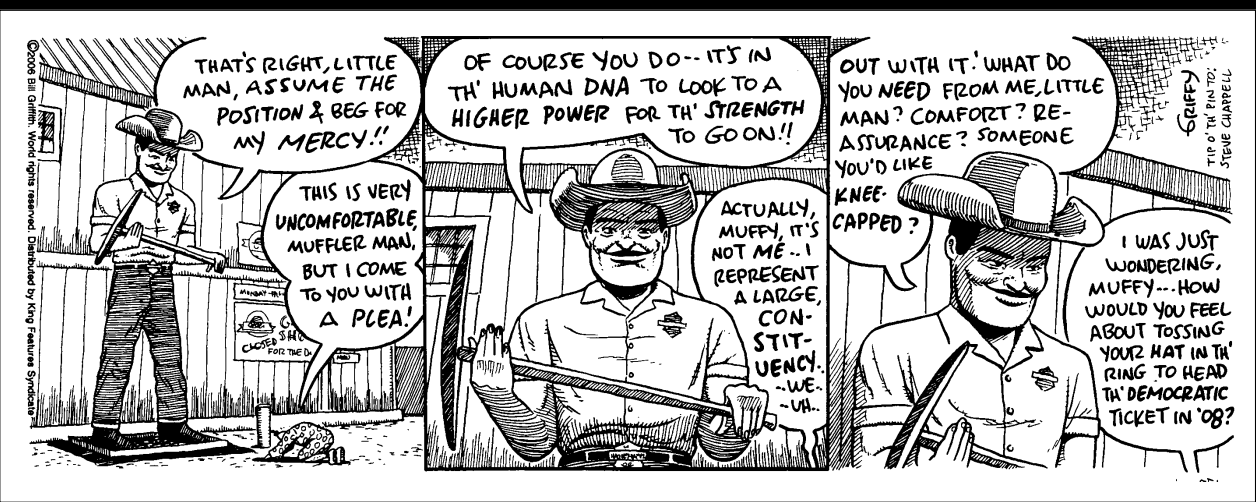
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Pulling a friend from the double yellow line of a busy road while he screamed, “NO! Let me go!” Taking a punch to the mouth and giving one back. Smashing bottles on a Wednesday night in Foggy’s Notion bar in Point Loma. Wednesdays at Foggy’s was dollar-drink night. You could get faced on ten bucks. There’s a recipe for blood and spit, teeth gnashed, and a balled-up fist wrapped around and tearing a shirt. Damn dollar-drink night in a crowded bar, where shoulders nudged and drinks were spilled.

Then it was on. *BOOM!* Tables flipped over, a highball glass is tossed hard as an arm can throw it into my goddamn kidney. Cold booze and ice splash across my back and seep into my shirt and undershorts; somebody’s knee in my guts. But his shoulder is right in front of me, and I’ve got a good hook around his elbow and shove him under a bench and kick his ribs. Another pop in my yap, and before I can return the favor, a bouncer hems up my arms over my head and pushes my chin into my chest, and the rear door is opened with the top of my head. *Bonk*, my noggin pushes the long bar latch on the door and then I’m outside in the alley.

“Hey! My friends are still in there!” I scream at the slammed metal and rivets. Oh, there were those nights.

We knew it would happen. Every Wednesday night. A bar situated between three military bases. Nothing good can come from booze for a dollar.

After we got kicked out and the moon stretched toward the ocean, in the morning, there were girls in a lot of makeup and bracelets at a house. Whose house was it? Didn’t matter because it was all we needed.

That was us. When we were young and dramatic.

Now I stand in my bedroom, flipping channels on my tiny black TV, trying to decide between *America’s Pissiest Celebrity Catfights* or *Real Life People Doing Stupid Crap that Nobody Does in Real Life*, and if I shut the set off and look into the black glass, I can see the scattered bits of bottle and the streaks of fuming liquor against the glowing neon-green exit sign of my 20s.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

THE MEGAN MULLALLY SHOW

TBS 8:00 A.M.

How do you do it? How do you sleep at night with the stink of soccer-mom makeovers still in your clothes and the crushing heartache of knowing you did a “vacuum cleaner special.” How do you, Wal-Mart and the Olive Garden, sleep at night knowing you raped (RAPED!) a once-great nation?

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: CORTEO

BRAVO 8:00 P.M.

Svetlana! Ling Pao! Natasha! Put your knees behind your ears and get back in your damn cages! We didn’t pay your parents 25 yen and a yak for you to gawk at every damn thing in

America. If you can make the human handstand pyramid at our next show in Denver — and I mean RIGHT this time — then I’ll let you out and give you a bowl of buttermilk, but that’s a thousand miles from where we are now. Here, you can pee in this coffee can. We’re late, and if I hear one peep I’m going to break in my new whip. Now, move!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

CHARLIE’S ANGELS

ISAT 9:00 P.M.

Magnum P.I.’s mustache against Farrah Fawcett’s flippy hair in a no-holds-barred grudge match. The Ferrari vs. the Grand Prix racer. The tiny .22 tucked into the stiletto boots or the diver’s watch, the Tigers baseball cap, and the Island Hop-

per Chopper? Who wins doesn’t matter, because there’s romance and Aqua Net in the air.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

BIGFOOTVILLE

TRAV 11:00 A.M.

I would like modern medicine to give me a Bigfoot rear-end transplant. Mine’s already pretty hairy, so that’s not a problem. Think about it. He lives in the woods, and so far all we have are some footprint castings and tufts of hair. No Bigfoot T.P., if you catch my drift. I like to camp. Now, somebody BRING ME THE ASS OF SASQUATCH!

AMERICAN IDOL REWIND

KSWB 8:00 P.M.

American Idol Rewind, Pull It Out, Smash It, String the Tape Up Around the Neighborhood and Burn the Bits that Hang Down, Destroy the VCR, and Throw It Out the Window would be the better show.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

THE BEAUTY OF SNAKES

ANIMAL 12:00 P.M.

Everyone knew one of these morons growing up. That “snakes are beautiful” kid who was irritatingly into reptiles and would tell you all about them if he could wrangle a single second from you. There aren’t too many of those people around at age 40. Sure, some of them outgrow it and move on to Renaissance fairs or role-playing games about wizards, but you’ve got to imagine that most of them look around at the aquariums and mouse cages one morning and think to themselves, “This is why I’m 27 and a virgin.”

DOUG’S 1ST MOVIE (1999)

KSWB 12:00 P.M.

I don’t know who Doug is, but if this is the best title he could come up with, then I hope this was also his last movie. Like, I don’t call this thing “Ollie’s TV Column.” Wait. Crap. I do. Somebody take this away from me. I don’t deserve it. Oh, the shame. I need cook-



Charlie's Angels

ies and a good cry now.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

CRISTINA’S COURT

FOX 11:30 A.M.

Is this that show where the judge is wearing all that pink makeup? And she slams her gavel and says, “I hereby find the defendant guilty...of being sexy!” and then she says, “Bailiff, cuff him and bring him to my chambers,” and the bailiff is that other girl in a black garter and leather holster, but, brother, that ain’t a gun she’s carrying. Because *that’s* one of my very favorite shows. If this show isn’t that show, then it should be. This show is probably very stupid compared to, you know, “that” show. Wink!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

JOYCE MEYER: ENJOYING EVERYDAY LIFE

CA4SD 12:00 P.M.

Yay. Joyce Meyer wants to teach me how to enjoy life. Here, all this time, I thought icy bourbon, the headstrong invulnerability of cocaine, and a table full of my friends in a Bangkok strip club were fun, but Joyce tells me that it’s all about quilting, cats, and Lemon Zinger tea. I’ve been so wrong all this time. According to Joyce, I’ve never really enjoyed life. How embarrassing.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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SCIFI 10:00 A.M.

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It has a utopian atmosphere that reminded me of what was best in rock clubs in the 1960s.

By John Brizzolara

Mention the words “club owner” to me and you can watch my eyes narrow. I’m probably picturing a beer gut sausaged into a too-small T-shirt, a few days’ growth of beard from which sprouts an unlit cigar butt, greasy hair (well past the ears) with an overlarge monk’s tonsure, or bald patch. This is so not Alma Felan. Ms. F. is such a young-looking 40 she is more likely to pass as one of the college kids she serves at her caffeine outlet than any conventional notion of a concert promoter, dance venue facilitator, patron of the arts, singer/songwriter/performer, band manager, or in any other way like the popular music-industry professional she has been for over two decades.

Sitting in her office at the new location for her business that has its grand opening October 1, Felan appears to be an odd cross between an adolescent social worker and deceptively innocent-looking, girl-pirate captain at the helm of her ship, Hot Monkey Love. “I feel like I’m 20,” she says in response to a compliment regarding her wholesome looks in a business where that is the second thing to go. Is it music that keeps her young?

“Maybe. I’m a percussionist, actually; that’s how I started. At a little Latin, pizza café in New Jersey.” She pronounces it, ‘New Yersey,’ as it is pronounced in Puerto Rico, where Felan happens to be from. “And no alcohol, kind of like this.” August of this past year, a neighbor of HML’s had finally made life so difficult for the artistic enterprise that Felan was compelled to relocate.

Not wishing to “give it too much energy,” the diminutive entrepreneur

chooses not to discuss the unpleasantness, but the bottom line is that she was pretty much screwed by one of those perennial enemies of music, the disgruntled neighbor with no life. Felan has been in San Diego since 1997, and according to her, the “unpleasantness” turned out to be a blessing in disguise. The new digs at 6875 El Cajon Boulevard (four blocks west of SDSU) are more spacious; that is to say, with enough room to contain the dimensions of her dream as it comes to fruition. Elements of that dream include a recording studio (in the works), a dance studio, rehearsal space, lounge and meeting rooms, and of course the café/concert venue for (mostly) local acts from a broad spectrum. HML will provide a vehicle for folk, country, rock, blues, salsa, and pretty much anything else. While musical animal acts, Serbo-Croatian martial music revues, and possibly klezmer cover acts of early Black Oak Arkansas may not get the exposure they demand, Hot Monkey Love will be your one-stop shopping destination for the largest variety of popular music at café prices in San Diego.

For the grand opening, Sunday, October 1, Felan has booked the Positive Energy Dance Group, Manny Cepeda and Trece de la Suerte (the Lucky 13) with an appearance by city councilman Jim Madaffer for the reception. The nature of the councilman’s musical act is uncertain at press time. On the second of the month, HML will host Argentine tango (*malanga*) Night. Tuesday, the 3rd, you can catch an evening of hip-hop with Young C, Generik, Achitec, Trankwel, Kandi Cole from L.A., Diction, Scribe and DJ, with a special performance by West Bound (Mikey Mo & DapDaniel) from San Francisco. On Wednesday (and Wednesday nights thereafter) a continuation of Joe Rathburn and Lisa Sanders Acoustic Showcase kicks off. Thursday nights will continue as blues night at the new location; some other bookings lined up include, Stolen, Faded Glory, the Dingo, Supernova, Plane Without a Pilot, and Squiddo, to name but a few.

To be enthused about any local music endeavor that is also a business is to risk waxing promotional, and I am not nor have I ever been a press kit writer, a PR man, nor an under-assistant West Coast promo flak of any stripe. But if something good enough comes along, let me be dismissed as a mindlessly pathetic cheerleader rather than die a smart ass.

The word “vibe” is hard to avoid here, so I won’t bother. On the phone, Alma Felan said she would send a driver to pick up my friend, guitarist Ike Curtiss, and myself, at the trolley station and take us to the new location. The club owner is sending a driver? Yes, a pleasant and enthusiastic young woman named Michelle who works for or with Felan and is a musician herself. Within seconds of boarding Michelle’s SUV, we were off on a conversation about music (rap and hip-hop, to be exact) and the dire consequences of ignoring the muse. As sometimes happens with musicians, though never often enough, one can strike up a dialogue about the ineffable and be overcome with the sense that you are picking up the threads of an ongoing discussion started long ago and is likely to continue as long as man is capable of producing a note from bone, wood,



Alma Felan

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

stone, or skin. The vibe began in Michelle’s car.

The new site, with finishing touches still being done throughout the multi-room work-in-progress, indeed seemed imbued with a utopian atmosphere that reminded me of what was best in rock clubs in the 1960s and what were called discotheques in Europe, but long before the commercial abomination boogie-oogie-oogied ’til it just couldn’t boogie no more. The ’60s utopian invocation is made with some hesitation. I saw no tie-dyed T-shirts (but I didn’t see that many in the ’60s either) or beads, flowers in hair, or painted faces (same goes for these Hollywood trappings) and nobody was smoking grass. What was it that was in the air in that now long ago decade? Certainly there was something, and I caught a whiff of it (no, not incense) at the embryonic Hot Monkey Love II. It has, I think, something to do with peace, love, and understanding, the embracing of change and a planet — maybe just imagined, and that’s all right — without flags or fences.

Possibly these notions are quaint and too precious for words, but as Elvis Costello once asked, what’s so funny about it? Besides, that triumvirate of power — cash, drugs, and guns — has had its run for a few decades now, and we have the music that goes with it. I may not know what was in the air 40 years ago, but I know what’s missing now, and that’s music that moves you in ways you don’t always understand. Why did I get the feeling I might be hearing some of it here?

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