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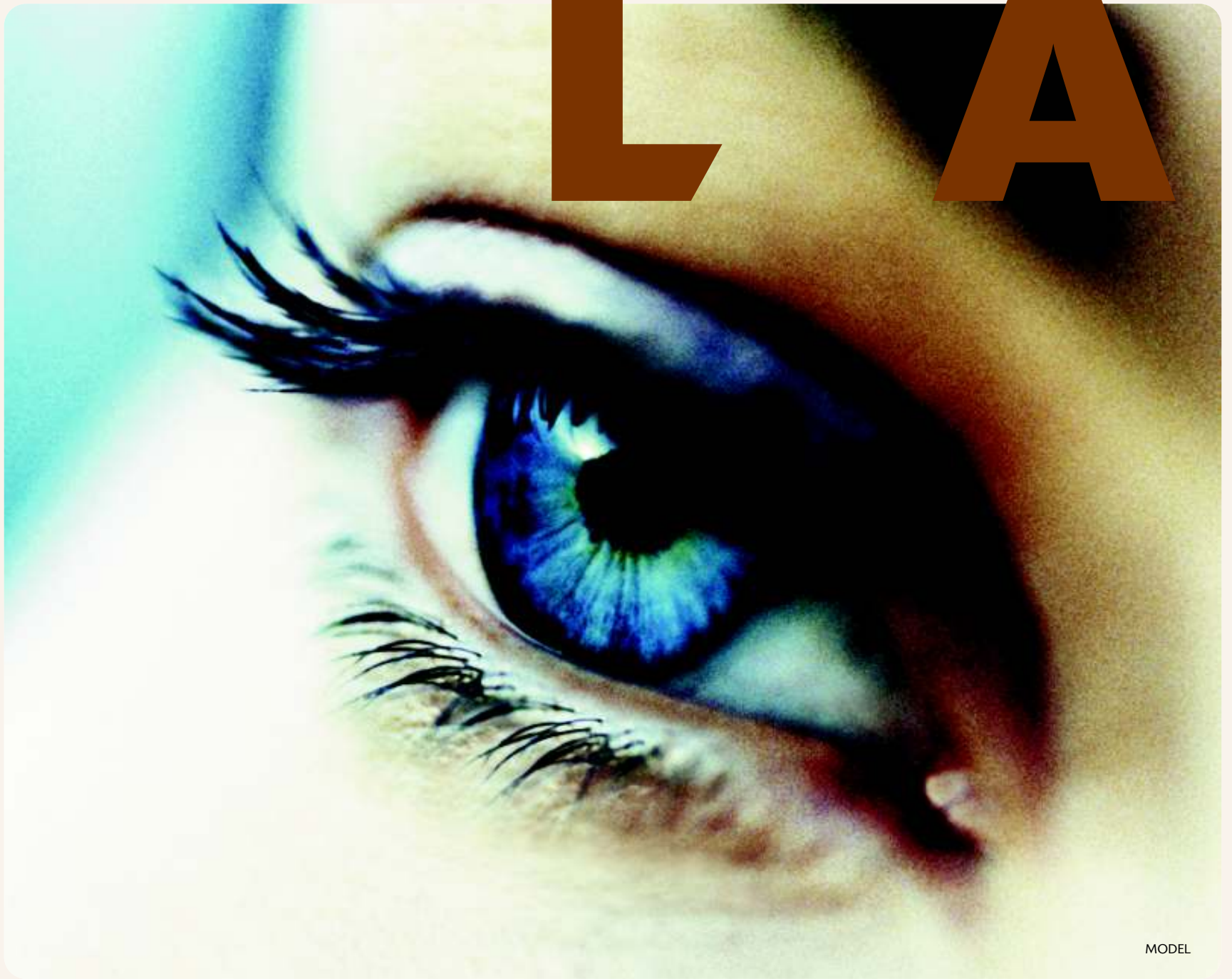
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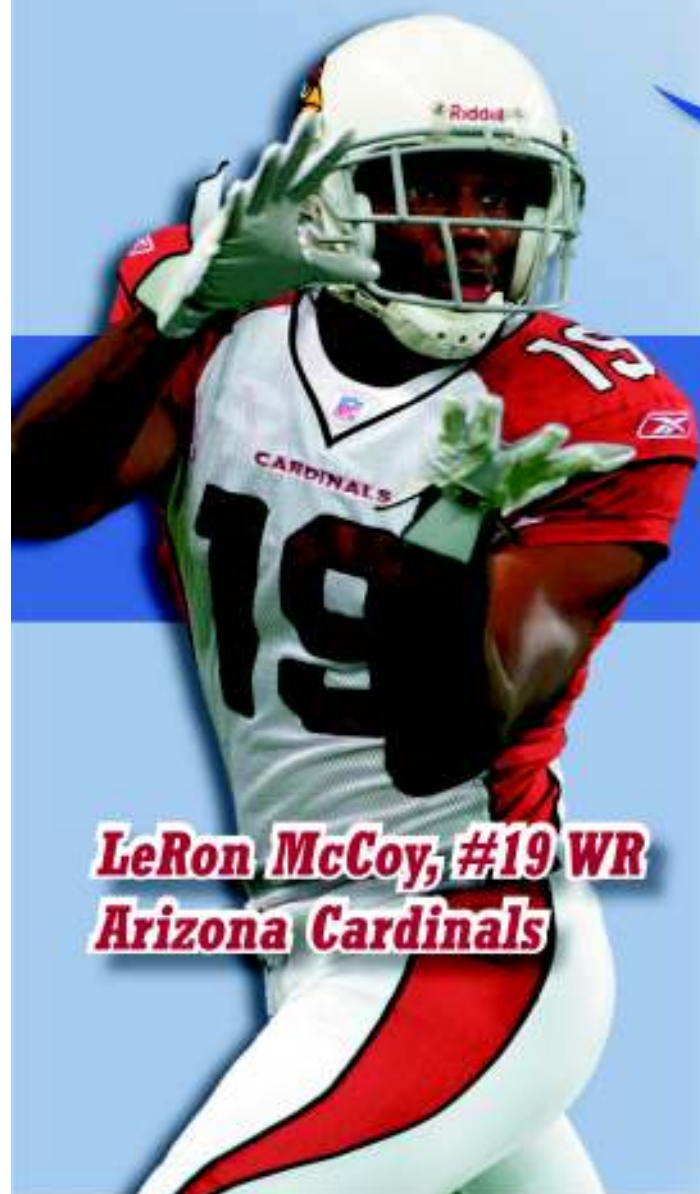


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Helen Copley's legacy

In 2003 and 2004, as **Helen Copley** lay gravely ill, Copley Press hired the Washington, D.C., firm of Capitol Tax Partners to lobby for lower estate taxes. According to U.S. Senate disclosure records, the newspaper chain paid a total of \$280,000 for the services of **Jonathan Talisman**, a well-connected Washington tax hand. Talisman had worked for Democratic senator **Daniel Patrick Moynihan** of New York as chief counsel for the Senate Finance Committee minority staff before becoming assistant secretary for tax policy at the Department of the Treasury under President **Bill Clinton**. Since joining the ranks of Capitol Hill lobbyists, his clients have included General Electric and big life insurance companies.

But whatever tax breaks Talisman arranged for Copley, they apparently weren't enough to save the newspaper chain after its owner's demise. Last week Copley Press said that because of newspaper-industry weakness and debt incurred for estate taxes from Helen Copley's death in August 2004, the company was exploring the sale of all its newspapers except the *Union-Tribune*. "That's corporate speak for 'You're for sale,'" the publisher of the *Peoria Journal Star* told his shocked employees. The Illinois papers in Springfield, Lincoln, Galesburg, and Peoria and the Ohio papers in Canton, Massillon, and Dover/New Philadelphia expect to be jettisoned by spring. Copley is already negotiating to sell its Torrance-based papers.

Ironically, the financially conservative Helen Copley was averse to debt. She was influenced by two bedrock Iowans on the company board: her brother **Joe Kinney** and lawyer **David MacDuff Elderkin**. But as Helen Copley became ill in the mid-1990s, management took on debt to pay \$175 million for the Peoria and Galesburg papers. After dumping some Chicago-area money losers, the company then snapped up the Ohio properties beginning in 2000.

On the cocktail circuit, some say that cash flow from the acquisitions has paid off most of that debt. The privately held company isn't talking. A more skeptical view is that Helen Copley's debt aversion was right on the mark: even if these papers threw off cash, their long-term prospects were never so hot. Canton, for example, had a population of 116,000 in 1950. It's now below 80,000 and falling. Peoria's population was 124,160 in 1980; now it's down to 112,936. The surrounding metro areas have done better, but these are not growth markets.

So will Copley get a decent price for these properties? Daily newspaper valuations are plunging. Ailing newspaper chains aren't buying now. Private equity groups are showing interest in papers. "They [Copley] should come out ahead,

but when you take account of inflation, the cost of money, what they may have invested, it may be a wash," says **Larry Grimes**, newspaper broker in the Washington, D.C., area. Chicago's Tribune Company is considering liquidation and looking for buyers, "but I am hearing that the deals offered the Tribune are not attractive. And the private equity guys are only interested in a particular [low] price."

U-T employees are nervous. The Copley Press staff in La Jolla won't be needed, and its building is choice real estate. Copley News Service will die, shrink, or be folded into the *U-T*. The company offered buyouts to employees with more than 30 years of service. On October 30, the Audit Bureau of Circulations reported that *U-T* circulation continues to drop: for the year ended September 30, Sunday circulation dropped from 416,682 to 390,310 and Monday-Friday from 314,279 to 304,334. The company continues to inflate its numbers with "other paid" circulation (mainly those papers that get dumped in your driveway even though you are not a subscriber). They were 30,352 Sunday and 20,787 Monday-Friday. Readers, however, stay misinformed. On September 12, the *U-T* reported that it had "a circulation of about 340,000 daily and 440,000 Sunday." At that time its own house organ was saying that daily circulation was 305,000 and Sunday 380,000.

Chief executive **David Copley**, Helen's heir, has had a heart transplant. On June 22, 2006, **Harold W. Fuson Jr.**, the company chief counsel, appeared at the United States Embassy in Beirut as part of its "Conference in Support of an Independent Media," which Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman described as "a useful and productive exchange between media leaders about successful business models for print, internet, radio and television outlets in Lebanon."

Fuson's snazzy PowerPoint presentation, featuring photos of his granddaughter, asked the questions, "Will journalists become a charitable institution? Will employees take control?" There has been talk that when David dies, the newspaper will be run by a charitable nonprofit institution, rather than be sold. Contacted last week, Fuson declined comment.

There is a precedent for that in Florida's *St. Petersburg Times*, bequeathed in 1978 by **Nelson Poynter** to the nonprofit media institute bearing his name. "But that's in cases in which the owners want to have a great paper and care for the staff," scoffs a veteran *U-T* employee. "But Copley has never wanted a great paper and doesn't care that much for the staff."

There are at least two good reasons to expect a sale: top brass have been given generous golden parachutes, according to a reliable source, and chief operating officer **Charles (Chuck) Patrick** has a home in Santa Barbara that he is now refurbishing.

— Matt Potter and Don Bauder

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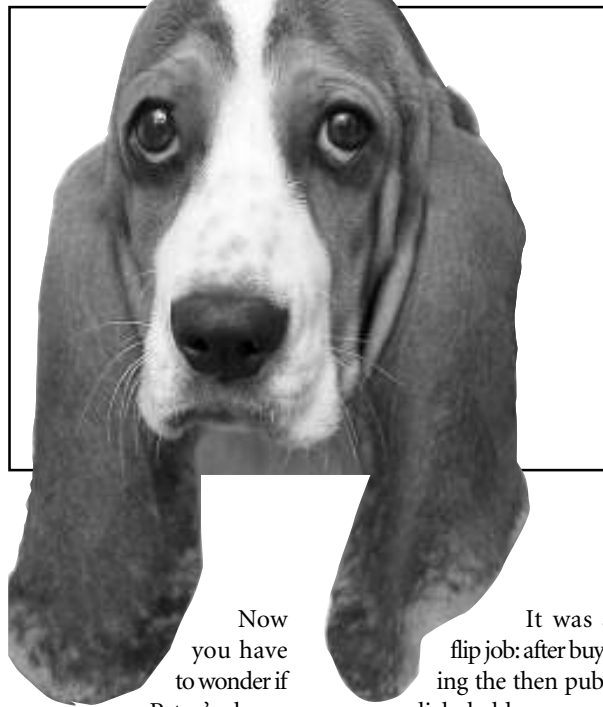
This Dog Was Fixed

By Don Bauder

For two years, the stock of retailer Petco Animal Supplies has been a dog because management has been screwing the pooch.

Since 2000, it has piled up debt so insiders could make fat and fast bucks. Because it has concentrated on financial finagling, not its business, it has fallen far behind its Phoenix competitor, PetSmart.

Petco will be purchased by two groups of investors, Leonard Green and Partners and Texas Pacific Group, that pulled the same stunt six years ago, amassing 600 percent profits as they dumped their stock.



Now you have to wonder if Petco's shareholders have the intelligence of a cur — or a flea. Late last month, these stockholders overwhelmingly approved a debt-financed buyout at a price well below another bid.

It was a flip job: after buying the then publicly held company with borrowed money in 2000, they took it public again in 2002. By late 2004, Green/Texas Pacific had jettisoned all their shares, which they had given themselves for only 49 cents

each. Green/Texas Pacific will certainly flip Petco again: they will sell the company if anyone is dense enough to buy it, or they will bring it out in still another public offering.

This process is called a leveraged buyout, and it makes no economic sense other than to enrich a group of piranhas. All over the country, leveraged buyouts are picking up steam, and some observers, notably the *New York Times*, are concerned. In a leveraged buyout, financial sharks buy a company with as much as 90 percent debt, usually junk bonds. Often, the buyers pay themselves a succulent dividend. The company goes private for a short time, then goes public again, and the insiders, who have put little of their own money in the deal, get rich quick as they dump their stock.

That's what's been happening at Petco. In 2000, the two buyout groups, Leonard Green and Partners and Texas Pacific Group, bought the company for \$600 million, only \$190 million of which was their own money. The rest was debt. The company went private and then went public again in 2002, and although it was stumbling from the debt load, the stock soared, and the buyout group dumped its shares for \$1.2 billion.

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The Right of Way Is the Wrong Place

By Ernie Grimm

Every election season, my father sinks a wire-framed campaign sign into the strip of grass between his sidewalk and the street.

Every election season, an unseen enemy steals it. Dad replaces the sign. The enemy removes it sometime in the night. Dad nails the sign to the cedar tree growing in the grass strip. It's gone the next morning. Dad vows to stay up all

But though their political views oppose each other, Dad and Hildegard's neighborly exchanges have been friendly. During one such exchange, she mentioned that the "Vote Green" sign she'd set up by the curb had been taken.



Severin Drive

night hiding in the bushes to catch the enemy in the act, but the cold autumn night dissuades him from his plan. He has a few suspicions as to the enemy's identity. They're centered around a Green Party member a few doors down.

Early October in La Mesa: I stuck four campaign signs in front of my house on a busy street that feeds and receives traffic from a freeway a quarter mile away. Like Dad, I drove the signs' wire frames into the strip between

the street and the sidewalk. Like Dad's, my signs were nabbed in the night.

While stealing political signs has gone on as long as there have been political signs, Dad, Hildegard, and I may not be victims of thieves. Municipal employees may have taken our signs. That's because all three of us placed our signs in the public right-of-way, a practice prohibited by most cities in the county.

"You have to study the city rules — and sign regulations are almost always city law — carefully," said Randal Morrison, a San Diego attorney who specializes in sign law. "Because the rules often vary according to whether the property is owned by the City or privately owned."

I called the City of La Mesa to find out if I'd violated the rules with my signs. "Did you put them between the sidewalk and the street?" asked a La Mesa planning department official named Allyson Kinnard.

"Yes," I answered.

"That is a prohibited location. You're not allowed to put signs in the right-of-way. The sidewalk and the land between it and the street are city property. As far as what happened to the signs, public works does in some cases take signs out of the right-of-way."

Allyson referred me to the

City's website for codes governing political yard signs, then transferred me to code enforcement officer Alan Edwards. "I did not pull those signs," he told me, "but city workers are allowed to pull signs that are in the right-of-way. They could be over at public works."

According to La Mesa's municipal code, "temporary noncommercial" signs such as political yard signs can be 32 square feet. That's the size of a 4-by-8-foot sheet of plywood. They can't be illuminated, and they must be on private property, set back at least one foot from the property line. My La Mesa street has a sidewalk that delineates where my property stops and city property begins. But most residential streets in La Mesa don't have sidewalks, which makes knowing the exact boundary difficult. That's why, Edwards said, "If I find something that is sort of in the gray area as to whether it's on the right-of-way or on someone's property, then I leave it. I try to stay away from any entanglements or being accused of picking and choosing which signs I take."

Like La Mesa, most cities in the county forbid placement of political signs in the public right-of-way. Exceptions are Poway and Santee. "They can be in the right-of-way," said Tommy, a planning



Spring Street and Palm Avenue

department official for the City of Poway, "but not in the medians. And they can't be attached to fences or light posts or anything like that. They have to be sunk in the ground."

On a list of "frequently asked questions about election signs" e-mailed to me by Janet Peterson of the City of Santee, question number five, "May I install election signs in the public right-of-way?" is answered, "Yes, except

within road medians." An answer later on the list states that signs in the right-of-way "are not subject to city permits. However, signs placed in such a manner so as to obstruct pedestrian, bicyclist, or driver views...must be removed."

La Mesa code dictates that political signs may be erected no sooner than 45 days before an election and must be taken down no later than 5 days after. That's one of the longer time frames allowed in the county. Escondido, for example, allows signs 30 days before and 10 days after an election. San Marcos allows 32 days before and 10 days after. National City allows 30 before and 5 after. The City of Del Mar takes the approach of allowing 60 days' display of campaign signs in any calendar year. Morrison said these cities are treading upon the First Amendment by placing time limits on political signage. "The most common legal problem with the rules on political signs," he explained, "is the cities usually state that you can only display them X number of days before the election and X number of days after. When someone cares enough to challenge those rules, the judges almost always invalidate [the rules]. The reason is, people have political opin-



Lemon Avenue and Bancroft Drive

Dog was fixed

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lion, amassing a profit of more than 600 percent, according to a suit that has been filed in superior court. The suit unsuc-

cessfully attempted to thwart the recent buyout. Having failed that, it now seeks to get damages of \$200 million, according to Darren J. Robbins of Lerach Couglin Stoia Geller Rudman and Robbins.

Petco's shareholders last

month went for a \$29 offer from this buyout group because the price was 49 percent higher than the stock was selling for when the deal was suddenly announced in mid-July. That's a juicy premium. However, there was a much juicier \$33-

a-share offer from PetSmart on the table.

Management walked away from that higher offer, claiming that antitrust considerations would delay or perhaps abort the merger. Ah, but PetSmart offered Petco share-

holders \$3.50 a share if the deal didn't go through. And it was doubtful that the antitrust lads would have blocked this one anyway: together, Petco and PetSmart have about \$5.7 billion of the pet supplies industry, estimated to be

running near \$39 billion annually. That's around 15 percent.

With the \$33 offer and a \$3.50 consolation bonus, the PetSmart deal was a "win-win" for Petco shareholders, says Robbins. Petco shareholders preferred to lose-lose, apparently not fully cognizant that Leonard Green and Texas Pacific have been using the company as a "personal piggybank," says Robbins, and will do so again in the next flip, probably two years hence.

Petco kept its shareholders in the dark about its pending plans. On July 14, 2006, it suddenly announced that it would be bought by Green and Texas Pacific for cash. The news release did not mention that Green/Texas Pacific had bought the company before. In addition, the release said a special committee of the board had studied "an expression of interest" by a buyer. That was stated in the singular. But on August 11, the shareholders learned in a special proxy that PetSmart in April had offered a \$30 to \$32 buyout. So that July 14 news release was wrong; there had been two expressions of interest. Shareholders also learned in August that Green/Texas Pacific had made the first bid on March 25 at \$26.50 a share. After the PetSmart bid of April, the two parties engaged in a bidding battle (usually called a pissing contest), in which each alternately boosted its offer.

Another thing revealed in that August 11 confessional was that before Green and Texas Pacific made the March 25 bid, their partners already had snapped up 3.2 percent of Petco stock. This means that after those partners dumped the last bit of their shares in October 2004 at above \$35, they waited while Petco stock plummeted and began snatching up shares again at lower prices. Nice timing for a group that had controlled the company only a few years earlier.

Back in March, Petco management concluded that the initial offer looked good, because investors were skeptical about management's embarrassingly consistent missing of earnings targets. And among other things, Wall Street questioned the company's long-term pricing strategy in its stores. For some time, Petco had been pricing goods too high; that's one thing that motivated big-

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box retailers like Wal-Mart and Target to put more oomph behind the pet supplies business. Those two, along with grocery stores, were devouring Petco. That's a major reason why Petco shares were almost cut in half after the buyout group sold the last of its stock at \$35.60 in October 2004.

In April, May, and June, Petco weighed the offers as they hopscotched upward. The company said it pondered the antitrust question — a contrived defense against PetSmart. On July 13, the buyout group jumped its bid to \$29. That would be \$1.8 billion, of which \$1.35 billion would be burdensome debt. The next day, Petco announced that it would accept it — with shareholders unaware of the \$33 bid on the table.

Petco's strategy of not revealing the bidding war was *not* in the spirit of full and timely disclosure. If the bidding battle had become news earlier, some other potential buyers

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might have surfaced. Shareholders might have received a better deal. The suit alleges that the Petco board and its financial backers violated their fiduciary duties by failing to engage in a process that would maximize shareholder value.

But was Petco brass worried about its shareholders? Ha! If it had cared about them, would it have snubbed the much higher bid? As the lawsuit states, a major reason for Petco's taking the lower bid is that PetSmart refused to say that Petco management, particularly chairman Brian K. Devine and chief executive James M. Myers, would keep their jobs after the acquisition.

And why would PetSmart want to keep Petco's top management? PetSmart's recent earnings have been growing steadily, both quarterly and yearly. That can't be said for Petco. Long-term debt is just 27.2 percent of PetSmart's total capitalization. It's 38.4 percent of Petco's. PetSmart's sales are running at \$3.6 billion a year. Petco's are \$2.1 billion. Standard and Poor's says PetSmart's sales will grow 12 to 13 percent this year. Petco's

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will go up 10 percent.

Yet, under the Green/Texas Pacific buyout, Devine can continue on for three years at current remuneration levels. In 2004, he raked in more than \$4 million, and that pay level continues, according to the suit. After his employment terminates, he will begin a 20-year consulting contract that will pay him 25 percent of his last year's salary for the first 10 years, and 50 percent of that final year's pay for the last 10 years. He is 64 years old. Seventeen Petco directors and executives get cash payments of a collective \$16.6 million.

Sweet, huh? That's why Robbins calls it a sweetheart deal — self-dealing, breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment at the expense of the shareholders. That's putting it mildly. Requests for comment to three separate Petco officials went unanswered. ■

Wrong place

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ions all the time, not just during election seasons. And if they want to express their political opinions before the election, they can."

The City of Santee observes the First Amendment when it comes to campaign signage. Though it places 30-day pre- and 10-day post-election time limits on signs in the right-of-way, Santee's answer to the question "Am I required to remove my election signs on my residential property within a certain time following the election?" is, "No, such signs are constitutionally protected."

"Another very common mistake cities make," said Morrison, "is having special rules that apply only to political signs. For instance, they'll put a size limit on the political signs, and then if you look elsewhere in the local

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law, they will allow temporary construction signs or store signs to be larger. That means the city is giving greater display rights to a commercial message than to a non-commercial message. In the law, the word 'noncommercial' means debate on topics of public concern, the very thing the First Amendment was written to protect. Constitutionally, you simply cannot favor commercial messages over noncommercial, period."

Constitutional concerns may be the reason the City of Imperial Beach, other than forbidding signs in the public right-of-way, places "no real restrictions" on political signs, according to a city planning official. "It's just a matter of whether it becomes a design problem or a traffic hazard or if we start getting complaints about it."

Thirty-two square feet is the largest political sign allowed by most cities in the county. On private property, Vista allows only 16-square-foot signs. Like Poway and Santee, Vista allows signs in the public right-of-way, but while those two cities allow 32-square-foot signs in the right-of-way, in Vista the maximum is 6 square feet.

As for my four campaign signs, nobody I reached at the City of La Mesa planning, code enforcement, or public works departments knew anything about them. Like Dad, I began to think a political enemy had taken them. Like Dad, I formulated strategies to catch the enemy as I placed new signs out front, this time not in the right-of-way. Like Dad, I didn't employ any of the clever ideas I came up with. Unlike Dad's signs, my legally located signs stayed up all election season. In fact, they're still up. And, unless I insist on my First Amendment rights, I've got three days to remove them. ■

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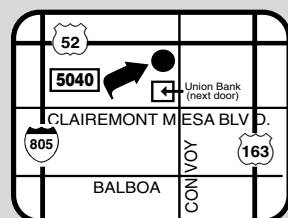
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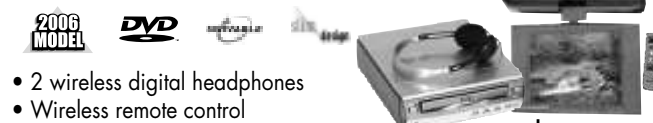
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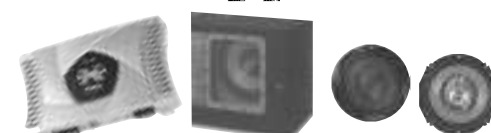


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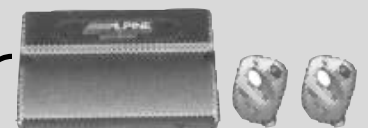


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Once Upon A Time In San Diego

There were two letters, back to back, that really brought back the golden age of arch-conservative San Diego, from Thomas Leeman about the Coastal Commission and from Ronald Engelhart about the ACLU (November 2). Gosh, it filled me with nostalgia to hear the term "radical left-wing elements of our society" applied to something like the Coastal Commission. And Mr. Leeman asks if "Mr. Bauder or any of the jerks from the Sierra Club have a clue about the history of this property [La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club]." Ah yes, the good old days, when blacks and Jews weren't allowed as members (or even to live in La Jolla), and the only Latinos allowed were cleaning rooms and trimming hedges — back when public beach access was a radical left-wing agenda.

And that letter is followed immediately by Mr. Engelhart's letter calling the ACLU un-American, comparing them to terrorists trying to destroy America. Here I thought the John Birch Society had gone to bed, but they're still up and ready to party!

For those of you fairly new to our city, it really gives a little glimpse into the way it used to be here on a regular basis: extremely right-wing. It's like watching the Chargers in their powder blues; it really takes you back.

Good old San Diego!
George du Bois
via e-mail

Go, Granny, Go!

This is about Matthew Lickona's article on Billy Martinez, which was very good ("The Art of Comics," Feature Story, November 2). I like his style. I'm

a 70-year-old great-grandmother who does not draw vases. I draw flash for my own tattoos, some of which I got recently for my 70th birthday and to celebrate three and a half years of cancer survival. I wonder if Martinez knows whatever happened to Jim Valentino, a comic book writer that I knew many years ago.

This is on another subject. Ollie is getting better, and if he keeps it up, he'll be as good as John Brizzolara. I hope John takes care of himself, because old age rocks.

Dale Anne Thompson
Clairemont Mesa

College District Fine Points

I would like to commend your publication and in particular Joe Deegan for a relatively good article about the scandalous situation in the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District ("Chancellor Suarez and His Friends," "City Lights," November 2). As someone who was on the inside, there are a few corrections that I need to make, along with some clarifications and some other points.

Deegan mentioned that trustee and board president Deanna Weeks is running in her first district election. Technically this is true; however, she would have run in 2004 to finish out the term she was appointed to in 2003, but no one chose to run against her, and thus there was no need for an election.

Deegan also mentioned Koch-Armstrong General Engineering's work on the Grossmont College track. As a former boardmember of the Associated Students of Grossmont College, Inc., besides being a former student trustee, I know for a fact that the majority (if not all) of the money for that track project came from the ASGC's treasury and not from the bond money Deegan refers to in the article.

In the article, trustee Dr. Tim Caruthers is quoted as saying he can't recall when any of the three other incumbents who are on the ballot this week have ever voted against the chancellor's wishes. While I appreciate trustee Caruthers's current actions to bring the chancellor's misdeeds to light, I can add that until the last few months, trustee

Caruthers's words could be said about him too.

I realize this letter won't be published until after the election, but I hope that there will be major change in the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District no matter which way the election results go.

Peter Anderson
via e-mail

Give That Man A Raise

"Orchestration" by Matt Potter, "City Lights," November 2.

Matt, I don't know whether I should ask what you were thinking or what you were smoking when you wrote the little tidbit on George Biagi. I normally read with gusto as you skew a local politico for misdeeds, but this time you were way off mark.

If you look up the job description of any press secretary, deputy or otherwise, you should see a description that will include the words: Provide communications and media relations support and expertise for organizing, bargaining, political and other campaigns and initiatives. Place stories in mainstream, on-line, and alternative media. Write press releases and pitch letters and other media-friendly materials. In other words, what Biagi was doing. While it is rare that there is something other than bad news that erupts from the 11th floor at 202 C Street, it is up to the press secretary to put it in a way that highlights his boss and the entity (City of San Diego) that his boss represents. Mr. Biagi (in his "internal e-mail") does not mention that he needs to communicate to the *Union-Tribune* when to run or not run the story, does not ask to see an advance copy, nor attempts to edit the story in any way. He only attempts to piggyback a story that shows San Diego (and his boss) in a favorable light. To me that sounds like good public relations! Instead of attempting to demonize Biagi, maybe you should have recommended a raise!

James Robinson
South Park

Kitchen Mixup

In this week's food review (November 2) by Naomi

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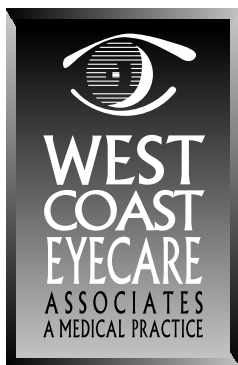
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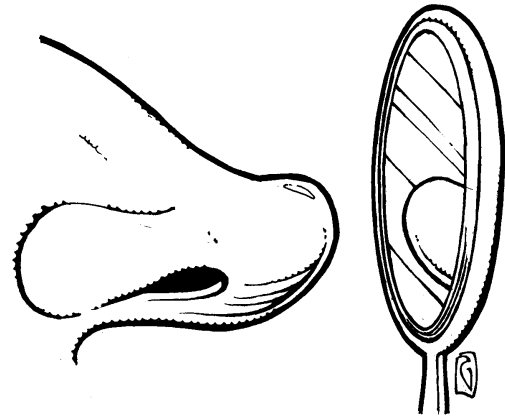
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Hey Matt:

Why does it seem that my left nostril churns out more products (boogers) than my right? I know that people can be left or right handed, and some people are right-/left-eye dominant. Is it possible that I am left-nostril dominant? I have canceled out the obvious factors such as tides, full moons, and the ratio of items scratched to items sniffed. By the way, I am not proud of it, but I am a mouth breather.

Nostrils are a little like Siamese twins. Stuck together, looking a lot alike, but surprisingly independent under the right circumstances. And that includes booger management. You get the little squashy things by breathing in dust that catches in your nose hairs and mucus, and by your sinuses draining through the back door and into your nasal passages. The left side could be working harder because the right side is blocked (polyp, allergy, inflammation, deviated septum) — not taking in as much air or not allowing sinus drainage. (One reason you are a mouth breather, perhaps?) Or you might have some kind of low-grade infection in a left-side sinus, so it's cranking out more booger juice than the right. But as I said, nostrils can exercise their independence without booger assistance.

So, you're lying in bed and all of a sudden you realize you can't breathe very well through your right nostril. Everything seems okay on the left, but the right seems all puffy. Eventually it goes away, but you know your right side was plugged up. Weird. Next night same thing, only it's your left nostril this time. Weirder. What's going on is called the nasal cycle. Most people (though not all) experience it. Seems each nostril is fed by its own blood-vessel branch. For reasons the science guys haven't really pinned down, blood flows alternately on the right side, then the left in cycles of one to three hours. So, periodically, 24/7, each nostril is engorged with blood and nasal passages narrow.

Seems like a pretty goofy bit of physiology. But of course there is nothing about the human body that is too goofy to be investigated in some lab. And darned if some lab didn't come up with at least a good guess. They speculate that the alternate blood rush acts like a pump that squeezes a specific kind of infection-fighting plasma exudates into the nasal passages to help fight germs we suck in. This is still in the realm of nasal speculation, of course, but no dumber than the phenomenon itself.

Hey Matt:

I got to do something to postpone my least favorite chore: mowing the damn lawn. And weeding, trimming, watering. And everything else that has to do with all that miserable vegetation around my house. So I'm writing to you. Who is the jerk who invented lawns? If I put in AstroTurf or green cement, I know the neighbors would have me arrested. What's wrong with weeds anyway?

— R.B., Solana Beach

Not a thing wrong with weeds, R.B. It's an old Grandma Alice adage that a weed is just a flower in the wrong place. If it makes you happy, grab a beer, sit back, and watch the turf die. Soon enough you'll have a low-maintenance dirt yard with a nice stand of weeds. Ignore those neighbors when they threaten you. Ignore the residents' committee when they declare that the only acceptable homeowners are those who are lawn lovers. They're just status-seeking conformists with no sense of independence or imagination and a deadly fear of their home prices being depressed by your bad attitude. In fact, they sound like just the kind of people who had something to do with how lawns became the tyrannical things they are.

Lush green lawns were originally an obsession with the English upper classes in the 18th Century, but wild grasses have been part of the domestic garden scene since the days of ancient Greece. For the most part, grasses were used as background elements for gardens, not things to be admired on their own until the English nobility decided it liked lawn bowling. The game requires a very neat and carefully groomed grass court, and this seems to be when things took their insidious turn and a tidy lawn became the hallmark of class. It also indicated that the homeowner didn't have to plant his lawn to survive; he could live very nicely off others' labors. The British, of course, in the 18th and 19th Centuries had two things we Californians don't have much of: rain and servants. The duke, unlike you and me, didn't have to postpone his fun to go out and mow the estate.

Middle-class American homes in the 18th and 19th Centuries generally didn't have lawns. They were built close to the road and were surrounded by trees, veg gardens, wild grasses, and livestock. Late in the 19th Century, though, new homes were set back from the road, and a lawn filled in the gap for every right-thinking, status-seeking American. Around 1920 somebody developed a weed-free grass seed, then somebody else invented the gas-powered lawn mower, and our fate was sealed, even though a green grass lawn in California is just a big water waster.

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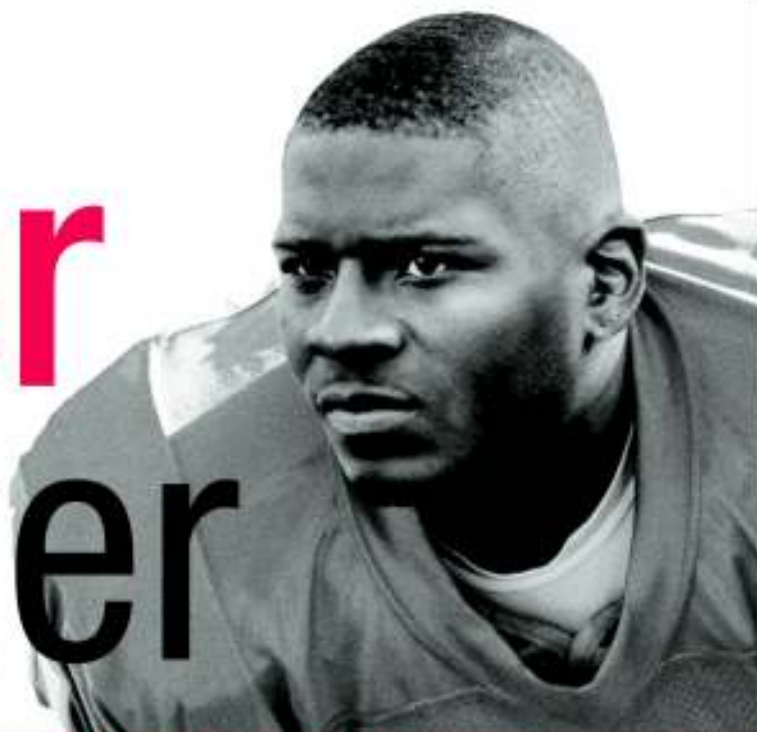
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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Good Jobs

Spot quiz. How many of the following names do you recognize? Suzy Kolber, Michele Tafoya, Andrea Kramer, Lisa Guerrero, Armen Keteyian, Colleen Dominguez, Jill Arrington, and Jeanne Zelasko.

If you said “zero,” you’re a normal, red-blooded American sports fan. Hey, put the gun down, I’ll answer the question. All the aforementioned women have been employed as NFL sideline reporters. These worthy professionals have skulked around gridiron perimeters in service of ABC, CBS, NBC, and ESPN for years...for decades.

At first glance, a sideline reporter appears to be one of the great make-work jobs. Ranks right up there with inherited wealth. The position pays big, big money, it’s a show-biz job, a sports-biz job, on-air TV job, requires 90 seconds of work once a week. How did this golden egg ever slip through the cracks?

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DERK: Human-interest tidbits! *In the middle of a football game?!* Are you nuts? What in the hell would they do on the sidelines? What would they talk about?

MOGUL: Who cares? Let ’em talk about babies.

* * *

This is how many men view sideline reporters. Since most guys don’t talk about their feelings with other men, particularly while watching football, indeed they believe a football game is sanctuary from feminine demands of intimacy; a place where men can be left alone to drink and scream. It’s remarkable there has been so little public criticism of the job

The male opinion is, “I’ll believe these are real jobs the next time I see a homely, overweight, 50-year-old woman in bad clothes reporting from the sidelines.” Sideline reporter

does seem like a bimbo job. One is required to look pretty and be able to say, “Back to you, Michael.” Or, for eager beavers, one asks a coach, as he trots off the field at halftime (which is not too hard to do since the coach is ordered to talk to you by the NFL), a tough question, such as, “What are you going to tell the team?” The coach says, “We’ve got to play better defense and better offense.” Bimbo repeats what the coach just said and adds, “Back to you, Michael.”

Apparently, I’m not the only one who has noticed, shall we say, a lack of content to the position. The NFL Network, starting its first season broadcasting company games on November 23, won’t employ a sideline reporter. CBS eliminated the position before the season started. No one noticed.

No woman has ever called play-by-play in the NFL. Of the megathousand Division I college-football games played every year, I’ve found only one woman, Pam Ward, who does play-by-play (Big Ten football on ESPN).

To be honest, we can’t use the “Never played the game” argument against women. Howard Cosell, no matter what you think of him, was the premier sportscaster of his day. Al Michaels is the gold standard today. Neither man played football.

Regard Lesley Visser, 52, who has been a sideline reporter for *Monday Night Football*, CBS, and ESPN. Saying that, I couldn’t pick Visser out from a police lineup of Century 21 Real Estate agents, which tells you something about the impact of sideline reporters.

Visser began working for the *Boston Globe* in 1974, became the first female NFL beat writer. That’s impressive; that had to be hard. That’s the whole world against you and you sticking it out. Plus, there’s no way you can be a beat reporter and not know the game.

Visser has been given the Pro Football Hall of Fame’s Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award, which, unfortunately, sounds like a make-work award. She’s worked NCAA Final Fours, Super Bowls, World Series, U.S. Open, Olympics, NBA, and everything else, usually as the first woman.

In fact, if you look at Visser’s job as sideline reporter from another angle, you could say she was underemployed. Maybe it’s the nature of being a sideline reporter that makes anyone doing it look stupid. Maybe the NFL should try putting a woman in the booth.

The Vegas Line

NFL – Week 10 (Home Team in CAPS)			
<u>Favorite</u>	<u>Spread</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Underdog</u>
Sunday			
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JACKSONVILLE	10 ½	37 ½	Houston
San Diego	1 ½	48	CINCINNATI
ATLANTA	8	42	Cleveland
Baltimore	7 ½	38	TENNESSEE
INDIANAPOLIS	12	45	Buffalo
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PHILADELPHIA	7	43	Washington
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It wasn't so much the 22 candles being lit for the High Mass celebrating All Saints' Day at All Saints' Episcopal Church; it was the guys lighting them: two strapping young Polynesians in floor-length black cassocks. Later, they showed up bearing candles, white albs over their cassocks, processing behind an equally imposing young man whipping his smoking thurible in great, controlled arcs that rose above his head before he yanked the brazen vessel back toward the floor. The three were preceded by two bagpipers and a drum and followed by a banner-bearer, the verger, the choir (also in cassocks and albs), the subdeacon and deacon, guest preacher Archdeacon David Lowman, and, finally, the rector, Father Tony Noble, draped in an embroidered gold cloak highlighted by a midnight-blue mantle bearing the image of Mary and the infant Jesus.

Noble ascended the steps at the front of the church, past the choir stalls; ascended again into the sanctuary, past the communion rail; ascended a third time to the altar set against the front wall. He turned and greeted the congregation and then joined in a second procession (minus the pipers and the choir) around the church, while everybody sang over the lively organ: "For all the saints, who from their labors rest..." When he returned to the Sanctuary—stopping at the communion rail to doff the cloak and mantle and don a gold chasuble—he censed the altar, genuflecting frequently before the domed tabernacle. The attending deacon and subdeacon did the same.

References to the saints permeated the Mass. "My dear brothers and sisters," said Noble at the outset, "we come to rejoice today in our communion with the saints in heaven. We give thanks for their examples and their prayers." After Kyrie and the Gloria (both sung, like much of the Mass), the Collect invoked the grace of God, "who has knit together thy elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son," so that "we may come

to know the ineffable joys" of heaven.

The saints were in the songs, both those sung by the congregation and those performed by the choir: "These are they which came out of great tribulation/ and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." And at one point, Noble asked the Sunday-school children to come forward bearing saints' statues, show them to the congregation, and say something about them. Up they came: Thomas, Therese, Peter, Paul, Anthony of Padua... A little girl bore a white porcelain statue of Mary about half as big as she was. "The angel told her she was going to have a baby." "And who was the baby?" asked Noble. "Jesus."

Archdeacon Lowman began his sermon by quoting the demons in Cardinal Newman's poem "The Dream of Gerontius," set to music by Edward Elgar. "What's a saint? A bundle of bones which fools adore when life is o'er—ha ha..." Though I know the piece quite well,

this passage always shocks me. It raises big questions. What's a saint? Well, I've seen various bits of Saint Claire, Saint Francis, Saint Peter. I've seen the heart of Saint Teresa of Avila and her left forearm." Lowman knew from bones. But, he said, "Let's go back to the Scriptures, first of all to Isaiah. There he is in the temple, when he suddenly sees the Lord God in glory. And he cries out, 'Woe is me, for I am undone; I am a man of unclean lips.' He's seen the glory and the holiness of God, and he's changed forever.... A bundle of bones which fools adore when life is o'er? No. It is the living Body of Christ, touched by the vision of holiness we have seen in Jesus Christ and received in His gospel teaching." And as a model for saintly sanctity, he offered the Beatitudes listed in the Gospel, reading, "revolutionary words which

have turned the world and its values upside-down."

Before the final prayers, Noble invited the congregation to return that evening "for evensong and Benediction. We only do this once a year, and today's the day." He noted the new tabernacle and new monstrance, both blessed earlier that morning, and invited the congregation to come up and admire them after Mass. "By tradition, the tabernacle is covered...to symbolize the presence of Christ in the sacrament.... I deliberately left it off this morning." Then he said, "What a day to honor Mary as the queen of all saints. Let's stand and say the Angelus." All rose and turned to face a statue of the Virgin. "The angel of the Lord brought the tidings to Mary. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, full of grace..."

What happens when we die?

"I hope that I shall go to heaven," says Lowman.

— Matthew Lickona

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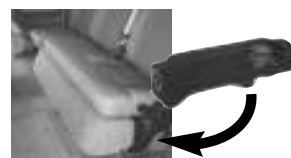
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— EVE KELLY

"Oh, and pumpkin pie is out. This year, I want chocolate. Nothing but chocolate." Uncle Max is at it again, ruffling feathers throughout the Kelly family chicken coop. He does love to see the older women grumble about broken traditions, but rich old Max is flying everyone in for Thanksgiving dinner, and he who pays the piper.... They squawked when he lined up a slew of stuffed squab — as far from the usual monster turkey as you can get while still eating birds. They complained about stirring massive batches of risotto instead of letting the electric mixer take care of the mashed potatoes. And asparagus with hollandaise instead of yams?

"Why don't we just move to France and be done with it?" asked Aunt Grace. But it's Grandma who's really put out. Every year, she makes the pumpkin pie; it's her signature at the end of the masterpiece that is the Kelly Thanksgiving.

Max is smart, I'll give him that. He came to me, because I'm Grandma's favorite. "She won't get mad at you," he surmised. "So I want you to run the hot chocolate bar. Find as many varieties of primo hot chocolate as you can. Be able to talk a little about each, and make sure I get plenty of your personal favorite." So I set off to the shops. Call me a peacemaker.

My friends Mary Ann and Cherie joined husband Patrick and me for the preliminary taste test. First up, Trader Joe's Organic Cocoa powder (\$4.99 for eight ounces), which proclaimed itself fit for either baking or drinking. The recipe called for equal parts of sugar and cocoa to be added to the milk. No one thought the result should be added to Thanksgiving. Cherie nosed out the biggest flaw: "It's got a sour nose and a sour taste." "There's no marriage of flavors," complained Mary Ann. "It tastes like cocoa powder and milk." But the next offering soothed both palate and conscience: the Trader Joe's Conacado Organic Fair Trade Cocoa (\$3.99 for 12 ounces). The cocoa is purchased from a growers' cooperative in the Dominican Republic, which ensures a good wage for the farmers. "I don't generally like too much ethics in my diet," said Patrick, "but this is good. A solid, bitter cocoa bite, and they didn't try to drown it with sugar."

We moved westward for a Mexican spiced cocoa from Mocafe-Azteca D'Oro (\$3.99 for 14 ounces at Whole Foods). All agreed that "spiced" was the main event here. "Overwhelming cinnamon," judged Patrick. "Cardamom," added Cherie. "The chocoholic needs more chocolate taste," quipped Mary Ann.

I steamed another pan of milk and opened the gold retro can of Scharffen Berger's (\$6.49 for eight ounces at Whole Foods). "The can's so stylish," admired Mary Ann. Patrick and I agreed that the flavor was bittersweet, sophisticated, and powerful. But we yearned for a little more body, a slightly thicker texture. That's what we got from the Schokinag European Drinking Chocolate (\$8.99 for 12 ounces at Whole Foods). "This

"It's hot chocolate based on chocolate."

is perfect in every way," hummed Cherie. "It's like I'm drinking chocolate shavings. It smells like pure chocolate." I liked the way it coated the insides of my cheeks and left a rich, earthy finish on my tongue.

Mary Ann preferred the Ghirardelli Premium Hot Cocoa (\$4.49 for 16 ounces at Whole Foods). "It's not front-loaded with sweetness like run-of-the-mill hot chocolate. Instead, it has a really roasted flavor and a long finish. A keeper for turkey day — oops, squab day."

Our last three candidates hailed from specialty shops around San Diego. Extraordinary Desserts sold Valrhona Cocoa Powder (\$9.95 for eight ounces) and Muscovado sugar (\$2.95 for four ounces) to sweeten the pot. The specialty sugar was thought to pair well with rich flavors like chocolate, thanks to its high molasses content and strong, lingering flavor. But, however appropriate the sugar, the end result didn't give us the fireworks we were expecting, given the price. All agreed that it produced a pleasant, balanced, creamy cocoa, but lacked richness and intensity.

It turned out that you can be too rich. The Mariebelle Aztec Hot Chocolate (\$24 for 20 ounces at In Good Taste in Coronado) was like drinking melted chocolate. (We found it

especially surprising, since we had made it with boiling water instead of milk.)

"It's an overload," admitted chocoholic Mary Ann. "It sticks to me.

Maybe I could take a shot of this, but not a whole cup." I checked the gorgeous tin, and noted that I had prepared it European-style: one cup of

mix to one cup of water. Also listed was an American-style recipe: one cup of mix to two cups water. That sounded more like it.

The longed-for fireworks came from the locals at Chuao's (shops in Carlsbad, Encinitas, Del Mar, and La Jolla). They sold two styles: a Spicy Maya and Hot Chocolate Abuela (each \$15 for 12 ounces). I liked the slightly spicy-hot finish on the Maya and was especially taken by the chili pepper flavor under the chocolate. Again, the texture surprised us — rich and frothy, even without milk. The Abuela sent us all into swoons. "It's like hot fudge, only not so cloying," marveled Patrick. "This is the one for Max," I smiled.

"We get our chocolate from Venezuela," said Thomas Pineda, Chuao's director of business development. "Then we grind that chocolate down into powder. It's hot chocolate based on chocolate. Most hot chocolates are based on cocoa powder, and the cocoa is depleted from all that fat and richness of true chocolate. Not to say they're not good; they're just very different. We add nonfat milk powder; that's why you only add water." The spices in the Maya version are a nod to history. "It was a very strong, potent drink, a very bitter drink — they didn't have sugar. But they did add spices." The Abuela, meanwhile, is a nod to tradition. "It actually follows Michael Antonorski's grandma's recipe. He's co-owner and head chef." Maybe Grandma will be mollified.

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BANANA MAN

by Josh Board

the Saturday before Halloween, I had over 50 party invitations. Folks in Murrieta said they'd prepare a guest room for me. Another invite enticed me with strippers on stripper poles. I chose five parties to visit, eliminating ones that were too far away, including one down south, where border patrol agents were hosting 500 people in an empty house. I'll write about the three best Halloween bashes in upcoming weeks.

I arrived at Gerald's San Carlos home around 7:30. His house had Halloween decorations everywhere, and Gerald was dressed as a pirate. His band, 3PieceUnit, was setting up their amps and speakers downstairs. I asked if the neighbors would complain about the noise. Gerald told me you couldn't hear the music from outside. "Besides, my neighbor on that side is deaf."

The set-up downstairs included a bar, where you could watch the band from (if your ears could take it). Gerald made me a drink he called "the three-way" — Malibu rum, Apple Pucker, and 7-Up.

One guy arrived in green make-up and a ripped shirt. I asked if he was the Hulk, and he said no. (I hate guessing a costume wrong.) The woman with



him was dressed in leather and held a whip. She said, "He's my slave." She told me that she usually throws the Halloween party and that it takes her a month to decorate. This year, she donated her decorations to Gerald's party.

A guy came in dressed as Elvis. I told him that he looked more like Chris Isaak. "I get that a lot," he said. When he was talking to a guy in a banana outfit, I said, "Get Elvis some

"I'm the obnoxious loud guy at parties."

peanut butter and he's set."

The banana sat behind the drums. His band was called The Blue Shift. When I asked the name of the band, Gerald jokingly said "The Blue Shaft." When they played, I couldn't hear the people I was talking to. I started to have this conversa-



tion with a stocky black guy. When he told me that he was a musician, I guessed bassist or drummer. He said he plays guitar in a heavy metal band called Benedictum. They've opened for Guns 'N Roses and Tool and have

played in festivals around the world. The last thing I heard him say before the band went into a surf song was, "I'm the obnoxious loud guy at parties."

There was an elaborate set-up for the bands — a video screen above them flashed images and colors. There was



Top left: Andrew as Elvis and Brian the Banana; Top right: Nick, Adriana, and Gerald; Bottom left: Rob and Jan; Bottom right: Lowell and Robin

more room upstairs, and you didn't have the music right in your face. It was like watching the bands from a balcony.

A pregnant nun came over and looked at the Star of David around my neck. I told her that I was "Jew Hefner." When I walked in, someone had asked, "Are you Super Jew?" I guess it looked as if the huge Star of David I made from Popsicle sticks and aluminum foil could deflect bullets. I wore a yarmulke, pajamas and slippers, and a smoking jacket. I had a *Playboy* sticking out of my pocket and a pipe in my mouth. One guy said, "Dude, you have

everything but the eight bunnies around you." When another guy grabbed my *Playboy* to look through it, he asked if there were any hot women inside. I showed my age when I said, "I didn't look at it yet. I saw on the cover that there was an interview with Tenacious D that I was looking forward to reading."

As we were talking, I heard a guy say, "Oh, yes, I can see a boob!" I looked up and it was a guy who had his chest sticking out of his shirt. Some people did see boobs, though. Someone who had done some pornography on-line showed up, and a crowd gathered to watch him with his date in the back yard. I felt bad for the band, who didn't realize why the crowd had shrunk.

A guy named Greg brought a bottle of tequila that he said a woman in Mexico makes herself. A woman dressed as a cop said, "What's in there?" and sounded like a real officer. Although I'm not much of a tequila drinker, it was one of the better tequilas I've tried. After three shots, I was buzzed. So when Gerald mentioned food in the other room, I went to have a bite. The talk in the kitchen was about how you get the taste of tequila out of your mouth. Greg said



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bananas work great. I looked to see if the banana guy was around.

Greg was wearing a wolf mask over his face. He said he's used it for 20 years because he's able to drink through it. He left to let his dogs out, and I asked if they got freaked out by his costume. "They know the sound of my car. And they know my smell. They know it's me, no matter what is covering my face."

A few women were dressed up in outfits with wings on their backs. As one walked by me, I was brushed with a wing. I asked her how often that happens. "Until I take them off," she said.

There was a Filipino couple dressed as a king and a princess. The guy was a coworker of Gerald's. I was told they call him Cinderella because he always leaves the parties by midnight. I thought about it later, and wondered if he was supposed to be Cinderella when I thought he was supposed to be a king.

Greg made the mistake of telling me that he works for Rock Stars Guitars. I had seen their website. They sold a Hendrix guitar for half a million dollars. He told me about the FBI sting in 2001 and how they asked him to help when a company was found selling forged sports memorabilia. He said after 9/11, the FBI

seemed to lose interest in the forgeries. I told Greg I was surprised that I never saw the guitar Pete Townsend threw out to the crowd at Woodstock being auctioned off. "That's because his manager got it back," Greg informed me. "You can even see that in the [video] clip. Usually, [Townsend's manager] went into the crowds and got the guitars back. I work directly with him, and we can verify if someone is selling a real guitar of Pete's or not."

I asked him if he could score me a deal on any guitars. He laughed and said, "We just had one of Keith Richards's. We sold that for \$690,000." I opened up my wallet, figuring I'd have enough for one of his guitar strings or a pick. ■

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Three Dog Night

There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.

— Deepak Chopra

Five bucks an hour was big money. It was couples’ Bunco night — I stood to get at least 12 dollars. And for what? Watching a Disney flick, eating some mac and cheese, and telling a few brats to go to bed early, after which I’d have at least an hour to channel surf or read? I loved calling it “work.” People respected you when you had to work — you had an excuse to be tired, to bemoan your “tough” job. At 13, I desired respect

almost as much as I craved a steady wad of singles to feed my Slurpee habit.

This was a repeat gig. The Rogers, an older couple with two young girls, had found me through the neighborhood wire — their daughters had been born in Asia and adopted by the Rogers around the same time their two biological sons were entering adulthood. This was before interracial adoptions were made trendy by A-list celebrities, back when a cynical preteen might won-

der what, exactly, these people were getting out of the deal. Slave labor? Tax write-offs? I dismissed anything that resembled selflessness, like, “Because we had love to give and money to spare,” because such altruistic notions were in direct opposition to what my dad always said was a fact of life: “Nobody does something for nothing.”

I felt like such a grown-up as I listened (with what I thought was an intense, adult-y look on my face) to my temporary employer as she rehashed the schedule she’d written on a piece of paper and attached to the fridge. Pizza had been preordered for us. A video of *Lady and the Tramp* was waiting in the VCR. It wasn’t a school night, so bedtime had been extended by half an hour to 9 p.m. I nodded my understanding, smiled like Mary

Poppins, and shooed her and her husband out the door, making sure to insist they have fun and not worry about a thing.

Even though I was only three years older than one of my two charges, I had been given the wand of responsibility. I tried not to let the power go to my head. Instead of saying, “You have to because I said so,” I’d play middle-manager under Mom and convince them to obey by shrugging my shoulders and saying, “It’s not that I want you to brush your teeth, I couldn’t care less — your mom does, though, and she asked me to tell her if you didn’t. I’d *hate* to have to do that.” If fear of parental wrath failed, I would employ guilt and coercion techniques I’d learned from my own mother, who has a black belt in manipulation.

It was my idea to drench Neapolitan ice cream in Hershey’s chocolate syrup for dessert, my idea to break out Candyland after the movie. I played it off like I was merely indulging the interests of the children, striving to be the “fun” babysitter, a favorite requested back time and again. It’s true I wanted to return, to earn myself more money and respect. But I wasn’t doing anything differently than what I would have done if I were home alone with a couple of friends.

Bedtime came and went. Calmed by the silence and comforted by the pillows with which I had surrounded myself on the

sofa, I nodded off while reading. Even so, it was a superficial sleep; at the sound of keys working at the front door, I sprang to my feet and stood at attention.

“How’d everything go?” asked Mrs. Rogers. Mr. Rogers, ever present and apparently mute, sifted through papers on the kitchen counter.

“Oh, great, really, they’re, like, the easiest.” I prided myself for taking the time to clean up the mess we’d made of our ice cream.

“Okay, then,” she said, negotiating her wallet. “Here’s 15 dollars. You have all your stuff?” I held up the book in my hand. “Alright, let’s get you home.”

I sat in the front seat of the minivan as if I were used to riding shotgun (in my family, the seats were assigned by seniority, so, as second to youngest, I rarely got to sit up front). Mrs. Rogers asked me about school, about my family and friends. I answered matter-of-factly, the way “mature” people talk.

I’d been staring at the mist lit by the headlights when three dogs suddenly appeared in the beams. The brakes were slammed. There was a loud bang. I had the sensation of driving over a speed bump. I shot Mrs. Rogers a puzzled, wide-eyed look. “Wha...? Did you...?”

“Sit tight, I’m going to get out and check,” she said.

I stared at the road, still illuminated by

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the headlights.

"Okay, this is what's happening." I hadn't noticed until she spoke that Mrs. Rogers was back behind the wheel. "The dog is under the back tire. But I think it's dead. I'm going to back up a little so I can check for sure."

"Okay," I whispered.

Mrs. Rogers put the car in reverse and took her foot off the brake. A desperate, piercing howl echoed in the street; my body stiffened. "Oh, my God. Oh, my God," I chanted, closing my eyes, trying to shut out the noise.

Neighbors began to gather outside. This time when Mrs. Rogers exited the car I heard the low murmur of voices as the adults helped brainstorm her next move.

"This is what we're going to do," she said, once back in her seat, her voice unsteady. "I'm pretty sure the dog is dead now, but I can't keep backing up because my front tire might...well, I'm going to go forward and just get the car completely off of it. Then I'm going to take you home and come back while these nice people wait for the owner to show up."

Unable to find any appropriate words and no longer willing to utter an untruthful "okay," I offered a curt nod.

She put the car in drive. Again I felt what I now knew was not a speed bump under the tire. A second later the howl returned, a haunting swan song that, to this day, continues to ring in my ears on sleepless nights.

Mrs. Rogers babbled without taking a breath for the rest of the four-block ride, a distance I silently chastised myself for not opting to walk. "You know, it probably didn't feel any pain, or at least not *much* pain. I mean, I don't even think it was breathing at one point. And, oh, the poor owner, but those dogs weren't kept in a yard, and

they weren't on leashes, and it was so dark, and they appeared out of nowhere! So fast, so fast." At the time, I thought she was trying to make *me* feel better. It was only later that I considered I wasn't the only one who heard the howling.

I remained stone-faced all the way home. "Are you sure you're okay?" Mrs. Rogers asked after I opened the door to leave.

"Yeah. The lights are on, so my parents should be home. Let me know if you, uh, hear anything. About the dog, you know." My jaw was tense with the

strain of containing my emotions. *Stiff upper lip, don't be a baby.*

"I will," said Mrs. Rogers. "I promise. Oh, I'm so sorry, Barb. That was awful, just awful. But, it's okay. I think the dog is at peace now. I'll let you know if I find anything out." I was tempted to check the front of the van for blood stains, but I suppressed my curiosity and headed for my house.

Once inside, I yelled, "Mom?! Dad?!" No response. I called out again, desperately, "MOM?! DAD?!" In a house where the TV was always blasting and people

were forever talking over one another, the silence was as jarring as a cell phone ringing during a sermon. My parents weren't yet home from couple's Bunco night. I was alone. And I'd just been an accomplice in the slow, torturous murder of an anonymous neighborhood dog.

I turned on the TV and blasted the volume. I

fought to stave off the flashing images of dogs frozen in headlights and rocked my body back and forth, hoping to quiet the howls echoing in my head. Over the din of the laugh track on a rerun of *I Love Lucy*, I could hear my sobs and the embarrassing words I was unable to stop forming through spit and snot: "Mommy...Daddy..." ■

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Groucho: Well then, you won't need the ten cents I was going to give you.

In a more contemporary movie, *Reservoir Dogs*, Steve Buscemi tells a mob boss he won't tip at a restaurant, because no one does at McDonald's, and those kids work just as hard.

Should you tip when you're on a cruise? Opinions differ. What about a furniture place that advertises "free delivery"? Howard Stern's sidekick Robin didn't, and calls came in that she was cheap, prompting Stern to declare, "I always tip everyone, because people know I'm rich. And I don't want them saying I'm cheap." If you are buying a \$6 coffee at Starbucks, why is there a tip jar at the counter?

I was on a bus in New York that had three different signs informing riders that tipping was welcomed.

Andy Rooney has complained about tipping, saying, "Even when the service is bad, I still end up leaving a tip."



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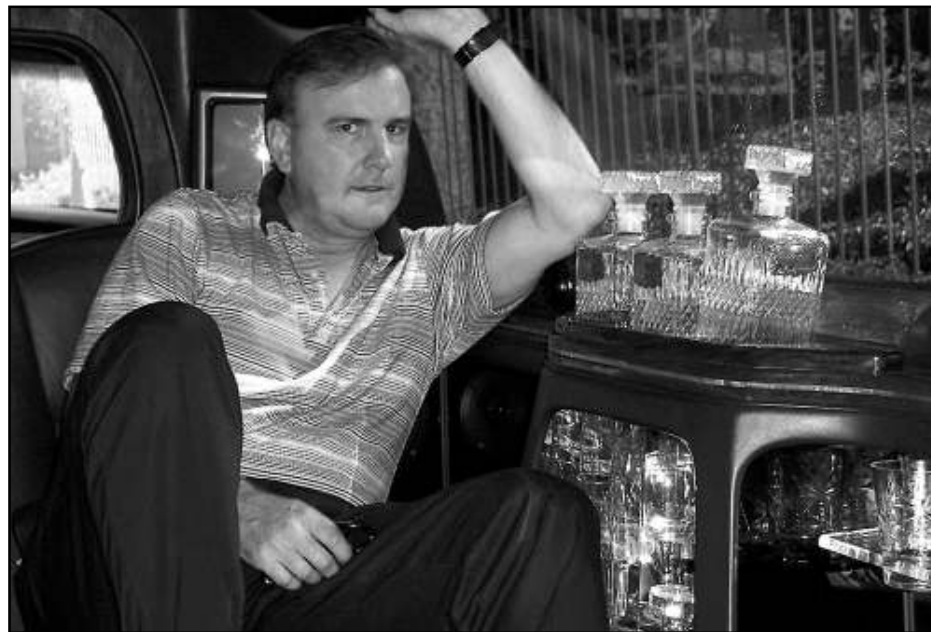
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As a child, I saw bathroom attendants who waxed shoes. Now, in clubs and restaurants,

they stand by with a towel, or a variety of colognes, mints, and hairsprays. I wash my hands, watching from the corner of my eye. Do I give the guy a dollar, just for handing me a towel?

In January 1989 in Connecticut, a waiter stabbed a patron who left a \$2 tip on a \$50 bill.

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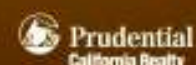


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ter than locals. The tourists from Arizona are the best tipppers."

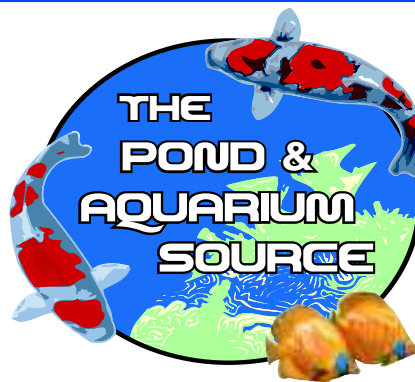
Do you notice a difference in tipping between rich people and working class or between different races?

"Yes. Rich people are worse. They don't value workers. They think of you as just a babysitter for their kids. It's hard to say they are cheap, because a party I might do in Del Mar, they pay me well to be there. But when they come into the Red Robin, they might not even tip me. Or they give their child a dollar to hand me before I've even started some sword, which uses more than a dollar's worth of balloons. Blue-collar workers seem to be the best tipppers. With race, I think cultures just do things different. Mexicans from Mexico don't tip. But if I tell them a price for something their kids want, they'll pay. If I tell them I work for tips, I usually get a single dollar for an entire table. With African Americans, I either get an amazing tip, or I get nothing, like I owe it to them. I can tell by the way they are talking to me that they feel this way. I'm Jewish, and I want to tell them, 'Look, my people were slaves, too.' Everyone is worse, the closer you get to Christmas."

What professions out there are you unsure of yourself when it comes to tipping?

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If you don't get tipped, what do you do?

"I thank them and walk away."

Sandi goes on to explain that tipping may be discretionary, but if she's doing a complex design, and it takes more time and is creative, the person should tip accordingly. She adds, "A poodle takes me 30 seconds. I

did a big tiger once that was over eight feet tall and four feet wide. That took me 90 hours."

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Mike Donovan delivers pizzas for Domino's in Mira Mesa. Drivers are

paid \$1.20 per run for mileage, but it's been the same for years, even with gas prices going up. Papa John's pays 65 cents. Donovan explained that the restaurant's delivery charge doesn't go to the driver, which many

customers mistakenly believe. He says, "I hate the fact that everyone tips in a restaurant, and all they do is bring you the food. Maybe you get a refill on your Coke. We have to go out in the rain looking for an apartment, or

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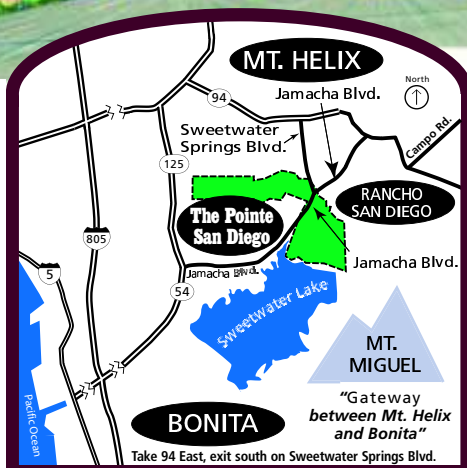
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you've gotten?

"Usually it's delivering to a party. It's that dynamic, of everyone throwing money into the pot; people are in a good mood. I've had times where I end up with a \$20 tip out of that. Once I had an \$8 order, where someone gave me \$20 and told me to keep the change."

What is the worst?

"Aside from busy times, in the rain during football season, and getting stiffed, I once had a disabled person not tip me. When he placed the order, he wanted a lot of extra stuff. Napkins, peppers, and things like that. The guy wanted me to bring it into his house, place it on his table. I had to go back to my car and get all the extras he wanted. I didn't get a tip from him."

Who are the best tipppers?

"People partying."

Do you notice a difference in rich people or between races?

"I delivered in Rancho Bernardo, and the tips weren't better than Mira Mesa. I don't buy into the myth that poor people tip more. It doesn't make sense. Ultimately, people that make more money have more to throw around and will tip better. When I deliver on the Miramar Base in the barracks, sometimes the grunts tip well. The higher-ranking officers sometimes didn't tip for shit. I have found that black people don't tip. There might be one out there that does. I'm not talking about you. But you need to talk to your brothers, because they just don't tip. On the radio they talked about a university that did a huge study, and it showed that blacks are bad tipppers. They were

right."

What professions are you not sure about tipping?

"Skycaps and bus drivers. I tip generously when guys wash my car. They're putting a lot of work into it."

If you don't get tipped, what do you do?

"I will ask, 'Was there anything wrong with the service?' Sometimes they say no, and I say 'Oh,' and then walk away. It's not like

that helps. It's never gotten someone to open their wallet back up."

Mike goes on to explain that when he delivered flowers, he rarely got tips, but that didn't bother him.

"I figured the people receiving the flowers didn't order them or weren't expecting them. So I don't expect a tip. But what bothers me about delivering pizzas is the fact that someone who should

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Sexy Lexy Lilix is a stripper at the Body Shop off Rosecrans. She's been "dancing" for six months. She says she hates when guys have excuses for not tipping. "They will say they just got there

and don't have any change. Or they say they didn't see me onstage. They are sitting there staring at my pussy, and then they don't tip. I hate that." What is the best tip you've gotten?

"Someone gave me a \$100 tip once." What is the worst? "Not getting a tip. You are dancing naked in front of them for a few songs, and when you go around to collect tips, they convey-

niently leave." Who are the best tippers? "I don't know. Some guys will be dressed up and you think they have money, and they don't tip well. You can never tell."

Another stripper walked by and told me military guys suck. Do you notice a difference among wealthier patrons or different races tipping a certain way? "I don't really want

to get into that." What professions are you not sure about tipping? "I don't know. I tip most workers. I don't know about anyone else. If someone does a job for me, I tip them." If you don't get tipped, what do you do?

"I'll say, 'Did you see my dance?' It's a nicer way of asking for the tip. Then I usually tell them to be sure to tip the next girl."

I've heard some stories about dancers only working for tips, or just getting minimum wage. Others have said they have to pay for "stage time." When I ask about this, Lexy doesn't give me a straight answer. She does tell me she wants to get into holistic medicine when she finishes school.

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Howard Clayton has been a limo driver for 25 years. He said it's fun to watch people rent the limo and how they act completely different after lots of drinks. He says, "And the more people drink, the bigger my tip usually is. I think they lose track of money. Tipping is also an act. You learn to take care of people, and they take care of you."

What was your best tip?

"I've gotten a \$300 tip for working eight hours, for eight people."

What's your worst tip?

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"Masseuses, valets, hotel luggage people,

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If you don't get tipped, what do you do?

"What can you do? I can't peel out of there in a cloud of smoke and burning rubber. I've found, though, that when you do little things for clients, they're happy. Helping ladies out of the car, cleaning the glasses, or whatever might make them feel more comfortable."

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Christine Fleming has been a hairstylist for 20 years in Scripps Ranch. She says, "I was having a conversation about tipping with my husband the other day."

What was your best tip?

"Probably during the holidays. I've gotten really big tips for Christmas. Usually, since I charge a man \$30 for a haircut,

they'll give me \$3-\$5. I charge females \$40 and will get \$5-\$10. If there is a chemical service involved, it can be \$5-\$20."

What was your worst?

"Well, about 3 percent of my clients don't tip. Although, at holidays, some of those people give me gifts. They are showing their appreciation that way."

Since Christine rents her space and can charge what she wants, I tell her it's not the same as someone working at Fantastic Sam's, where they get paid every two weeks and count on tips. She can charge what she wants. Christine agrees

and says, "It is weird when someone is an independent contractor, and I never get offended by not being tipped. I do hate when I am somewhere and I pay the amount and am asked, 'Do you need

What professions are you not sure about tipping?

"I haven't thought about it. I'm a really good tipper at restaurants. I'm not sure if you tip gardeners at your house, or the

"Sometimes, you have a rich person that doesn't tip, or someone that doesn't have a fancy car, they give you a nice tip."

change?' They assume the change is going to be their tip, and it's often way too much."

Who are the best tipppers? Does it help that you are in a neighborhood like Scripps Ranch, instead of Logan Heights?

"Well, Scripps is nice. I don't know if you'd think about starting a business in Logan Heights, but I'm sure the barbers that work there are tipped. Even if it's the bare minimum."

Do you notice a difference in races, or the amount of money someone makes, determining how much they tip?

"I don't find that at all. From what I hear, a lot of rich people aren't the best tipppers."

cleaning lady."

If you don't get tipped, what do you do?

"I'm not bothered if I don't get tipped. I don't automatically expect it. I'm always grateful when someone does. Even if they don't, I'm still happy to have their business."

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Eduardo Bayao has been a parking valet for a year, on Prospect in La Jolla, right near George's on the Cove.

What is the best tip you've ever gotten?

"A \$20 bill."

What is the worst?

"Not getting nothing. It was during the day, and I had to run a long way to get the person's car."

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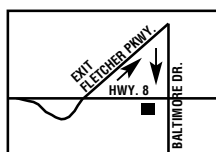
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tipper?

"La Jolla residents seem to tip good. Working in La Jolla probably helps."

Have you noticed a difference in races, or class of people?

"I don't know about the different people. When people come to La Jolla, I think they know they are going to spend money. They are going to these restaurants,

and so...the type of people coming here, most of them have money. Sometimes, you have a rich person that doesn't tip, or someone that doesn't have a fancy car, they

give you a nice tip. It's hard to tell sometimes. I've heard other people complain about certain races, but I've never experienced a problem with any other races."

What professions are you not sure about tipping?

"Yeah, my insurance. The other day, I left my keys in the car and I called them. They came and opened the car, and I forgot to tip

the guy. I didn't even think about it until he was leaving."

If you don't get tipped, what do you do?

"We charge \$7 per car to park, so I understand that some people won't tip us, because we already charge them to park their car. Often, only one or two dollars is all we are tipped."

The manager comes over and tells

me, "We did put a sign up that said gratuity is appreciated, because a lot of people don't know they should tip."

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I talked to the owners of the Flower Box in Sorrento Valley. They didn't want to be named but had a lot of opinions on tips. One owner, the man who does most of the deliveries, answered most of my questions. He said, "There is a difference between someone carrying a pizza or two a little ways, or loaded flowers that you have to present just right, you can't break the vase or anything. If the pizza guys get tipped, I don't know why we don't. It's beyond me."

What's been your best tip?

"I got one yesterday, a guy gave me two bucks. I've gotten only a handful of tips in my career. And I'm out there with lots of flowers, and I have to hurry. And sometimes they stop me and say, 'Wait a minute,' and they are spending three or four minutes looking through their purse, to hand me a dollar. I'd rather they just keep it and let me go do my next delivery."

What is the worst tip?

"Well, 99 percent of our deliveries, we don't get tipped. And, they are getting flowers. Someone out there thinks they're special. I had a delivery today, I had to go back three times. The address was wrong and the woman was just 'Here, give me my flowers!' I wonder how much service they want. It wasn't even worth a buck tip to them. One time, I carried something that weighed almost 250 pounds. I asked if they had a dolly. They

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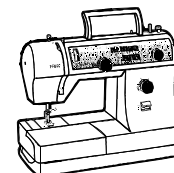
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didn't. I got three Mexicans that were out there to help me carry it on something. We had to wait, because the dentist in Del Mar wasn't ready to put it down yet. Not only did we not get a tip, but they were upset, because they thought it would be bigger."

Who are the best tippers?

"Maybe men. The majority of flowers go to women. The majority of pizzas delivered probably go to guys, and they usually tip the drivers. And men tip better when they are with women, at a restaurant or something."

Have you noticed a



Nan Lam

difference in race, or class of people?
"Nobody tips when they come into the

shop," says the lady preparing a bouquet.
"Aside from saying, 'Keep the change.' The

less wealthy seem to be the ones that tip better."
What professions

are you not sure about tipping?
"I don't know...I tip the hairstylist.

Maybe a furniture delivery I wouldn't tip, because they might charge \$20, so I don't think it's necessary."
If you don't get tipped, what do you do?
"I just move on to my next delivery. Since most people don't tip me, I'm not surprised by it. I really can't figure out why that is, though. The excuse I hear is they didn't know the flowers were coming. You didn't know Valentine's Day was coming? You didn't know you'd get flowers on Mother's Day? Come on!"

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What is the best tip you've ever gotten?

"One hundred fifty dollars for a pedicure and wax. She was really satisfied and very nice. She was late and gave me \$50 first. Her cost was \$58, and when I finished, she gave me another \$100. It helps that she was very well off."

What was your worst tip?

"Somebody not tipping would be the worst. But I've had times where people come in for a waxing and they've just been to the gym. They haven't showered and stink, and they don't tip. It's also frustrating when someone demands a lot. They want nails a certain way, you do that, then they change their mind and want something else. You spent so much time with them and don't get tipped."

Who are the best tippers?

"People in the same profession, or service industry. Waitresses, hairstylists, hotel or catering; those professions all tip well."

Is there a difference in races and how people tip? Being Vietnamese...do you get tipped more by Vietnamese women?

"Vietnamese don't

tip. It's not part of the culture. They are a third-world country, so unless someone was raised here.... My parents might tip a dollar if they get their hair

done, but that's it."

Asked about other races, she says, "Generally, black people don't tip. I've been tipped on occasion, but usually not. I hate to say that,

though. It makes me sound mean. And even if someone doesn't tip me, I'm happy they came in."

What professions are you not sure about

tipping?

"Clothing alterations. I don't usually tip unless it's a holiday and I've been going there for a long time. I wouldn't tip a house-

keeper either."

If you don't get tipped, what do you do?

"I don't do or say anything. I still thank them for coming in.

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You get some people that tip really well and some that don't tip at all. It ends up averaging out."

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I tried to talk to ten different cab drivers, but none of them were game. I guess they only talk if the meter is running. A few claimed their English wasn't strong enough. A few others thought it would hurt business. One said, "No camera, no photos! You leave, now!" When I saw the pedicabs nearby, I approached them.

Mehmet Alkanlar and his girlfriend Merlin Turginmaz are here from Turkey and have



Mehmet Alkanlar, Merlin Turginmaz

only been riding a pedicab for three days. They work downtown near Horton Plaza and

charge \$5 per person for short distances, but for more than three or four miles, it is \$15.

I asked about their best tips and Mehmet said, "Two hours ago, I picked up an Indian woman — a software engineer — and I'm studying that. We talked about software and stuff. She bargained very hard. I said \$10 for Radisson, but she wanted a ride for \$5. Then she said \$7. We talked and argued. I told her my living expenses, for one day here, is \$50. I need to make that in a day. When we got there,

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instead of just giving me \$10, she handed me \$50." Merlin said, "I'm

mostly, African Americans don't seem to use the pedicabs."

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not as lucky as him [Mehmet]. My best tip so far was \$4."

Worst tip?

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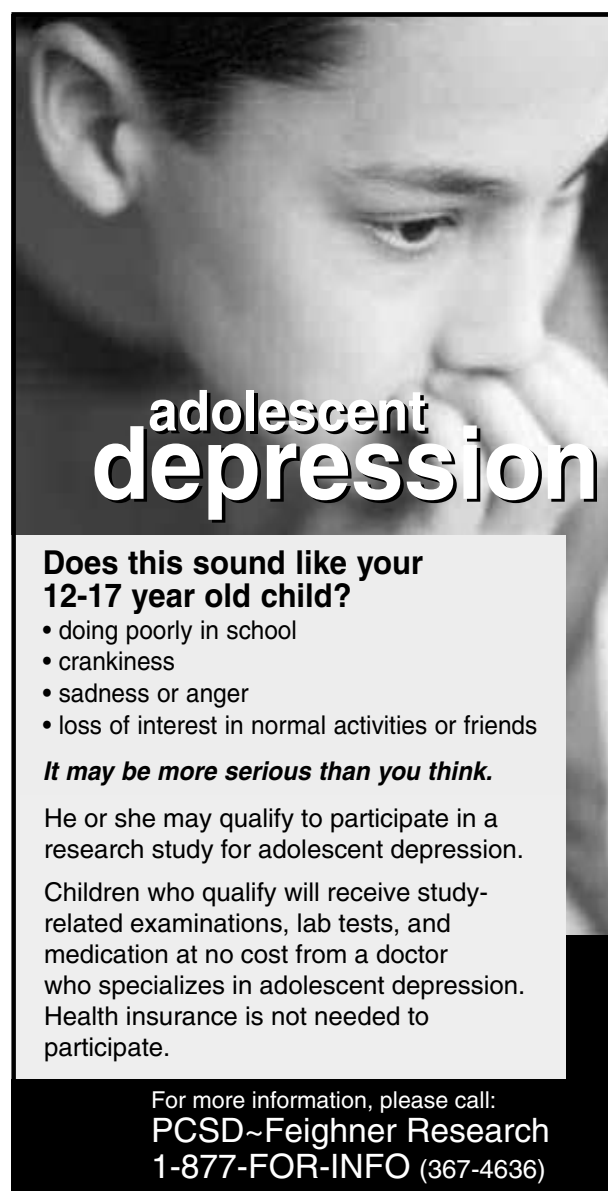
"Well, people going to or from the big hotels, they usually tip more. The locals don't seem to use the pedicabs much."

Does race factor into tipping?

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What professions are you not sure about tipping?

"Actually, we are



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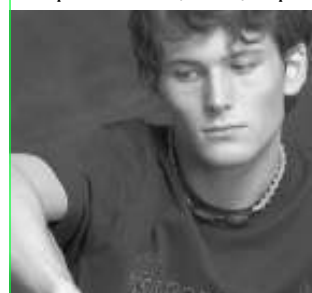
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has been a hairstylist for 32 years. "I worked in England, Denmark, Norway, and America. I did hair for MTV in Los Angeles and some film and TV. Now I'm down here. And tips play a big factor in my profession, determining where you'll work. People will drive from Santee all the way to Encinitas or Leucadia to work, because the tips are so much

better."

What was your best tip?

"I got a \$100 tip for a regular man's haircut. Oh, John Candy once gave me \$500, on the set of *Going Berserk*. And he insisted that I eat before I leave, too."

What is the worst tip?

"Nothing, of course. When I did hair for stars, and they didn't like the hairstyle,

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they just wouldn't pay me. That's even worse, because I'm not paid or tipped. On the set of *Mike's Murder* I finished at 5 p.m. and then Debra Winger wanted me to do her hair. I spent two and a half hours on it, and she hated it. She went into her trailer, got upset, and I wasn't paid for that extra time."

Who are the best tippers?
 "The working class is the best. I can also say things about where people come from. Different nationalities have a difference about tipping. People in northern Europe don't

tip at all, and they expect a fabulous job. That's in Norway and Denmark. In England, people give tips. Just a minimum amount. When I worked in Beverly Hills, I made the most in tips. You would be surprised, though. The stars are not the best tippers, even though they make the most money."

Is there a difference among races?
 "Oh, definitely. And areas of town. A hairdresser in Chula Vista will hardly make anything in tips. But in Oceanside, where all the military guys are, you might be doing \$2

haircuts, but they make \$200 or \$300 a day doing those. They give a lot of tips, but the other Oceanside resi-

people, the less they tip. Let's say a Mexican person comes into my salon, and they see other people tipping;

"When they find out I'm Filipino, they impose and expect some sort of discount or figure they can tip nothing at all. That drives me nuts!"

dents don't tip so well. I think Caucasian people are more used to tipping than other races. The poorer the

they tip too, because they want to be like everyone else."
 If you don't get tipped, what can you

do or say about it?

"I always ask people if they are happy. This weekend, I did a teenager's hair. The father went to go shopping, and when he came back he was so mad. He had told me what he wanted, but his daughter said something different. He was furious, but he still tipped me. It can be awkward, but usually the receptionist will say, 'Is that the amount you want to put on your card, or would you like to add a gratuity to that?' I have her handle it, so I don't have to."

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Tracy Ibarreta is a cartoonist and psychic medium. She started for the Bonita Vista High School newspaper but ended up working at Downtown Disney. She said, "Thanks to that job I was able to build my speed to draw one black-and-white caricature in one minute, per person. With color, it's about five minutes. I did private events at Disneyland, California Adventure, and many other places. I moved back to San Diego and have drawn for *For Rent Magazine* and many other events. In

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between, I'm at Balboa Park on a donation/tip basis, because permits are free. I am not allowed to say an exact dollar amount, but I can suggest a tip range. I average \$5-\$10 a person, which is a fourth of what they charge at most theme parks. I do my readings in North Park, but I don't push tipping as much there. Some readers leave money out as a hint, but I chose not to. I sometimes get \$5 or \$10. When I draw, I hate it when people try to pay per page. It's okay for one person, but if five or six people are on the page, it's the same time and effort as if they were drawn on separate sheets. I also hate when I'm showed with good comments but left with a tip that says otherwise."

What is the best tip



Tracy Ibarreta

you've gotten?

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Who are the best tippers?

"Rich people tend to tip better."

Is there a difference in the races regarding tips?

"First and foremost, I want to make it

clear that I have received awesome tips from people of all sorts of races and religions. I think it has to do more with social classes in my experience. However, I have to say the majority, but not all, of my better tips come from Caucasians and Asians. There is a bit of irony to this, though. I am of Filipino descent and have done caricatures for older-generation Filipinos. When they find out I'm Filipino, they impose and expect some sort of

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What professions are you not sure about tipping?

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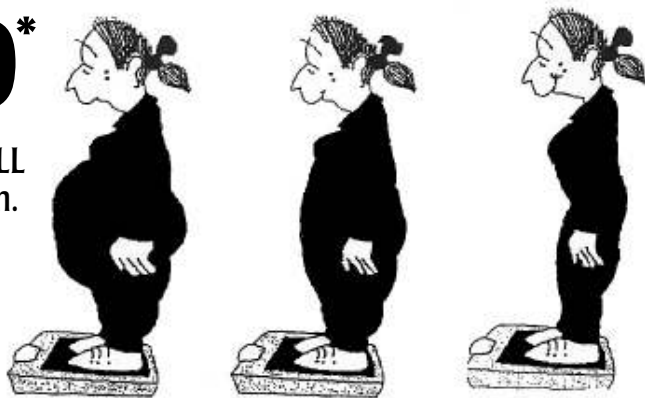


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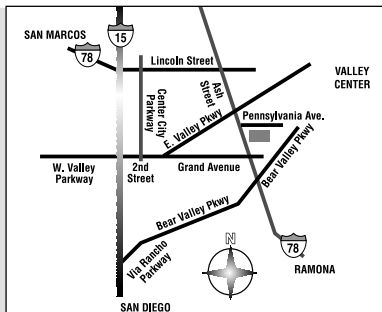
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I have no recollection of the following incident, but my mom enjoys telling me about it often: When I was about two years old, my mother's African American friend Larry came into town to visit. Upon his arrival, he and my mother walked into the living room and began reminiscing about their college years spent at UC Davis.

After a few minutes, I got up from playing with my blocks and wandered into the living room to see who our visitor was. I stood there and looked at Larry for some time. Then, without a word, I walked up to where he was sitting and took his hand in mine. I looked at the top of his dark hand curiously and then turned it over to discover its white underside. My eyes moved from his hand to his face and then to his hand again. Seemingly satisfied with what I saw, I strolled back over to my blocks. My young mind only noticed a difference between Larry and me, but I passed no judgment, for I had grown up in a nonracist home that strongly believed that what lies within a person's heart determines their worth.

It overwhelms me to think of the endless possibilities that would emerge if people today could see someone of a different race than themselves and acknowledge their differences without thinking any less of them. It saddens me to think of the horrific ways people treat each other now, especially in the United States. I mean, people look to the United States as an example of equality and equal opportunity; if people don't change soon, though, Americans will lose hope, "for where does one run to when he's already in the promised land?" (from Claude Brown's book *Manchild in the Promised Land*).

— Emma Seemann,
Carlsbad H.S. graduate

Being from a well-off white family, I would not be considered a usual target of discrimination. However, it was racism that caused my parents to move from Russia to America. Since the time of the Russian monarchy, Jewish people in Russia (among other places) have been persecuted, both publicly and privately. Though my family had only a fraction of Jewish blood, my parents, afraid that my brother and I would be teased and discriminated against in school, left behind our entire family and moved to a foreign country.

My parents have succeeded in protecting us. I had not encountered any kind of discrimination in my 11 years in America — even having lived in Detroit — until junior year of high school. In art class, my fellow students had begun a conversation about religion. I was not interested in the discussion until they began talking about religion and compatibility. The two self-proclaimed Catholic guys agreed that they could never marry a Jew, going on to list stereotypical Jewish character flaws. I was appalled. Here I was, halfway across the globe, in a predominantly white, educated community, and facing the discrimination that my parents sought to avoid.

Now, I myself have some prejudiced opinions; everyone does. That does not mean that I go around espousing racist or sexist propaganda. The difference between a normal human being who is inherently prejudiced in some way and one we call racist is in how they express their beliefs. Sharing racist jokes with a close family member may not be politically correct, but the majority of people do it, and it is generally harmless. Problems arise when people take their opin-



ions a step further and act on them in a way that harms or offends.

There is no way to eradicate racism. Even if people do not share their opinions publicly, they will always have some prejudiced beliefs. All we can do is promote peace and eliminate the possibility of hate crimes.

— Jennie Matusova,
La Jolla H.S.

Racism was first made apparent to me when I was around nine years old. I remember watching a program on TV that showed the Ku Klux Klan. I saw crosses burning and heard Klan members talking disgustingly about African Americans. I remember on that show I saw men and babies dressed in white sheets that made them look like ghosts. The hateful behavior baffled my mind; I'd never heard of such terrible deeds.

The only thing I recall being aware of was that the images elicited feelings in me I never experienced before; I knew that those men dressed in white had no good intentions. Since then, I've become more aware of the

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little jokes and comments about minorities. They were obviously derived from more serious and consequential actions years ago.

I don't witness any acts of racism regularly, but here and there I hear pieces of information that prove racism still exists. I heard a story that a few African Americans got on a bus but there were no seats available except those in the back. So, the bus driver told them to go sit in the back. That caused a confrontation and showed that racism still affects people.

I have found that older people from the South still have racist tendencies. They grew up in the midst of segregation between whites and blacks and lived with the idea that nothing was wrong with that. People mold themselves according to how they grew up. Their experiences and what they witnessed grew on them because that is all they knew. Therefore, the Southern elderly have a tendency to think how they did while growing up, which in most cases involves racism.

Although such racism has died down considerably, it will never be fully destroyed. Minorities now have an automatic defensive outlook on others because of the terrible past their ancestors endured. This usually results in counterracism. As long as any prejudice among any persons exists, racism will, too. It will never be demolished because of the past and the grudges people hold because of the events of history.

— Lexie Sebring,
Carlsbad H.S. graduate

I cannot remember the first time I heard a racist remark; it seems as if the insults and the attitudes have always been there. I hear racism from a group of immature pre-teens who giggle while watching the movie *Roots*. They giggle at the word "nigger."

I hear racism at 7-Eleven, where migrant workers wait patiently for a job. Some people walk by and feel embarrassed for their hardship. People should feel embarrassed for the teenagers driving away, Slurpees in hand, yelling "wetbacks!" out the window.

As an adolescent, I witness racism from others my age. It's gotten to the point where I'm used to it. It's got-

ten to the point where kids will deem it "all in good fun" and everyone just shrugs it off. The sad part is people think the "real" racism is over. People think that the '60s are over and we can all move on. We have moved on, but we've moved on to a different kind of racism, the kind of racism that is so often ignored, is given the opportunity to grow stronger and turn into a common attitude that is not only tolerated but expected.

Our racism doesn't involve Jim Crow laws and lynching, so people think it's no big deal; it's only words, so where's the harm? I'd love to say there is no harm, but I can't. And here's the kicker: we can't have sit-ins, we can't have marches, and we can't throw rallies because it's impossible to start a cause for a problem that people don't believe exists.

Hopefully, the next time you hear a racist remark you'll take the time to listen because then you'll hear the raw, natural ugliness. Then we'll be aware of a problem that we can finally start to fix.

— Andres Perez,
Valhalla H.S.

Despite our nation's many efforts to abolish racism, it still affects us strongly today. In my life I haven't experienced many different occasions where racism was present. In my small town there are not many other races than Caucasian so I haven't experienced any specific examples of racism.

I have seen many movies with racist views or examples. One of those movies, *Crash*, opened my eyes to how people act toward other

racers. It amazes me how someone could look at someone else differently only because of skin color.

No one in my family is in any way racist, and I believe that is why I have been so sheltered from those views in my life. I hope that one day in the future people can get past their racist views; yet I doubt that will happen because some people are so narrow-minded.

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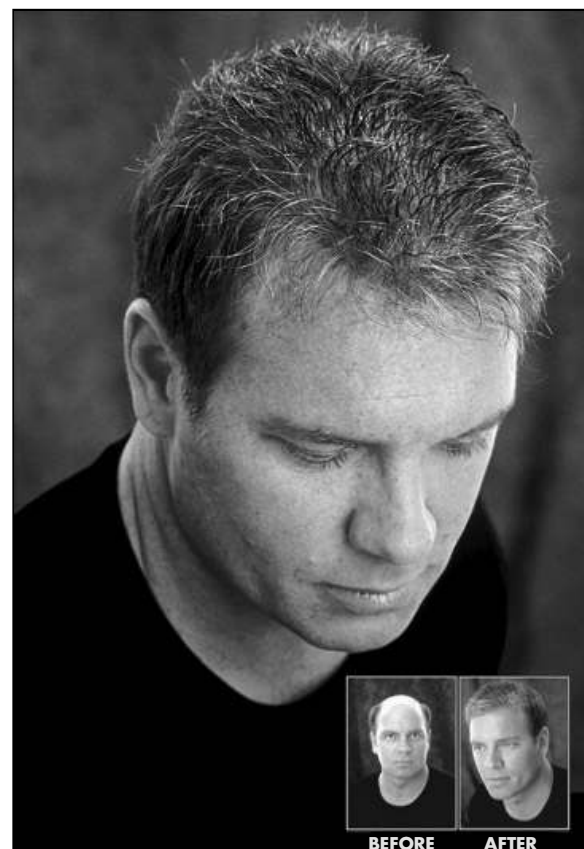
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But perhaps the most mysterious thing he ever said about it was this. I was questioning him on the subject...and had incautiously said, “Of course, I realize it’s all rather too vague for you to put into words,” when he took me up rather sharply by saying, “On the contrary, it is words that are vague. The reason why the thing can’t be expressed is that it’s too definite for language.” — *C.S. Lewis, Voyage to Venus*

THE PARTCH

It is a warm August morning — an omen that summer heat will vie for one’s attention all day — and the fragments of haze that remain from the dawn seek refuge, in slowly receding shadows, from the sunlight. Inside an auditorium of the music building at San Diego State University, however, shadows dominate. They surround a dimly lit stage where a collection of large, strange, beautiful musical instruments stands in silence. Each instrument looks more like a piece of sculpture, yet each is capable of producing the sounds inside of a normal musical sound. They are made from all sorts of unlikely, though carefully tested objects, such as Pyrex containers lopped in half, eucalyptus boughs, artillery shell casings, and empty bottles of Harvey’s Bristol Cream Sherry. And they have mysterious, evocative names like Zymo-Xyl, Quadrangularis Reversum, Mazda Marimba, and New Boo. They are part of the priceless, controversial legacy left behind by Harry Partch, a visionary musical composer, when he died in San Diego six years ago. Partch, a Magellan of Western music who designed and built the instruments and who explored numerous uncharted regions of sound, also left behind several theatrical/musical compositions that, when performed, roll into you like auditory tidal waves, that articulated the reaches of harmony and discord in his own heart, and that force you to add at least 35 new colors to your conception of a rainbow. He also left behind an armada of unanswered questions and problems.

Generally the death of a composer creates problems. But if the composer wrote for the conventional instruments of an orchestra, using the dominant tuning system of the West — the 12-tone scale of the piano — the problems are usually matters of interpretation and proper emphasis during a performance of the works. At age 29, however, Harry Partch gathered up 14 years of music he had written, based on what he called the “tyranny of the piano” and the 12-tone scale, and summarily burned it in a big iron stove. He termed this act his *auto-da-fe*, “a confession to myself that in pursuing the respectable, the widely accepted,

I had not been faithful.” He felt he was only an imitator of the tradition he found dumped on him, without ever questioning the ideas that lay beneath it or its ability to express the confluence of oceanic, non-Western minisounds he heard in the world around him. For the next four and a half decades, most of the time working in virtual obscurity, Partch devoted his entire life to the production of those sounds. Only very late in life did he acquire a belated but significant international reputation (to this day he is still more revered in Europe than in America) as both a major musical composer and as an innovative genius. When he died in 1974, he had built around 30 instruments and had devised complex theories of intonation and even of performance to accompany them. His legacy has created problems equally complex. It has constituted, in music circles, almost a national debate.

The questions are easy to ask, the problems easy to understand. Stated simply, they are: What now? Where does one go from here? What is being done, or should be done, with

State University who worked with Partch for 18 years and who legally inherited the legacy, has been the focus of both praise and criticism for the work he has done with the inheritance.

Other problems intrude here as well. The instruments are in varying

performance, it is irreplaceable. A substitute bowl necessitates rewriting the parts of the score in which it appears. And the Harry Partch Foundation, headed by Mitchell, has only limited sources of funding at present (derived largely from the royalties on Partch’s intriguing book *Genesis of a Music*), a large portion of which goes into the upkeep and repair of the slowly deteriorating instruments. Also, the Harry Partch Ensemble, an ever-changing group of volunteer musicians trained to play the unique instruments, requires enormous amounts of time (yet with no financial reimbursement) from its members for rehearsals and performances. And only six or seven performers of the original ensemble remain, two of whom are leaving the area shortly.

Of this and other problems, one member of the Harry Partch Ensemble has said, “The legacy is like a dying species in a zoo. The instruments are one-of-a-kind, and they are so cumbersome it’s very expensive to get the music heard. The large fee required just to move them around is self-limiting. And yet people all over the world, who think they and only they

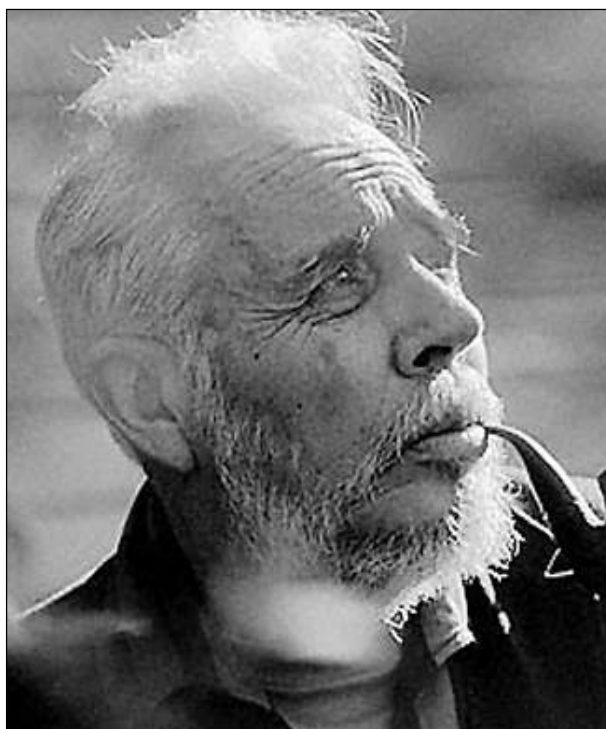
to play with it yet.”

Others, of course, have expressed the opposite opinion, and charge that devotees of Partch are either too intellectual (or too antiintellectual), that the time has come to demystify the man and to concentrate on this or that aspect of his work (very few agreeing on which one). In fact, speaking to the various people who knew, worked with, or have since his death become involved with Partch and his work is like asking the disciples of 25 different religious sects about the true nature of the Godhead. Each sees a different Partch, contribution, and direction for the legacy.

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Harry Partch was an outsider, and he liked it out there. One day in his youth, Partch recalled, he watched “bad men” through a telescope outside of the whistle-stop town of Benson, Arizona. It was 1906 and Benson, located in southeastern Arizona about 25 miles north of Tombstone, was still in the “dying gasps of the Old West,” according to Partch. An occasional desperado still refused to kowtow to the call of civilization. Peering at the bad men as they were “holed up in some nearby rocks,” with a local posse swarming around them, Partch said, “I fear that my five-year-old sympathies were all for the hunted.”

Harry Partch was, one might say, spiritually allergic to limitations of any sort. Imagine someone dissatisfied with an apparently inexhaustible quantity — someone who finds even that quantity severely limiting for his purposes. Imagine a poet, for example, who complains of a confinement imposed on him by his own language and grammar — a cultural conspiracy designed to restrict the expressive urges of his soul — even though the same linguistic resources have served his fellow poets for centuries. Or imagine a painter who sees colors in nature for which there are no existing pigments and who must, by necessity, grind his own. Now imagine a musical composer who finds the 12-tone scale, which has served his ancestors, to be a prison that bars him from producing the sounds (and sights and colors) he experiences in the world



Harry Partch

states of sickness and health. While some can be replaced — improved even, as is the case with the New Boo built by local composer Cris Forster — others cannot. The Cloud-Chamber

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the unique nature of the Partch legacy? The answers and solutions, however, are like the music of Partch — a vast array of conflicting opinions, suggestions, and opposed proposals. And Danlee Mitchell, a teacher at San Diego

Bowls, for example, which sound like liquid gongs, are made of brittle, 12-gallon Pyrex containers, which Partch obtained from the radiation laboratory glass shop at UC Berkeley in 1950. If one shatters during the heat of a

know what to do with it, are dying to get their hands on Partch’s stuff. But just what are they going to do? It’s kind of like people crossing a field in 1750 and coming across a football. People don’t know what kind of game

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around him. Harry Partch was actually all three of these people. And more, since his metaphorically allergic reactions to limitation were not restricted to his art; they also dominated his life — the rugged, difficult existence of an outsider. Here is one of his favorite poems, which he found on the wall of a screening room for children's films in Los Angeles (he always read with interest the writing on walls):

Once upon a time
There was a little boy
And he went outside.

Partch was born in Oakland, California, in 1901. His parents had been Presbyterian missionaries in China who endured the Boxer Rebellion. Two years after his birth, they moved to southeastern Arizona to homestead, but never for long in any one place; after age 14, in fact, Partch never stayed more than three years in

any single residence. He roamed all over — in Hawaii at age 20; throughout the Midwest and East (Chicago; Ithaca, New York; Madison, Wisconsin; Evanston and Champaign-Urbana, Illinois); and California (San Francisco, Sausalito, Petaluma, Gualala, Van Nuys, Venice). In 1964 he came to San Diego, first to Del Mar, then to Encinitas, and finally to a small, wood-frame, two-bedroom house on Felton Street near Adams in Normal Heights. His reasons for eventually settling in this area were twofold: he was offered a teaching post at the then relatively new University of California (he lasted one term); and he especially liked the temperate climate of San Diego, since extreme changes of temperature play havoc with the delicate constitution of his instruments. But Partch never fretted all that much about where he lived. He told *Rolling Stone* writer Jonathan Cott, "Hell, man, I don't

care where I am. If I were in the North Pole I'd go on writing. I don't care if I'm in euphoria or despair — I'd go on producing. It doesn't make any difference."

To support himself, Partch worked at the oddest of jobs; his résumé would bedazzle a perspective employer. When he was 14, he had part-time work, according to Cott, "delivering pharmaceutical drugs on his bicycle to the red-light district of Albuquerque." In his late teens Partch enrolled in the music department at USC in Los Angeles. But after six weeks, "I was fed up and quit." So he hitched to Washington, D.C., where he spent close to two years in the Library of Congress teaching himself Greek and "devouring the idea of music." He supported himself in this period by washing dishes seven days a week. He picked fruit during the Depression in the San Joaquin Valley. He lived as a hobo for almost ten years. He had sev-

eral jobs as a proofreader (when he worked for the *Brawley News*, he hitchhiked from El Centro to Brawley every day). And at another time, say San Diegans John and Aleta Glasier, who met him in 1942, Partch was instrumental in the planning of Borrego Springs. "He was actually in the office of the planning commission when they laid out the city," says John.

For most of his life Partch also survived on grants, fellowships, and the university system in general. The last, however, was a financial necessity he often detested, since he felt universities to be mere repositories of musical dogma. "It is very difficult," he said, "to recline alongside dogma with serenity."

Because of a continual lack of funds, Partch himself had to manufacture everything he needed, like a modern-day Robinson Crusoe. In order to achieve the sounds he heard, he had to build his own instruments out of

whatever materials presented themselves to his scrutiny. ("I am not an instrument builder," he said, "only a philosophical music man seduced into carpentry.") He also built countless pieces of furniture, an icebox and a cooler — for a trip from California to Madison, Wisconsin, in a used Studebaker — a shower and sunken Grecian bathtub in Gualala, California, and so on.

Partch attributes this capacity for self-reliance to his experiences as a hobo, from the early '30s to the early '40s. "I always took a job if I could find one, but it gave me a feeling of immense satisfaction to be on my own, to be able to cook my own meal and not have to eat in some hash joint; to sleep under the stars and say, 'Thank heaven I don't have to go to a flophouse.'"

"Any good hobo can take care of himself," he said. "Long ago I said to myself, 'I think life

is too precious to spend with important people.' There are too many plays for status and selling; but one gets among a group of hobos, or among transient orchard workers and, right away, there's human contact. Which doesn't mean they always like each other, but there's a human contact without this fighting for place constantly. It's just a little sidelight on why I felt it necessary during the Depression to be a hobo and take a pack on my back."

And yet, during this same period, the hobo met a very important person, the Irish poet William Butler Yeats. In 1934 Partch received a Carnegie grant to study the history of musical intonation in England. While there, he made an excursion to Ireland and met with the master poet. Partch played the Adapted Viola, the first of his original instruments, and "Yeats loved it." The artistic exchange was mutual. From Yeats, Partch

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The hobo and the poet? A contradiction? Some would say so, and they would contend that the biography of Harry Partch (whom these people usually call "Partch") would be one continual listing of contradictory impulses. But others (who usually refer to the man as "Harry") argue that the most deeply human aspects of his life are its extremes and that he could range, to invert

one of the chapter titles of his book, from the vacant lot to Emperor Chun. One thing is certain: Any simple attempt to label the man (as a hobo, or an intellectual, or a prophet, for example, and he has been called all three) will be misleading.

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which are best summed up in the words of Danlee Mitchell. "Harry was a very responsible person. He could scream at people toward the end of his life for doing dumb, immature things. He would fly off the handle — but not for long or too deeply — when people wouldn't carry out a job in the most efficient amount of time. He was a completely unrepressed individual, never holding back any reaction to his environment, never suppressing anything. And yet you always knew where you stood with Harry. His tantrums would end, and later he would apologize to you with an equal amount of con-

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Jack Logan, an associate professor of music at San Diego State and a colleague of Mitchell's, recalls that "Partch was warm,

kind, generous — a turn-the-other-cheek type." And yet Logan can also recall a day when Partch was not so. In the fall of 1969, Partch taught a course about his music at UCSD. The class, which met in an old Quonset hut on Matthews Campus at the university, was going well for the 11 or so students enrolled. Then one day Partch came in very drunk (the class met at 8:00 a.m.) and became almost violent. After an hour of dramatic flurries around the room, Partch asked the class if they understood him. When they said no, he went into a two-hour harangue about his being misunderstood in general.

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He made the class a test case, asking each person a question about his book *Genesis of a Music*. "He asked questions about his tuning system," Logan says. "He would give the first three ratios of a hexagonal chord and you would have to select the other three. Most of the class had no idea what he was talking about." And Partch stormed around the room.

"We became symbolic examples," Logan continues, "of the frustrations he must have felt continually in the larger world, where his music was so often

Mt. Etna, the next loving and kind — have prompted Jack Logan to say that Partch is a "case study of the paradoxes of living, in high relief, with all the aspects of his character standing out." For him, moderation, like limitation, was for the feeble of spirit, the lily-livered. Logan recalls that Partch would often come to class inebriated ("but his lectures were always thoroughly prepared"). Others agree that he enjoyed more than just a sip of the sauce. One morning in 1974, the last year of his life, Partch decided to pour a drink for himself and

"Hell, I'm not like John Cage. All Cage needs is a gong, a carrot juicer, and a toothbrush."

misunderstood. At the end of the class, he gave a concluding statement and said, "The class is over; you may go." We left the room not knowing what to think. And yet the final class of the term was one of the most warm-hearted things I have ever experienced. Harry had a present for each student. He gave every member of the class one of the original recordings he made, back in the 1930s, of his music. It was a very touching moment."

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two members of the ensemble, Randy Hoffman and John Szanto. Though neither Hoffman nor Szanto can agree on the precise hour the libation was prepared (somewhere between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.), both concur that it was the strongest mint julep they ever experienced. "A tall glass full of bourbon, an ice cube, and a leaf of crushed mint," Szanto says. And neither could finish his portion. Partch became so offended that he got on the phone late that night to Mark Hoffman, Randy's brother, and complained

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that Randy and John were nothing more than "Plymouth Rock Puritans."

Seen from within the confines of tradition and conventional social mores, Partch looks extreme to most, larger-than-life to some. He wasn't larger-than-life, just more deeply embroiled in it. He rejected what he called "specialization" in art and life. By this he meant any attitude that promotes blind acceptance of a small part of something rather than embrace the whole entity to which it belongs—settling for a knoll when you could have a mountain range. He even contended that whole entities, as presently conceived (like the entity of music), were themselves abstracted from larger units, with which they should be rejoined. Some examples should help here.

Partch was bisexual. Like Walt Whitman in this regard, with whom he shared other affini-

ties, Partch believed that nothing should be held back with respect to sexual exploration. He liked the Broadway musical *Hair*, for example, because he liked the uninhibited display of the human body in a theatrical setting and because he felt that to limit sexuality is to limit levels of possible reality. What is important to note here is that Partch was bisexual at a time when it was dangerous to be so. And in his sexuality, as in his musical experimentation, he had to live with the paranoia that accompanied those choices.

Long before the most recent advent of feminism, Partch resented the conventional roles women were given. This, he argued, was a blatant example of the "specialization" he so detested, since the roles imposed definite limits for women. In particular, Partch was downright insulting when confronted with

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examples of what he disparagingly termed “professional Momism” — a woman who relished nothing more, in his eyes, than being a housewife. These attacks, especially the legendary tirade he delivered to one such homemaker in the nine-items-or-less checkout counter of a supermarket in Normal Heights, have given some observers the impression that Partch was a misogynist. The opposite is the case. In this instance, as in many others, newer attitudes have caught up with Partch, in whose life women played a major role. Anaïs Nin, the novelist, for instance, was a continual supporter. In 1955, after hearing a recording of Partch music, she wrote in her diary, “It was as if one had drunk the music instead of accepting it through the ears.” Other women who were continual supporters include Berthe Driscoll, who wrote the first favorable review of his music; the late Betty Freeman of Los Angeles; and Aleta Glasier.

The libertine, however, was also an anchorite. His refusal to accept the authority of any dominant tradition, due to his constant distrust of specialization, is reflected in the one statement he has made, with a dash of self-effacing irony, about his religious views. Rather than worship one god, Partch paid homage to a plurality of deities. “I am not a one-god man. I have a whole pantheon, and they’re probably a little screwy, just like I am, which is perhaps why I am just as I am, and perhaps why I am so faithful to them.”

It follows that the man who refused to accept the standard conception of things would not allow himself — with one huge exception — to be tied to objects in general. This Dionysus of multiple explorations was also wedded to extreme austerity; he was decidedly antimaterialistic. He wasn’t all that upset, for example, when Phil Keeney (a member of the ensemble who looked after Partch in his last years and who found him dead on the bedroom floor of his Felton Street home) accidentally smashed Partch’s faded blue, 11-year-old Chevy station wagon into four other cars one night in 1974. Instead, after he and others got Keeney out of jail, all Partch wanted to know was if Phil was okay. “He didn’t give a damn about the Chevy,” says Keeney.

On another occasion — and this tale has multiple versions, which is in keeping with his pluralism — Partch was invited to compose a musical score for one of the first science-fiction movies at RKO. At almost any time in his later life, if he wanted to, Partch could have supplemented his meager income by doing work that he felt ducked beneath his standards and concepts. (“If I would write a series of ‘backgrounds’ for television — for airplane crashes, drownings, and murders in the park, I suppose — I might make a lot of money.”) Any number of other 20th-century artists have done it. So Partch was brought on the set and shown a rough-cut version of the film. Thinking he could do a good job, Partch immediately asked for more control.



Harry Partch with Cloud-Chamber Bowls

When it was not granted, he told the producer and director where they could, with difficulty, shove the film. Looking back on the event, Partch said, “The only thing I would score would be a filibuster in the House.”

The huge exception, of course, was the fleet of instruments he built to voyage into uncharted seas of sound: Most of the instruments, according to Partch, were built, initiated in some way, or rebuilt, in California. He began small. In 1928 he constructed an Adapted Viola, a lengthened fingerboard he had a violin-maker in New Orleans attach to a viola. Then he made a similar adaptation to a guitar in 1934. In this same year, he designed and built the Ptolemy, a large reed organ, while he was in London. He had it shipped to Santa Barbara, “where it stood abandoned in a garage.” To this day the whereabouts of the Ptolemy are unknown. “The abandonment,” Partch said, “was not unintended. Eight years of hoboing lay ahead.” Someone must have had one titanic garage sale.

In 1949, when he moved to Gualala, a small community along the coast of northern California near Ft. Bragg, Partch had about ten instruments, including the Chromelodeon, an adapted harmonium about the size of a piano. To move into his new home, Partch used a makeshift trailer, towed by his old Studebaker. It took him almost a full day to make the short drive from the Coast Highway to his new residence, since he had to negotiate a narrow dirt road — a roller-coaster trail that must have been a burial ground for deceased boulders. About halfway up the grade, at a spot where both sides of the road gave way to a 1000-foot drop into vacant space, the Studebaker broke an axle. Undaunted, Partch carted each fragile instrument by hand (including the cumbersome Chrome-lodeon) to its new home on the hill.

From 1949 to his death in 1974, Partch built and rebuilt around 25 string and percussion instruments. He crafted giant Kitharas, stately modified repli-

cas of the ancient Greek harplike kitharas. One of these, which stands well over six feet in height, requires two performers to play its seventy-two strings. He built several types of percussive instruments: some out of bamboo (Boo, Mbira Bass Dyad, and Eucal Blossom); some out of metal bowls, bells, and other “found objects” such as artillery shell casings (the Spoils of War) and empty bottles of Harvey’s Bristol Cream Sherry and Gordon’s gin (the Zymo-Xyl); and four large, resonating marimbas, made of pernambuco or brazilwood, the visual splendor and rich sound of which soon put to shame their distant cousin the xylophone (Diamond Marimba, Quadrangularis Reversum, Bass Marimba, and the Marimba Eroica).

Though he treated each of his instruments with the abundant love of an overdoting parent, Partch had a special affection for the Marimba Eroica, which is four Sitka spruce bars attached to the tops of four long, slender, boxlike resonators. Partch urged that these deep-bass resonators, which often produce sounds more felt than actually heard (“If one sits on the floor,” he said, “it ripples through his bottom”), be played in the more furious passages of a score as if the “Eroicist” were “Ben Hur in his chariot, charging around the last curve of the final lap.” He also dreamed of an Eroica that is not moveable, “with reinforced concrete resonators going down into the ground and blocks mounted above them like a stairway. One could then trip up the scale to bed and waltz down to breakfast in the morning — or one could trip both ways at once to a musical apotheosis.”

As each new instrument appeared, transporting them became problematic. Partch once complained about management of materialism in a letter. After he was asked to make a long-distance trek with the instruments for a performance, he complained that “this is exceedingly difficult.” He then poked a sharp, satirical barb at another musical innovator, known for his experiments with “found instruments.” “Hell, I’m not like John Cage.

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Harry Partch was a hell-raiser, an iconoclast, a hobo, a visionary, a Bacchic monk, a schizophrenic (some say), a mass of complexities (or contradictions, some say), a dove and a great white shark. He was a man who, according to Harold Driscoll, "remembered all kindnesses favorably," and yet who would denounce the things he saw unfavorably with the vehemence of an evangelist. In one area he was totally consistent: he detested

respected critic Jacques Barzun called "the most original and powerful contribution to dramatic music on this continent." And to which we now turn.

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Harry Partch wasn't trying to stand the musical establishment completely on its ear. Rather, he wanted to rowel out the wax that had accumulated in it over the last 300 years and allow it to hear new alternatives. Partch regarded the history of music in an almost Biblical fashion, as a fall from

each of these united elements became cut away, "abstracted" from the whole. The consequences of this rift are that now dancers merely dance, musicians merely play music (collared by the "inhibiting incubus of tight coats and tight shoes"), and actors merely act — each separate part having been locked into "sealed spheres of purity." And each had become entangled in its own discrete tradition, something that Partch regarded about as highly as the remains of yesterday's breakfast. "Traditions in the creative arts are per se suspect.... They exist on the patrimony of standardization, which means degeneration. They dominate because they are to the interest of some group that has the power to perpetuate them, and they cease to dominate when some equally powerful group undertakes to bend them into a new pattern." Partch was one such bender, and the new pattern he attempted to forge was a return to the wholeness he envisioned in the theatrical music of the ancient Greeks.

Partch looked everywhere around him and saw only rigidity. "The ancient, lovely, and fearless attitude toward the human body was gone." The concert hall had become petrified by "rampant formality, huge impersonal assemblies with closely placed, hard, stiff-backed seats, black and white tails, brisk robots on stage." Looking at the spectacle

"Man! Oh no, man! To play the Boo, you have to bend at the knees, like an athlete...not at the waist like an amateur California prune-picker!"

any single ruling attitude or tradition, about which he said, "The extent to which an individual can resist being blindly led by tradition is a good measure of his vitality."

Another thing. About the foregoing attempt to characterize him? He wouldn't have given a damn. He would have said, "Concentrate on my works, the instruments, the theories," which

wholeness into "specialization" and, his most bitterly uttered term, "abstraction." Originally, according to Partch, music was part of a much larger aesthetic unit, a combination of the aural and the visual, the human voice and human body, dance, drama — all intertwined by the religious tendrils of ritual. Somewhere along the way (Partch doesn't say specifically when)

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of these automatons, Partch allowed himself a dash of wry nostalgia when he recalled a more innocent time. "Back in the early '20s, long before Hollywood Bowl became a cemented, be-shelled, be-uniform ushered stadium, a few of us would take sandwiches and bottles of pop high up on the hillside there, and consume them quite without regard to whether we liked or did not like the music being played. That is a singular memory, and never since has the idea of the symphony orchestra seemed so painless in contemplation." Musicians, in Partch's mind, had become second-class citizens, relegated to the pit and forced to perform like mannequins in a tuxedo shop. And, Partch says, "I have watched them jealously guard their precious misconceptions."

In place of this stolid spectacle, Partch envisioned its opposite. He put his musicians on stage, in a theatrical situation, and had them not only playing the huge instruments but also performing in the drama itself, becoming an integral part — joined with the actors, mimes, and dancers, all in vigorous movement. This "body feeling" rejoins the physical aspect of man with the music, achieving not an inversion of spirit back into flesh but rather a condition in which each infuses the other with its own qualities. Partch called this coupling "Corporeality," a difficult term he never pinned down com-



Danlee Mitchell

pletely, though his musicians came to understand it.

When John Szanto first learned to play the Boo (sixty-four sections of bamboo arranged in seven rows that produce a sharp, dry sound), he bent over it from the waist. Formally trained as a percussionist, for John this was standard form. During a rehearsal, Partch took one look at Szanto and cut short the proceedings. He rushed over and groaned, "Man! Oh no, man! To play the Boo, you have to bend at the knees, like an athlete...not at the waist like an amateur California prune-picker!" Szanto learned Partch's dictum quickly that the instruments must be played with athletic, Corporeal grace.

Szanto also had one of those ineffable experiences that can happen to members of the Harry

Partch Ensemble during a Corporeal presentation. They were near the end of a performance of *The Bewitched*, a "dance satire" about lost musicians who achieve a developing "at-one-ness" through the beat of their music. The score called for Szanto to reach way down, with now tired knees deeply bent, to the lowest level of the Boo (this part comes just after section ten, entitled "The Cognoscenti Are Plunged into a Demonic Descent while at Cocktails"). Exhausted from the performance, at the conclusion of his part, Szanto collapsed to the floor, which was perfectly in keeping with his role — though not written into the score. "I fell to the floor naturally. If I would have thought of doing so beforehand, it never would have worked." That perception — the fluidity

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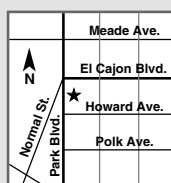
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of the spontaneous act perfectly in tune with the entire arrangement of the stage, the music, the drama, the sounds of human speech, the movement — is Corporeality. And Patch himself knew of the difficulty of sustaining it when he said, “Perception is a sand flea. It can light only for a moment. Another moment must provide its own sand flea.”

What Partch was after in a Corporeal performance of his

Beethoven’s works (and the composer himself) was too abstract. Any composer who tries to pole vault into the ethereal regions without being grounded, at the same time, in the soil from which he springs is not “emotionally tactile,” according to Partch.

While Beethoven was too abstract for Partch, the early Elvis Presley was not. Partch saw in Presley, the unfettered kid from Memphis who sung from the

day, he wrote one of his greatest musical dramas, *Revelation in the Courthouse Park*, partially in an attempt (only “partially” because he is after much bigger game in this masterwork) to demystify the growing, follow-the-leader conformity and false idolatry he saw in popular music — and music in general, all of which he called “hollow magic.” “Let us give to nuts and bolts the standardization of thread that we have come to expect, but let us give to music, magic; to man, magic.... My peaks of wrath and nadirs of depression, through some four decades, were akin to the fulminations and despair of the Hebrew prophets, and for exactly the same reasons; the endowed priests of the temple sanctifying form without content, ritual without value, hollow magic.” (*Revelation in the Courthouse Park* concentrates on two locales: ancient Thebes and modern-day Hollywood. Each city is ruled by manifestations of the same impulse to rejoin the human body into a religious context. Thebes is ruled, truly, by Dionysus, while Hollywood is ruled falsely by Dion, a contemporary rock and roll star. The latter represents nothing more than the worship of what Partch has called the “dominant mediocrity.” When Partch finished the score — around 1960 — a new rock and roll star emerged — Dion, of Dion and the Belmonts. Partch only learned of this fig-

“The whole thing is like the Great Flood. Makes you want to build an Ark. Not to escape — but to ride those waves forever.”

works was an “attitudinal technique.” The players of his unique instruments were to be constantly aware that they are “on stage, in the act.” Merely playing the notes in a masterful style, the goal of “abstract” music, was not enough. “When a player fails to take full advantage of his role in a visual or acting sense, he is muffing his part — in my terms — as thoroughly as if he bungled every note in the score.” For this reason, Partch thought any performance, for example, of

hip, the occasional glimmerings of Corporeality — the dramatic fusion of human speech, music, and movement, an inseparable combination of these parts into a larger whole. Partch, however, did not appreciate the later Presley at all. He saw the man becoming an imitation of his earlier vitality, the whole being separated back into its various and obviously detectable parts once again. And Partch did not like rock and roll in general. Calling it the “dominant mediocrity” of

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ure long after the completion of *Revelation*.)

Along with his concept of Corporeality, Partch tore off in another, non-Western direction. He became fed up with the system of tuning known as Equal Temperament — the 12-tones-per-octave scale of the piano — because its 12 equal intervals distort true sounds, according to Danlee Mitchell, “in order to gain an intellectual hedge in certain compositional procedures like modulation and transposition.” In all, there are four major theoretical tuning systems: Equal Temperament, Pythagorean, Meantone Temperament, and Just Intonation. Partch felt that the last, a tuning system based on the relationship of two or more tones vibrating in phase with each other (at least in their lowest vibrational relationships) is a more natural and a more precise system than any other, since it not only reflects the sounds in nature but is also in keeping with the various components and processes of the human body. And though he was by no means the first Western composer to advocate the system of Just Intonation (in 1550 a Partch-like composer named Don Nicola Vicentino experimented with it, and many non-Western cultures — Japanese, Indonesian, African, Balinese, as well as native American Indian — base their music on it), Partch was among the first to embrace completely its possibilities.

Just Intonation enabled Partch to expand the number of notes in a musical octave. This choice opened for him the floodgates of “microtonality,” which means, simply, more than 12 notes per octave. Many of the instruments he built can go as high

as 43 notes per octave (an “arbitrary” personal choice, he said, and by no means the limit), creating a plurality of sound, especially when combined with the other instruments and the Corporeal nature of a production. One devotee of Partch, who worked overtime for a year in New Jersey to save enough money for a flight to San Diego to catch a few rehearsals of the ensemble, said, “The whole thing is like the Great Flood. Makes you want to build an Ark. Not to escape — but to ride those waves forever.”

It can be explained this way, using an image suggested by Jonathan Glasier. A clock has 12 numbers. Where most people just see the cardinal numbers on a clock, Partch would see through them to the mini-temporal divisions — the 60 seconds — inside. Translating the 12 numbers of the clock into the 12-tone scale, Partch contended that the majority of Western composers were stuck with those cardinal numbers (Harry might have called them “Papal” numbers since they were so predominant.) And Partch, as we have seen, couldn’t put up with any sort of limitation. Calling Equal Temperament a “tyrannical monolith,” he felt it “closes all doors for any meaningful adventures in consonance and dissonance” (the harmonic and discordant elements in music). He often questioned its right to rule. “The statement in the *Harvard Dictionary of Music* that the advantages of the system far outweigh its flaws (p. 735) is made with such authority as almost to convince me that the *Dictionary* got it from Bach, and that Bach got it from God.”

Two features regarding Partch’s break with tradition need to be stressed here. One is that

he was not an experimenter for its own sake. He was not a timid dabbler with a new microtonal toy (that would be the path of the “foolhardy” man or the “publicity-seeking mountebank,” he says). The instruments he built and the scores he composed all have specific purposes. They were never designed solely for the solution of acoustical problems or theoretical issues, even though he wrote a large text about it, which many commentators have suggested does a lot of intentional leg-pulling. Partch hated theory. He always preferred the thing of something to the analysis of it. There was always an idea for each instrument, a place for it, in other words, in his overall conception. In effect, Partch left theoretical concerns for the next generation.

The second feature in need of stress is one of the wildest aspects of the whole Partch enterprise. It takes at least half an hour to tune most of the instruments before an actual performance, often even longer. But most of them go out of tune within ten minutes, and Partch knew this. The expertise required to play the instruments (and the six months required to rehearse a single performance) forestall the advent of total chaos. But part of Partch’s Corporeality is that anything can happen — within the approximated guidelines of the score — on stage after the initial tuning. Colors of sound leap out that no score can document, no theory can articulate. The initial tuning, done with painstaking precision, serves as a point of departure for the multiple, yet rarely muddled, prisms of sound that emerge, an audible heterophony in which all sorts of diverse effects happen at the same time. Once during a rehearsal, Partch told one of the performers he was hearing colors not written into the score. “By God, man, *keep them!*” he shouted.

While, on the one hand, Partch abandoned the Western musical tradition, in his concept of Corporeality, in what he mock-snobbishly called his microtonal “adventures into acoustical profundity,” and in his beautiful instruments, on the other hand many of his works focus on the speech patterns, the rhythms, and the pulse of America. His intuitive path led him to write music based on harmonized spoken words, many of which draw on his experiences as a wanderer. His large work *The Wayward* is composed of four smaller works, each concerned with the voice

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of the streets. *U.S. Highball*, the musical account of a "Transcontinental Hobo Trip from San Francisco to Chicago," utilizes the language of the hobo in a non-epic, nonheroic light ("in the *aloneness* of his experience... his achievement in the face of small difficulties — more or less constant hunger, loss of sleep, filth, and a good deal of petty apprehension and danger — he is the focus of a work that suggests epic feelings"). *Barstow*, another part of *The Wayward*, takes its cue from "hitchhiker inscriptions copied from a highway railing," and San Francisco is filled with the cries of newsboys. Thus, amid his many departures from the norm, there is embedded into his work a return as well — a journey he felt was necessary back to the native speech patterns of his homeland.

In all of his departures — to ancient patterns of Corporeal ritual, to Just Intonation and microtonality, to his emphasis on human speech — Partch never intended himself to become a tradition. "The work is not offered as a basis for a substitute tyranny," he said, "the grooving of music and musical theory into another set of conventions. What I do hope for is to stimulate creative work by example, to encourage investigation of basic factors, and to leave all others to individual if not idiosyncratic choice. To influence, yes; to limit, no."

The message of Hair

Partch, for musicians and non-musicians alike, is that there are still choices to be made and independent paths to pursue. On several occasions near the end of his life, Partch contended that he did not want people to consider his work the only worthy destination but rather one viable direction (deserving serious scrutiny) among many. He feared slavish imitators of his work almost as much as he feared its being misunderstood in general. Imitators, he felt, were like remora fish that attach themselves to larger fish; as they hitch a free ride, they abandon their creative responsibilities. In one of his last utterances, Partch blasted this phenomenon. "The widely revered master-disciple concept represents, on both sides, too easy an escape into the limbo of no responsibility. I have said that if anyone calls himself a pupil of mine, I will happily strangle him. But this is simply the expression of an attitude, and — amazingly — in its deeper meaning it is an expression of hope."

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At the conclusion of an excellent, half-hour film about his work called *The Dreamer That Remains* (distributed by Tantalus Films, L.A.), Partch makes a statement that decomposes his own personal stake in the work he has done. Although he wishes that the work be understood and appreciated, Partch appends a

cryptic tag that, though not necessarily ambiguous on the surface, has generated numerous, conflicting responses, as if it were a message from the Oracle at Delphi. Partch says, like the primitive cave painters in the south of France who never signed their efforts, "I would choose to be anonymous. There is no author there. Who cares who did them? Who cares what the name was?" The various reactions to this apparently self-effacing remark reflect in microcosm what has happened to the Partch legacy since his death in 1974.

Although Partch's statement appears to divorce himself from his works, most interpreters recombine the two when they read it, and they also see in it clues for what remains to be done. John Szanto expresses at least one side of a multisided structure of opinions. "Everyone has had to resolve Partch and the legacy in some way. The music is so unique, so expensive to perform — since it can be performed only on the fragile instruments he made, which cost a bundle just to move — that maybe the music should be like Harry. Let it rest. It's done its thing. He did it, and it was great. End of movie. Credits. Like the cave painters, this was Harry's moment, and now it's gone. His wish for anonymity is the strongest affirmation of belief he could have made about what he had done."

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ber of the Harry Partch Ensemble, sees a different Partch, and a different direction for the legacy. “You must remember the context in which Partch made the statement. He didn’t say it in the privacy of his own home. He put it *on the record*, in a film about his work. It is a dramatic flourish and its intended effect was to promote himself and his works. The time has come to get beyond glorification and deification of the man, which do him an extreme injustice, and begin to take his work seriously, looking at both its strengths and weaknesses. Right now, everyone wants to use Partch the way they see him, based on their own subjectivity, which is inescapable. But we should get beyond all the rhetoric and try to see what is actually there in Partch’s work.”

Both Szanto and Dunn knew Partch, as did San Diego composer Kenneth Gaburo, who worked with Partch at Illinois in the ’50s. Gaburo, who directed the ensemble’s most recent performance in West Germany — for which the German government paid \$100,000 and the success of which is also open to conflicting views among its performers — sees in Partch a host of schizophrenic contradictions. “Partch built and lived a self-destruct system and therefore planned his own obsolescence. He didn’t make it easy to repair his instruments, for example, because he built them out of such

HARRY PARTCH UPDATE

Core members of the Harry Partch Ensemble, most of whom still live in San Diego, continued to perform off and on for several years after this story came out: at the Aspen Music Festival and Boston’s Cool Jazz Festival among others — “one last gasp of tremendous performances,” says Francis Thumm, the Chromelodeon expert, “wonderfully on fire.”

In October 1989, Randy Hoffman, who played the Cloud Chamber Bowls, trucked the instruments to New Jersey. “It was my understanding that I’d be driving them back in later November. They never returned.”

The instruments went under the care of Dean Drummond at Montclair State College. They are housed in a climate-controlled space and performed occasionally.

In Los Angeles, John Schneider has been recreating the instruments. Starting with copies of the guitars, he has duplicated them in the order Partch built them. A small group does a yearly concert at the Disney Redcat Theatre.

Today musicians dress in black (Partch demanded multicolored clothing) and fake the exaggerated, “corporeal” gestures that had become instinctive with the originals.

In 2000, the core nucleus — Danlee Mitchell (musical director), Jon Szanto (Boo), Phil Keeney (Spoils of War), Randy Hoffman (Cloud Chamber

Bowls), and Francis Thumm (Chromelodeon) — went to a concert in San Francisco, as spectators. Szanto had a “radically hard time” watching the polite, tasteful renditions. Francis Thumm wanted to run on stage — shouting, as Partch often did at him, “No!! Not like *that!*” — and show the Chromelodeon player how to stretch and stoop and pound out the tonalities. The rest just wanted to run.

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rare materials. In this sense he was both a creator and a destroyer. Whatever flaws and exaltations exist in the man also exist in the music. His is a flawed system. I don’t mean this as a negative statement, but rather as an affirmation of his human frailty.

Whatever influence he had in the 20th century,” Gaburo continues, “has already long ago been felt. The influences have dissipated and have become other things.”

And David Carey, a student of music doing his doctoral work

at UCSD, adds another position. “It is unfortunate that without his instruments, the music is impossible. Putting the instruments in a museum would kill the music, which should be not only heard but seen in a live, Corporeal performance. The most

positive thing would be one production, at least, per year with financial backing, though money has always been one of the continual problems with the legacy — that and giving the instruments a decent home and space for rehearsals.”

As should be obvious by now, any attempt to resolve these and 25 other differing views into a clear-cut synthesis of opinion would likely be futile. Partch deeply moved everyone he touched, and yet he moved each in different ways. Some argue that he was, in fact, a deliberate promoter and that now his music should be promoted vehemently as a result. Others contend that his was a private struggle and that his work should, as Szanto says, be put to rest. Still others demand immediate access to his scores (most of which are as yet unpublished) and to his instruments — for an array of reasons that, when combined, are so vast as to seem microtonal in nature. As one member of the ensemble put it, “The legacy is like a piece of choice beef out in a desert, and the buzzards are beginning to fly in from all over.”

For all of his protestations to the contrary, real or contrived, Partch left behind several clues regarding the future he wanted for his works and instruments. For those who would have them housed away in a museum: “I can only partially sympathize with the curator’s attitude toward rare and unique instruments. Paintings and sculpture and many other museum objects are fulfilling their purpose in being looked at. Whether or not the dead can experience frustration, I for one feel an intense frustra-

tion for those artisans who created instruments to *sound*, when I see the results of their labor placarded with the injunction ‘Do Not Touch’ or displayed in locked glass cases.”

On another occasion, in a manual he wrote regarding maintenance and repair of the instruments, Partch said, “The basic and essential need as of this moment is someone who can and will — if necessary — take my place (1) to see to it that the instruments are in good structural and playable condition; (2) to keep them in tune as well as this is humanly possible; and (3) to demand that they be played competently, and that the attitudes be right, even at the risk of arousing momentary hostility.”

Partch left his legacy — the instruments, the scores, his writings — in the care of SDSU’s Danlee Mitchell, who was one of Partch’s most trusted friends. An inheritance this important, this priceless, is certain to arouse more than the “momentary hostility” of which Partch spoke. And Mitchell, who derives no personal income of any sort from the legacy, has been criticized for the essentially moderate path he has taken with respect to promoting the music. A partial reason for this, many of his admirers have suggested, is that he shies away from using the legacy in any apparently self-serving capacity. Another reason, suggested to me by Randy Hoffman, another member of the ensemble, is that “Danlee is in a no-win situation. You can’t do anything without financial support. And when you don’t have it, you get killed for not doing anything.”

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Mitchell has felt come in a blistering article written by Peter Garland, editor of a musical journal called *Soundings*. In 1973 Garland got Partch to agree to the publication of *The Bewitched* in Garland's magazine. Forty-one months later, more than three years after Partch's death, Mitchell had not sent Garland the score. So Garland shot from the hip: "Danlee has been active performing, lecturing, and teaching about Partch's work — I will grant that. But if one does not live in California, or more specifically San Diego, one is left out again."

In reply to this incident, Mitchell says, "When Garland contacted Harry, he and I were busy putting out the second edition of his book, *Genesis of a Music*, and we were also making the film *The Dreamer That Remains*. Publishing the music was not that important at that time. After Partch died, my efforts went into productions of *The Bewitched* and *U.S. Highball*, and Peter was left on the back burner. He blasted me in his journal, and I can understand his anger. He was well intentioned, but I don't think it would have worked out, because neither Peter nor I were set up to distribute the material properly after the printing. I've since given Ken Gaburo Harry's letters, documents, and rights to publish the scores, and I think everything has worked out for the betterment of Partch."

The main problem facing the legacy, according to Mitchell, is financial. "There is no grant money for maintenance," he says. "It all goes for creative work. And I don't have rich acquaintances in San Diego who would invest in the Partch Foundation as a tax-deductible contribution. Right now, the Partch Foundation receives about \$2000 per year from royalties on his book. But that's about it, and the money goes into the continual repair of the instruments."

At present, though they are the personal property of Mitchell, the instruments are housed at San Diego State. Jack Logan, another member of the music faculty there, says that the situation is inadequate. "I find it appalling that Danlee cannot find sufficient space at SDSU to house all the instruments. We have one of the most important repositories of experimental musical instruments in the world. Partch's music is still so little known that the university hasn't fully realized the potential for research and practical application that these instruments imply. We're all frustrated that this condition exists. Partch's creative imagination could be used as an example to put forth — a self-made, creative, individualistic genius. For a major university to overlook this potential seems to me to show very little foresight. But I'm sure that the leaders at SDSU are much more

able to deal with a problem like this than they have been in the past. The ideal solution, it seems to me, would be expensive but also worth it. It would be to put the instruments into a *living museum*, where they can be seen, repaired, and above all, where they can be heard."

* * *

In the shadows of the auditorium on this warm August morning, the instruments stand in the dim light like strange sentinels. They look like the sculpted playthings of the mythical Greek Titans of precivilization rather than the objects of such feverish concern, such a cacophony of varied opinions. A seismic shudder, of either supersonic or subterranean origin, bowls through the depths of the mesa, and a few of the stringed instruments awake briefly from their slumber and hum a barely audible, microtonal chord. "Where do things go from here?" I ask, surprised by the event and half expecting a detailed answer as a result of his momentary communication. "Perhaps," replies a voice way inside my imaginings, "perhaps only the gods know for sure. But right now they are extremely busy. They're trying to track down a fairly recent arrival, a fireball of an upstart who has gone and retimed all the lyres in paradise to his system of Just Intonation." ■

— Jeff Smith



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Wise, about Oceanaire, I think she needs to research her subject better. The kitchen you see outside on Fourth Avenue is not that of Oceanaire but of another restaurant around the corner. I might have put more credibility in the article if she had gotten her research correct! A good food critic she ain't!

Chuck Rickman
via e-mail

The kitchen seen from Fourth Avenue belongs to Red Pearl Kitchen. — Editor

The Flip Side

Re "Back then I remember thinking Mexico is a good place to die," "T.G.I.F.," November 2.

How about Brizzolara doing a follow-up to this fine piece detailing 12 days of his experiences in a Tijuana cathouse, entitled "A good place to live"?

David Osedach
via e-mail

Nonprofit Nonsense

Re Don Bauder's response to my letter of November 2.

1. Don Bauder is a hero for his willingness for so many years to stand up to the powers that be.

2. This issue will not be one remembered by posterity.

3. Likely there are really only two salient components to the figure Don quoted from *USA Today*:

a. The human interest of how any of us can be taken in by information supplied by "official sources."

b. Nonprofit groups like the one quoted by Bauder and *USA Today* frequently spout utter nonsense. If the figures they propose do not apply only to front-end alignments, to what do they refer?

I. To more frequent oil changes?

II. To more frequent brake jobs?

III. To more frequent tune-ups?

Admittedly, bad streets, and we have many more than our share, do contribute some additional maintenance costs, but absolutely nowhere near those conjured up by the referred-to "nonprofit group in Washington, D.C."

Walt Fisher
Clairemont Mesa

Shame On You, Ollie

I'm shocked to learn that an esteemed publication like the *Reader* is promoting the atheist agenda of Ray Kurzweil ("Remote Control King," November 2). How can you, in good conscience, promote such a show, knowing full well that Kurzweil and his ilk only promote a belief in "human" rationality over that of our Creator?!

As for Ollie, I'm sure there's a special place reserved in you-know-where for people like you. Criticizing our president during a time of war?! Promoting your lefty liberal agenda?! I bet you have a photo of Osama bin Laden in your wallet and a charter membership to the ACLU!!! I'm going to personally lobby Duncan Hunter to have freedom of the press restricted for these sorts of things.

Bubba Lee
American

You Can't Teach An Old Dog New Math

Mark Rafferty (Letters, October 26), in complaining about the number of stars given to the Rock Church, lets on that he doesn't understand new math: sometimes the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Russel Ray
via e-mail

The Sun Is Not Your Friend

Most people do not realize that skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 1 million cases of basal cell or squamous cell carcinoma occur annually. Fortunately, most — but not all! — of these forms of skin cancer are highly curable. Much more worrisome is the form of skin cancer known as melanoma, which we expect to diagnose in approximately 62,000 people this year alone.

The link between sunburns and melanoma is a well-established one. It is an undisputed medical fact that sun damage leads to an increased risk of melanoma. Despite our best public health efforts, however, sunburns still occur at a very high rate in the United States. In a recent survey of over 200,000 Americans, published this past month

in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, it was shown that just under 40 percent of respondents had experienced at least one sunburn in the preceding year's time. The survey also revealed that the highest number of sunburns occurred in people living within the highest income and educational brackets. In other words, the people who possessed the greatest means to purchase sun protection and the greatest access to public health education were the same people experiencing the most sunburns!

As surprised as I was to learn of this paradox, I was even more shocked to read an article in the *Reader* ("Seas the Day," "Crasher," October 12) with the bolded caption that stated: "Real boaters aren't worried about skin cancer or sunburns. We take off our shirts and embrace the sun." The fact that this quote appeared just after a paragraph relating a woman's account of her and her husband's personal battle with cancer made the editor's decision to highlight this absurd statement even more surreal.

We believe, strongly, that the statement made by this reckless "sun worshiper" is not representative of all San Diegans, let alone all members of our sailing community. Still, the point needs to be made that skin cancer is a serious medical problem, and outdoor enthusiasts — sailors and boaters included! — are at particular risk due to their prolonged sun exposure.

That said, we are sending out an S.O.S. to all San Diegans to "Slap On Sunscreen" before going out on the water! Here are some other key preventive measures to limit your sun exposure:

— Limit or avoid exposure to the sun during the midday hours (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), when the sun's radiation is strongest.

— When outdoors, choose sun-protective clothing! Wear a hat that shades the face, neck, and ears. When possible, wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants.

— Wear sunglasses to prevent eye damage and to protect the skin around the eyes.

— Use a sunscreen with

a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Apply the first coat to your skin about 30 minutes before going outside. Then reapply once you get outdoors and as needed throughout the day.

Likewise, recognize that the best way to identify skin cancer early is to detect changes in skin growths or the appearance of new growths. Many of the readers may already be familiar with the ABCDE Rule, which helps raise the suspicion of melanoma in moles that have one or more of the following characteristics:

— Asymmetry — The mole looks different from one side of it to the other.

— Border — The mole develops irregular or uneven borders.

— Color — The mole changes color or takes on different colors within itself.

— Diameter — The mole has a diameter of more than 1/2 centimeter.

— Evolution — The mole grows quickly or starts to look different than other moles in the same area.

Children and adults should have their skin examined at least once a year using this helpful screening tool. Any suspicious growths or moles should be evaluated promptly by a dermatologist.

Improving skin cancer awareness is a major public health initiative in which everyone can play a role. In that spirit, we would ask that the *Reader* reconsider what statements it chooses to highlight for its readers. That way, an entire population of people (i.e., boaters) will not be misrepresented. Perhaps more importantly, a more accurate and universal message regarding the importance of sun protection can be realized and the risk of skin cancer, eventually, reduced.

Andrew C. Krakowski,

MD

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What happened to "News of the Weird" this week? It's the first thing I turn to — to lighten up the week!! Please reinstate!!!!!!

Chris
via e-mail

Gospel Dance

Everyone Gets into the Spirit

When I listen to music, I pray about it and ask the Lord, 'Is this something You want me to do? Give me the steps to go along with it,'" says Steve Beard, director of children and youth ministry for Bayview Baptist Church.

This Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the church will celebrate ten years of liturgical dance ministry. "Liturgical dance is

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sacred dance to spiritual music," Beard explains. "We start off with a praise-and-worship segment through dance. In the opening segment, we're kind of symbolizing the goodness of God and the whole thing about the love of God." Beard's troupe is composed of 18 dancers who are between the ages of 6 and 19. The dancers will don ceremonial dancewear put together by a congregant who is a seamstress. "Some of the outfits are more angelic looking and allow for flowing movements," says Beard. "The dresses are usually flared; they really flow, especially when [dancers] turn, and add grace to the dance."

Though dance styles will vary (Beard incorporates jazz, modern ballet, and combinations of African and Caribbean movements into his compositions), the music is consistently gospel. "The praise team opens us up musically," says Beard of the church's choir. One song, "The Prayer" by Yolanda Adams, is often performed as a duet by two lead vocalists. "A lot of our choir members read music, but if we have people who are not able to [read music], they are not put aside; they just have lyric sheets," says Beard.

Gospel music can be traced back to spirituals, which are the musical ancestors

to blues and jazz. According to *negrospiritu-als.com*, some of the first spirituals, inspired by African music, were called "shouts" and "were accompanied with typical dancing, including hand clapping and foot tapping." Traditional gospel music and dance encourage improvisation, as each new move or vocal outburst is seen as the physical expression of God.

In the 1950s and 1960s, many gospel musicians such as Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Mahalia Jackson, and Thomas Dorsey gained secular popularity, as did gospel groups like the Dixie Hummingbirds and the Swan Silvertones. Carrie Sanchez, a representative from San Diego's House of Blues, says of their weekly Gospel Brunch, "It is hard to tell how many of our guests are religious, but...everyone gets into the spirit, waving their napkins in the air,



Bayview Baptist Church gospel dance troupe

singing along, and sometimes even dancing onstage."

Gospel music has been adapted by other genres. Rock bands like P.O.D. (Payable On Death), Third Day, and Evanescence are played on gospel radio and television stations. One of the most recent styles to be claimed by hip-hop is



Top: Thomas Dorsey; bottom left: Sister Rosetta Tharpe; bottom right: Mahalia Jackson,

gospel. The organization Holy Hip Hop states as its mission, "To take the gospel to the streets through the global proliferation of spiritually enlightening Holy Hip Hop ministry — music and entertainment glorifying Christ."

Beard welcomes the nonreligious to his church's events. "I'm glad that they're there. It's an opportunity for us to witness for them, to share about Christ, by allowing them to be able to see us and what we do."

Beard views dance as a form of prayer. "Psalm 149 summons those who are 'children of Zion' to praise God's name 'in the dance.' King David 'danced before the Lord with all his might,' as related in 2 Samuel 6:14. Miriam led the people of God in a joyful dance of praise after the crossing of the Red Sea. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians, 'Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? Glorify God, therefore, in your body and in your spirit.'"

One of the more lively numbers will be performed to the song "Midnight Cry," in which the chorus proclaims, "When Jesus steps out on a cloud to call his children /

the dead in Christ shall rise to meet Him in the air / and then those that remain shall be quickly changed / at the midnight cry, when Jesus comes again."

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— Barbarella

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(SEE DANCE)



U.S., Alberto Ubach, José L. Navarro, and Colin McAllister perform Monday, November 13, 6 p.m. Tal Hurwitz (Israel) performs Tuesday, November 14; Zoran Dukic (Croatia) slated for Wednesday, November 15. The Amadeus Guitar Duo (Germany)

set for Thursday, November 16; followed by Carlos Barbosa Lima (Brazil) on Friday, November 17. Festival concludes with Antonio Rey of Spain on Saturday, November 18.

Except where noted, concerts begin at 8 p.m. 011-52-664-634-0213. (TIJUANA)

Bantamweight Boxing, Cruz “Chucho” Carbajal takes on Alberto “Malachito” Chue, Thursday, November 9, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$12, \$25, \$40, \$50 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Lucybell in Concert, Friday, November 10, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

“Tribute to Danielle Gallois” with poetry and rock music by Larayatt, Friday, November 10, 8 p.m., at El Sótano de Rita (on Avenida Revolución between 3rd and 4th Streets). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-685-8400. (TIJUANA)

The King of the Ring, extreme fighting and muay thai, Saturday, November 11, 7 p.m., at Caliente Race Track Arena (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Tickets: \$15, \$25, \$35 U.S. 011-52-664-633-7300. (TIJUANA)

Marcial Alejandro in Concert at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejon 5 de Mayo #1320) on Saturday, November 11, 9:30 p.m. 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Motocross 2006 Series, Sunday, November 12, starting at 9 a.m. at Rancho Los Cordero. 619-819-6323. (ROSARITO BEACH)

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starting at Rosarito Beach Pier. 011-52-661-612-0730. (ROSARITO BEACH)

The 39th Annual Baja 100 off-road race for all manner of vehicles runs Wednesday, November 15–Saturday, November 18. 818-225-8402. (ENSENADA)

César Niebla's Comedy *La Reina de su Casa* is presented in many venues this week. Catch the play on Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m., at Teatro Benito Juárez (011-52-646-176-2850); on Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Teatro Cecotec (011-52-665-654-2404); and on Friday, November 17, 8 p.m., at Cava del Restaurante González (011-52-661-612-1519). Curtain rises at 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, at Teatro UABC (011-52-664-684-0908) and at Casa de Cultura on Sunday, November 19, 6 p.m. (011-52-686-552-9630). Tickets: \$10 U.S. (ENSENADA, TECATE, ROSARITO BEACH, TIJUANA, MEXICALI)

"Inhabiting the Border," Michael Bell lectures, Wednesday, November 15, 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. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Acorn Dropping reaches a crescendo early this month in the Cuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar

Mountains. Wiry scrub oaks, massive canyon live oaks, and the golden-leaved black oaks all contribute to the growing collection of acorns littering the ground. Acorn woodpeckers are busy stuffing acorns into the small holes they drill into the bark of pine trees. Beneath the trees, the browns of bracken fern and the reds of poison oak and squaw bush are among the last expressions of autumn color we'll see in the mountains this year.

Monarch Butterflies arrive along the California coast this month, migrating from their summer homes in the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountains. Some 25 of the 260 wintering sites on the West Coast lie within San Diego County. The local sites include Presidio Park in San Diego, the UCSD campus, Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, and Hosp Grove in Carlsbad.

November's and December's Picturesque Sunsets and sunrises are no accident. This is the time of year when high cirrus clouds, often the precursors of storms, sweep through our area with some regularity. When cirrus or other lofty clouds are present, low-angle sunlight bathes the undersides of these clouds in a crimson luminescence. This effect is most noticeable a half hour to a few minutes before the sun rises and a few minutes to a half hour after the sun sets.

Santa Ana Winds in San Diego County often reach their greatest intensity during November, particularly at the mountain passes, where dry air from a high-pressure area over the interior deserts swoops

OUT & ABOUT

POLITICAL JOURNALIST

Judy Woodruff, Wednesday, November 15, USD's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice.

(SEE IN PERSON)



coastward toward a low-pressure area offshore. The subsiding air warms rapidly while it descends, resulting in 80°–90° temperatures close to the coast. While passing over the mountains, though, the dry air can be surprisingly cool — 60° or less in the daytime.

Learn to Track Animals and discover their natural environment during beginner and intermediate tracking walks slated for Saturday, November 11, 8 a.m., starting at Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Free. To reach site, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

The Lake Is Full of Water and birding should be productive when Audubon Society birders head to Lake Hodges on Saturday, November 11, 8 a.m. Look for Clark's and Western grebes, kites, osprey, California and blue-gray gnatcatchers, more. Meet in park-

ing spaces just past Joslyn Senior Center (18402 West Bernardo Drive). Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Bring a scope. Free. 619-692-3246. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Stanley Peak or Bust! Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads strenuous six-mile, four-hour hike up Stanley Peak with its 360-degree view, Saturday, November 11. Hike in Daley Ranch starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Visit Historical Grinding Rocks Site during guided nature walk, Saturday, November 11, 8:30 a.m., beginning in Kumeyaay Lake Campground of Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk

exploring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

Tend California Native Plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds of urban wetland, Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m.–noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including November 11. Tours start at 11 a.m. at

Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Observe Seasonal Changes in Vegetation of Tecolote Canyon Natural Park (west) with Canyoners on Saturday, November 11, 1 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (CLAIREMONT)

Canyon Favorites Hike, Pat Watkins leads moderately paced hike to Walden Pond, Carson's Crossing, and waterfall in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Sunday, November 12. Hike starts at 3 p.m. at end of Park Village Road. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

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

DANCE

Street-Funk, Hip-Hop, MTV-style dance moves taught by instructor Prince on Thursdays at 4569 30th Street. Beginners at 7–8 p.m., intermediate/advanced 8–9 p.m. \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

Schottische Dancing planned during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, November 10, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

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American Latin and Ballroom Dancing planned Saturday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Bolero lesson at 8 p.m. Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

Sunday Zapateado, Ballet Folklórico en Aztlán performs dances from different states of Mexico each month at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Take in dances from Chiapas, Mexico, on Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

"Great Russian Nutcracker" presented by Moscow Ballet, Sunday, November 12, 3 and 7 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street). All-Russian cast known for "exquisite dancing, spectacular scenic design...larger-than-life Dancing Matrioshka." Tickets: \$19.50-\$65 general, discounts for children, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

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

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Callers are Judee Pronovost, Terri Akin, and Chris Page call on November 12. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Dances from the Cotswolds on tap when Moreton Bay Fig Morris dancers convene on Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive). Free. 858-689-8947. (BALBOA PARK)

Riverdance, celebrating Irish music, song, and dance, hits stage November 14-19 at San Diego Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$26-\$85, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

El-Funoun Palestinian Popular Dance Troupe performs Wednesday, November 15, 8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets to "Dance Freedom" tour are \$20, \$30, \$60. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

The Ghana/West African Dance Troupe Ho-Asogli performs with authentic instruments and clothing, Thursday, November 16, 10 a.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). 619-527-3405. (SOUTH SAN DIEGO)

"Jesus My All and All...My Soul Says Yes!" Bayview Baptist Gospel Dance Troupe presents "liturgical dance extravaganzas" celebrating ten years of liturgical dance ministry, November 16-18. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets: \$15 Thursday and Saturday, \$35 for "black-tie gala" on Friday. Find Bayview Baptist at 6134 Benson Avenue, 619-262-8384. (ENCANTO)

FILM

"Compañeras" showcased during Cinefemme screening on Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Documentary is shown along with short films including *Something Other Than Other*, *Top of the Circle*, *Rendez-Vous*. Reception, ques-

tion and answer follows. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Projecting Past, Present, and Future in 1960s Film" is theme for ongoing film series hosted by history department at San Diego State University. Enjoy two episodes of *Star Trek* on Thursday, November 9, 7:30 p.m., in Little Theatre of Hepner Hall. Free. 619-594-7120. (SDSU)

Lunafest Film Festival with "films by, for, and about women,"

Friday, November 10, at University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue). Program includes short films by promising new women filmmakers, including local Daria Matza. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$18 at door, benefiting Shakti Rising. 619-501-2746. (HILLCREST)

"Dying to Have Known," Stephen Kroschel's documentary about Gerson diet screens Saturday, November 11, 6 p.m., at In-

digo Village (609 South Vulcan Avenue, suites 201 and 202). "Organic health assembly" with panelists including Charlotte Gerson, Jon Dunn, David Chelf follows. \$25. 760-633-3754. (ENCINITAS)

Spike & Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation continues through November 25 in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego. Program boasts two new Weird Al music videos by

Seth Green and Bill Plympton, over 21 new short animated films including *Happy Tree Friends*, *Pirate Baby's Cabana Battle Street Fight 2006*, *How to Cope with Death*.

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Wade's "mystical fable of love, betrayal, and redemption" screens for Sunday Matinee on November 12, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Lebou with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"9/11 Mysteries Part I: Demolitions" screened, with appearance by writer-director Sofia Smallstorm, Sunday, November 12, 6:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$5 donation. 619-222-2120. (HILLCREST)

"Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World," Albert Brooks's "juicy satire" concerning an out-of-work comedian spending time in India and Pakistan in hopes of being awarded the Medal of Freedom, screens Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"The History of the Luiseño People: La Jolla Reservation, Christmas 1990" is James Luna's version of "Christmas on the Rez." Video is said to "paint a compassionate, compulsive, and repulsive view of drinking alone during the holidays." Screens Tuesday, November 14, 6 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Nonviolent Movements of 20th Century and the way they changed course of that century examined in *A Force More Powerful: Part I*, screening Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Discussion follows. Donation. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

"Iraq for Sale," directed by Robert Greenwald, screens Tuesday, November 14, 7:15 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Free. 858-344-5490. (ENCINITAS)

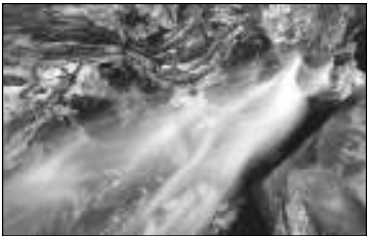
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A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | BY JERRY SCHAD

Anza-Borrego's Cougar Canyon is a place where new worlds open up at every turn. There are more gorgeous sights to see along a half-mile of this canyon than in a full day's hiking in most other parts of our local desert. November is the first and April is the last decent month of the year for avoiding the area's furnace-like heat.

For about 15 years now, the approach by road to Cougar Canyon and neighboring Sheep Canyon has been getting increasingly difficult. A rough, steep section



Stream flow over metamorphic rock, Cougar Canyon

of the Coyote Canyon road leading in has become ever more eroded and rocky, so that even the toughest of high-clearance, 4-wheel-drive vehicles have trouble negotiating it. Most Cougar-bound hikers choose to park their cars in Coyote Canyon, below Lower Willows. This adds several miles of round-trip walking just to reach Cougar's mouth, and it argues for the benefit of turning the hike into a weekend backpack

trip, overnighting at either Sheep Canyon Primitive Camp or at the mouth of Cougar Canyon. Whatever your plans, bring along all the water you'll need. Or carry a liter or two for the trip in and filter (or otherwise purify) the stream water in the canyon, which is abundant from the first autumn rains until at least April. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park rangers (760-767-5311) can help with planning.

To get to the trailhead, drive north from the end of the paved DiGiorgio Road in Borrego Springs onto the unpaved, 4-wheel-drive road up along the east side of Coyote Canyon. After 5.6 miles and two or three wet (after winter rains at least) crossings of Coyote Creek, you reach a point, below Lower Willows, where the road turns sharply left to climb a steep ravine. Limited parking space can be found just below the steep grade.

On foot, follow the boulder-strewn road west over a pass and across the spacious Collins Valley. Out on the valley floor, a parallel horse/hiker's trail on the left provides a slight short-cut, though it runs through soft sand. After 3.6 miles, Sheep Canyon Primitive Camp lies ahead and a spur road for parking lies on the left (south). Follow a well-traveled trail for 0.7 mile past the end of the spur road to the wide mouth of Cougar Canyon. Less distinct paths lead you

into and up the narrowing canyon, mostly to the right of the stream, for the next several hundred yards. Ahead (as far as your scrambling

vation by climbing high on the ridge to the left (south) side of the canyon.

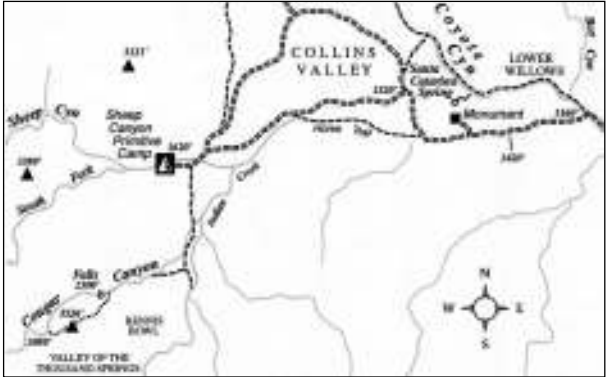
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COUGAR CANYON

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Difficulty: Strenuous

skills will carry you) you'll discover limpid pools, silvery waterfalls, feathery cascades of spray, a pocket palm grove, and on one rock a fading psychedelic "eye" — circa 1970 rock art. Motivated climbers working their way up the canyon can bypass a waterfall at 2300-foot ele-

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



series this month. Enjoy *Dave*, starring Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver, Wednesday, November 15, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Mothers Courage, Thriving Survivors," Léo Kalinda's documentary looks at how women of Rwanda got back on their feet following the genocide of 1994 and how the country has benefited. See film Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795

Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Crossing Arizona," offering an up-to-the-moment look at issues of illegal immigration and border security on the U.S./Mexico border, screens for Latin American Film Festival at Museum of Photographic Arts, Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m. \$10 tickets include admission to San Diego Museum of Art and Museum of Photographic Arts through weekend. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Open Screening Night spotlights Eyespot (sharing videos), Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Show your work, see new San Diego/Tijuana shorts, more. Free. 619-230-1938. (GOLDEN HILL)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Roving Mars* and *Deep Sea*. "Fridays at the Fleet" features *Whales* (6 p.m.) and *Everest* (7 p.m.) on November 10. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Personal Views: Regarding Private Collections in San Diego" — tour exhibit with docent manager Cornelia Feye during Insight Gallery talk on Thursday, November 2, 6 p.m. and with executive director Derrick Cartwright on Sunday, November 5, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Matta and Matta-Clark: The Exploded Cube — From Painting into Solid Form" presented by art historian and critic Martica Sawin for Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, November 9. Sawin, an expert on surrealists who has written more than 100 essays on contemporary artists, will speak at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. \$12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Korean Identity in Post-Soviet Russia" explored by Kazakhstani-Korean writer Alexander Kan, Thursday, November 9, 4 p.m., in room 155 of UCSD's literature building. Lecture is in Russian with English translation. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"The Study of Bamboo," classes with "teachings of three bamboo experts" offered Thursdays, November 9, 16, and 30, 7 p.m., with field session on Saturday, November 25, 9 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Bamboo origins, growth habits, characteristics and care, planting, economical use. \$100 for nonmembers. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Members of Consular Corps of San Diego plan panel discussion on responsibilities, challenges, requests, adventures on Thursday, November 9, 6 p.m., at Art Expressions Gallery (2645 Financial Court, suite C). San Diego is home to approximately 26 foreign consulates. \$15. Reservations required by November 7; 619-291-8105. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Canine Massage Lecture presented by Ann Yerevanian, graduate of the Lang Institute for Canine Massage, Thursday, November 9, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$10. 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

"Holiday Bootcamp! Entertaining With Cheese, Chocolate, and Wine" explored on Thursday, November 9, 6:30 p.m., at Wine Bank Downtown (363 Fifth Avenue). Learn basics for entertaining "gatherings of all sizes." Shopping tips, portion and serving suggestions. \$45 fee includes food samples. Space availability: 619-955-8884. (DOWNTOWN)

What's "Really Happening" in Iraq? How will November 7 elections in U.S. affect policy in that war-torn country? Journalist James O. Goldsborough and Iraqi professor Naba Saleem Hamid address these questions, Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m., at University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. RSVP: 858-642-6770. (LINDA VISTA)

"The Magic Realism of Jan van Eyck" explored by Linda Blair in series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Blair will touch upon two secondary themes: history of portraiture from Medieval period to Rembrandt, and David Hockney's thesis that artists like van Eyck "cheated" by using optical devices. Lectures presented Thursdays, November 9 and 16, 7:30 p.m. \$17. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"C-130 Ski Operations at the Poles" is subject when Colonel Graham Pritchard Jr. speaks for "Rescue!" lecture series at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Thursday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. Pritchard was mission commander during risky recovery of a

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South Pole Station doctor. \$15. Registration: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"Taking Back Our Country from the Religious Right: The Politics and Theology of Spiritual Progressives" presented by Rabbi Michael Lerner of *Tikkun* magazine, Thursday, November 9, 8 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. Lerner will discuss "timeless theological and social issues that remain highly relevant in contemporary America." Free. 858-453-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Ten Years Over Mars," active scientific research and planetary exploration being done on the red planet by Malin Space Science Systems discussed by Malin scientist Michael Caplinger, Friday, November 10, 6 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Learn how orbiting spacecraft supporting work by two Mars Exploration Rovers. Included in regular admission. 619-723-3456. (BALBOA PARK)

Sinn Féin Member Thomas O'Reilly presents "update on the Saint Andrews agreement and the

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THE FIRST 80 YEARS

Are the Hardest! Carol Channing, California Center for the Arts, Escondido, Sunday, November 12.

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Campaign for a United Ireland" for San Diego Irish Northern Aid on Friday, November 10, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Donations appreciated. 951-377-6319. (NORTH PARK)

The Aesthetics of Pruning Japanese Maples and black pines, principles of stone arranging, and *tamamono* pruning of

shrubs all taught during pruning seminars at San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden, Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12, 8:45 a.m.–3 p.m. Participants may attend one or both days of seminars. Fee: \$60 for one day, \$100 two. Registration: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"Simply Succulent Wreath Making" planned Saturday, November 11, 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Fee: \$25, plus \$30 for materials. Reservations: 619-660-4350. (EL CAJON)

Beautify Your Yard and Garden after home composting workshop,

Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m., at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center (1580 Cannon Road). Learn to recycle food and yard waste into valuable soil amendments. Free. Required reservations: 760-436-7986 x216. (CARLSBAD)

"The Art of Basket Weaving," workshop offered by Luiseño weavers Dianita Caudell and Lydia Vassar, Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). \$15. Suggested reservations: 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

Chemistry Day is Saturday, November 11, noon–3 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Graduate students from UCSD chemistry department will lead participants through chemistry-themed activities. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Tequila — Growing the Blue Agave: Its Cultivation, Harvest, and Processing" presented by Phillip Soto Mares for San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society, Saturday, November 11, 12:30 p.m.,

in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Cactus of the month: *Ariocarpus* by Jurgen Menzel; succulent of the month: "Succulents of the Canary Islands" by Pam Badger. Free. 858-270-5544. (BALBOA PARK)


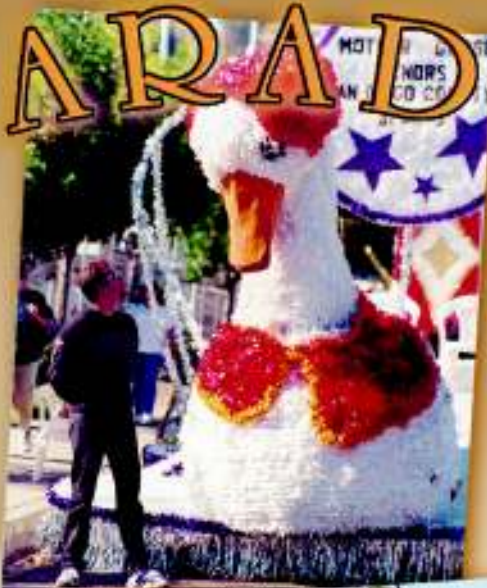




Aspects of Watch and Clock Collecting examined when National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors gathers, Saturday, November 11, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Meetings include show and tell. Mart at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Free. 619-224-4820. (MISSION VALLEY)

Save Our Seals, Sarah Khorram, who helped start and coordinate the "Rake-a-Line" program to protect seals at Casa Beach in La Jolla, talks for Sierra Club on Saturday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-585-3773. (HILLCREST)

Composting Class on Sunday, November 12, 10 a.m., at Chula Vista Nature Center (1000 Gunpowder Point Drive). Free. Registration: 619-409-5900. (CHULA VISTA)

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"The Deans Speak: College Admissions Insights for Parents and Students" panel on Sunday, November 12, 1 p.m., at La Jolla Radisson (3299 Holiday Court). Deans of admissions on hand from Columbia University, Pomona College, Stanford, UCSD, USC to discuss college admissions, selections. Free. Requested reservations: 877-843-4424. (LA JOLLA)

"Death with Dignity: Worldwide Developments" illuminated by Faye Girsh when End-of-Life Choices meets Sunday, November 12, 1:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

"Death Penalty — Right or Wrong?" Norm Stamper, 26-year veteran of San Diego Police Department, speaks for Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, November 12, 4 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

"Coming to Peace with Science: Bridging the Worlds between Faith and Biology" presented by Point Loma Nazarene University biology professor Darrel R. Falk when Humanist Fellowship gathers on Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

"Ceramics for Dining and Decoration, Toilette and Tobacco: What Antique Ceramics

Reveal About French Daily Life in the 18th Century" illuminated when Mary Lou Boone speaks for Decorative Arts Lecture Series co-hosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, November 13. Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m., at 1008 Wall Street. \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Primate Culture — Some Similarities to Humans" explored by physical anthropologist Tori Heflin for 12 O'Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, November 13. Can nonhuman primate behavior be classified as "culture"? \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Gardens Should Delight All Senses, according to Tom Del Hotal, owner of Fantasia Gardens nursery, who offers "Fruit Trees in the Ornamental Landscape" when San Diego Horticultural Society meets, Monday, November 13, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-295-7089. (DEL MAR)

"Flattering Figure Tips" offered by New York City designer Michele Tilford, Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m., at Cafe Divine (6690 Mission Gorge Road). Learn to accessorize to "create your signature look." \$5 minimum for food, drink. Required reservations: 619-282-1159. (MISSION GORGE)

Research for Cleaner Air being done at UCSD is topic when Kimberly Prather presents "California's Atmosphere: Analyzing the Air We Breathe" for "Perspectives on Ocean Science" series, Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.,

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GRAMMY AWARD winner Vince Gill, Saturday, November 11, California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

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at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). \$8. Reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

"How to Make WORD Do What You Want" explained by (former) computer science professor Dorothy Miller when Computer-Oriented Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society gathers on Tuesday, November 14, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"Jamestowne's Legacies" explored by James H. McCall to commemorate upcoming 400th anniversary of founding of colony, Tuesday, November 14, 3 p.m., at Rancho Santa Fe Library (17040 Avenida de Acacias). Expect to hear "new insights into little-known events that marked the beginning of America." 858-756-2512. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"Neoliberal Risks: Mediating Disability in a Moment of Dan-

ger" is topic when author Robert McRuer (*Crip Theory*) speaks Tuesday, November 14, 4 p.m., in UCSD's Cross-Cultural Center. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Global Climate Change: Perspectives and Solutions" — lecture series continues with Jonathan Overpeck of University of Arizona on "Global Climate Change, Sea Level, and Western Megadrought" on Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

"Eat to Your Health," what are "super foods," and what makes them so special? Find out during class on Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, November 18, 8:30 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$32. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Interrobang? Word indicates "an interdisciplinary event highlighting the exclamation and explanation of design" — Interrobang lecture series continues with talk by Andrea Cochran on Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$18. 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

Winter Camping Clinics offered at Adventure 16 stores. Tips for gear, preparation offered Tuesday, November 14, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374); Wednesday, November 15, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662); Thursday, November 16, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Free programs begin at 7 p.m. (MISSION VALLEY, SOLANA BEACH, OCEANSIDE)

"What's New in Irish Genealogy Today" explored by Mary Russell for British Isles Genealogical Research Association on Wednesday, November 15, 10 a.m., at Family History Center (4195 Camino

del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

Ichiyo School of Ikebana flower arranging taught by Haruko Crawford when Ikebana International meets on Wednesday, November 15, 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. \$10. Reservations, space availability: 619-294-9289. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Cauldron of the Middle East: A Fireside Chat with Ambassador Frank Maestroni" planned for Lemon Grove Historical Society's History Alive series on Wednesday, November 15, 11 a.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive). Maestroni was ambassador to Kuwait for ten years, writes on Middle Eastern issues. \$5. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"Humans to Mars — How We'll Get There" explained by Mars Society — San Diego, Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m., at Balboa Library (4255 Mt. Abernathy Avenue). Free. 619-723-3456. (KEARNY MESA)

"Lincoln in the Minds of African-Americans and the Symbolism of Lincoln/Lincoln Memorial, Extending Into the Civil Rights Era" explored by Camille Forbes, UCSD assistant professor of 19th-century African-American literature and culture, on Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (OCEAN BEACH)

Tips for Healthy Living in holiday season offered Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m., at Road Runner Sports (5553 Copley Drive). Sample recipes, "easy-to-implement ideas for eating well." \$10 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-446-6531. (KEARNY MESA)

"Race, Class, and Katrina: The Human Impact of Disastrous Me-

dia Coverage" examined by media analyst Jennifer L. Pozner on Thursday, November 16, 12 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Walking a Fine Line: The Perils, Pitfalls, and Rewards of Being a Conservation Biologist" considered by Reed F. Noss, Thursday, November 16, 4 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. Noss is Davis-Shine Professor of Conservation Biology at University of Central Florida. Free. 619-594-0580. (SDSU)

Collectors Panel, Robert PinCUS, art critic for *Union-Tribune*, will moderate a panel of prominent collectors, artists, and/or gallery owners on Thursday, November 16, 6 p.m. Included in regular admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Medical Marijuana Teach-In: Past, Present, and Future — What Do We Tell the Children?" It's topic for "Each One Teach One: Village Voices Series Part 1," Thursday, November 16, 6 p.m., at YMCA-Balboa Community Youth Center (2929 Meade Avenue). Panelists from both sides of issue including author Ricardo Cortes, Dr. Sean Evans of UCSD's Department of Neurology, lawyer Kenneth Michael White. Free. 619-281-8313 x104. (NORTH PARK)

"San Diego Motorsports: 100 Racing Years — An Evening with Johnny McDonald" planned Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at San Diego Automotive Museum. McDonald is former staff writer for *Union-Tribune*; he'll "share his resources and knowledge of the race-tracks of San Diego County, and the men" who drove the cars. Free. 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

Commercial and Fine Art Photographer Stewart Cohen speaks for Advertising Photographers of America, Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Zelman Studios (2308-C Kettner Boulevard). \$20. RSVP: 619-417-2150.

European Travel Guru Rick Steves plans slide-illustrated lecture hosted by KPBS on Saturday, December 2, 1 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). \$35 general. 619-231-5714. (NORTH PARK)

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African and African American Folktales, legends, and original stories told by storyteller Alyce Smith Cooper, Thursday, November 9, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"From Baghdad, with Love: A Marine, the War, and a Dog Named Lava" read and signed by author Lieutenant Colonel Jay Kopelman, Thursday, November 9, 1 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347). Free.

Busy at 1 p.m.? Kopelman will also appear at 7 p.m. on 9th at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (LA JOLLA, RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Grand Idol Singing Competition with ten contestants is Thursday, November 9, 6:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Kimberly King is host; Michael Tiernan, Paige Aufhammer, Dayna Carroll will perform. Your vote counts for the finalists! \$35. 858-481-2882. (DEL MAR)

Author E.A. Guest discusses, signs *Secret of the Amazon Queen*, Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Hot Box," sketch, standup, video, song, and dance promised — along with "no-holds-barred humor" —

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Ocean Beach Comedy — Steven Kendrick, Travis Taylor, Andrew Deans, Jesse Egan, Bob Hansen, others perform Friday, November 10, 6 p.m., at Winstons Beach Club (1921 Bacon Street). Free. 619-222-6822. (OCEAN BEACH)

Shakespeare's King Lear is presented by Poway High School Theatre Guild, November 10–12, at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Cast of 60 and crew of 15 Poway High School students. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. \$7. 858-748-0245 x5233. (POWAY)

Musical Mystery Author Larry Karp signs, discusses *The Ragtime Kid*, Friday, November 10, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

NPR Commentator and local author Debra Ginsberg signs her new book, *Blind Submission*, Friday, November 10, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Annie," Miss Hannigan, Daddy Warbucks, and orphans in tap shoes promised when Broadway Theatre Arts Academy performs the musical, November 10–12 at Maxine Theatre (31322 Cole Grade Road). Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Friday–Sunday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. \$15. 760-735-3302. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Tales of the Canned, Canceled, Downsized, and Dismissed" told by Annabelle Gurwitch, Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$35. 760-839-4100. Expect "adult language." (ESCONDIDO)

"Celebrities on Stage," the Edwards Twins celebrity impersonators bring their show to Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue) on Friday, November 10, 8 p.m. "See" Barbra Streisand, Elton John, Cher, Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart, Tina Turner, others. Tickets start at \$35. 619-239-8836 x3. (NORTH PARK)

"Save America!" Black Kat Theatre Company presents "original comedic nightmare about immigration, white ghosts, and San Diego's hidden past," Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11, 8 p.m., at the Hole (2820 Lytton Street). \$10. 619-645-1158. For those 21 and older. (POINT LOMA)

Debut Novelist Taylor G. Wilshire reads from *The What-If Guy: A Girl's Guide to Finding Her Soulmate*, Saturday, November 11, 2 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Kirtan Music by Travis Eliot and Mark Joel, Saturday, November 11, 3 p.m., at Ashtanga Yoga Center (1905 Calle Barcelona #218). Tickets: 760-632-7093. (LA COSTA)

Comedy Hypnotist Barry Jones performs, along with comedians Sean Kelly and Kurt Swan, Saturday, November 11, 6 p.m., at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive). \$20 tickets ben-

efit Moonlight Cancer Foundation. 760-635-7820. (ENCINITAS)

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Memorial Fundraiser Concert — in memory of jazz drummer Claude Smith — planned by Peter Sprague, Tripp Sprague, and Leonard Patton to benefit McKinley Elementary School music program, Saturday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Grove (3010 Juniper Street). \$20. 619-284-7684. (SOUTH PARK)

Singer-Songwriter Janis Ian in concert for AcousticMusic-SanDiego, Saturday, November 11 (\$25). Riders of the Purple Sage take stage on Sunday, November 12 (\$15, \$20). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights

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LOCAL EVENTS

United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Unraveled musical improv troupe creates "on-the-spot musical comedy," Saturday, November 11, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Donation. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Country Music Star and Grammy-award winner Vince Gill in concert, Saturday, November 11, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$53-\$68. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

"Sketch on the Rocks," improv sketch comedy show by Comedy Under Construction, Saturday, November 11, 8 p.m., in community room at Clairemont Town Square (4731 Clairemont Drive). \$10. For those 16 and older. 858-550-8088. (CLAIREMONT)

Fifth Anniversary Performing Arts Festival — described as "a double bonanza of music and dance recitals" — presented by Raag and Taal Academy of San Diego, Sunday, November 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive).

Program includes Hindusthani classical vocal recital by vocalist Smt. Tripti Mukherjee accompa-

nied on tabla by Sri Arup Chatterjee (UCSD guest lecturer in Indian percussion), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. North Indian classical *kathak* dance by Anuradha Nag, Smt. Luna Poddar, and Sri Ashim Bandhu Bhattarcharjee accompanied by three musicians from 2-4 p.m.

Festival pass for both shows: \$35 general, \$20 students and seniors, \$8 for those younger than 12. Admission to one show is \$25 general, \$12 students and seniors, \$5 for those younger than 12. 858-342-5783, 858-578-2705. (LA JOLLA)

Holiday Open House on Sunday, November 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Chef Deborah Schneider signs *Baja Cooking on the Edge* (10 a.m.), Federico and Stephen Moramarco sign *Deliciously Italian* (noon), Sid Brooks signs *Tales from the San Diego Chargers Locker Room* (2 p.m.). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"The First 80 Years Are the Hardest," according to Broadway legend Carol Channing, who presents her one-woman show on Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Concert is benefit for Center ARTES and San Diego County arts education. Tickets: \$20-\$55, available by calling 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

See "Tales from the Far Side of Fifty" on Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive

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Drive). Fourteen women from 58-88 share their stories and songs of post-middle-age. \$25 tickets benefit Foundation for Women. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Poets John Peterson and James Downs read from their work, Sunday, November 12, 3 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642 (PACIFIC BEACH)

Transgender Relations to self, family, humanity, God, the cosmos explored in *Norma's Voice*, which author Norma Posy reads from and signs Sunday, November 12, 3 p.m., at the Rubber Rose, a Sexuality Boutique (3812 Ray Street). Suggested donation: \$5. 619-296-7673. (NORTH PARK)

Oldies but Goodies, from Bach to rock, when C.C. Sanders ("The Candyman") performs Sunday, November 12, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church

(1501 Kelly Street). "He sings over 800 songs in many different styles." Donation. Optional dinner from Flying Bridge follows (\$6.50 general). 760-439-4099. (OCEANSIDE)

"Thanksgiving Extravaganza II: Turkey Talk" uses songs, dance, skits, audience participation to focus on television, with *American Idol* spoof entitled *Turkey Idol*. Competition begins with six competitors on Sunday, November 12, continues on Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Every night is different! \$15. 619-298-9978 x8006. (HILLCREST)

"MuscleBound," Michael Feldman's theatrical solo performance revealing and portraying issues of body dysmorphic disorder is presented Monday, November 13, 7 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San

Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Add Some "Joie" to Your "Vie" when Mireille Guiliano signs *French Women for All Seasons* at Warwick's Bookstore, Monday, November 13, 7:30 p.m. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Open-Mike Poetry Readings, Monday, November 13, 8 p.m., Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Historian and Author Max Boot discusses, signs *War Made New: Technology, Warfare, and the Course of History, 1500 to Today* for "Great American Writers Series," Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. Re-

quired reservations: 619-687-3580. (DOWNTOWN)

"4x4," Sushi Performance and Visual Art's performance series continues Tuesday, November 14, 8 p.m., at Bluefoot Bar and Lounge (3404 30th Street). Seven-ten artists present new or in-progress works in "alternative, casual social setting. All pieces will be low-tech, limited to ten minutes, performed on 4' x 4' stage." Donation: \$5-\$10. 619-235-8466. (NORTH PARK)

The Cedar Walton Band takes stage for KSDS-Jazz 88's Jazz Live series, Tuesday, November 14, 8 p.m., in Saville Theatre at City College (14th and C streets). \$10. 619-388-3037. Concert can also be heard broadcast live on KSDS, 88.3 FM. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Laughing Turkey Comedy Show," Claude Shires, Wally Wang, sketch comedy by Comedy Under Construction for Comedy Grill, Tuesday, November 14, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

UCSD Gospel Choir performs Tuesday, November 14, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

Linda Brown Memorial Poetry Reading with Marte Broehm, Kate Harding, Seretta Martin, Kim Noriega, Ivy Warwick, Megan Webster, and Cecilia Woloch, Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m., at Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). Readings followed by sale of Brown's personal collection of poetry books from

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Reading

American Vulgar: The Politics of Manipulation Versus the Culture of Awareness



Robert Grudin

By Robert Grudin
Shoemaker & Hoard, 2006, \$15, 240 pages

WHAT THE PUBLISHER SAYS: Robert Grudin is what might be called a lyrical philosopher. From *Time and the Art of Living* (1982) to *The Grace of Great Things* (1990) and *On Dialogue* (1996), he has tackled the traditional subjects of classic philosophy — time and self, permission and freedom, creativity and individuality, imagination and innovation — with a beautiful prose style in work fueled

by American pragmatism and metaphysical exploration.

In his new book, Grudin identifies how easily misled individuals can be by a class of professional manipulators — politicians, marketers

and advertisers, media exploiters, and the like. He demonstrates the calculated effort to diminish and demean broad national awareness, cataloging how this group has managed, in fairly short order, this project of vulgarization. Illustrating its effects in several areas of common daily life, he shows how this dumbing-down of the electorate has bred an epidemic of self-destructive ignorance.

Grudin believes that only a rebirth of individual awareness can repair this damage and in this book sets about to explore the avenues renewed consciousness may take to save individuals from the death of mass vulgarity. Although *American Vulgar* paints a devastating por-

trait, it does not leave us without hope, offering several possibilities for repair and salvation.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Robert Grudin has published in philosophy (*Time and the Art of Living*, *The Grace of Great Things*), fiction (*Book: A Novel*), and academic scholarship (*Mighty Opposites*). A professor for years at the University of Oregon, he now lives with his wife in Hawai'i.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: I began my conversation with Mr. Grudin by asking what he happened to be doing in Berkeley this fall. "I actually came here to promote my book. We have

a house on Maui, where we've lived for the past five years. I knew that an unusual book like *American Vulgar* was going to take some effort on my part, so I put together a couple of tours through contacts that I've built over a number of years."

"Will it be good to get back home to the warmth and sunshine?"

"It will, but I won't be back there until the spring. The only way we could get out of our house there was to rent it for six months. We have a lot of friends and family in Berkeley, so we'll be spending the winter here."

Mr. Grudin shared a bit of his background.

"I've been interested in writ-

ing since age five. When I was a kid I was wonderfully supported by my family, my teachers, and my peers. Except for a ten-year hiatus in my 20s, I've been devoted to creative writing throughout my life. But, writing could not be a career course for me in my 20s, so I came here to Berkeley and got a PhD in Literature. Then I worked as a lit professor at the University of Oregon through the '70s, '80s, and '90s.

"When I was about 40, in the late 1970s, I had gotten a promotion and tenure and a brief fellowship to the Huntington Library. One morning, sitting alone in the Huntington Gardens, it occurred to me that, for the rest of my life, no one could fire

"Illustrating its effects in several areas of common daily life, he shows how this dumbing-down of the electorate has bred an epidemic of self-destructive ignorance."

past 30 years. Free admission. 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

"Poetry International," new issue of the poetry journal published by San Diego State University is celebrated on Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Local poets will read from journal and read their own work as well. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Memoir *The Bridge Is Love: A Journey Through Grief to Joy After the Death of a Child* discussed, signed by

Cheron J. Mayhall, Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642 (PACIFIC BEACH)

Political Journalist Judy Woodruff discusses her newest project, *Generation Next*, reviews midterm elections, and looks at 2008 presidential election when speaking for KPBS on Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m., in Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$25 for members, \$35 general. Reservations: 619-260-4277. (LINDA VISTA)

UCSD's Jazz Chamber Ensemble plans concert, Wednesday, November 15, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

Bartender and Author Edwin Decker reads from his poetry and prose collection *Barzilla and Other Psalms*, Wednesday, November 15, 9 p.m., at Winstons (1921 Bacon Street). 619-222-6822. (OCEAN BEACH)

Author John Moir discusses, signs *Return of the Condor*, Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Odd Couple" presented by actors of San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts. Neil Simon's play is performed in original (male) versions on Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., and Saturday, November 18, 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$7. Find campus at 2425 Dusk Drive. 619-475-8556 (PARADISE HILLS)

Tony Award-Winning Actor Brian Stokes Mitchell plans benefit concert for San Diego Junior Theatre on Saturday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado Theatre. Mitchell, who has enjoyed career on Broadway, in television and film, is an alumnus of San Diego Junior Theatre. Tick-

ets: \$25-\$500. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

The Italian Comedian from Down Under, Joe Avati tells tales with "stories about growing up an Italian in an English-speaking country," Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). \$40. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Twelfth Annual San Diego Jewish Book Fair concludes on Monday, November 20, with "spiritual iconoclast" Rabbi Irwin Kula discussing his new book, *Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life*, 7:30 p.m. \$10.50. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

27th Annual San Diego Thanksgiving Dixieland Jazz Festival is November 22-26 at Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center (500 Hotel Circle North). Over 20 bands, international guest artists, and solo pianists play jazz, ragtime, and swing for dancing and listening in seven venues. Participants include Butch Thompson Trio, Oz-Chi Connection, Music of Walter Donaldson, vocalist Eva Emingerova; swing dance exhibitions, jam sessions, more.

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SPORTS

Eternity Skate Park with live bands, prizes, fun, Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Find park at 4701 Sweetwater Road. 619-479-4155. (BONITA)

Shelter Island 5K Run/Walk, Sunday, November 12, 7:30 a.m., near Holiday Inn (4875 North Harbor Drive). Day-of-event registration at 6 a.m. 619-298-7400. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Outback Express, join Sierra Club cyclists for scenic 40-mile loop ride through back country, Sunday, November 12. Ride starts at 9 a.m. near Starbucks in Rancho San Diego Town and Country shopping center (2512 Jamacha Road). Use a triple crank for challenging climbs, bring two or three water bottles, money for mid-ride snack. 858-483-5877.

The Knickerbikers plan similar ride on 12th, starting at 9 a.m. near Petco or Kohls (at Jamacha Road and Fury Lane). Hilly, hard ride is barely 30 miles, with one

rest stop. Bring money for lunch at Appleby's at end of ride. 619-255-2890. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Beginner's Kayak Lessons on Mission Bay offered Sunday, November 12, 10 a.m., by Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando Place). Participants must be able to swim. Free. Required reservations: 858-488-5599. (MISSION BAY)

San Diego Chargers are in Cincinnati to meet up with Bengals on Sunday, November 12, 10 a.m. Game broadcast on CBS; listen on radio station KIOZ, Rock 105.3. Tickets for future games start at \$54, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

SPECIAL

"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

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me. In other words, I had achieved total freedom of speech — at least insofar as I wanted to exert it.

“My next thought was, ‘Well, what would I do if I did what I most wanted to do?’ The answer to that came pretty easily. I had always been interested in the concept of time and its effect on human liberty. Over the next year, I collected my own meditations on time and liberty and that was ultimately published as my first nonfiction book.

“One book led to another. Over the last six books, I’ve wandered here and there, but the whole idea of human liberty has always been central. I’ve explored issues in creativity and communications, and I’ve written a couple of novels — one about a professor who expressed himself too freely and the other about a kind of superhero who tries to save the world.

“My most recent subject is vulgarity in America and the possible antidote to vulgarity, which is increased consciousness. We thought *American Vulgar* was a catchy title, but the book is really about consciousness.”

For Mr. Grudin, time, creativity, dialogue, and consciousness are four aspects of freedom. The fifth, design, is the subject of his next book, which is already complete in manuscript. “You’re a very busy man for someone who is supposedly retired.”

“If you ever retire, you’ll know that it is the time to focus your attention on something that’s completely your own.”

“What exactly do you mean when you use the word vulgar in your book?”

“Vulgarity needs three components: ignorance, popularity, and harm. It is fostered by peo-

ple in corporations who make money from the degradation of popular taste.” The fast-food industry exemplifies this notion for Mr. Grudin, but vulgarity can occur even in the most unlikely arenas.

“You can get very, very civilized — even up on the level of NPR, and still be vulgar. NPR, like other media, has to look at the bottom line, and has limited time to explore topics. For example, when [*The Da Vinci Code* author] Dan Brown was interviewed on NPR and asserted that he had thoroughly researched his topics in the Renaissance, he was immediately believed. Rather than someone from NPR fact-checking or calling up a Renaissance scholar, he was taken at his word. Brown’s readers went home thinking how smart they were because they now knew something about the Renaissance.”

I proffer that there remains

comparatively little outcry against Brown’s assertions. To which Mr. Grudin replies, “Only from the Church. Regarding Dan Brown and the Church, I don’t care what happens. Let them fight it out.”

“Brown [based his work on] a book called *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, and that book was based on a hoax invented by some anti-Semites in France in the 19th Century. But, Brown referred to it as though it were historical gospel. Later on, when two of the authors of *Holy Blood* sued Dan Brown, they asserted that their work had been fiction. That was the only legalistic way they had to sue him. Even in the court case that he won, his scholarship was disproved.”

“In your book you say something to the effect that learning isn’t just a good career move. It’s the last best hope for a decent life. How so?”

“One of the real sources of power that anyone can wield is in language. So they became orators.”

“It goes back to the early Renaissance humanists who realized that the world was not governed so much by god-given authority and popes and lords as it was governed by power relationships. They discovered that power relationships can be established in ways other than primogeniture and papal dispensation. One of the real sources of power that anyone can wield is in language. So they became

orators. They studied poetics and rhetoric — and they learned two enormous means to power and freedom. The first was eloquent expression, which obviously has to be based on honest knowledge. And the second was the ability to distinguish the truth from a lie when other people were talking to them.

“In the current century, we are all the beneficiaries of this

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

San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival, with 150 wineries, food from 50 San Diego restaurants, gourmet foods, celebrity chefs, auctions, runs Thursday–Saturday, November 9–11. Locations, times, details, tickets: 619-342-7337. (DOWNTOWN)

Filial Piety International Conference, runs Thursday and Friday, November 9 and 10, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero Drive). Speakers focus on problems and issues of world aging. Keynote speakers: Dr. David Ho (*Time* magazine man of the year in 1996) and Joseph Wong. \$150 for both days. Registration: 858-505-9906. (CLAIREMONT)

“Communication between the Sexes — Just What’s the Problem?” Present your theory on Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Head to Toe Women’s Expo, November 10–12, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Authors, chefs, keynote speaker Michelle Anton, 300 exhibitors, makeovers, more. Hours: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$7 general, free for those under 12. 619-491-0677. (DEL MAR)

“The History and Mystery of the Salton Sea” explored during symposium hosted by Anza-Bor-

rego Institute, Friday–Sunday, November 10–12. Symposium surveys cultural and geographical story of the sea, its natural resources, and complex changes. Program boasts field programs, lectures on wide variety of topics in Indio, field tours, more. Fees, details: 760-767-4063. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

SnowJam Ski and Snowboard Expo, November 10–12 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Skiing and snowboarding equipment and clothing, product demonstrations, resort representatives. Hours: 4–10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.–6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$12 in advance, \$14 at door. 951-587-6266. (DEL MAR)

Fine Art Festival III hosted by San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild opens with preview on Friday, November 10, 5 p.m. (\$20); continues from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12 (\$10). Thirty-five painters, sculptors, photographers, printmakers have work on offer. \$5. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

The Annual Sailing of the *Star of India* is Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12. View the ship from vantage points along Point Loma, Shelter Island, Harbor Island, North Embarcadero, and spots along the San Diego coast. Ship leaves berth at 9 a.m., returns approximately 4 p.m. Boaters are encouraged to join flotilla of private watercraft accompanying *Star* as she sails back into harbor. 619-234-9153. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Designer’s Workshop holiday sale, Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street). Free admission. 619-297-3012. (LA JOLLA)

Fall Pottery Sale hosted by San Diego Potters’ Guild, Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Spanish Village Art Center. Sale promises “thousands of handmade ceramics” by area potters, pot-throwing demonstrations. 619-239-0507. (BALBOA PARK)

Serbian Festival 2006 at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church (3025 Denver Street) is Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Live Serbian music, home cooking, tours of church known for its mosaic frescoes, imported Serbian goods, more. Admission: adults \$3, free for those 12 and younger. 619-276-5827. (CLAIREMONT)

You’re Invited to High Tea and to learn about lavender and herbal teas from author Karen England, Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m., at Mrs. Burton’s Tea Room (2465 Heritage Park Row). Learn to “enjoy a cup of tea from your own garden.” \$20. Reservations: 619-294-4600. (OLD TOWN)

Edible San Diego, San Diego Food Not Lawns hosts bike tour and potluck, Saturday, November 11. Participants will “explore worm bins,” visit a school garden, stop by a City Heights backyard community garden, forage with an edible weeds expert, get quick tips

for city composting, enjoy community potluck at end of ride. Event starts at noon at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Free. Requested reservations: 619-641-7510 x244. (BALBOA PARK)

Artists’ Open Studio on Saturday, November 11, 2–7 p.m., at LGBT Center (3909 Centre Street). Over 80 local artists and craftspeople display their work, yoga and tai chi classes, henna tattoos, music. Free admission. 619-929-9829. (HILLCREST)

“If You Love Freedom Thank a Veteran,” keynote address by former governor Pete Wilson, with presentations by Congressman Duncan Hunter, San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders, music by Navy Band Southwest, more, Saturday, November 11, 2 p.m., at Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial (6905 La Jolla Scenic Drive South). Parking and shuttles from French American School (6550 Soledad Mountain Road). Free. 858-459-2314. (LA JOLLA)

Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley host eighth annual art show and sale, Sunday, November 12, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard). Work in variety of media by local artists. Free admission. 858-755-4460. (DEL MAR)

Dance, Music, and Cultural Costumes promised when House of Pacific Relations hosts “sampler program” Sunday, November 12,

2 p.m. Free. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Objectivist Reading Group meets to read and discuss Ayn Rand’s speech from “Ethics in Our Time,” Sunday, November 12, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free; newcomers welcome. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

Taste of the Triangle, Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m., at Marriott La Jolla. Around 20 restaurants offer samples of gourmet cuisine. Tickets — \$40 in advance, \$50 at door — benefit University City public schools. Reservations: 858-622-0989. (LA JOLLA)

Night of Art, Surf, and Music benefiting Muscular Dystrophy Association, Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m., at ‘Canes Bar and Grill (3105 Oceanfront Walk). Surfboards used as canvases for artists Justin Skeesuck, Brandon Zeller, Andrew Heine; music by Brian Holwerda and Molly Jensen, silent auction. 21 and older. \$7. 858-492-9792. (MISSION BEACH)

Icy? Ice skating outdoors adjacent to Horton Plaza at 225 Broadway opens on Thursday, November 16, continues through Sunday, January 7. Skating sessions last two hours, with starts from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Fee: \$12 general, \$10 for those under 12, includes skate rental. 619-234-1031. (DOWNTOWN)

Get to Know San Diego Historical Society Staffers with “lunch bunch,” Thursday, November 16, noon, at

Museum of San Diego History. Senior curator Claudia Leos will lead discussion and share thoughts on “Belle Baranceau: The Artist at Work.” Bring your own lunch. Included in regular museum admission (\$5). 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)


Celebrate Beaujolais Nouveau when Georges Duboeuf Vintage is released Thursday, November 16, 5:30 p.m., at McMillin Companies Event Center (2875 Dewey Road). Live music, food by the French Gourmet. \$39.95. Reservations: 858-488-1725 x300. (POINT LOMA)

“The Birth of God — Scientific Evidence?” Discuss on Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

“Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation” continues through Friday, November 24, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Exhibition includes reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs, and illustrative materials such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera focusing on Lincoln’s America, many aspects of Civil War. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

“Suburban Trees” continues through fall 2007, at Carlsbad Sculpture Garden (2955 Elmwood Street). Exhibit inspired by a piece by Italo Scanga features work by seven area sculptors. Viewing hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Mondays–Fridays. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

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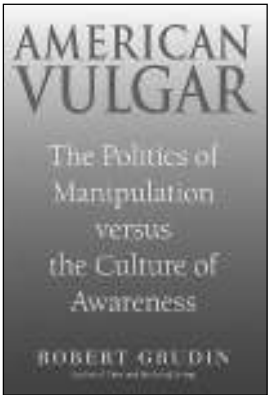


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humanistic tradition, which, earlier in the 20th Century, was grounded on the core curricula of history, literature, and, in particular, English composition.

“Currently, we are looking at the ruin – literally the ruin – of the very system that made us free. The mess we’re in is caused by a combination of the rise of the fundamentalist right and the academic left’s abdication of solid learning. These two forces gave each other strength. The fundamentalists are alienating the intellectuals more and more, and the academics’ failure to really educate students are driving more and more people along fundamentalist paths.”

“Looking across the country, are there glimmers of hope? Are there campuses on which good things are happening?”

“I like Reed very much. It did wonders for one of my sons, who is now finishing his PhD in a very sophisticated program. Then there’s St. Johns. I don’t know of a single large-scale school, though, that is trying to

reform its programs.

“If I ever were to get access to money, I would sponsor an annual conference on the ins and outs of core curricula and their relationship to the humanities and to citizenship.”

“In your chapter about the novel, you conclude that consciousness comes at a price, in that it separates us from ‘the communal hearth.’ To what extent do you feel yourself a ‘stranger in a strange land’ these days?”

“You know, I’ve always felt that way. I never really grooved in academia, although there were things about teaching literature that were incredibly joyful and seductive and that kept me going. I felt a degree of community during the ‘90s when the first four books of mine on liberty appeared in relatively short order. My kind of life, from a popular point of view, has always had its ups and

downs, but I enjoy what I do.”

I ask Mr. Grudin what keeps him going. “In many respects your book paints a pretty devastating and depressing picture, and yet in the end you say there’s hope. In the face of so much evidence to the contrary, what sustains your optimism?”

“There are heroes that I mention throughout the book. These sustain me. People like Victor Klemperer, who decided, at the risk of his own life, to keep a record of the degradation of the Nazis during World War II. Or this guy in Washington named Banzhaf, who has devoted his life to fighting tobacco and fast-food corporations. Then there’s the prosecutor, a woman, who resigned resoundingly when the Bush administration dropped tens of billions of dollars in damages that had been awarded in judgment against the tobacco companies.”

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With her emphasis on health and conservation and a menu rich in fresh vegetables, Berkeley restaurateur Alice Waters numbers among Grudin’s heroes. For him the Chez Panisse phenomenon is a ray of hope. He writes that “Alice Waters did not set out to found a health-food restaurant, but it turned out that healthy foods tasted better than the alternatives, and she ran with the idea. As time passed, this idea became a message reverberating with innovative chefs everywhere and even inspired a new mode of education. The Chez Panisse story suggests that

American markets can, indeed, wise up and that the most energetic and sustainable reform of industry can come from within industry itself.”

Mr. Grudin ends our conversation by underscoring our need, as a nation, to become more deeply conscious of the forces that manipulate us. “I am thoroughly concerned, though. And I am not overly optimistic. That’s why I wrote the book. That’s why I use the word vulgar. We’re not just being deceived; we’re being turned into slaves.”

— Jerry Miller

FOR KIDS

“**Cinderella**” performed by Puppet Express and Weaver’s Tales through Sunday, November 12, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Juri and the Bearded Dragon*, November 15–19.

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)

Running Grunion — a.k.a. Abel Silvas — presents stories revealing Native American life through various times in California’s history Thursday, November 9, 6:30 p.m., for “Arts for Life!/Family Arts Connection” hosted by Young Audiences of San Diego, Thursday, November 9, 6:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Following the Grunion’s performance, Sylvia Mejia of Juaneño Band of Mission Indians leads art project with clay pots. Free. 619-282-7599 x114. (ROLANDO)

“**The Phantom Tollbooth**” — children’s play based on Norton Juster’s book is presented by Pacific Children’s Theatre, November 10–19, at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 4 p.m. on Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 kids. 619-920-2838. (MISSION HILLS)

Please, Sir, I Want Some More! Star Theatre Company and Coast Kids Theatre Company present musical *Oliver!* November 10–18 at Star Theatre (402 North Coast Highway). Productions with casts of adults and children by Star Theatre Company on November 10, 11, 18, and 19; and with casts of children and youths by Coast Kids Theatre Company on November 11, 12, 17, and 18. Tickets: \$15 general; \$10 seniors, students, military; \$6 for children under 6. For showtimes and tickets, call 760-721-9983. (OCEANSIDE)

The Musical *Beauty and the Beast* performed by Christian Youth Theater November 10–19 at Mission Hills High School auditorium (1 Mission Hills Court). Cast of over 70 is made up of students aged 8–18. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays, 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$7–\$12. 619-588-0206, 800-696-1929. (SAN MARCOS)

Parade Puppet-Building Workshops led by Icarus Puppet Company, Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m.–noon, at Mingei International Museum — North County (155 West Grand Avenue). Fee: \$10 for children, \$5 for adults. Workshop followed by puppet shows at 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m. Required reservations: 619-239-0003 x116. (ESCONDIDO)

Autumn Harvest, family program hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Participants explore natural environment and learn how Native Americans found food, clothing, and shelter; grind acorns in *morteros*, pound yucca leaves. \$27 per

adult/child pair. Required reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Gobs of Gourds, decorate a gourd or make a holiday gift during class for kids in grades one–three planned Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$15. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30–2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48” must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Make Straw Rockets to fly towards a target during family science day at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday, November 11, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore “The World of Opera” when San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt present Family Festival concert, Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Program includes music of Bizet, Verdi, Gounod, Rossini, Donizetti, Mozart. Tickets: \$12–\$22. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

“**Lincoln: Patriot and Emancipator**” presented by Abraham Lincoln reenactor Bill Peck for kids in grades 1–4 on Tuesday, November 14, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (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, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the mu-

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.

“Howe-Orme: Forgotten Voices Remembered” is exhibit of rare and historic mandolins, mandolas, and guitars manufactured by Elias Howe Company of Boston

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

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

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exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

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

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County

coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

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

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

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. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbeong 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 permanent exhibit, showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-size models of *Albertosaurus*, *Lambeosaurus*, a sea cow, megalodon shark, more.

“Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters,” continuing through Sunday, 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 Ordovery, 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 *Too Hot Not to Handle* (through November) and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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Renaissance, Baroque, Romantic, and 20th-Century arrangements promised when Presidio Brass performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, November 9, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room

D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Music by Piazzolla, Ginastera, Tarrega, Albéniz, others may be heard during classical guitar concert by William Wilson on Friday, November 10, 8 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (925 Balour Drive). Wilson is celebrating release of CD *Tango for One*; he'll be joined by guitarist Peter Puppington, soprano Mary Ann Carr. Donation: \$10. 760-943-0755. (ENCINITAS)

"New York, New York," Marvin Hamlisch conducts and Faith Prince is guest vocalist when San Diego Symphony presents Winter Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20-\$65. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Opera Nights...After Dusk, head to Piazza Basilone (at India and Fir Streets) for live singing and music, Saturday, November 11, 7-9 p.m. Free. 619-233-3898. (LITTLE ITALY)

Pieces by Shostakovich, Bloch, and Bizet may be heard when Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra performs Saturday, November 11, 8 p.m., at Ner Tamid Synagogue (15318 Pomerado Road). \$18 general. 760-747-7237. (POWAY)

Explore "The World of Opera" when San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt present Family Festival concert, Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Program includes music of Bizet, Verdi, Gounod, Rossini, Donizetti, Mozart. Tickets: \$12-\$22. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Guest Organist Jackson Borges presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Reunion Concert planned Sunday, November 12, 4 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). Anthems and spirituals, excerpts from oratorios and cantatas, music by members of Grossmont Symphony Orchestra. Offering. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

The Hyperion String Quartet performs for music series at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard) on Sunday, November 12, 4 p.m. Offering. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

Spanish Opera promised when Janelle DeStefano (mezzo-soprano), Kathleen O'Brien (mezzo-soprano), Tom Oberjat (tenor), William Nolan (baritone), Timothy Todd Simmons (piano) perform Sunday, November 12, at Galerie d'Art International (320

South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Listen for music by Sorozabal, Guerrero, Lara, Friml, de Falla, Guridi, Fernanda, others. Event begins with reception at 4:30 p.m., followed by concert at 5 p.m. Tickets: \$18 in advance, \$20 at door. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Tango Master Piazzolla has pieces performed by Burt Turetzky and guests at noon on Monday, November 13, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! Free. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

An All-Mozart Concert is on tap when Poway Community Symphony Orchestra performs Monday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Program includes works from latter part of composer's life, including "Symphony No. 40." Offering. 858-673-9702. (POWAY)

Electronic Composer and Filmmaker Hans Fjellestad "shares tricks of the trade" in a lecture/demonstration for Concert Hour series, Thursday, November 16, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Piano Students of Aleck Karis in concert, Thursday, November 16, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. 858-534-3229. Free. (LA JOLLA)

ART LISTINGS

Events that are underlined occur after November 16.

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GALLERIES

"Festive Expressions" — with work in variety of media by members — opens with reception on Thursday, November 9, 5 p.m., at Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild Gallery (Union Bank Building, 6004 Paseo Delicias). 858-759-3545. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"2006 Faculty Exhibition," new work in a variety of media by

art and design faculty members of San Diego State University exhibited beginning with reception on Thursday, November 9, 6 p.m., in University Art Gallery at SDSU. 619-594-5171. Closes Saturday, December 2. (SDSU)

"Blatant" — "manipulated installation" by Isaac Katzoff exhibited for "Works from the Vault" series at Rock Paper Scissors International Galleria (4976 Newport Avenue) starting with reception, Friday, November 10, 7 p.m. 619-222-7625. Through Wednesday, November 29. (OCEAN BEACH)

Etchings, Drawings, and Gouaches by German artist Dietrich Schuchardt go on exhibit with reception, Friday, November 10, 6 p.m., at Perry L. Meyer Fine Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 251). 619-358-9512. Closes Saturday, January 13. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Travelers' Advisories and Unlikely Stories," exhibition of work by David Wing opens with reception on Friday, November 10, 6 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, 619-232-5004). Closes Saturday, December 9. (LITTLE ITALY)

"NanoArt" by scientist and artist Cris Orfescu goes on exhibit for "Today's Masters of Art" in Irina Negulescu's studio 246 (at 2400 Kettner Boulevard) with reception, Friday, November 10, 6 p.m.



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Photography, Paint, Encaustic Media, and sculpture by Lindsay B. Shearer may be seen during reception on Friday, November 10, 6 p.m., at Media Wherehouse (2400 Kettner Boulevard). 619-808-1217. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Celebrations 3," Pacific Quilt Artists plan "celebration of small art quilts" through Saturday, December 30, at La Jolla Fiber Arts (7644 Girard Avenue). Meet artist during reception on Friday, November 10, 6:30 p.m. 858-454-6732. (LA JOLLA)

"War in Our Eyes" is theme for exhibit opening with reception on Saturday, November 11, 3 p.m., at Abstrax Art Gallery (2109 El Cajon Boulevard). 619-296-4799. Concludes on Sunday, December 10. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Channel Nine" group show closing on Saturday, December 2, boasts second reception, Saturday, November 11, 5 p.m., at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). 760-781-5779. All 14 artist studios will be open during reception. (ESCONDIDO)

"Glass!" Annual glass event at Shiva Artistic Collections (115 West Grand Avenue) featuring dozens of area glass artists and "reverse paintings" by Alex Sample continues through Tuesday, January 2. Reception for artists, Saturday, November 11, 5 p.m. 760-745-7835. (ESCONDIDO)

Artists Corina Pickens (abstract), Lionel Talaro (portraits), Mary Sutherland (mixed media) have work featured during Ray at Night reception, Saturday, November 11, 6 p.m., at Andrea Rushing Fine Arts Gallery (3803 Ray Street). 619-294-9240. (NORTH PARK)

Inspired by Contemporary Physics Theory, Colorado native Joseph Metcalf exhibits oil paintings in show entitled "Theoretical Realism," beginning with Ray at Night reception, Saturday, November 11, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). 619-546-9546. (NORTH PARK)

"A Travel Log of Fireflies" — recent paintings by Todd Carpenter gathered at 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street), beginning with recep-

tion on Saturday, November 11, 6 p.m., in conjunction with Ray at Night. These works use only black and white oil paint to investigate "formal aspects of how images work." 619-501-0879. Closes Thursday, December 7. (NORTH PARK)

"1-2-3 Show," 16 emerging local artists offer work priced \$100, \$200, or \$300 during reception in conjunction with Ray at Night on Saturday, November 11, 6 p.m., at 504 Gallery (3041 University Avenue). 619-491-0598. (NORTH PARK)

Ray at Night, over 20 art venues showcase local art on second Saturday of each month, including November 11, 6–10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. (NORTH PARK)

"High • Low," with recent work by Dan Fuller and Dave Andersen, and Yoshimi Hayashi's "Helms-Alee: New Video Installation" open with reception on Saturday, November 11, 6 p.m., at Crossing Tracks Gallery (3275 Adams Avenue). Closes Tuesday, December 5. 619-521-0676. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"How Low Can You Go?" All works offered for \$500 or less in salon-style group show with work by over 40 artists continuing through Sunday, November 19, at Limbo Gallery (1432 University Avenue). Reception is Saturday, November 11, 7 p.m. 619-295-5393. (HILLCREST)

"Two See the Desert" and "Street Portraits" — promising "very discerning and personal photography" by Don Canning, Walter Drucker, and Janet Drucker — opens with reception on Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m., in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). 619-644-7299. Through Thursday, December 14. (EL CAJON)

"Ancient Stories" by John Clark and "On the Beach" by Abe Ordover open at Ordover Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172) with reception for artists on Thursday, November 16, 6 p.m. 858-720-1121. Closes Sunday, December 17. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, time for Eloy Tarcisio's 11th annual site-specific installation *Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación* (*Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering*). Installation includes wooden crosses, clay bowls filled with grains, beans, and other organic materials symbolic of Mexico's pre-Hispanic past. Through November.

"The Migrant Project: Contemporary California Farm Workers," with photographs and text by Rick Nahmias, offers "in-depth journey detailing the lives and

struggles of today's California migrant farm workers." Work focuses on all aspects of migrant stories, including personal lives, family members, women's issues, creation of community.

Basic human emotions explored in paintings and mixed-media creations by Anna Zappoli Jenkins in "Where Do You Store These Dreams." Hugo Heredia's "Broken Chandeliers" boasts large-scale sculptures combining glass and metal in "impossibly intimate and beautiful configurations."

"Memoria del Hombre: A Muerto de Todos Retrospective" is a site-specific installation of "objects left behind over the 12-year span of the installation."

Except where noted, the exhibitions close on Sunday, January 28. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum — North County, "Folk Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" presents contemporary objects of daily use

from throughout Mexico fashioned from tin, clay, wood, paper, and fiber. Exhibit "demonstrates the importance of family, community, religion, and fun."

"Pre-Columbian Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" highlights clay and stone objects. These objects "abound with material from myth and legend." Both exhibits close on Monday, January 15. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

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MUSIC SCENE

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I.B. Is O.K. Singer/guitarist Allen Camp says Misguided Children “spent a lot of time in a van eating peanut butter” in the late ’80s, early ’90s. The

hour. “These kids don’t have any money.... If a kid wants to come in and use the facility and they have no money, they can earn their keep.” Bands can work off their studio debt by cleaning the studio or working as stagehands or performing at the monthly multiband shows at the Sports Park’s

the I.B. Sports Center live-band series resumes January 20. Admission is usually \$5. Camp can be contacted at 619-628-1385.

— Ken Leighton

Stirring the Pot “Kids spend a lot of time listening to the radio and DJs are considered role models, so it’s a major issue when DJs flat-out promote marijuana use,” says Dannah Hosford of the Youth Advocacy Coalition. “91X did a ‘longest bong hit’ contest, and they often play drug-oriented songs at 4:20, which is police code for pot and a smoking holiday

[April 20] for kids ditching school. Most days, they also [play] the sound of a bubbling water pipe at 4:20. The DJs at 94.9 and 90.3 make stoner jokes, and *The Mikey Show* [on Rock 105.3 did] a ‘stoner spelling bee.’... What’s that telling young people about drug use?”

The Youth Advocacy Coalition comprises around 60 area youths; Hosford serves as adult supervisor. In association with HARM (Health Advocates Rejecting Marijuana), they held a July rally at the local headquarters of Clear Channel and Finest City Broadcasting in Serra Mesa.

According to 17-year-old Amy K, “Within a week, we were offered meetings with [sales V.P.] Rob Worden at Finest City and Jim Richards [regional V.P.] of Clear Channel. They both agreed to

produce a series of mutually agreeable anti-drug public service announcements, which we’re working on with them now.” She says the group still monitors local stations and documents pro-drug banter and song selections.

“We’re in the middle of a three-month listening audit now,” says 17-year-old Joseph H. “Just yesterday, one of the 91X DJs played Sublime’s ‘Smoke Two Joints’ at 4:20 and introduced it as ‘a stoner song.’ Rock 105.3 plays ‘The Pot’ by Tool, and on Wednesday mornings, they have stoners call in and,



SUBLIME SUGGESTED SIX JOINTS A DAY (MINIMUM)

if they get a question wrong, they have to take a bong hit on the air....

“Even though the stations themselves were willing to do the [public service announcements], we’d like to see the DJs take it more seriously.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

Where Beer Is Cheaper

Five years ago, Camp Pendleton “E” clubs (the E stands for enlisted) hosted civilian bands for the entertainment of U.S. Marines. The manager of one of those clubs, Tracer’s, would book three punk bands on one night so

soldiers would stay on base and not drive drunk. One of those Marines explained why he thought the idea to bring bands on base wouldn’t work.

“Ordinarily you wouldn’t want to be caught dead in an E club because you might be labeled as a geek or a loser,” said the Marine in 2001, when there were five clubs on Camp Pendleton. Since then, all but one club, the Double Deuce, have closed down.

“It’s not cool to go [to the Double Deuce] at the moment,” says Charles Price, 28, a Navy corpsman from Louisville, Kentucky, who lives on base and is a singer/songwriter/guitarist. “Something has to be wrong. Maybe it’s their advertising.”

Melvia Robinson, who manages the Double Deuce and the adjoining Taco Bell, says, “This year we had no bands. A few months ago we had a [female] impersonator who looked like Cher. And Saturday we have Charles.”

Price approached Robinson about playing at the Double Deuce. “This is a place that has nothing to lose,” he says. “They didn’t listen to my music. I told them I was an acoustic musician, and they booked me right there. Of course, I’m not getting paid.”

Robinson says the reason E clubs have closed down is because so many Marines are deployed in Iraq. Price does not agree.

“Look at how many people are on base right now,” says Price. “There are tons of people on base. It’s larger than the town I’m from.... What I’ve seen is that Marines would rather go

somewhere else like the Gaslamp or wherever to have a good time. But if you stay on base, beer is cheaper and you save gas. I can walk back



CHARLES PRICE STAYS NEAR HIS BUNK

to my bunk [from the Double Deuce].”

Charles Price appears tomorrow at Jitters Coffee Pub in Oceanside. Free admission.

— Ken Leighton

If Not Gravel, What About the Sand? After four decades and 20 albums, Tom Waits, a 1968 graduate of Chula Vista’s Hilltop High, is arguably the most substantial music figure to emerge from the San Diego area. Ever since the Eagles made a hit of Waits’s “Ol’ 55,” Waits songs have been interpreted by Bruce Springsteen, Bob Seger, Rod Stewart, Johnny Cash, Tim Buckley, and scads of underground artists.

Chanteuses have given Waits’s material a jazzy spin. This autumn, Madeleine Peyroux put her neo-Billie Holiday pipes to “(Looking for) The Heart of Saturday

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high point for his hardcore punk band was when Eddie Vedder booked them. (Before Pearl Jam, Vedder organized some shows in San Diego.)

Now, at 35, Camp plays in Fuzz Huzzi. His day job is music program director for the City of Imperial Beach; Camp oversees a 32-track digital recording studio located at I.B.’s Sports Park on Imperial Beach Boulevard. The studio, with microphones, guitar amps, and a drum set, is for the use of any local teens that want to record.

“We only have about 5 percent that are hip-hop,” says Camp. “We cater mostly to bands.” Kids who don’t live in I.B. can use the studio for \$10 an hour; the studio is available for adults at \$25 an

hour. “These kids don’t have any money.... If a kid wants to come in and use the facility and they have no money, they can earn their keep.” Bands can work off their studio debt by cleaning the studio or working as stagehands or performing at the monthly multiband shows at the Sports Park’s

600-capacity gym. Camp knows of no other city with such a program and says that he and his boss James Coates aren’t done.

“The next thing we want to do is build a rehearsal studio,” says Camp. “We’re going to get Pro Tools and then have a crash course and



CAMP’S PEANUT BUTTER DAYS ARE OVER

teach kids how to use it.”

Adam Baez, 20, of the Lost Identities says the biggest challenge “...is getting bands to believe that it even exists. I’ve been going there for three or four years.”

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Night"; in October, Israeli diva Efrat Alony unveiled "Take It with Me" on her latest; and, on November 14, Texan country-folk-pop singer Nanci Griffith offers three Tom tracks on her new record.

A real bombshell in recent Waits-covers news dropped last month with the announcement that *Esquire* magazine's "Sexiest Woman Alive" — Scarlett Johansson — will record an album of his compositions. *Scarlett Sings Tom Waits* is set for release in 2007. Blogosphere and press-outlet reaction was immediate.

Kristyn from *CelebrityWeasel.com* denounced the project as "bastardizing the beloved discography of Tom Waits." Canadian blog

Optimuscrime.com noted, "At least with Tom Waits, she's picking brilliant songs that we're used to hearing sung by a man with a kilo of coarse-ground gravel in his throat. Joe Cocker could cover Tom Waits and it'd sound delicate."

On November 21, Waits releases *Orphans: Brawlers, Bawlers and Bastards*, a three-



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(who once covered him).
— David Stampone

Yeah, I Perform in Diapers and Pajamas

"Some people tell me, 'No way I'm hanging out in a fag bar to see a punk rock show,' " says Davit Buck of the Homeless Sexuals, who appear at Hillcrest's Brass Rail tonight. "I can see how some people might think it's a gay show, since the flyer has a shirtless...dude in a blue g-string...but we personally

love women, probably too much."

Buck will book more Thursday punk showcases at the club, depending how tonight's multiband show goes. "They're letting me bring any band I want.... My original plan was to include a dominatrix or a burlesque troupe, but that hasn't worked out yet."

Buck says he's been mistaken for a homosexual before, which doesn't bother him.

"I performed in San Francisco in pink little girl's underwear and white stripper gloves, and a guy called me a fag and wanted to fight me. It made me laugh to be called a fag in San Francisco.... Yeah, I perform in diapers and pajamas and do things that the average person might consider gay, but if you're not a fag, then seeing the Homeless Sexuals play at a gay bar in Hillcrest ain't gonna change you one bit. And, if it does, then you should thank us for setting you free."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Disenfranchisement of the Rabbit-Eared The FCC ruled last week that

KSDS/"Jazz 88" can increase its signal from 3,000 to 22,000 watts of power. KSDS general manager Mark

who program music for their mainstream jazz, Dixieland, blues, and spoken-word shows.

"They were never supposed to go above 800 watts," says Channel 6's Jones. "They are a junior college radio station that is supposed to teach students how to use radio."

— Ken Leighton

Ain't Seen Nothin' Like a Fresh-Baked Muffin

When Aerosmith appears at Coors Amphitheatre tonight, "under no circumstances will the purchase of alcoholic beverages be allowed as a show expense." They want the hospitality room stocked with chicken tikka pieces with yogurt and mint dip, turkey sandwiches ("on whole wheat"), Medjool dates, corn on the cob ("cooked three minutes only"), an assortment of fat-free fresh-baked muffins ("no 7-11"), and "no pressed meat or processed cheese." They also need contact info on hand for "a throat specialist, a physician fully qualified in internal medicine, osteopodiatrist and a licensed chiropractor." (From *thesmokinggun.com*.)

— Jay Allen Sanford

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as i hear it by BRIAN CARVER
San Diego songs take the street test

Interviewed: Rick Emrick, Normal Heights
Artist: Jamie Varley
Song: "You Ride" (from the CD *You Ride*)



RICK EMRICK

It sounded like '60s-type folk music — the Byrds maybe, Jackson Browne. The music was good; the lyrics were weak. It would be [good for] relaxing on a Sunday, reading the paper or a book — something really mellow.

Interviewed: Ivan Vasovic, Golden Hill
Artist: A Scribe Amidst the Lions
Song: Muffled Bell (from the CD *Tell*)



IVAN VASOVIC

I can't tell [who it sounds like] exactly. Maybe some Metallica with a voice like Pearl Jam. I like the guitars and the voice, but the drums could be louder. This music is good to listen [to] live in some club or open area.

Interviewed: Ben Gramite, Oceanside
Artist: A Weeks Worth
Song: "When the Week Died" (from their self-titled CD)



BEN GRAMITE

[It's] the same genre that I would put Jack Johnson and John Legend into. I like that it's calm and there's an easy-listening [quality] to it, and there's a good strong rhythm. [It would be good] having it on while you're cooking or entertaining.



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HOMELESS SEXUALS UNDERSTAND SHOW BIZ

DeBoskey says that by March his straight-ahead jazz station will be heard in buildings and in cars that currently lose the signal in certain areas.

"It is a horrible mistake," says Richard Jones, general manager of XETV/Channel 6. "It will have a severe impact on our signal.... I really don't think our viewers want to hear jazz audio in the background." Channel 6 broadcasts to rabbit-eared televisions on 87.7 FM; KSDS uses 88.1.

"We don't know that any interference will be caused," says DeBoskey.

Jones says Channel 6 will continue the fight that's lasted years. "I can't tell you everything," he says. "There are a lot of legal proceedings going on."

KSDS, owned by the San Diego Community College District, has about 35 DJs

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Survivor's Song

Reno wrote his newest song, "I Still Love You, Pluto," with his six-year-old daughter Mandy.

This November, I celebrate ten years as a survivor of stage four, low-grade, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma," says Jamie Reno. "They told me I'd be very lucky to live five years, but what did they know? I'm alive today because I chose to do a clinical trial seven years ago of a new drug called Bexxar. I took the chance."

The singer-songwriter signed a national record deal in 2004 with 33rd Street Records, and 10,000 copies of his last record, *Survivors' Songs*, were donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to be given away to cancer patients and survivors. Guest players on the album include Charlie Daniels, Robert Lamm (of Chicago), and Peter Frampton.

"[Frampton] lives in Ohio, of all places," says Reno. "While he may have lost his locks, he still rocks. To my surprise and joy, he decided to give the tune his inimitable 'wah wah' treatment. If you would have told me 30 years ago that Frampton would be playing with me on my record, I would have told you that you've had too many beers.... He recorded his guitar stuff in his home studio, [and] his letter telling me how much he loved the track ['Survivors' Song'] is tacked to my office wall."

Reno wrote his newest song, "I Still Love You, Pluto," with his six-year-old daughter Mandy about the celestial body's recent downgrade from planet status. "That was just something very silly and very small that my daughter and I came up with," he says. "I don't really plan to record it."

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Neil Young, *Living with War* ("An amazing combination of tenderness and rage...the songs are raw, passionate, melodic, and topical.")
2. Lindsey Buckingham, *Under the Skin* ("A mostly acoustic, typically atmospheric solo showcase from the Fleetwood Mac vet, with a *Tusk*-era

ethereal vibe.")

3. Keith Urban, *Golden Road* ("Just because he's got Brad Pitt looks, plays guitar like Joe Walsh, plays banjo like Bernie Leadon, writes amazingly heartfelt country-rock songs, and sleeps with Nicole Kidman, don't hold that against him.")
4. *High School Musical*, soundtrack ("My daughter's favorite... it's actually not as bad as a lot of the tuneless pop crap out now.")

DESERT ISLAND DVDs?

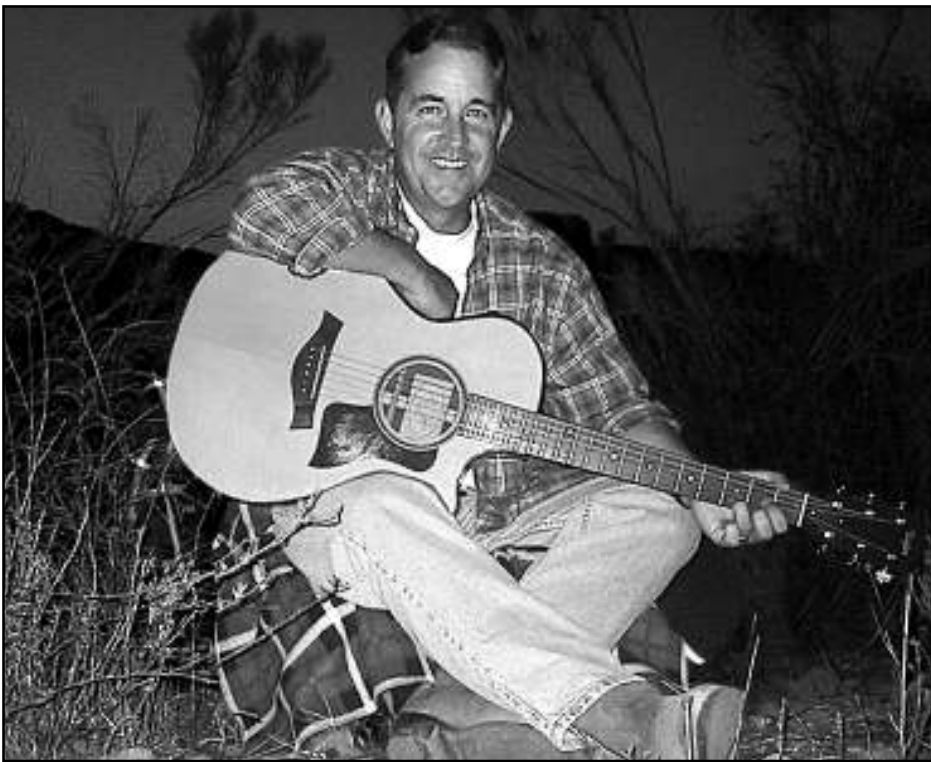
1. *Cinema Paradiso* ("An unabashedly sentimental and bittersweet celebration of life and of movies themselves.")
2. *Breaking Away* ("Classic Midwest comedy.")
3. *Lifeguard* ("Obscure, old-school mid-'70s drive-in flick about an aging lifeguard who just doesn't want to grow up and leave the beach.")
4. *The Bank Dick* ("W.C. Fields as Egbert Souse, a bumbling town drunk who inadvertently becomes a local hero.")

MOST STUPID SONG?

1. "Every song ever recorded by Mariah Carey or Britney Spears."
2. "Every song ever recorded by Van Halen without David Lee Roth."
3. "Every song ever recorded by Yoko Ono."
4. "Every song ever recorded that is not covered by Rockola."
5. "Come on Eileen" by Dexys Midnight Runners ("I really hate this freakin' song.")

FAVORITE TWILIGHT ZONE?

"The one in which airline passenger William Shatner is completely freaked out by a gremlin on the wing of the airplane ["Nightmare at 20,000 Feet"]. This one was remade effectively with John Lith-



Jamie Reno

gow in the *Twilight Zone* movie. This is probably why I still never want a wing seat."

EARLIEST MEMORY?

"Watching the Beatles appear the first time on *The Ed Sullivan Show* with my mom, dad, sister, and brother, in 1964."

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Blind Guardian: House of Blues, Thursday, November 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

FRIDAY

Keith Sweat: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, November 10, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Jimmy Thackery: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Friday, November 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

Ray Lamontagne: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, November 10, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

The Rugburns: The Casbah, Friday, November 10, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

SATURDAY

The Fray: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, November 11, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Janis Ian: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, November 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Beautiful South: House of Blues, Saturday, November 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Vince Gill: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 11, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Rod Piazza: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, November 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

The Pretenders: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, November 11, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

OK Go: 4th & B, Saturday, November 11, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

SUNDAY

Pink Martini: 4th & B, Sunday, November 12, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Ciara: House of Blues, Sunday, November 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

TUESDAY

James Blunt: ipayOne Center, Tuesday, November 14, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

WEDNESDAY

GWAR: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

NOVEMBER

The Slits: The Casbah, Thursday, November 16, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

The Damned: House of Blues, Friday, November 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Kris Kristofferson: California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 17, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Frank Black: House of Blues, Saturday, November 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Lemonheads: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, November 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Lady Sovereign: House of Blues, Sunday, November 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

John Legend: House of Blues, Monday, November 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

She Wants Revenge and Pretty Girls Make Graves: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Kevin Federline: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 21, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

30 Seconds to Mars: Soma, Friday, November 24, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Tyrese: House of Blues, Saturday, November 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Talib Kweli: House of Blues, Monday, November 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Black Label Society: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Cox Arena, Tuesday, November 28, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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DECEMBER

The All-American Rejects: ipayOne Center, Friday, December 1, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Melvins: The Casbah, Friday, December 1, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Watermelon Slim: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, December 2, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

Geoff Muldaur: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

"Z-90 Jingle Jam": ipayOne Center, Saturday, December 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Barenaked Ladies: RIMAC Arena, Sunday, December 3, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497.

The Disco Biscuits: House of Blues, Monday, December 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Roches: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Tuesday, December 5, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Gregg Allman: House of Blues, Wednesday, December 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

"93.3's Your Holiday Show": ipayOne Center, Wednesday, December 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Andre Rieu: ipayOne Center, Thursday, December 7, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Ziggy Marley: 4th & B, Thursday, December 7, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Aimee Mann: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, December 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

Slightly Stoopid and Pepper: 4th & B, Saturday, December 9, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Panic! at the Disco: ipayOne Center, Saturday, December 9, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Charlie Hunter Trio: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, December 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

Tom Russell: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

"91X Nightmare Before Xmas" with **AFI, My Chemical Romance,** and **Taking Back Sunday:** ipayOne Center, Sunday, December 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Papa Roach: 4th & B, Sunday, December 10, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Senses Fail and Saosin: Soma, Saturday, December 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Ozomatli: House of Blues, Wednesday, December 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Tha Alkaholiks: 'Canes, Wednesday, December 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Redman: House of Blues, Thursday, December 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Jeremy Enigk: The Casbah, Thursday, December 21, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

El Vez: The Casbah, Saturday, December 23, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Peter White: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, December 23, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Donavon Frankenreiter: House of Blues, Sunday, December 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

JANUARY

NOFX: Soma, Friday, January 5, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Beres Hammond and Marcia Griffiths: 4th & B, Sunday, January 7, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Justin Timberlake and Pink: ipayOne Center, Monday, January 8, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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.

The Cheetah Girls: ipayOne Center, Saturday, January 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Guns N' Roses: ipayOne Center, Tuesday, January 16, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Reverend Horton Heat: 'Canes, Thursday, January 18, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Tom Rush: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, January 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Muriel Anderson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Chieftains: California Center for the Arts, Friday, January 26, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

FEBRUARY

"Texas Songwriters Show" with **Lyle Lovett, Joe Ely, John Hiatt,** and **Guy Clark:** Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Wednesday, February 28, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

MARCH

Christina Aguilera: ipayOne Center, Friday, March 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Jeremy Camp: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Calendar CLUBS

DANCE

If you would like to include your DJ event, e-mail sellis@nethere.com or submit a listing online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. The listings are free.

Brick by Brick: Fridays, *Therapy*, industrial, gothic, and fetish with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.; 21 and up. 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

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'Canes: Thursdays, Top 40, hip-hop,
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and Rick Nasty. 9 p.m. 3105 Ocean
Front Walk, Mission Beach.
858-488-1780.

**Character's Bar & Grill (La
Jolla Marriott):** Fridays and
Saturdays, salsa, mambo, and
merengue. 9:30 p.m.; 21 and up. 4240
La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla.
858-597-6397.

The C Lounge: Sundays, *Liquid*,
liquid funk and drum 'n' bass. 9 p.m.
to 2 a.m., 21 and up. No cover. 756
Fifth Avenue, downtown.
619-233-2838.

Crudo: Thursdays, deep, soulful, and
sexy house grooves with guest DJs.
9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 1953
India Street (at Grape), Little Italy.
619-398-2974.

Dino's: Fridays, *Gimmie Gimmie*
Gimmie, punk, goth, and rock with
DJs Bryan Pollard, Morgan Young,
and guest. 3929 30th Street, North
Park. 619-291-3466.

The Flame: Second and fifth
Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic,
industrial, and dark '80s with DJs
Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and
Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and
up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest.
619-295-4163.

Habana Restaurant: Saturdays,
Adventuras East, salsa, merengue, and
cha-cha with David Garcia and David
Suave. 10 p.m. 7777 University
Avenue, La Mesa. 619-713-2011.

Honey Bee Hive: Wednesdays,
Mixtape Sessions, underground hip-
hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with
DJ Ricky Wrecks and Mada; 8 p.m. to

1 a.m. Thursdays, *Deep*, drum 'n' bass
with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable
Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to
2 a.m. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th
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Jack's Lounge: Fridays, sexy dance
music with DJ Misha and weekly
guests. Saturdays, vocal house with DJ
Sean Wilson. 7863 Girard Avenue, La
Jolla. 858-456-8111.

Kadan: Wednesdays, *Darkwave*
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Jack Tripper and guest DJs. Tuesdays,
Distortion, mashups, bastard pop, and
cybertrash. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and
up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North
Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: Second Friday
of the month, *Ascension*, Robin Roth
and Tom King spin the best in dark
underground dance music. 9 p.m. to
2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2812 Kettner
Boulevard, Middletown.
619-543-0933.

The Kensington Club:
Wednesdays, *Sub-Par*, hip-hop, rock
'n' soul, and funk with DJs Buddha
and SC. 9:30 p.m. 4079 Adams
Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

**Michael's Lounge (Hyatt
Regency):** Thursdays, DJs Neko,
Sky, and Chris Mullins spin hip-hop,
dance, and '70s/'80s. 9 p.m. 3777 La
Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla.
858-552-1234.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach:
Saturdays, hip-hop and R&B with DJs
Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up.

No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific
Beach. 858-483-6550.

Moose's Gaslamp: Sundays,
Nocturnal, house and trance with DJ
Neko. 9 p.m. 535 Fifth Avenue,
downtown. 619-702-5595.

Riley's Sports Bar: First Friday of
the month, *Sin Factory*, fetish, gothic,
and industrial with DJs Darkman and
guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.
2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma.
619-255-8635.

San Diego Sports Club:
Wednesdays, *Club Pussy Galore*,
Robin Roth and other female DJs spin
indie rock, electro pop, and '80s
Second and fourth Saturday of the
month, *Club Fashion Whore*,
electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance
punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q,
Barry Weaver, and more. Third
Saturday of the month, *Club de Sade*,
gothic, industrial, and fetish with DJs
Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest.
619-299-7372.

710 Beach Club: Sundays, hip-
hop, funk, and old skool with the
Husky Boy Allstars. 710 Garnet
Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Shooterz: Thursdays, *Club '80s*,
new wave, new romantic, and punk
synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard,
Sickboy, and Stern. Saturdays,
Underworld, industrial, gothic, and
dark electro with DJs Bryan Pollard,
Cybian, and Harlot. 3815 30th Street,
North Park. 619-574-0744.

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.

Whiskey Girl: Sundays, Top 40,
hip-hop, and dance with DJ Danimal.
Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes
'80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21
and up. No cover. 600 Fifth Avenue,
downtown. 619-236-1616.

The Whistle Stop: Second
Thursday of the month,
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Beaches

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international/pop standards.

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Thursday, *Philip Carrillo*. Saturday, *the Lomatones*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Uplift*, reggae. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Billy Thompson*, blues. Saturday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae. Sunday, *Middle Earth*. Monday, *the Cheap Leis*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *C.O.I.*, reggae/rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Saturday, *Lupe Fiasco*, *Those Dang Robinsons*, and *Deep Rooted*, hip-hop/soul. Wednesday, *Brian Holwerda*, *Molly Jensen*, and *Sezio*, surf music.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is punk/rock/hard rock. Friday, 7 p.m., *the Dirty Projectors*, *Bunky*, and *the Powdered Wigs*. Saturday, *Tara Jane O'Neil*, *Sir Richard Bishop*, *Rafter*, and *Old Man Hands*.

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.

Cody's La Jolla, 8030 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0040. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Roy Resnikoff*, light classical piano/show tunes. Friday and Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Dick Koenig*, jazz guitar. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Stefani Stevens*, jazz piano. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Joe Cardillo*, acoustic jazz-rock.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

During the late '70s, the **Pretenders** made perfect '60s rock records. Along with the gritty vibe common to garage bands then, **Chrissie Hynde** cultivated that slutty, underfed look of the working-class Brit rocker that Americans idolized. In 1978, two years late for the original UK punk scene, but dying to relive the glory, Hynde and original Pretenders members James Honeyman-Scott, Pete Farndon, and Martin Chambers formed a solid unit that sounded like the best of the Seeds, Velvets, Yardbirds, and the Music Machine rolled into one tight band. But in a few short years, Honeyman-Scott and Farndon were drug casualties. With them gone, the Pretenders lost their edge, as well as their great sense of rhythmic exploration.

New band members came and went, and the Pretenders, in time, simply became a brand. Critics intimated that the brand name was little more than a vehicle for Chrissie Hynde, and they were right.

Hynde was born in Ohio, went to Kent State, and moved to London and worked there as a rock journalist before playing in bands. The early Pretenders were a skin-deep lot filled with nervous tension and aggressive energy, a different group than was portrayed later by their smash U.S. hit "Brass in Pocket," which was almost a novelty record by comparison. But even with the changes, the Pretenders were among the best of the bands on the radio during the wretched '80s, when rock took the strange left turn into grandiosity that punk had vainly tried to lampoon.

What's in a name like "the Pretenders"? The truth, perhaps. Chrissie Hynde



CHRISSIE HYNDE

might be all image and façade, but I'd like to think not. I need to believe that when she penned words like "I'm tired as hell / I'm not the cat I used to be / I've got a kid / I'm 33, baby," she meant them.

PRETENDERS, Viejas Casino Dream-Catcher Show Room, Saturday, November 11, 8 p.m. 619-445-5400. \$50.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, 4 p.m., *Blue Eagle*, *Halo*, and *SP*, hip-hop. Friday, *Blow Up Betty*, *City's Finest*, *Trisula*, and *Thor*, rock. Saturday, *D.U.B. Live*, *Shah the Creator*, *Jah Fire*, *Shonuff*, and *Social Green*, reggae/dub. Wednesday,

Magnolia Black, *Tried by Fire*, and *Seaswallow*, hard rock.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Joseph Angelastro Jazz Duo*. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Vladimir-n-Jazz*.

Estancia Resort Hotel, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 858-550-1000. Mustang & Burros Bar and Grill: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Los Reyes Del Ritmo*, Gipsy Kings tribute band.

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, *the No Show*, rock. Saturday, *I-Sao-7*, reggae/hip-hop/old skool.

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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Shockwave Four*. Friday, *the Salt Lickers*, rock. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues/rock. Sunday, blues jam with *the Blues Brokers*.

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.

Manhattan Restaurant, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0700. Friday and Saturday, *the Joe Marillo Jazz Trio*.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron*, *Mark Fulton*, *James East*, and *PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guilino*, *Dave Scott*, and *the Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, Latin jazz.

People's Food, 4765 Voltaire Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-224-1387. Friday, 6 p.m., *the Speak Easy Quartet*, '40s traditional jazz.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Big Slim* and *the Blues Invaders*, blues.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *When I Rise*, reggae. Friday, *3 Against 1*, *Warner Drive*, *the Dateless Losers*, and *the Fish Tacos*, rock. Saturday, *the Pinheads* and *the Drunkbucket*, alternative rock. Sunday, hip-hop. Monday, *Mitch Budd*, rock. Wednesday, live hip-hop.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/pop/Latin/standards.

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., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Superunloader*, rock. Saturday, *the Hoodoo Blues Band*. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Tunes by Trent*. Wednesday, *Teflon*, rock.

Tower Two Beach Cafe, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., live acoustic/folk music.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Rose Hill Drive*, *Hot Like a Robot*, and *Cape May*, rock. Friday, *Blue Turtle Seduction* and *High Rolling Loners*, bluegrass. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Sirens Lure*, 8 p.m., *Yami Bolo*, reggae. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Middle Earth Ensemble* and *Denyavaa & the Shimmy Sisters*, Mideast fusion. Wednesday, *Superunloader* and *Sweet Tooth*, rock.

Downtown

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San

Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Tom Boyer*, solo guitar. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Monty McIntyre*, acoustic folk.

Busalacchi's Ristorante, 3683 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-0119. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Standard Jazz Trio*, straight-ahead jazz.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Get Your Death On* and *the Orion Frequency*. Friday, *the Rugburns*, *Steve Poltz*, *A.M. Vibe*, and *Rookie Card*. Saturday, *Kid Koala*, *Fog*, and *the Big Spiders*. Sunday, *Gil Mantera's Dream Party* and *Grand Buffet*. Monday, *Dr. Octagon*, *Kool Keith*, and *SSI*. Tuesday, *Wolf Eyes*, *Sick Llama*, *Raven Strain*, and *Dysthymia*. Wednesday, *Jolie Holland*, *Vetiver*, and *Sonny Smith*, acoustic/folk.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.,

also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop piano.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, *the Straight Six*. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *the 86'd*. Wednesday, *the Ghost of Sada*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *ESP*, jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Cindy Lee Berryhill*, *Marcia Clare*, *Jeff Berkley*, and *Randy Hoffman*. Sunday, 7 p.m., *the Coyote Problem*, *Gregory Page*, *Berkley Hart*, *Lisa Sanders*, *Peggy Watson*, *Sven-Erik Seaholm Joe Rathburn*, *Shawn Rohlf*, *Christopher Dale*, *Cathryn Beeks*, *Matt Silva*, and *the Mark Jackson Band*, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Wallace Roney & His Sextet*.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Sunday, *Pink Martini*, loungecore.

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*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday,

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Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Shaker Room: Thursday, live soul/rock/reggae.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Texas Twisters*. Friday, *Bill Magee Blues Band*. Saturday, *Family Style*. Sunday, *the Bayou Brothers*. Monday, *Chet Cannon & the Committee*. Tuesday, *Tel Mama Blues*. Wednesday, *L.A. Jones*.

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, 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.

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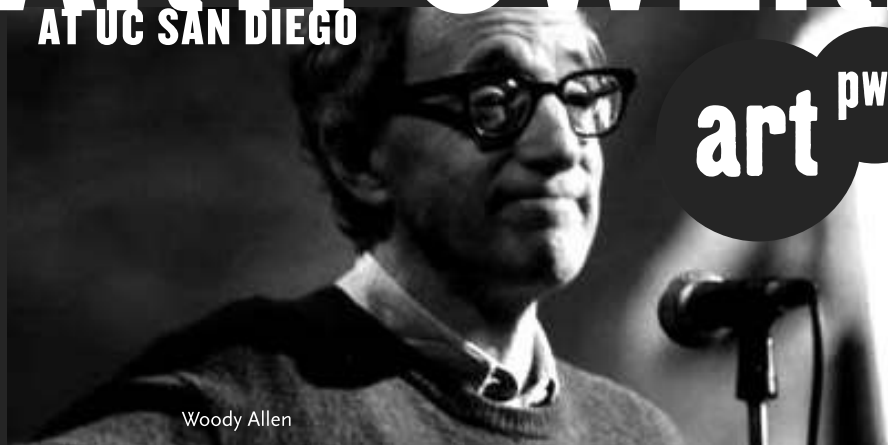
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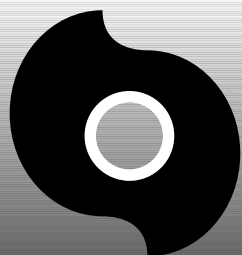
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Thursday, *Primo*, Latin jazz/salsa.
Tuesday, *Piece by Piece*, jazz.

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, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Karin Carson Trio*. 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, *DaGroove*, rock hits, and *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Friday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher* and *DJ Danimal*. Sunday, *DJ Danimal*. Monday, *Manic Mondays* with *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Tuesday, *the Crosswinds*, Southern rock/country/blues, and *DJ Famous Dave*. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *the Stepping Feet*, Dave Matthews Band tribute band, pop/rock, and *DJ Famous Dave*.

San Diego

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650
Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-
8176. Music is acoustic/folk/pop.
Saturday, *Janis Ian*. Sunday, *the Riders
of the Purple Sage*.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street,
San Diego. 619-297-7211.

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. Live music.

The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746. Monday, 9 p.m., *the Mints*, alternative rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Monday, *Pat & Joe and Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Lee Coulter*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Eruption*. Friday, *Opiate for the Masses*, Rev, *Kicking K8*, and *Testing Tomorrow*. Saturday, *FM Revolver*, *Divided by Zero*, *Unset*, and *the Freak Show*. Tuesday, *the Suicide Girls*, the *Burlesque Show*, and *Tsu Shi Ma Re*.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Live acoustic/folk/jazz.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/punk. Friday, *Luke Kinney*, *Scars of Scars*, and *Slow Car Boost*. Saturday, *Code, Rhythm & the Method*, and *Sus Hijos*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University) 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery,
5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego.
619-688-1120. Friday, live music.

Harry's Bar and 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. Thursday, *J.J. Lim, Josh, & Bob*, jazz. Friday, live band. Saturday, *the City's Finest*, alternative rock. Sunday, salsa. Monday, tango.

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The Kensington Club, 4079
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Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra.
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Renata Youngblood, and Todd
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Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *Arroyo, the Blackbirdz*, and *Darzana*, rock/jam. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the Ruined*, *Lessons from Zeke*, and *the Jury*, rock/alternative/punk. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Rob Dee*, acoustic/hip-hop. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., *the Rosary*, *J.D. Romance*, and *Iceage Cobra*, rock/punk.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday, *Rhythm Red*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Blues Invaders*.

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*.

The Rhythm Lounge, 3048
Midway Drive, San Diego. 619-224-
4835. Tuesday, open blues jam.

Rosie & Joe's, 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-277-5777. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Hugh Gaskins*, rockabilly/blues.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

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Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Thursday and Friday, hip-hop/R&B/rap. Saturday, live rock/alternative bands.

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, *Showbread*, *Sullivan Tyler Read*, *Grandview*, and *Public Puppet*. Friday, *the Wages of War*, *the Final Burden*, *Murder*, *the Aurora Complex*, *Pallida Mors*, and *Imperil*. Saturday, *Lovedrug*, *Brandston*, and *the Myriad*. Sunday, *the Deftones* and *Deadly*.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, 7 p.m., *John Kopecky*, solo Latin jazz guitar. Friday, 7 p.m., *Amelia Browning*, jazz/Latin standards. Saturday, 8 p.m., jazz jam session. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sam Johnson's Jazz Quartet*.

Terra, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo Delta blues/jazz.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, *Bonehead*, rock. Saturday, *Sometimes Frank*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *the Joey Show*, rock. Saturday, *Los Fabulocos*, rock. 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. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Friday, *the Hitchhikers* and *the Dissimilars*. Saturday, *the Maxies*, *the Dark Town Rounders*, and *the Glossins*.

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, *Gayle Skidmore & the Eskimo Friends, Evynn Oliver, Armondo Lopez, & Adonis Cross*. Friday, *Dino, Steven Ybarra, Lauren Rose, MC Flow, & the Kerri Dopot Trio*. Saturday, *Paisley Yankovich, See Spot Run, Drew Gasparini, John Hall, the Gu Duo, & Isaac Johnson*. Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*, 8 p.m., *Bushwalla*. Wednesday, open mike with *Tim Mudd*.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Friday, *the Why's*, Japanese surf rock, and *the Sand Devils*, rock.

North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, *Get Back* Loretta, *Goodbye Blue Monday*, and *a Scribe Amidst the Lions*, alternative rock. Friday, 9 p.m. *Common Sense* and *Dumbluck*, reggae/rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Brand New Heavies* and *LaTanya Lockett*, blues. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Ben Taylor*, *Sonya Kitchell*, and *Derren Raser*, acoustic/rock. Tuesday, *the Silversun Pickups* and *the Stereotypes*. Wednesday, *the Idan Raichel Project*.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday, and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Blue Largo*, jazz/blues.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Lee Coulter*, folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160
 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Winterhawk*, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., *John Borja*, acoustic.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Elevators*, blues.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona.
760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday,
live classic rock/country. Tuesday,
5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*,
acoustic rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300
Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad.
760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to
10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic
rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.,
the Restless Natives, rock/blues/reggae.
Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *CC &
David*, folk/rock; 6:30 p.m. to
10:30 p.m., *the Sons of Bordertown*,
rock/blues/folk. Sunday, 2 p.m.,
the Steamers, jazz; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.,
the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet. Wednesday,
6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*,
rock/blues.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

Del Dios Bar and Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, *Peter Sprague*, jazz guitar. Saturday, *Red Lane*, classic rock/blues.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday, *West of 5*, rock. Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

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-
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La Tapatia Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-747-8282. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Taupier Trio*, jazz.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *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.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Trunk Monkey*, rock cover band.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Irieside*, reggae. Friday, 9 p.m., *the X-Factor*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *DaGroove*. 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, 9:30 p.m., *Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat*, classic rock. Saturday, *Loose Canon*, classic rock.

South Bay/Coronado

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel and Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Scott Wallingford*, jazz.

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*.

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*.

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West*.

Crown Room: Sunday, 9 a.m. to

2 p.m., *John Cain*.

Sun Deck: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Lil' Chile & the Wahoos*, rock. Saturday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Point Blank*, classic rock. Friday, *Big City Shaman*, blues. Saturday, *the Stiletto's*, rockabilly. Sunday, *Steve Brewer*. Monday, *Jim Moore*. Tuesday, *David Houser*. Wednesday, *4-Way Street*.

East County

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Steven Ybarra*, pop/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, *TNT*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, live rock/country.

Downtown Cafe, 182 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-5687. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Joey & the Sting Rays*, classic rock/country rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Driven, Unified Division, and the Sons of Danger*, rock. Saturday, live rock.

Habana Restaurant, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-713-2011. Saturday, salsa dancing.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *King Country*.

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Stefanos, 14019 Highway 94, Jamul. 619-741-8095. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Caribbean Cowboys*, rock/country.

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Wize Guyz*, swing/standards.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 9 p.m., *Liquid Blue*, pop rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Pretenders*. Sunday, 4 p.m., *David Patrone*, jazz.

Calendar BANDS

ALTERNATIVE

American Hitmen: The Jumping Turtle

A.M. Vibe: The Casbah

The Aurora Complex: Soma

Bedlam's Edge: The Jumping Turtle

The Big Spiders: The Casbah

Sir Richard Bishop: Ché Café

Blow Up Betty: Dreamstreet

Brandston: Soma

Broken Foundation: The Jumping Turtle

Bunky: Ché Café

The Burlesque Show: Brick By Brick

City's Finest: Dreamstreet

Damnation: The Jumping Turtle

The Dark Town Rounders: Tower Bar

Deadsy: Soma

The Deftones: Soma

Deicide: The Jumping Turtle

Deliverance Machine: The Jumping Turtle

Desolation: The Jumping Turtle

Destrung: The Jumping Turtle

The Dirty Projectors: Ché Café

The Dissimilars: Tower Bar

Divided by Zero: Brick By Brick

Dogmatic: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill

Dr. Octagon: The Casbah

The Drunkbucket: 710 Beach Club

Dysthymia: The Casbah

Electric Mistress: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill

Fever Sleeves: The Kensington Club

The Final Burden: Soma

FM Revolver: Brick By Brick

Fog: The Casbah

The Freak Show: Brick By Brick

Get Back Loretta: Belly Up Tavern

Get Your Death On: The Casbah

The Glossines: Tower Bar

Goodbye Blue Monday: Belly Up Tavern

Grandview: Soma

Hialeah: The Kensington Club

The Hitchhikers: Tower Bar

Hot Like a Robot: Winstons

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Imperil: Soma

Invitro: The Jumping Turtle

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The Lands of Fire: The Kensington Club

Lesson from Zeke: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Lovedrug: Soma

Magnolia Black: Dreamstreet

The Maxies: Tower Bar

The Mints: The Beauty Bar

Pallida Mors: Soma

Mower: The Jumping Turtle

Murder: Soma

The Myriad: Soma

Neonthief: The Kensington Club

Tara Jane O'Neil: Ché Café

Old Man Hands: Ché Café

Opiate for the Masses: Brick By Brick

The Orion Frequency: The Casbah

The Pinheads: 710 Beach Club

The Powdered Wigs: Ché Café

The Pretenders: Viejas Casino

Public Puppet: Soma

Rafter: Ché Café

Raven Strain: The Casbah

Rikets: The Jumping Turtle

The Rise of the Speedmen: The Kensington Club

Rookie Card: The Casbah

The Rugburns: The Casbah

The Ruined: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

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A Scribe Amidst the Lions: Belly Up Tavern

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The Silversun Pickups: Belly Up Tavern

Sirens Lure: Winstons

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Six Foot Death Trap: The Jumping Turtle

Slow Car Boost: Epicentre

The Stereotypes: Belly Up Tavern

The Suicide Girls: Brick By Brick

Sullivan: Soma

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Testing Tomorrow: Brick By Brick

This Year Zero: The Kensington Club

The Tigersharks: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill

Tried by Fire: Dreamstreet

Trisula: Dreamstreet

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Unset: Brick By Brick

Viva in Stereo: The Kensington Club

The Wages of War: Soma

Warface: The Jumping Turtle

Wolf Eyes: The Casbah

ROCK

Arroyo: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Blackbirdz: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Bonehead: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

Born Again: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill

The Brat Pack: Henry's Pub

Mitch Budd: 710 Beach Club

Cape May: Winstons

The City's Finest: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

Code: Epicentre

The Crosswinds: Whiskey Girl

DaGroove: Ocean House

Darzana: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Dateless Losers: 710 Beach Club

Driven: Fannie's Nightclub

Dumbluck: Belly Up Tavern

The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

The Eruption: Brick By Brick

The Fish Tacos: 710 Beach Club

The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

Iceage Cobra: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

In Every Breath: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill

The Mark Jackson Band: Dizzy's

Joey & the Sting Rays: Downtown Cafe

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Luke Kinney: Epicentre

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Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel

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The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: Cuvee Restaurant

Dave Scott: Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar

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Website: *www.hightowersings.com*

Lisa Hightower has a voice somewhere between Betty Boop and Etta James. She teamed up with local jazz

guitarist Peter Sprague for this album. All the songs start out a little "smooth jazz," but there are some standout gui-

tar and sax solos to bring it back from the brink of vanilla.

A lot of the songs are covers. Listening to them only made me want to hear the original, except for Hightower's send-up of the terrible Heart song "Dog and Butterfly." Damn, that song's awful...I don't care who's singing it. Hightower redoes some rock and country songs as vocal jazz: "Purple Haze," "Walking After Midnight." They're okay, but I can't see anyone outside of the Red Fox Room getting hot under the denture adhesive for scatting. "Shibby dee doo wee doo wee" doesn't play in Pacific Beach.

I think everyone should have a jazzy CD for cocktail parties, and Hightower's voice isn't bad; she doesn't make me



Lisa Hightower

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Fuzzy & the Bluesmen: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Ben Hernandez: Humphrey's

The Hoodoo Blues Band: Tiki House

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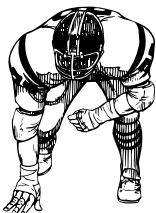
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Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

Halo: Dreamstreet

Los Reyes Del Ritmo: Estancia
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Middle Earth Ensemble: Winstons

Novamenco: Humphrey's

Pink Martini: 4th & B

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As dramaturge at South Coast Repertory Theatre, artistic director of Sundance Theatre Lab, and now resident artistic director of the Old Globe Theatre, Jerry Patch has helped develop over 200 world premieres, including two Pulitzer Prize winners. He has read at least 5000 new scripts. Asked the best way for unknown playwrights to have theaters read their work, Patch says to get an agent.

"They act as filters. If an agent invests time in a script, it suggests some faith in the writer. Unsolicited plays rarely get staged." In his 37 years in theater, Patch has seen only four or five "unfiltered" manuscripts receive a full production. One, however, made it all the way.

Along with receiving submissions from agents, theaters employ play readers. Many write long, evaluative summaries. Patch prefers a promising script sent without comment.

When he was dramaturge at South Coast Rep, Patch used to give his reader, Richard Hellesen, stacks of unsolicited works to read. In 1992, without comment, Hellesen handed him a thick manuscript called *W;t*. The strange title was either a typo, a silly attempt at being cute, or the door to something original. Neither Hellesen nor Patch had heard of the author, Margaret Edson. And her subject was off-putting.

Vivian Bearing teaches English literature at an unnamed university. A rigid taskmaster, she specializes in the metaphysical poets, the "Holy Sonnets" of John Donne, in particular. When *W;t* begins the thin, 50-year-old woman is pushing an IV pole on wheels. Completely bald, she has a hospital bracelet on her wrist and a catheter over her left breast. She's in the final stage of ovarian cancer.

"Uncomfortable with kindness," the brilliant woman goes ungently toward her end. ("Having a former student give you a pelvic exam was thoroughly degrading," she says. "I wish I had given him an A.") As she becomes "ultimately sick," Vivian reacts to an indifferent, even cruel hospital. She also realizes that, like the legendary wit of John Donne, her trial has been "not so much resolving the issues of life and God as *reveling* in their complexity."

One reading convinced Patch of *W;t*'s potential. "There was a tremendous intelligence. Plus, she had a real attitude toward medical care," especially at how doctors avoid terminally ill patients' emotions, not wanting to become attached.

Patch had another partial connection. His favorite teacher at UC Santa Barbara, where Patch majored in speech and drama, was Lawrence Will-

son. In his contemporary American fiction class, "Willson challenged the hell out of you," Patch recalls, half-smile, half-shudder. "Answering a question was like stepping up to the guillotine." Like Vivian Bearing? "There's a difference: Willson challenged the smart ones and left the not-so-smart alone. Vivian cut her students no slack at all."

(In an interview, Edson confessed to mixed feelings about Vivian: "I'm not saying smart is bad. Smart is not bad, but *kind* is good.")

Edson sent copies of *W;t* to 60 American theaters. Only the South Coast Rep expressed interest. When Patch met with the mysterious Margaret Edson in Washington D.C., he learned that her late father was a political columnist, her mother, a social worker. Six feet tall and slender, Edson has an M.A. in English from Georgetown — and has always danced to her own drummer.

To spend time with her sister in Iowa City, Edson sold hot dogs during the day and schlepped beers at night at a biker bar. She worked as a guide at the Vatican for a year, while living in a Dominican convent (knowing eight languages helped her land the job). She currently teaches elementary reading to children in Atlanta, Georgia.

W;t was her first play. She began by "just writing down talk. I'm very interested in the exact words people use. So to write a play you listen to a voice in your head."

She based it on her experiences as a clerk in the oncology/AIDS unit of a research hospital. "I wanted to write about someone who loses their power. You build up a certain set of tools. What happens if those tools don't serve you anymore?"



Margaret Edson

Edson agreed to work with Patch. He had two concerns: *W;t* was way too long, would run over three hours, he estimated. Patch has dramaturged for Beth Henley, Craig Lucas, and David Henry Hwang, savvy authors accustomed to the rigorous stages of play development. Edson was new to what can be a lengthy process.

Patch sent her notes. He never said, "This is wrong; change it." Each asked a question that suggested rethinking. For example, during intermission Edson wanted Vivian onstage in a wheelchair. That meant a three-hour play with no break for the actor. Was Edson sure about this?

Virginia Woolf said the aim of revision is "to compress and enliven." Patch visited Edson twice

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in Washington, D.C. They talked all day about cutting, reshaping, tightening. Then more questions. The script was still overlong. Patch kept asking, "How much do you really need?" Was the lengthy dream sequence necessary? What would be lost if it went? What gained?

In late 1993, SCR did a reading and committed to producing *W;t*. Patch and director Martin Benson felt the play, still two acts, would be much more powerful if it ran straight through. Also, just before intermission, Vivian dives across a bed and vomits into a plastic bucket. Given the chance, a goodly portion of the audience might depart.

Edson told an interviewer years later that she was against any changes initially — and resisted them when they happened. Her original script "cost 50 cents more to mail than the final play. I had to cut it a lot. And that was the most difficult part."

"Maggie was new to the

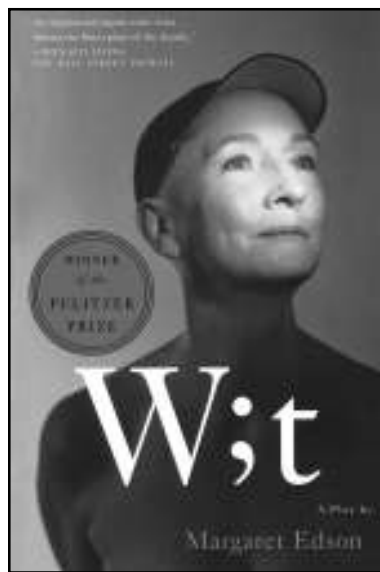
process," says Patch. "Playwrights get a note. They say, 'I'll think about it,' and off they go. Maggie wasn't used to that at first."

Working with Patch, and editing "syllable by syllable," Edson turned the bulky narrative into a "fast-swerving drive. You're brought very quickly over to laughing and ripped right back into something harrowing — very shocking. It happens so quickly and smoothly...it makes me seem like I really know what I'm doing."

Of Patch and SCR, Edson says, "I feel part of a group that did it. They took a big risk with this play. My admiration for them is complete."

The process took two and a half years. Patch says it's one of the best examples of play development he's ever done. "Every word is Maggie's. We were useful to her but didn't impede her. She was able to realize her vision."

The *W;t* that opened in February 1995 ran 90 minutes. The play and production won



every major award in the Los Angeles area.

And then nothing.

After SCR, Edson made minor changes and sent *W;t* to various theaters. When letters of rejection came back, she assumed the life of her "one little play" had ended. Letters gave diverse reasons: "cast size" [nine], "subject," "too academic," "too much talk" — an odd critique, since the play has since been hailed as a model of concision.

You could almost hear pro-

ducers behind closed doors: "Ovarian what? Pukes in a freaking what? No way!"

"It's an indictment of American theater," says Patch. "Nobody dared to do this play! All of our resident theaters turned it down. No one judged the script on its merit."

Two years after it opened at SCR, Douglas Hughes of Connecticut's Long Wharf Theatre decided to produce *W;t*, in part because it had a role for his mother. Not expecting crowds, Hughes slotted it for the theater's small space. Critics came. The *New York Times* raved. *W;t* moved to the Manhattan Class Company theater in New York, later to the 500-seat Union Square Theatre. Both are Off-Broadway. After three years, the producers wanted to move it to Broadway. "No," said Edson, "it's doing fine here."

"Typical Maggie," says Patch. "She turned down Broadway. That's why she didn't get a Tony."

In 1999, *W;t* won the Pulitzer Prize for drama. At the ceremony, instead of bowing or blushing when she accepted the silver certificate, a reporter said Edson waited for the room to get quiet, like a teacher, then talked about the importance of children learning to read.

"New Yorkers find this very hard to believe," she told Jim Lehrer on *NewsHour*, "but the intricacies of New York theater are not part of what we're doing down in kindergarten.... I love teaching. And if my students are watching, turn off the TV and go read a book."

"Again typical Maggie," says Patch, adding that when Mike Nichols made a movie of *W;t*, the studio rented her a limo for the world premiere. She gave Donald Margulies — Patch's other Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright — a ride home after. "Donald loved it. Maggie wasn't impressed."

Edson teaches students to count by twos while having them sing James Brown's "I Got You (I Feel Good)." Once asked what her next project will be, she replied in all seriousness, "Insects." It wasn't a play. It was a big class project called "Six Legs over Georgia."

Edson may never write another play. "If *W;t* works, it's because it's the one thing that I had in my heart. If there's something else I want to say in ten years, then I'll think about it. But I'm not interested in leaving teaching for anything.... It's so corny, but if there's a world that has more justice in it, teaching is the way for me to bring that about." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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All My Sons

MiraCosta College presents Arthur Miller's drama about Joe Keller and a past that tracks him down. Eric Bishop directed. MIRACOSTA THEATRE, 1 BARNARD DRIVE, OCEANSIDE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18) AT 2:00 P.M. 760-795-6815.

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Bedroom Farce

Moonlight at the Avo presents Alan Ayckbourn's multiple-bedroom comedy. Tracy Williams directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Beyond Therapy

PowPac presents Christopher Durang's comedy about unpredictable Bruce, nervous Prudence, and their attempt at a relationship. Marjorie Mae Treger directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS AT THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Bug

Aphids aren't bloodsuckers. Or are they? A secret government (or the Bilderbergers) didn't stage JFK and 9/11 to escalate Vietnam and invade Afghanistan and Iraq. Or did they?

Tracy Letts's sleazy thriller tromps right down the middle of these questions. It's set in an unlikely local: a motel in Oklahoma where rock cocaine-taking Agnes "hermetized herself" from her abusive ex-con husband. She meets kindly, distant Peter Evans. Her potential savior brings about even greater paranoia: he was a government subject at Groom Lake (i.e. Area 51) and may be carrying a bug virus of burrowing carnivore aphids. Agnes gets it (or is she just scratching sympathy sores?). Helicopters swarm overhead. Men in black? Or delusional ravings? Cygnet Theatre's crack design team does it again with a detail-rich motel room (Sean Murray), costumes ranging from frump to top shelf (Veronica Murphy), and lighting (Eric Lotze even has a strobe effect) and sound (George Ye, brilliant) designs that tell the story by themselves. The production, directed by Murray, is full of taut suspense, including many an eloquent silence. And the performances are quite good, especially Robin Christ's chain-smoking Angie and John DeCarlo's flip-flopping Peter. Where the production sometimes flags: as if it fears being labeled a "conspiracy theorist" (possibly this country's most dominant stereotype), it stresses *Bug's* comic moments. Letts created down-and-nearly-out characters rarely seen onstage. Emphasizing the humor of *Bug* marginalizes them even more, making their reactions, to

real or imagined causes, often just silly. This choice gives the audience too easy an out. Sure Angie and Peter could be "hitting the pipe a little too heavy." But then again...
Worth a try.

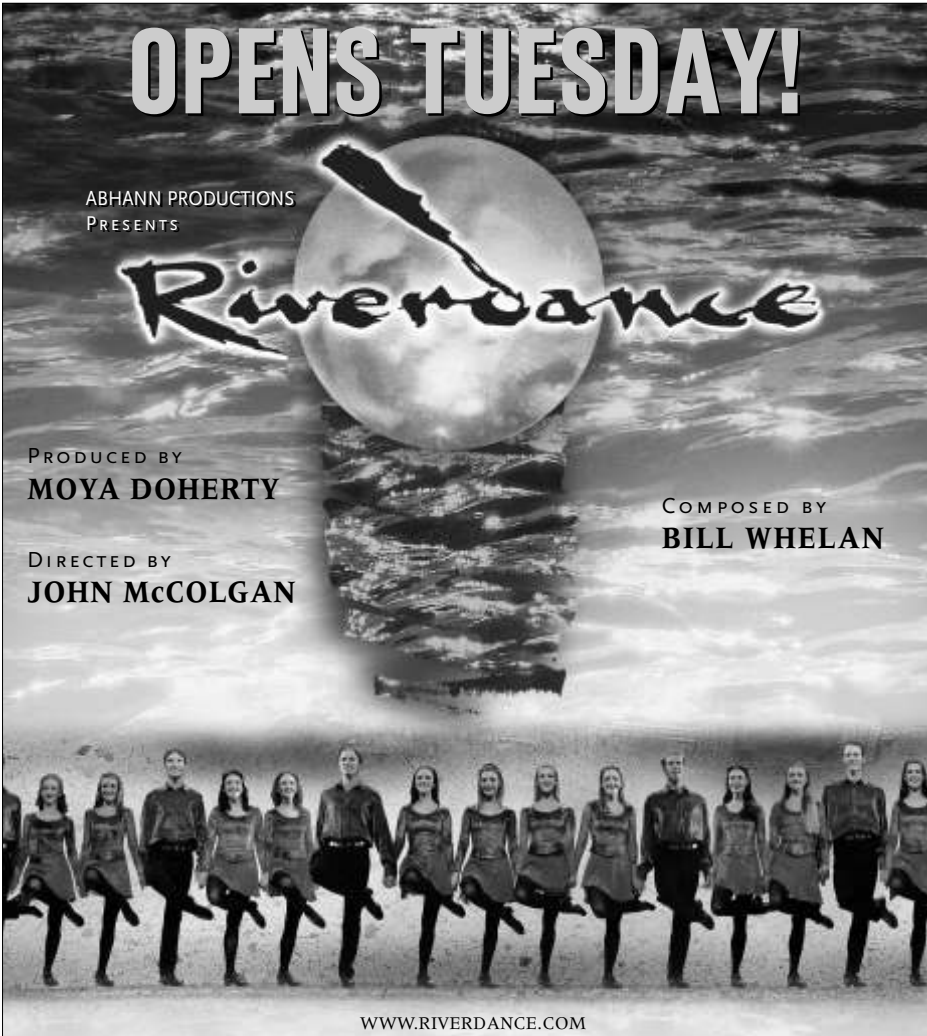
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Don Pasquale

Lyric Opera San Diego presents Donizetti's "comic Bel Canto romp" about star-crossed lovers having to trick a crafty old man. J. Sherwood Montgomery directed. BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, NORTH PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-8836.

Dutchman

Lynx Performance Theatre stages Amiri Baraka's allegorical drama about a blonde woman and a black intellectual on a subway train (or the ship *Flying Dutchman*). Al Germani directed. LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE (NORTH OF COSTCO), ROSE CANYON, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, THROUGH DECEMBER 10; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-889-3190.



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The Glass Menagerie

Tom Wingfield must escape “this two-by-four situation” — stuck at home, dead-end job; his mother Amanda, just as mired, clings to an earlier time of bright smiles and bouquets of jonquils; and his sister, frail Laura, lives in a “world of old phonograph records and little glass crystals.” Like her miniature animals, the Wingfields are a fragile menagerie. To grow, Tom must leave. But if he does, he’ll shatter what remains behind (*Glass Menagerie’s* even more poignant when you recall Tennessee Williams’s life, including sister Rose’s mental incarceration and lobotomy — symbolized in the play by the unicorn losing its horn — and his lifelong guilt over abandoning her). Ion Theatre’s staging of this haunted drama is quite good. But at times tentative performances on opening night left a sense that, once the cast settles in, it could become even richer (Ion is running the Williams in repertory with *The Grapes of Wrath*; the double demands may explain the need for a final polish). Veterans Matt Scott and Dana Hooley, as Tom and Amanda, wage verbal war with some of the most dazzling language in American theater (one quibble: Hooley wears a gaudy pink dress for the Gentleman Caller that makes her seem grotesque; and Amanda can be, but she also has dreams and monstrous pain as well). Steven Lone’s spot-on as the Gentleman Caller who chose this evening to practice his Andrew Carnegie skills on Sara Beth Morgan’s understated, moving Laura.

Worth a try.

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I Hate Hamlet

Premiere stages Paul Rudnick’s comedy about a TV actor cast in THE role against his wishes. Terri Miller Schmidt directed. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

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Life X 3

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rum reigns. The obvious reading sees each scene separately, as a parallel universe. But this makes the play just shallow variations on a theme. Much more interesting (and, I suspect, accurate) is to look at *Life X 3* from above, like three-dimensional tic-tac-toe. Each scene becomes a layer of the same event. In the first, the subtexts surface. The last stands on the other two; we see through its formality to a possible affair, shifts of status, burning resentment, even the threat of violence — all now embedded in polite banter, stable reactions, and the illusion of harmony. We read, in other words, between the lines. Each scene thickens the previous one. They grow from childhood to adulthood, from sitcom to drama (one could even give them Freudian labels: id, ego, superego). The Lamb’s Players production ranks among its best in years. Surrounded by myriad stars, and a gigantic earth rolling across the rear wall, Mike Buckley’s set also includes a living room on a turntable and the Milky Way spinning on the floor. The cast, smartly directed by Deborah Gilmour Smyth, shines throughout: Lance Arthur Smith as volatile (everything from a “doomed” infant to a poet) Henry; Robert Smyth’s smug, contentious Hubert, Henry’s boss; Glynn Bedington’s Inez, as deep as she is daffy; and Colleen Kollar’s manic/tender, always amazingly focused Sonia. The quartet does a kind of reverse ensemble acting. They turn 12 characters into 4 increasingly complex beings.

Critic's pick.

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A Match Made in Heaven

As a fundraiser for the company, Community Actors Theatre stages Liva Krancberg’s play about love and romance. Jennie Hamilton directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, OAK PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

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, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

The Mikado

Point Loma Nazarene University presents Gilbert and Sullivan’s opera, allegedly inspired by an old Japanese executioner’s sword falling from the wall of Gilbert’s study. CRILL PERFORMANCE HALL, POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-849-2325.

Much Ado About Nothing

The Old Globe/USD dramatic arts program presents Shakespeare’s comedy about recalcitrant lovers. Richard Seer directed. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19. TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7 P.M.; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra

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Patriot Act: The Trial of George W. Bush

Sledgehammer Theatre presents a trial of the 43rd president for violating the constitution, crimes against humanity, and treason. The audience is the jury. Todd Blakesley created and directed the piece. 10TH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEMBER 26; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

Readings of August Wilson's Plays: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

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Ridiculous Fraud

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Beth Henley’s “affectionately absurd comedy” about three broth-

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Shakespeare's R&J

Grossmont College stages Joe Calarco’s adaptation of the Bard’s tragedy: four prep school students decide “to vary their very governed lives.” Henry J. Jordan directed. LAB THEATRE, GROSSMONT COLLEGE, 8800 GROSSMONT COLLEGE DRIVE, EL CAJON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, THROUGH NOVEMBER 21; NIGHTLY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-644-7234.

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Son of a Bush

The title’s about as witty as Gross National Product’s part-scripted, part-audience participation/improvised show gets. Most isn’t even of *that* caliber. John Simmons and Christine Thompson start with a town hall debate between the prez and Hillary Clinton (he’s one-note dumb, she’s logorrheic; they do go on). After that, amid botched lighting cues and tin-canned music, the evening slaloms downward. Given to cheerleader-sized shouts and forced energy, as if the audience were across the street, the duo does 100 minutes of shtick: infinitely tedious sketches about North Korea, an ATF museum, and a self-improvement seminar. Most of the setups take far, far longer than need be, and the payoffs are rarely cashable. Much opening night humor came from audience members dragged on stage. They often had better quips and better timing than the performers. Simmons kept saying that people weren’t laughing because San Diego’s a “conservative” town. Nope. That wasn’t it. People weren’t laughing because the show wasn’t funny. THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. SAT-

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The San Diego Repertory Theatre presents a workshop production of Rick Najera's new interactive comedy about the patriarch of a National City family who's been gone for a decade and vows to set things right. Sam Woodhouse directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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Mitch Albom's 1997 book about the slow decline of his favorite professor, Morris Schwartz, to Lou Gehrig's disease, became a movie in 1999, and then a play that straddles the line between wisdom and greeting card sentiments about living and dying (*Tuesdays*, as my colleague Christopher Schneider once remarked in a different connection, "is relentlessly life-affirming"). We learn very little about Schwartz — two of whose students at Brandeis were activists Angela Davis and Jerry Rubin, though you'd never know it — or about Albom. As written he's just a stencil-thin workaholic who learns to cry. It's almost as if the story's generic by design: as you watch you recall lost loved ones and have a real good weep during the 95 intermission-less minutes. The North Coast



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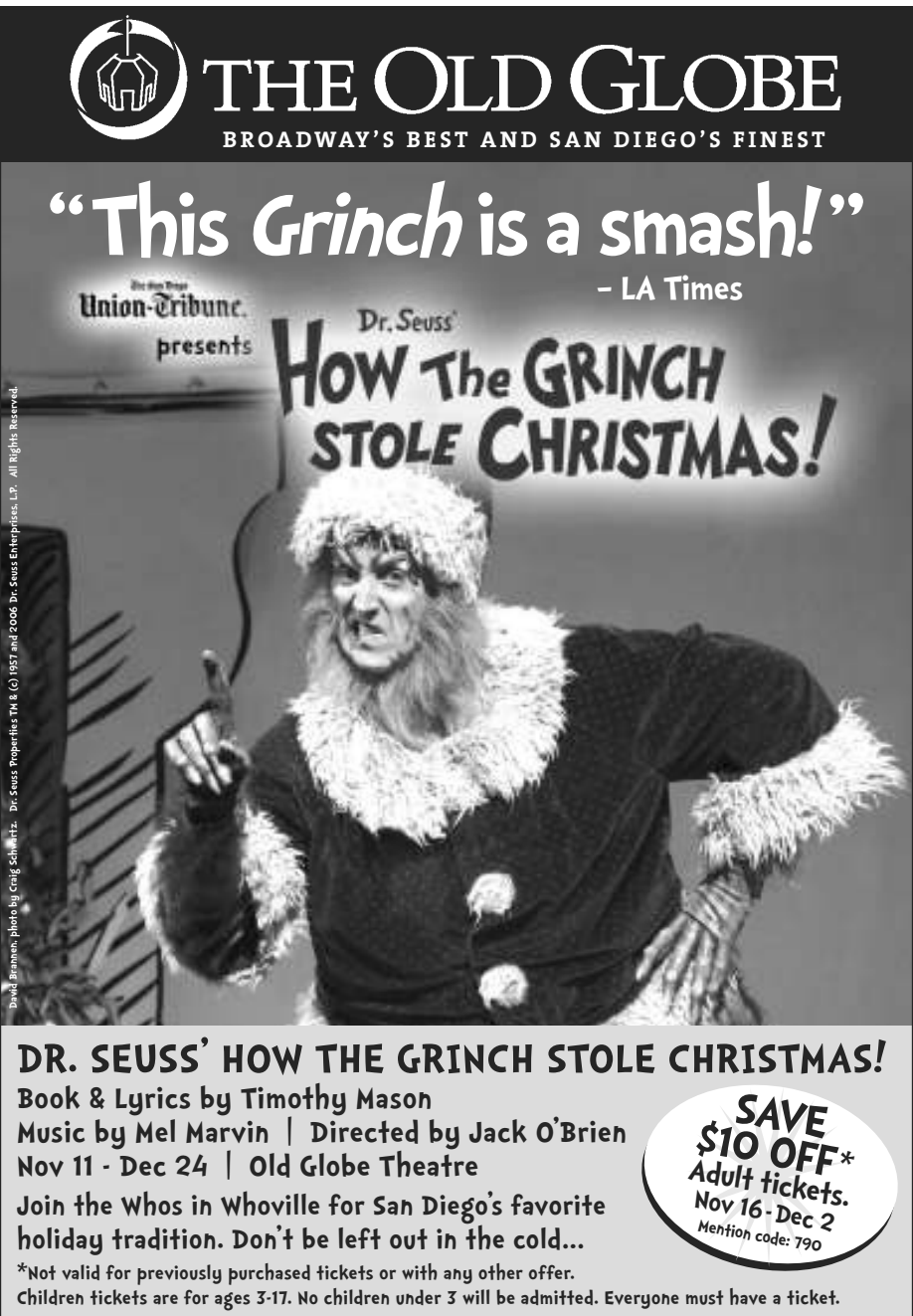
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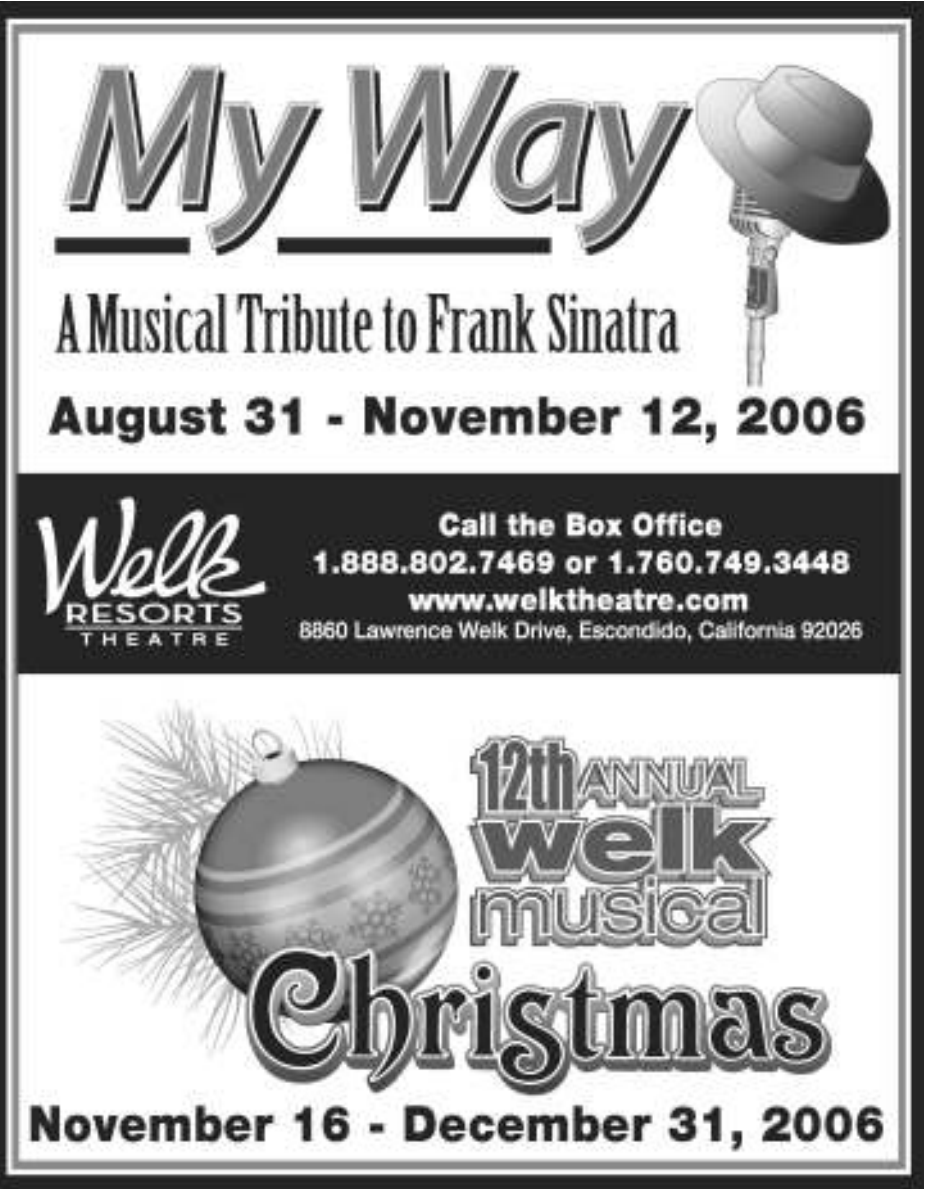
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As more of us work longer hours, increasing numbers of restaurants are ready to rescue us from our T-Day time-crunch by serving Thanksgiving Day dinner, either to eat-in or take home. To snag a table, better grab your phone and reserve right now — only a few neighborhood places take walk-ins, and the more popular the destination, the longer ahead you need to stake your claim. (Many require a credit card number, which will be charged if you're a no-show.) Save this article if you're looking ahead: Most restaurants open on T-Day are likely also to serve meals on Christmas Eve or Day, ditto New Year's, Easter, etc.

The restaurants are arranged by geographical area, so you need not drive long distances while drowsy. I haven't eaten at all of them, so caveat emptor. If there's nothing listed in your area, or you're planning a getaway, nearly all large hotels, resorts, and gambling casinos (not just those listed below) offer Thanksgiving dinners, often as buffets. If you're in a restaurant-starved region, most suburban "family-style" chains (Boston Market, Coco's, Marie Callender's, Mimi's, et al.) will also be serving a holiday menu of their customary quality.

Prices quoted below do not include tip, tax, or beverages unless so noted. "Kiddie prices" generally apply to children 5–12; toddlers usually eat free. While most prices are for multicourse meals or all-you-can-eat buffets, a few buy well-laden entrée plates.

Take-Home Turkeys

Enjoying ready-made feasts at home is a growing option. Choices range from buying a turkey that's more savory than a supermarket-roasted bird on up to purchasing the entire meal. These include: **Barnes BBQ**, 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. BYOBird: Tote a fully thawed raw turkey to the BBQ, and they'll smoke-cook it for you for \$1.25 per pound. You can pick it up on Wednesday, along with sides of cornbread, pies, veggies, etc. Call at least a week ahead of T-Day to reserve your smoking time. **Big Jim's** (see North Coast, below, for location and phone): Southern-style deep-fried whole turkeys to go, with a full dinner to feed eight for \$89, to pick up on Thursday morning. Order by the 18th. **Estancia** (see La Jolla): Full turkey feast to go; a whole bird serving 8–10 is \$90, a half-bird serving



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4–6 is \$50, extra pies \$15 each. Order by noon, the 18th, pick up on T-day before 3:00 p.m.

Four Seasons Resort Aviara (see North Coast, below): Full feasts to go (10–15 pounds), \$210 to serve 4–6, \$350 for 7–10. Call 72 hours ahead.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort (see South Bay): "Turkey to Go" full dinner for five, \$175; for seven, \$225. Reserve 48 hours in advance.

Magnolias, Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid Avenue (off Market Street), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005: Your choice of a 10–12-pound roast turkey or baked ham, plus four large Southern-style side dishes to feed 8–10 people, price TBA (moderate), for pickup on Wednesday. Call a week ahead to order.

Mardi Gras Café, 3185 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-223-5501: Cajun-style marinated deep-fried turkey, \$4.50 per pound (\$3.50 per pound if you furnish a thawed bird), pick up on Wednesday or early Thursday morning. They can also furnish Louisiana-style side dishes. Reserve up to the day before.

Pamplemousse Grille (see North Coast, below): Gourmet takeout T-Day dinners for six people or

more are available from this famed destination at \$50 per person. Order at least 48 hours ahead.

St. Tropez, five locations in Encinitas, Rancho Bernardo, Hillcrest, and downtown, call 858-404-0642 to order: You can get the whole megillah to feed 8–10, \$199, or to feed 12–15 at \$299. Turkey alone is \$75 or \$125 by size, and sides only, feeding 15, go for \$200. Order 72 hours in advance; pick up Wednesday or

Thursday at the restaurant's nearest location, or get delivery to your home for \$50 more.

Savory (see North Coast, below): A roasted turkey dinner serving 10–12 is \$235 plus tax. Call 72 hours ahead to reserve your feast.

Eat-Out Feasts

North Coast and Gold Coast

Addison, Grand Del Mar, 5200 Grand Del Mar Way, Del Mar. New luxury restaurant, five-course tasting menu with beef, \$95 (\$175 with matched wines), eight courses with turkey, \$125 (\$230 with wines), 4:00–9:00 p.m.

Bellevue, Carlsbad Company Stores, 5610 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-603-1919. Buffet, \$33

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adults, \$13 kids, noon–6:00 p.m.

Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-635-1166. Southern-style deep-fried turkey dinner, \$14, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Chart House, 2588 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-436-4044. Regular à la carte menu, turkey entrée, \$24; kids, \$10, 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Dining Room at the Inn, Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, in "the Village" on Paseo Delicias, 858-756-1131. Champagne buffet, \$52; kids, \$21, noon–6:00 p.m.

Encinitas Café, 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. Full turkey dinner including dessert, about \$13; 1:00–8:00 p.m.

Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773 for all restaurants.

Argyle Café (on golf course), 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. or **California Bistro**, 10:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m., champagne buffet, \$80; kids, \$32.50. **Vivace Restaurant**, deluxe five-course menu with many choices, prices TBA, 5:00–9:30 p.m.

J. Taylor's at L'Auberge Del Mar, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460. Buffet meal in elegant inn, \$65; kids, \$32, noon–8:00 p.m.

Karl Strauss Brewery & Restaurant, 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739. Turkey dinner, \$20; kids, \$10, and regular à la carte menu, 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, La Costa, 760-438-9111. **Blue Fire Grill** buffet, \$60; kids, \$25; 20 percent gratuity added; 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Market Restaurant, 3702 Via De La Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Chef Carl Schroeder (ex-Arterra) in his new restaurant features a three-course dinner, \$55, \$75 with wines; kids, \$25, 1:00–8:00 p.m.

Mille Fleurs, 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. Three-course dinner by renowned chef Martin Woesle, \$58, 1:30–7:30 p.m.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Highway 101), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Champagne-brunch buffet in a historic Victorian seaside mansion (under new ownership), \$40; kids, \$15, tots, \$4; 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Traditional Thanksgiving dinner, \$8.95–\$25, 3:30–9:00 p.m.

Pacifica Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Three-course dinner, choice of entrees, \$36–\$47; kids, \$16, noon–9:00 p.m.

Pamplemousse Grille, 514 Via de la Valle, Solana

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Beach, 858-792-9090. Chef Jeffrey Straus's three-course dinner with choice of entrées, \$55; kids' price TBA, 2:00–7:00 p.m.

Paradise Grill, Flower Hill Mall, 2690 Via de la Valle (at I-5 off-ramp), Del Mar, 858-350-0808. Three-course menu, \$39; kids ten and under are served a \$7–\$13 entrée plate; 1:00–7:00 p.m.

Poseidon, 1670 Coast Boulevard (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. À la carte, with turkey entrée and ocean view, prices TBA, 11:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m. **Red Tracton's**, 550 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-755-6600. Traditional Thanksgiving dinner, \$21; for tables of four or more, whole turkey carved at table for \$30 per person; kids under 8 free, 2:00–8:00 p.m.

Savory, 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef Pascal Vignau's three-course meal with choice of entrees, \$37.50–\$43, or à la carte meals, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Silks, Del Mar Hilton, 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-792-5200. Buffet brunch, \$37; kids, \$15, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

North Inland:

Bernard'O, 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Live music, lovely room, three-course dinner with choice of entrée, \$19–\$30, 12:30–7:00 p.m.

Café Champagne, Thornton Winery, 32575 Rancho California Road, Temecula, 951-699-0088. Four courses, choice of entrées, \$45; kids, \$20, noon–4:30 p.m.

Centre City Café, 2680 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-489-6011. Informal atmosphere, affordable (\$15 and under). À la carte holiday choices include turkey entrée, 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

The Quail Dining Room, 1035 La Bonita Drive, Lake San Marcos, 760-744-2445. Buffet in newly renovated lakeside resort, \$35; kids, \$11, noon–7:00 p.m. **Gordon's at the Green**, 1750 San Pablo Drive, Lake San Marcos, 760-744-9385. Buffet, \$26 adults, \$11 kids, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. **Rancho Bernardo Inn**, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. Ballroom champagne-buffet brunch, \$48; kids to age 14, \$20; a famously lavish spread, 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. **Veranda Bar and Grille**, 858-675-8555, three-course meal, \$42; kids, \$20, 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. **El Bizcocho**, 858-675-8550, four courses, \$68 adult, \$105 with matching wines; kids, \$20, 2:00–8:00 p.m. **Rancho Valencia**, 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Four-course meal with several entrée choices in beautiful surroundings, price TBA (about \$75); kids, half price, noon–7:00 p.m.

Temet Grill, Temecula Creek Inn, 44501 Rainbow Canyon Road, Temecula, 951-694-1000. Buffet 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., \$43; kids, \$18.

Wild Animal Park, Nairobi Pavilion, 760-738-5055 (call 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). Buffet dinner, plus special “kids only” buffet, \$30 adults; kids, \$18. Seatings at noon and 3:00 p.m., limited to two hours. Reservations required. Free entry to Park for members; nonmembers must pay regular admission.

La Jolla and Golden Triangle:

Arterra, San Diego Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-369-6032. Three-course seasonal dinner with local-grown produce, choices for each course, \$55; kids, \$25, noon–8:00 p.m.

A.R. Valentien, Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. Chef Jeff Jackson's three-course holiday dinner, \$75; kids, \$32.50, noon–9:00 p.m.

Aurora Trattoria, 1025 Prospect Street #250, La Jolla, 858-551-

8554. Three-course dinner, \$20; kids, \$10, noon–8:00 p.m. **Brockton Villa**, 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Dinner with choice of entrées and sides, prices TBA (\$47 and up, matched wines about \$30 extra); kids, about \$17. Seatings at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Estancia La Jolla, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-550-1000. Chef Jesse Frost (formerly of Prince of Wales) presides over a champagne-brunch buffet, \$42.50; kids, \$25, seatings 11:00–3:00 p.m.

George's at the Cove, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. Special à la carte menu of chef Trey Foshee's seasonal specials in the dining room, entrées alone \$16–\$25; more casual, moderately priced menu on the sea-view terrace, 1:00–9:00 p.m.

Jack's La Jolla, 7863 Gerard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. Dinner in the Ocean Room and the Dining Room, \$45; kids, TBA, call for hours.

Marine Room, 2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-7222. Chef Bernard Guillas's à la carte holiday menu with a close-up ocean view and adventurous cuisine, very expensive, 11:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Mediterranean Room, La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-0771. Four-course dinner, \$65; kids, \$32.50; seatings at 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:00, and 7:00 p.m.

Nine-Ten, Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb rides the range at a four-course Thanksgiving menu with a choice of entrées, \$60 (\$80 with matched wines); kids, TBA, 2:00–8:00 p.m.

The Shores, Sea Lodge, 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. Family-friendly seaside atmosphere, buffet \$41, kids aged 7–12, \$19; under 6, \$3, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-7779. À la carte menu, expensive; kids,

half price, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. **Torreyana Grille**, Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Lavish holiday buffet, \$50 including glass of champagne (full bottle, \$10); kids, \$18, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Mission Valley and the Mesas: Butcher Shop Steakhouse, 5255 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-2272. Holiday buffet, \$27; kids, \$14, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

94th Aero Squadron, 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. Traditional buffet including one glass of champagne in a faux-farmhouse with airport view, \$26; kids, \$13, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Tickled Trout, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 2151 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, 619-291-6505. Buffet, price TBA (moderate), call for hours.

Valley Kitchen, Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, 619-298-8282. Full holiday dinner, \$13; kids, \$9, noon–9:00 p.m.

Beaches:

The Atoll, Catamaran Resort Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-539-8635. Brunch and dinner buffets, \$35; kids, \$18, 6:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m., and 6:00–10:00 p.m. Brunch includes complimentary paddle-wheeler cruise to Bahia and back.

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach, 858-539-7635. Champagne-brunch buffet in ballroom, \$37; kids, \$19, includes complimentary paddle-wheeler cruise to the Catamaran Resort and back, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Dinner (no cruise) in café, \$26; kids, \$12, 5:30–10:00 p.m.

Baleen, Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road, Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Brunch buffet in charming resort setting, \$59; kids, \$27, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Bali Hai, 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-

222-1181. Family ambience, traditional buffet, \$25; kids, \$15, aged 6 and under \$8, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Blue Bay Bistro, the Islandia, 1441 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-221-4810. Buffet, \$27; kids, \$13, noon–6:00 p.m. **Blue Pearl Restaurant**, The Dana on Mission Bay, 1770 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay, 619-222-4198. Marina view, three courses with choice of entrée, \$20–\$30; kids, \$11 for entrée only, noon–8:00 p.m.

Humphrey's by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Champagne brunch with a marina view, \$43; kids, \$17, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Island Prime, 800 Harbor Island Drive, 619-298-6802: Chef Deborah Scott's three-course menu, \$50; kids, \$13; two-hour time limit for eating, \$100 credit card deposit for reservations; 1:00–7:00 p.m.

Jordan (JRDN), 4551 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. Four-course oceanside dinner with choice of entrées, \$36; kids, \$18, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Kaiserhof, 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard (West Point Loma Boulevard), Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Four-course dinner with entrée choice (including goose), bottomless beer glasses, \$23–\$28, kids' plate \$11, 2:00–8:00 p.m.

Nick's at the Beach, 809 Thomas Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-1730. Full feast on into the night, price TBA (about \$19), 11:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m.

Red Sails Inn, 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. Traditional dinner, affordable price TBA (under \$20), 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2255, X2245. **Harbor's Edge**, Marina view, newly family-friendly atmosphere, with holiday buffet, \$49; kids, \$21, noon–8:00 p.m. **Alfiere Restaurant**, 619-692-2778, elegant three-course champagne

brunch, \$45; kiddie menu available, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Taylor's, 721 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3506. Full Thanksgiving dinner, affordable price TBA (under \$20), noon–9:00 p.m.

Thee Bungalow, 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. Three-course dinner in cozy cottage, entrée choices include goose, \$40; kids, \$20, 1:00–8:00 p.m.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse, end of Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-9110. Convivial buffet in newly renovated room, \$30; kids, \$16, \$9 under age 7, 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

World Famous, 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Right on the boardwalk, buffet TBA (about \$30); kids, \$10, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

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Bertrand at Mister A's, 2550 Fifth Avenue, Uptown, 619-239-1377. A spectacular view, and chef Stephan Voitzwinkler's three-course dinner, \$49; kids' menu, \$25, 2:00–8:00 p.m.

Buster's Beach House, 807 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. Waterfront location, à la carte menu, turkey entrée, \$17; kids' plate, \$8, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Cafe Pacifica, 2414 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-6666. À la carte holiday menu includes turkey entrée, moderate prices (turkey about \$21), kids' plates half price, 5:00–9:30 p.m.

El Fandango, Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, 2734 Calhoun Street, 619-298-2860. Whole turkey and trimmings to serve four or more, \$25; kids, \$15 (you take home the leftovers). Smaller parties, \$20; kids, \$15, noon–5:45 p.m.

Hob Nob Hill, 2271 First Avenue, uptown, 619-239-8176. À la carte holiday menu, with full turkey dinner including dessert, many other entrée choices, about \$17; kids, \$7.75, 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

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Imperial House, 505 Kalmia (at Sixth Avenue), Uptown, 619-234-3525. Four-course dinner by Balboa Park, many entrée choices, \$28; kids, \$18, 1:00–7:00 p.m.

Jimmy's Restaurant, 3577 Midway Drive, Loma Portal/Midway, 619-523-1480. À la carte turkey dinners, affordable (\$10–\$16), discounts for kids and seniors, 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Reserve for groups larger than four.

Johnny R's, 2611 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-291-8239. Special menu, à la carte, affordable (\$10–\$15), plus all-day breakfast, 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Lael's Restaurant, Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place, downtown, 619-358-6735. Unlimited champagne buffet, \$58, seniors \$54; kids, \$29, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

LG's Prime Steakhouse, 789 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-239-7899. Regular steakhouse menu (no turkey), expensive, 5:00–10:00 p.m.

McCormick and Schmick's, Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. À la carte turkey dinner, \$17; kids, \$10, plus regular menu items, 11:00

a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Molly's Restaurant, Marriott Hotel, 333 W. Harbor Drive (at Front Street), downtown, 619-230-8909. Four courses with choice of entrées (including vegetarian), \$49; kids, \$13, 2:00–7:00 p.m.

Ole Madrid, 751 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-557-0146. Turkey or lobster entrée \$10, prime rib \$22. Brunch 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., dinner noon–11:00 p.m.

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San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park, SD, 619-557-3964. **Albert's Restaurant**, three-course dinner with choices including vegetarian entrée, \$25; kids, \$13, maximum party of six people; noon–5:00 p.m. **Treetops Dining Room**, buffet including free-range turkey, \$30; kids, \$18, seatings at noon, 2:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. Reservations required. Zoo en-

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Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown, 619-557-3655 for any of the three venues.

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Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-8490. Holiday buffets in both the Ballroom and the gorgeous Crown Room, \$75; kids, \$34, noon–6:00 p.m. **1500 Ocean**, multicourse meal, \$68–\$82; kids, \$34, 4:00–9:00 p.m. **Sheervater**, open normal hours, regular menu.

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Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Silver Strand, Coronado, 619-424-4000. **Azzura Point's** three-course dinner, \$55; four-course feast, \$65; regular “healthy menu” for kids, \$15; 5:00–9:00 p.m. **Market Cafe**, family atmosphere, brunch buffet, \$52; kids, \$24; 1:00–7:00 p.m.

Peohe's, Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. Waterfront view, tropical decor, special holiday menu and à la carte, including turkey dinner, \$26; kid portion, \$10, 11:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

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Rongbranch Restaurant, 2722 Washington Street, Julian, 760-765-2265. À la carte, entrées \$9–\$13, 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Singing Hills Country Club, 3007 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, 619-442-3425 X5430. Buffet, \$35; kids, \$15, noon–5:00 p.m.

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I’m so broke I can’t pay attention,” says Steve.

We’re sitting on the wall, waiting. Three of us. Steve, Kelly, me. It’s evening, around 5:15. We’re facing a cream-colored stucco-church compound with ferns and a big old olive tree in the patio. A sign has been hung on the railing: “Dinner Tonight. Join Us at 6:00 p.m. This is a Free Dinner Sponsored by the Holy Trinity Church and is Opened to the Public.”

I was just passing by, so — impulse — I came over and plopped down on the wall. “Really? Open to the public?” I asked Steve. “Sure,” he said. “Twice a month. Third and last Wednesdays. No questions. No means test. No sermon. It’s always spaghetti and meatballs. But they’re good. And they give you seconds if there’s enough.”

So, hey. Carla’s away. And to be honest, I am kinda tapped, Still, Steve’s situation makes me a little ashamed of doing this.

“I can handle *kinda* broke,” he says. “But to-tally broke?”

“How broke is broke?”

“How about 30 cents till the end of the month?”

He’s serious. Man. That is bee-roke.

Steve’s a good-lookin’, tall, straight-backed, red-bearded guy. You can’t believe he’s old enough to have fought in Vietnam. His skin’s ruddy, healthy-looking, from living outdoors, I guess. But he did two tours, late ’60s, when he was around 20. The 101st Airborne. He tells me he volunteered for the second one.

“Why?”

“Revenge. What the VC did to us the first time.”

A guy comes out from the hall door into the courtyard. “Just so you know,” he says, “Father Sadler won’t be here tonight. He passed earlier this month.”

You can see a little shock go through some of the guys and women with carts who’ve been turning up these past 15 minutes. “He was a good man,” says Steve. “He was 92. He was here last month! He’d been on the town council here in OB. He always spoke out for the homeless.”

The iron gates swing open. Steve hops up. He was here first, so he gets first in line. Then comes Kelly. Everyone shuffles toward the entrance, and then, inside the hall, along past a line of ladies behind tables, ladling out spaghetti, meatballs — nice big ones — beans, some salad on top, a mess of corn, and a round half-dumpling of garlic bread. The church people are bright, but not, like, forced happy-happy. The relationship seems to be respectful, from both sides. You end up with a nicely piled plate, plus a plastic fork and paper napkin, plus a cup of milk or coffee, and then head for a seat at this ring of tables they’ve set up around the sides of the hall.

“Just so you all know,” says the organizer guy again, “Father Sadler passed. But believe me, he is definitely around us at this time...” His voice quavers. An old guy in a blue cap who’s just put his tray down at the end of the far table stands up. He starts uttering the Lord’s Prayer in a loud,

shaky voice. “Our Father...” He doesn’t make it to the end. “Father Sadler was good to us” is all he says.

After a couple of moments, everybody munches into their meatballs. They taste good. The corn isn’t up to much, but the garlic bread and spaghetti are tasty, and a lot of food to get through.

“Yes, sir,” says a scholarly looking gent seated across from me. “Father Sadler was a fine man of God.” This is Lawrence. Lawrence likes to stay in the OB area. “People are more accepting here,” he says. “The worst place to be homeless is downtown. There are too many mean people down there.”

Steve’s up already, heading off for seconds. Right behind him is a big bronzed guy with Fu Manchu whiskers and gnarly bare feet. He knows the beach. “They call me Lifeguard Eric, because I saved five people from drowning this summer,” he says. “I was just on hand.”

I like the easy conversation. No “What brings you here?” kinda stuff. People are talking about everything from ocean currents to literature. Just don’t get these guys going on the cops. “They’ll snag you on illegal lodging, say, if they find you sleeping in an alley,” says Steve. “We’re homeless! Where are we supposed to stay? So that’s \$80. They catch you with an open container, that’s a \$120 fine. Where are we going to find that kind of money?”

Turns out this whole operation is run by two of the parishioners at Holy Trinity — Jon Greulich and his wife Jackie. She’s the one handing out boxes of leftovers. He’s a financial

planner and, turns out, great-nephew of Edward R. Murrow. Whoa. The CBS newsmen. “I started this program,” he says, “because my three daughters were complaining that we didn’t have enough stuff. They were too sheltered from the realities of life. Now they come down and help out and see what it’s really like to have nothing.”

Jon says tonight will have cost them probably \$80. That’s out of his and Jackie’s pockets.

I turn down a box of leftovers to take with me. Really, this was filling. And, yeah, helped with those end-of-month blues. Most everyone has left, and there’s just this guy Dave and me still chowing down at the table. Dave says he’s been homeless since he lost his crewing job on a fishing boat. Now he sleeps in a tent up in the bushes on Sunset Cliffs. “It’s hard. Police harassment, keeping clean, looking for food. It takes your whole day. People don’t realize how much work everything is when you’re poor.”

Before the last of us leaves, Jackie announces that they’ll have a special turkey Thanksgiving on November 15. “November’s a good month,” says Lawrence. “Every church has Thanksgiving dinners.”

“We must have had 60–100 tonight,” Jon says. He’s on his way to lock the grilled gate. That’s when this blonde girl Mary comes puffing up. “Am I too late?” She can see that she is. “Damned buses,” she says. Then she’s gone, as quick as she came.

“That’s the only thing here,” says Jon. “No second sittings.” ■

The Place: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Outreach dinners for the homeless, 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-222-0365 (Find other free meals in Street Light newspaper, sold downtown)

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From Zero to Stunning

"The trick is to get the wines before they're trophies."

When Paul Krikorian took over the wine program at the La Jolla Country Club in 2003, "The 2000 Bordeaux were just coming out." His friends at Wine Warehouse helped out with allocations, and he bought heavily: Mouton-Rothschild, Chateau Pavie, Chateau Monbousquet, the sorts of wines that rate over 95 points from critic Robert Parker. Elsewhere, "'01s were coming out, and there were still some '99s. If it's not great, we don't buy it." The Club's cellar, tucked into the back of a walk-in cooler behind the laundry room, went from zero to stunning in short order.

"I pride myself on being able to get those trophy wines," says Krikorian. "The nice thing about the club is, they give me the latitude to use my judgment. When I think it's a good purchase, I get carte blanche." And years of buying have given him access to a lot of those good purchases. "You have to be smart — and nice. If the reps don't like you, it doesn't matter how much you buy. The special wines move just fine without you." You never hear about them, or you hear about one- and two-bottle allocations. "But to get quantities..."

Krikorian gets quantities, and quantities of very limited stuff. A brief perusal of the boxes and bins turns up Vega Sicilia's Unico, Pinot Noirs from Sea Smoke, Penfolds Grange Shiraz,

Caymus Special Select, the Parker 100-point Cab from Quilceda Creek, Sassicaia, Ornellaia, So-laia, Biondi Santi...

How? Several ways. First, support the brand. "I won't buy good wine to get great wine, but I

will buy very good wine to get great wine. It's a give-and-take thing; when it's doable, I think it's only fair. I've got the 99-point Run Rig from Torbreck, and the 96-point Factor." To keep everybody happy, "I bought three cases of the Torbreck Woodcutters. Now, that's one of the finest val-

ues out there." Very good to get great.

Second, produce more sales. "It's like golf. There's a small percentage of people who watch golf, but they're affluent and they spend money. The La Jolla Country Club is a prestige account. You get your wines in here, and there's going to be a ripple effect. These are the people with the means to buy. They'll have a party and they'll say, 'Hey, Paul, where do I go to get such-and-such?' I'll call the rep, find out where they're selling it retail, and the member will buy five, ten cases."

Third, create a market for associated goods. Producing retail sales accounts for wines available by five- and ten-case lots. But if you ever see Bryant Family on a retail shelf, you probably don't see more than one or two bottles. Bryant Family doesn't need help selling its wines. So why do they put themselves into a private restaurant that

isn't likely to show up in the papers? Krikorian might be supplying the answer when he says that his membership is part of "the people who support their livelihood up in the valley. I get a lot of people who travel up to Napa; I pretty much set them up through the relationships I've developed over the years. They go up and join wine clubs, buy wines from wineries, and the people up there take great care of them."

Getting the wine is step one. Then comes selling it. Krikorian started with price. "I've priced everything super-fairly — once you get above \$45, everything is priced about retail. There are two things behind the pricing. One, this is a nonprofit club; we don't need the exorbitant markups. Two, I've always fought for limited markups and increased sales. I want to sell wine; I don't want to stock wine. I sell Bryant Family Cabernet for \$400 — those are \$700 down the street, and \$1200 downtown. There's a conscious decision to keep margins as slim as possible and put the wine in people's mouths. There will always be more great wine; when it comes along, put a reasonable markup on it and sell it. I just think you're better off selling the wine and having happy customers. It takes the tension out of the air. People are starting to realize, this is the place to splurge. Members are bringing friends who are wine connoisseurs, saying, 'You won't believe the list we have over here.'"

Among the connoisseurs, there are differences. Krikorian tries to pay attention. "Some people like ratings. Some people like a particular style. Some people want the latest. My job is



La Jolla Country Club, c. 1929

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to keep them on the cutting edge; they have the means to have whatever they want, and they're looking for something new and different. Trophy-hunting is an after-the-fact game" — the press has hit, the prices are up. The trick is to get the wines before they're trophies. "You have to be palate-driven. Part of the plan was getting ahead of the curve. You read all the magazines; you know who the good winemakers are, how long they've been at a place, if they're coming or going. Something like Lynch, made by Heidi Barrett. The phone will ring: 'We've got this wine made by Heidi Barrett. It's never had any press, but I think you should taste it.' I'm a certified sommelier, a professional taster. We know if a wine has longevity, if it's going to be a star. Every Monday, I meet with a group of six sommeliers from downtown La Jolla, and we sit around and taste blind. Just to keep our palates sharp, so we don't become too dependent on salespeople and the press."

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"You get to know them by letting them get to know the wines. People are still learning what they like; they don't have time. I do the work for them; I do the research. I do a lot of personal tastings at the table, an added feature to the dining experience. 'Is there anything on the list that piqued your interest — something you'd like to try, even if you don't want to purchase it?' People love to taste wine, and it's complimentary. I'll bring three Pinots to the table — we'll do light-, medium-, and full-bodied. They've just learned three new Pinots. I'll bring an Albarino to the table, talk them through the tasting: 'Are you getting apricot blossom, a little creaminess?' These are bright people; they get it — the creativity of it, the artistry."

Evidence of trust: Krikorian has been able to sell undercard varietals such as Malbec, Aglianico, and Riesling by the glass to a crowd that, three years ago, was pretty solidly in the Chardonnay camp. (It probably doesn't hurt that a glass translates to about nine ounces.) The end result: "Wine sales have been climbing dramatically. Most nights, everyone will have a glass of wine on their table, or a bottle." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, Gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closes later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (12/03)

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with 1/2-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sunday. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the

Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green- and white-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelery," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanna*, a rose-scented

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Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Chef Hannes Cavin turns out a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the “Bag of Bones” (house-smoked pork ribs), the brick-roasted free-range chicken, and whatever “fruit creation” is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/05)*

Red Tractor's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tractor's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-

and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tractor's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — *S.M. (3/04)*

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be

amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as “salmon tower tartare” and “drunken black cod” are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the “Caprese” (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W. (8/03)*

NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific

Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the *saganaki*, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with *mezedakia*, a big oval sampler of *dolmades* (stuffed grape leaves), *lokaniko* (a delicious Greek sausage), *spanakopita* (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little “hut” has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. “Local food” choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a “blonde” Florida ver-

sion of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A “Louisiana” bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for restrooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — *N.W. (10/04)*

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the “cheese crisp,” a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather de-tuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M. (4/04)*

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brain-child of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the “B” word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veggie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste — but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta re-

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Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son preside in turn at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed Sunday). Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

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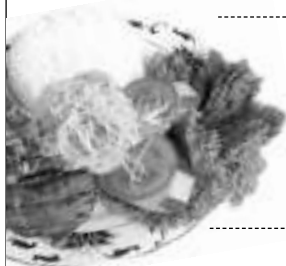
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MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Cucina Italiana Clairemont Square, 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Chef Jose Flores, who owned the much-missed Trattoria Nostana in La Mesa, went back to his alma mater, Via Italia — and bought it. Under the new name, the menu is much the same as at Via Italia: multi-regional authentic Italian cuisine, including wonderful thin-crust pizzas, available only

by the ten-inch pie, not by the slice. The restaurant is in a mall but doesn’t serve mall-grub. The fresh pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, so raviolis have more filling than skin and the rich lasagna won’t send you out waddling. The numerous daily specials are the most rewarding dishes and keep dinners interesting for the many neighborhood regulars. Desserts and espresso are good; save room for *millefoglie* and *torta della nonna* when they’re available. Plenty of wines by the glass. Reserve, especially for weekends and large parties. Heated patio dining in fair weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (pastas and pizzas) to expensive (meat and seafood entrées). — *N.W. (1/06)*

King’s Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King’s in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It’s a chain, but it’s a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that’s well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that’s above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don’t miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies’ costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city’s cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious “Everything” with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. “Philly fries” (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods (“Philadelphia Scrapple” to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong’s hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions’ tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong’s dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serv-

ing up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you’ll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There’s plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself “Food Girl,” has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed “lazy cook,” she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian

cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the “Euro” atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that’s made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn’t fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery’s menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occa-

sionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

Humphrey’s by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it’s a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there’s no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — *N.W. (2/06)*

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It’s young and crowded here — is that because you don’t have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to

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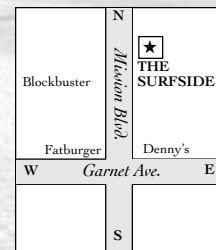
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Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky water-side pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-239-7101. (Other location at 534 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811.) No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through dinner, closing at 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street (at Myrtle), North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his “king of all pizzas” weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring “the real Chicago” to San Diego. So of course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his “stuffed” pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's “make and bake” time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent “Lefty's carbonara” (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, Parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — E.B. (5/05)

Old World Restaurant 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their “Great Grilled Grueben” — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, “gemütlich.” Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 6 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. (Call ahead about the availabil-

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Tazablanca 3946 Illinois (north of University, two blocks east of 30th Street), North Park, 619-294-8292. This warm-colored, lively café offers the homey, tropical food of Cuba and some pan-Latin appetizers cooked with Cuban styling. The fried calamari is light, the *papa rellena* (stuffed potato) is lively, the *lechón* (marinated roast pork) is moist and flavorful, and the vibrant chicken fricassée with capers is irresistible. All entrées come with a salad, and the tequila-lime dressing is especially fresh tasting. Reservations for groups of six or more. Park behind the restaurant (via Grimm and the alley) or in Lumberjacks's lot. Live band plays Thursday through Saturday evenings and is quieter than the ambient music when there's no band. Patio seating in fair weather. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Full bar including *mojitos*, Mexican beers, mainstream wines, and Latin soft drinks. Moderate. — N.W. (1/06)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, mousaka, *dolmades*. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island

posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less biting-hot than

some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious *pelangoches*, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crustured rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Inexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-

tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Cheeseburgers are the default dish. Available are a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate diners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocola prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. — E.B. (9/01)

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), uptown,

619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/04)

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (2/05)

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

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Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Also at 906 Market (at Ninth Avenue), downtown, 619-595-0115. This restaurant has taken a giant step up from standard Thai eateries. Most of the menu consists of the usual dishes, but each branch also offers a selection of chef's specialties. Some of these are more authentic; others are more creative than the norm. The chefs are from northern Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a certain zestiness, a love of strong citrus and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, Asian and American beers, and cocktails based on *soju* (Asian lower-proof rice liquor), including a yummy rambutan cosmo. Noisy when crowded. Reservations recommended for Hillcrest on weekends. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/06)*

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tom Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Blue Point 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine

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seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioners' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking onsite, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — *N.W. (9/05)*

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B. (4/03)*



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Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly “suits” with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W. (12/01)

Mr. Tiki’s Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic’s (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the “grass skirt” decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely “islander” cuisine featuring, in addition, Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

The Palm 615 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-702-6500. This up-market chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-op-

erated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it’s spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain’s own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are Shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the “Slater Special” which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don’t eat meat, but do eat garlic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean *macchinetts* make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (2/06)

Samba Grill 510 Fourth Avenue (Horton Plaza, top level), Gaslamp, 619-236-1000. This huge restaurant serves Brazilian food and Brazilian spirit. The format is a *rodizio* — waiters circulate through the room with tall swords, impaling an ever-changing assortment of grilled meats (highly salted and cooked well done, but zesty nonetheless). On the side is a vast buffet of additional Brazilian entrées, vegetables, and salads. The staff are charmers, but make sure to ask for appetizer and dessert menus and the 100-bottle wine list if the server forgets to offer. Full bar includes authentic, irresistible Brazilian *caipirinha* lime cocktails, made by a roving “caipirinha girl.” Exciting *capoeira* (martial arts-dance) performances Saturday nights on patio, about 6 p.m. Live band inside follows on weekends. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. weekends. \$35 buys a more-than-full meal. Half price for kiddies; reduced price for buffet food only; extra cost for a special “gaucho feast” that includes additional meats, plus wild game choices upon request. — N.W. (6/06)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its “Grandma’s” buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, cooking

with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado’s world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is “Papa’s Favorite,” an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

Mary J’s Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker’s Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary’s son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

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El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you’re looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don’t stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant’s own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant’s name means “the nest” and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multi-room aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don’t sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/02)

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757. This hotel dining room is El Nido’s little (and less gifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don’t miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, “Mexican hamburgers,” and Sno-Kones (don’t worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it’s a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is “just” a cart, but don’t let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It’s always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pecado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

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Man on a Mission

Has his sexism perhaps crossed over from fiction into reality?

Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan. Longest film title of the year. Exact same number of words as *Once in a Lifetime: The Extraordinary Story of the New York Cosmos*, but, unless I lost count, seventeen more letters. Also the hardest-working and sweatiest film

title of the year, unwilling to delay for an instant the wanton breakage of English. For anyone, like me, who heretofore had never encountered the character on HBO, Borat Sagdiyev will need an introduction. He is one of the personas, my research tells me, of British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen on *Da Ali G Show*, a Kazakh TV reporter dapperly dressed in a dove-gray suit, bristlingly mustachioed, blissfully sexist, superstitiously anti-Semitic, and not yet toilet-trained (he splashes water on his face from the commode in his New York hotel room, takes a doggy-style dump in the bushes of a public park, jerks off in front of a Victoria's Secret display window, and so on), ostensibly dispatched to America to shoot a documentary for home consumption — a built-in excuse for bad camerawork. A *Baywatch* re-run on

the hotel television, however, dictates a change in his itinerary, and the purchase of a secondhand ice-cream truck, to enable him to chase his dream of claiming Pamela Anderson for his bride. At least that's the course the film takes. I don't know what goes on in the HBO show.

Scripted scenes, or at any rate planned scenes, primarily involving Borat's obese and camera-shy producer, Azamat Bagatov (Ken Davitian), secondarily involving a slightly less obese African-American call girl (Luenell), and presumably also involving the proprietors of a Jewish B&B (how can we be sure?), alternate with unscripted performance-art pieces, so to call them, in which assorted innocents, dupes, patsies, and joke-butts are lured into the gag unaware: a humor coach, an etiquette coach, a trio of feminists, Republican politicians Bob Barr and Alan Keyes, a Middle American TV news team, a rodeo crowd, a Civil War antiques dealer, an RV of inebriated University of South Carolina frat boys, et al., all the way to the climactic meeting with Pamela Anderson at a SoCal book-signing. These unrehearsed bits,

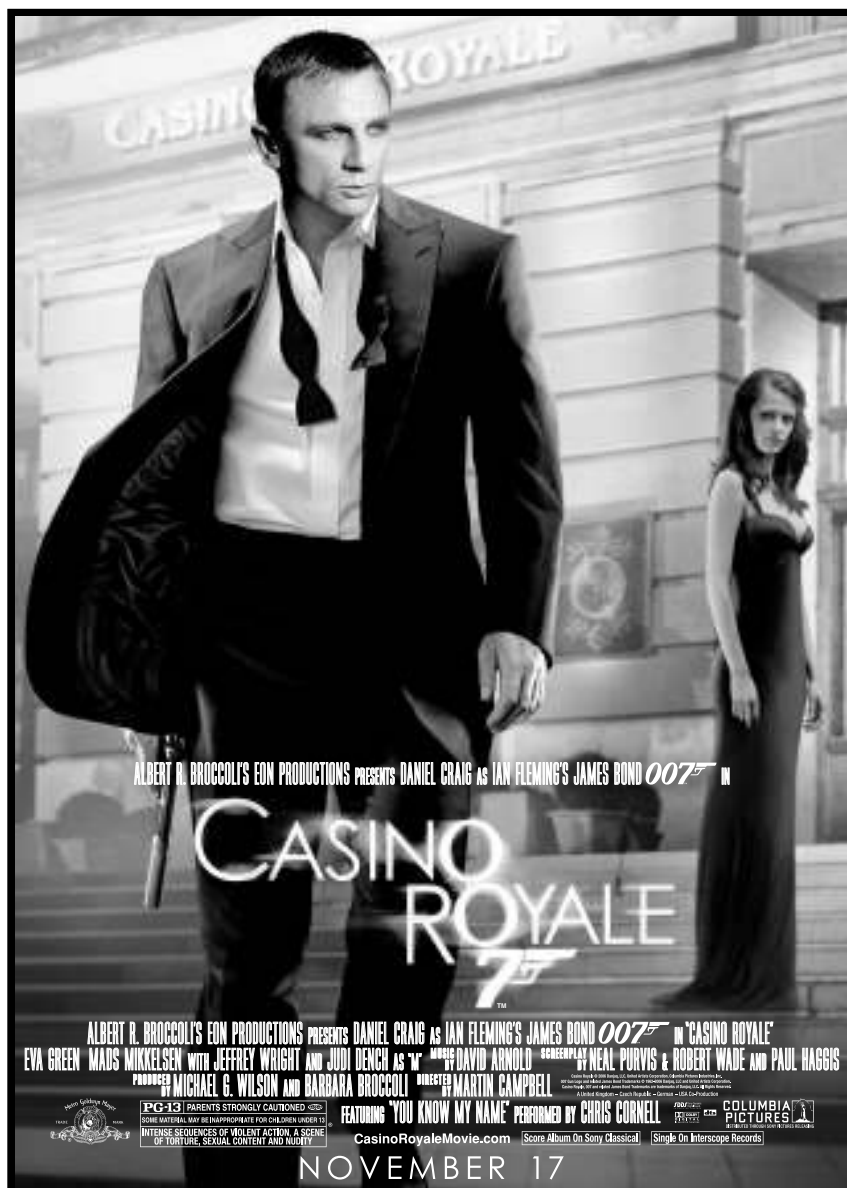


Borat

no doubt more compelling, more riveting, more nerve-racking than the planned-out parts, naturally give rise to thoughts of their comedic antecedents and analogues: *Candid Camera*, the practical jokes on a Dick Clark *Bloopers* special, MTV's copycat *Punk'd*, the crank calls of any wisenheimer radio deejay, Andy Kaufman's chauvinist-pig wrestling career, the

Yes Men (and their eponymous film of a couple of years ago), etc. At the same time, they give rise to moral concerns — to say nothing of legal ones — that far overshadow artistic ones. Concerns, that is, about one type of person being given, or taking, precedence over another. Concerns about the ram-paging egotist arranging humanity in a hierarchy and installing himself at

the top of the heap. That kind of thing. Can, as an example, an Alabama minister's wife — bluntly insulted for her dearth of pulchritude — be safely assumed to be less of a human being than our fearless guerrilla artiste, or has the latter's sexism perhaps crossed over, there, from fiction into reality? Any diversion afforded by such thoughts is all to the good, because the general



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(Berg, seeking indignation, not understanding, often manages to get stray children into the same frame with the man), is a coup too big for a mere *60 Minutes* segment, a mere slice of the *20/20* pie, although her technique is pure TV. And there's a powerful outpouring of emotion from the Japanese father of one of the victims, wanting to substitute the word "rape" for "molestation." All in all, a rough time for Cardinal Roger Mahony in particular (seen mostly in deposition video) and the Catholic Church in general, with the singular exception of a dissident priest and justice-seeker by the name of Father Tom Doyle. 2006. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Departed — Martin Scorsese's career-changing turn to the overblown epic, a turn marked by *Casino*, would seem to be a course difficult to reverse. *Kundun* ... *Gangs of New York* ... *The Aviator*.... And now even a trashy light diversion, adapted from an average-length Hong Kong action film, will get dragged out to two and a half hours — this despite the delivery of dialogue at the machine-gun tempo of a hopped-up auctioneer (or of Scorsese's own casual conversation), and despite, too, the mere semblance of speed imparted by the free-associative cutting and the incongruous rockabilly beat of the background music, whenever the filmmaker isn't trotting out his collection of rock-and-roll oldies. The convoluted plot verges on farce: an upwardly mobile underworld spy in the Massachusetts State Police (Matt Damon, raising his eyebrows in an ostentatious show of innocence) and a downwardly mobile police spy inside the mob (Leonardo DiCaprio, giving himself away with his meat-cleaver worry line) both become involved, first as clients and then as suitors, with a *Harper's Bazaar* idea of a psychotherapist (Vera Farmiga, she of the prow-like cheekbones, life-raft lips, blue-lagoon eyes). Not even the take-no-prisoners crescendo of gore toward the end, jolting though some of it is, can pull the movie back from the farcical brink. And Jack Nicholson, as showy an actor as Scorsese is a director (when he's only in it for the money, anyway), plays the mob boss at a pitch barely below his *Batman* Joker. With Mark Wahlberg, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, Ray Winstone. 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Flags of Our Fathers — Clint Eastwood, sorely trying the patience of anyone

still hoping for a sixth installment of Dirty Harry, is plainly not yet done paying penance for the casual, callous, and prolific violence of his earlier years. And this elegiac war film makes an essential, an unmissable, piece of the entire cycle, an extraordinary course of self-examination and self-reform, beginning in earnest with the aptly titled *Unforgiven*, continuing through *A Perfect World* and, yes, *The Bridges of Madison County* — the modern-day saddle tramp riding a pickup instead of a pony and shooting with a camera instead of a Colt — and, after slacking off for a few lesser efforts, carrying on with revived urgency through *Mystic River* and *Million Dollar Baby*. Once again, as in *Bridges*, opting for the camera as a weapon of choice, he tells the story of the famous Joe Rosenthal flag-raising photograph from the Battle of Iwo Jima — the full story, how this flag was in actuality a larger replacement flag for one raised already, how the battle raged on for five more weeks afterwards (contrary to the 1949 *Sands of Iwo Jima* with John Wayne), how the three survivors among the six faceless flag-raisers (played with great restraint by Ryan Phillippe, Adam Beach, Jesse Bradford) were brought back home to be paraded around on a bond drive, how they squirmed under the banner of "the heroes of Iwo Jima" (the best-known of them, the American Indian Ira Hayes, later celebrated in song by Johnny Cash and Bob Dylan, drank himself into an irreversible skid), how they lived out their remaining days. It

is distinctly a film of, and for, its own time, gripped with the conviction that the more you know about an event, the more tainted it will get. (And let's remind ourselves here that Eastwood is the only major filmmaker to have commemorated on screen the American conquest of Grenada. Surely some special penance was owed for that. Mark it down as paid in full.) The central theme of the manufacture and marketing of "heroes," while timeless in its application to the everyday work of Hollywood, has a particular topicality in the post-9/11 world where no one in public service seems to be able to do his job anymore without being branded a hero. The point — that men are only men, that "heroes" are their creations, a label pinned on them like ribbons — is quietly and forcefully made. Yet despite its best efforts, or rather *because* of them, the film inescapably demonstrates the existence of heroes in the real world. One such, obviously, would be Eastwood himself, a shining example of the human capacity for growth and renewal. He, too, shoots with a camera. 2006.

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Flicka — Updated remake of the Mary

O'Hara horse story, having undergone a sex change in the central character — from Roddy McDowall to Alison Lohman — but not in the wild mustang with whom the girl bonds, identifies, and fuses. In better cinematic times, this would at best be inoffensive. In these times, it offers the additional lure of a refuge from the aggressively offensive. That, needless to add, is apt to hold more appeal for moviegoers nearer to Roddy McDowall's age than to Alison Lohman's. The horses and the Wyoming hills are nice, Maria Bello is professional, and country singer Tim McGraw, if a tad uncomfortable, is dead earnest. His vague

resemblance to Kevin Spacey rather cruelly underscores his limitations. Directed by Michael Mayer. 2006. ★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Flushed Away — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet, Ian McKellen, Jean Reno, and Bill Nighy; directed by David Bowers and Sam Fell. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-

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49 Up — Timely bulletin from Michael Apter on the motley Brits he has been checking in on, at seven-year intervals, ever since they were seven years old. It would be easy for the American moviegoer, introduced to them three movies ago at the age of twenty-eight, to have become blasé about the matter. It would be only a little more difficult for him to marvel anew at the uniqueness of the project, even to lament that other filmmakers in other countries never thought to copy it. Although there is hardly a whole movie's worth of new material in it, Apter has done an expert job of shuffling in the old material, filling in each step of the journey, so that even a newcomer to the series might feel at home. New developments — new jobs, new relationships, new kids — are minimal; and histrionics, outside of some general grumbles from the participants about the periodic imposition of the camera and one specific threat to discontinue,

are nil. Yet any one of these ordinary people, with their ordinary insecurities and ordinary defenses, their ordinary aspirations and ordinary disappointments, remains inexhaustibly interesting. And the spectacle of advancing age has by now begun to edge up to the epic. 2005.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

A Good Year — Russell Crowe as a type-A financier who inherits a vineyard in France, directed by Ridley Scott. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; 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; FROM 11/10)

The Grudge 2 — Well-tailored frights in a disjointed narrative, fattening the portfolio of director Takashi Shimizu. Elegant Jennifer Beals, in the shorter of two intertwined (and ultimately knotted together) storylines, does everything asked of her and more. With Amber Tamblyn, Arielle Kebbel, Edison Chen, Joanna Cassidy, and Sarah Michelle Gellar. 2006.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Guardian — A salute to the elite rescue swimmers of the U.S. Coast Guard, a

select fraternity of 280. Kevin Costner, senior member, is the closest living thing to the mythical "Fisher of Men" who represents the last hope of the drowning man; but he's now tied down, in recuperation from a rescue gone fatally wrong, as a discontent instructor of gung-ho wannabes. Ashton Kutcher is the noisiest of these, a high-school swim champ (whose actual name is "Fischer" — a potential Fischer of Men — and whose mocking nickname is "Goldfish") bent on breaking every record in the book. In short, a sort of *Top Gun* of the seas, complete with hackneyed love story, obligatory bar fight, lessons in humility, lessons in humanity. The training is gone into in some depth and at even greater length, with spectacular computer-generated waves (*Perfect Storm* program, *Poseidon* program) placed at both ends. Director Andrew Davis, despite the ubiquity of water, favors drained, ashen, parched color and a gritty Dust Bowl atmosphere, triggering in the viewer's eyes a thirst for two drops each of Visine. With Melissa Sagemiller, Sela Ward, Clancy Brown, and John Heard. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Harsh Times — Crime drama with Christian Bale, Freddy Rodriguez, and Eva Longoria, written and directed by David Ayers. (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 11/10)

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 clutching fingertips poignantly pulled apart. The separated friends are destined to meet again in adulthood when Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell with a joke-shop mustache) volunteers his presumptive fiancée as a pigeon in the magic act, whereupon the magician immediately recognizes his long-lost sweetheart (Jessica Biel), while she fails to return the favor, perhaps because of his beard or perhaps because he has aged at twice the rate. The entire story, until at long last it makes its way back to its starting point, is ostensibly told to the Crown Prince by the Chief of Police (the unprepossessing Paul Giamatti), including information he couldn't know or wouldn't share. Questions of whether the magician's powers are supernatural or just prestidigital cannot be answered without Plot Spoilers, or Bean Spillers, though it's fair to say they are answered with trivial trickiness. Production and photography, nevertheless, are sufficiently evocative of bygone times, even without the antiquated iris-out transitional device. Directed by Neil Burger. 2006.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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 seriocomic 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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Last King of Scotland — The self-conferred title of Ugandan strongman, and madman, Idi Amin Dada, a facile role for Forest Whitaker, who pitches into it with gusto. The true central character, however, is a fictitious young Scottish doctor (James McAvoy), the President's personal physician, "closest advisor," illicit lover of Wife Number Three, and all-around trivial distraction. With Kerry Washington, Gillian Anderson, Simon McBurney; directed by Kevin Macdonald. 2006.

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ton and his wife Valerie Faris was put together on the “quirky” assembly line, a product of the thriving “quirky” industry. Dad (Greg Kinnear) is a would-be self-help guru, “would-be,” that is, if anyone were buying his Nine-Step Refuse-to-Lose System. Sample pearl, in casual conversation: “Sarcasm is the refuge of losers.” Mom (Toni Collette) is not such an arrant embarrassment, is not really much of 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.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World — Albert Brooks, director, writer, star, returns to top form, and for the first time since his first film, *Real Life*, literally portrays “himself,” though one would hope not altogether accurately. The idea of the film is self-evidently an inspired one. The U.S. State Department, hoping to win the hearts and minds of the Muslim peoples by better understanding their sense of humor, recruits a “respected” comedian to travel to India and Pakistan for one month and to write up a 500-page report on his findings, with no remuneration beyond the Medal of Freedom and its tricolor ribbon. And, too, “You’d be doing your country a great service.” The idea is a good one not only as an entry, albeit tangential and superficial, to the subject of the War on Terror, but even more so as an entry, and a deep one, into the subject of Albert Brooks, a way for him to confront the bugaboos of his spotty career, the cruel truth that many people (Muslims, doubtless, but Gentiles, Jews, too, merrymaking Americans of all stripes) do not find him funny and many others do not even know who he is. To the extent that the idea affords Brooks a way to confront such bugaboos, it equally affords him a way to prove his bravery, notwithstanding his demurral at the illegal border-crossing into Pakistan: “I’ve never been known for bravery.” He always ought to have been. He should surely be hereafter. It could no doubt be alleged that the limitation of all of Brooks’s films, and this one no exception, is his obsessive concern with self and little else. But in mitigation it could be answered that the other principal characters on display, while few in number and not deeply probed, are astutely cast and played: John Carroll Lynch and Jon Tenney as the stolid, imperturbable State Department flunkies assigned as chaperones, and Sheetal Sheth as the endearingly enthusiastic but uncomprehending Hindu amanuensis. The further, the deeper mitigation of Brooks’s self-concern is of course his self-satire. If he spends most of his time looking at and into himself (instead of for comedy in the Muslim world), at least he’s not satisfied with what he sees. 2006.

★★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11/13, 6:30 P.M.)

Man of the Year — A cable-channel comedian (Robin Williams, given plenty of

scope for his penile obsession) runs for President on a dare, and thereafter needs to be continually nagged by his aides to be “edgier” and “funnier.” These might also be the voices inside the head of writer and director Barry Levinson, who is prone to talk out his editorial points, and who allows the movie to slip back and forth willy-nilly between political satire and paranoia thriller. (Laura Linney, the whistle-blower who discovers a glitch in the voting-booth software, plays it straight.) That the movie mixes tones is only a part of the problem. The other parts of the problem are that both tones individually are flat and fuzzy. Christopher Walken, Jeff Goldblum, Lewis Black. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Marie Antoinette — Sofia Coppola, possibly drunk on power after the reception of *Lost in Translation*, has gained in ambition as an artist without really gaining in confidence as a technician. She has all the costumes her heart could desire, and all the access to Versailles, but her color palette is a bit bleached and her narrative manner rather starchy. (She spends an inordinate amount of time on the delayed consummation of the royal marriage, and then must bustle through the little business of the Revolution.) The foremost sign of her drunkenness, though, is her use of contemporary pop songs on the soundtrack, a lapse in judgment limited pretty much to a quarter-hour stretch, an hour and a quarter into the film. Kirsten Dunst, Jason Schwartzman, Steve Coogan, Judy Davis, Rip Torn, Asia Argento. 2006.

● (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Night of the Living Dead 3D — Jeff Broadstreet’s remake of the George Romero horror milestone, with Brianna Brown and Sid Haig.

(CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/10)

The Prestige — Not the best film of its year to deal with the subject of magic and to feature both Scarlett Johansson and Hugh Jackman. That distinction would belong to Woody Allen’s *Scoop*, which was unchallenged as well (except insofar as the air pressure in Jessica Biel’s lips may have challenged Scarlett Johansson’s) by that intervening magic film, *The Illusionist*. Between the two also-rans, it’s pretty near a toss-up, two turn-of-the-century period pieces tangled up in their compulsive twists and turns. Christopher Nolan, the present director, is somewhat less adept at concealing his tricks, despite trying diligently to lose the viewer in a maze of flashbacks-within-flashbacks. Even had he succeeded, his reliance on the plot expedience of dead ringers is taken to lengths of absurdity surpassing even daytime soap operas. Lengths, to be more exact, of the flightiest science fiction. The plot premise of a professional

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Cool Hand Luke was one of the first films that made me realize the power of film as storyteller and not entertainment — although it’s also entertaining. Elements of this movie have made their way into pop culture: from a Guns and Roses album to episodes of *The Simpsons* to a beer commercial. Paul Newman’s at his finest and George Kennedy, before *Naked Gun* fame, won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar.

When people speak of early punk bands, they mention Black Flag, the Ramones, and the Sex Pistols. Bad Religion is often overlooked, but any true punk fan will tell you these guys are just as important. With some of the most thought-provoking, politically charged lyrics around, *Bad Religion Live at the Palladium* shows why these guys still kick ass 20 years later and why their music isn’t just bandwagon, anti-administration songs; they actually know what they’re talking about.

COOL HAND LUKE (USA) 1967, Warner Home Video
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Me and You and Everyone We Know is an eccentric look at everyone’s need to be accepted. The characters come across as odd, yet they’re some of the most real I’ve ever seen. This movie beautifully shows how humans are quirky, eccentric, and just plain weird.

I don’t know why *The Iron Giant* — a modern classic — isn’t held in higher regard. From the director of *The Incredibles*, *The Iron Giant* is a tender look at the value of life in the vein of *E.T.* or *King Kong* but set in the middle of ’50s paranoia, making it more interesting. The last film from Warner Brothers’ traditional animation studio.

DIG! (USA) 2004, Palm Pictures
List price: \$24.98

ME AND YOU AND EVERYONE WE KNOW (USA) 2004, MGM
List price: \$24.98

THE IRON GIANT (USA) 1999, Warner Home Video
List price: \$14.98

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In *Green Street Hooligans*, Elijah Wood plays a Harvard journalism student who ends up in London where he embarks on a journey of booze and brawling as he’s taken under the wing of a hooligan leader. Wood gives a performance you won’t want to miss.

Chopper concerns real-life convict Mark “Chopper” Read, played by Eric Bana, a man who strives to make himself a legendary crime figure and writes a bestseller, *How to Shoot Friends and Influence People*. This story of a man dangling on the edge confirms that life can be more exciting, twisted, and unpredictable than fiction.

If only Hitler could have been influenced in another direction. *Max* tells the story of a young Hitler returning from WWI and trying to make it as an artist. Max, who’s also returned home but without an arm, opens a gallery and struggles but fails to develop Hitler’s talents.

GREEN STREET HOOLIGANS (USA/England) 2005, Warner Home Video
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★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; SAN MARCOS 18)

The Return — Supernatural thriller starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, directed by Asif Kapadia.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/10)

Rolling Family — Argentinian road-trip comedy with Gracina Chironi, written and directed by Pablo Trapero.

(MISSION VALLEY 7, 11/10 THROUGH 16)

Running with Scissors — Splashy feature debut for the man behind the cable-television series *Nip/Tuck*, writer-director Ryan Murphy, a hey-look-at-me cannon-



Flushed Away

ball, adapted from the “memoir” of Augusten Burroughs. Set in the Seventies, it spans his prepubescence (“I guess it doesn’t matter where I begin,” the narrator comments in voice-over, “because nobody’s going to believe me anyway”) into his gloomily gay adolescence. In specific, the breakup of his nuclear family — an alcoholic academic father and a psychobabbling self-deluding poet manqué mother (“Augusten, your mother was meant to be a very famous woman”) — and his subsequent placement in the foster care of the mother’s crackpot analyst, whose first arrival on the scene parodies the arrival of Max von Sydow in *The Exorcist*. (True to the period, for sure.) The boy’s second home is no stabler, a pink-painted monstrosity that ac-

commodates a haggard hausfrau who never misses a day of *Dark Shadows* and snacks on dog kibble; two nubile daughters, one coquettishly virginal and one candidly tartly; a cat named Freud; a perennial Christmas tree in the parlor; a never-diminishing pile of dishes in the kitchen; the doctor’s private sanctuary known self-explanatorily as his “masturbatorium”; and a trail of neurotic clients prominently including a brooding predatory homosexual. The basic assumption, trendy and trite as can be, is that the more eccentric, the more lunatic the vision of family life, the more truthful and insightful, the more relevant and revealing, it must be. (And never mind how tortuous the route to a punch line: the sole purpose of the dragged-out practical

joke of a cat-meat stew is to enable the humorless homosexual to huff off with an “I don’t eat pussy!” Annette Bening, whose presence tends to point up the kinship with *American Beauty*, puts on quite a show as the biological mother, running the gamut from the irrepressibly tempestuous (“Get the rage on the page, women,” she rails at her fledgling poets’ circle) to the chemically tranquilized, with nary a misstep along the way. This is a portrait which, floridness notwithstanding, remains recognizably and humorously human. In most of the rest, the floridness overgrows and obscures. Joseph Cross, Brian Cox, Jill Clayburgh, Gwyneth Paltrow, Evan Rachel Wood, Joseph Fiennes, Alec Baldwin. 2006.

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10:00; **Harsh Times** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30) 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; **Jackass Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:45) 3:50, 9:05; **Man of the Year** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:00, 6:15; **Marie Antoinette** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:35) 1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:35 Sun. (10:35) 1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:25; **Night of the Living Dead 3D** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:20) 1:25, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:20 Sun. (11:20) 1:25, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:25; **Open Season** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45) 2:05, 4:20; **The Prestige** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:20) 1:20, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40 Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:55, 9:50; **The Return** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:55) 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:20, 10:50 Sun. (11:55) 2:20, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri. (11:00) 1:45, 3:55, 4:35, 6:40, 7:20, 9:15, 10:00 Sat. (11:00) 12:55, 1:45, 3:45, 4:35, 6:40, 7:20, 9:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:50) 12:55, 2:40, 3:45, 5:35, 6:40, 8:15, 9:15; **Saw III** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:35) 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:40) 1:35, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:50) 1:40, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30 Fri.,-Sat. (10:50) 1:40, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Borat (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **A Christmas Carol** (G) Sat.,-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:00 Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45; **Rolling Family (Familia Rodante)** (NR) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 2:15, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 5:15) 8:00; **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (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

Mission Valley 20
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Babel (R); **Borat** (R); **The Departed** (R); **Flags of Our Fathers** (R); **Flushed Away** (PG); **A Good Year** (PG-13); **The Grudge 2** (PG-13); **Harsh Times** (R); **Man of the Year** (PG-13); **Marie Antoinette** (PG-13); **The**

Prestige (PG-13); **The Return** (PG-13); **Running with Scissors** (R); **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G); **Saw III** (R); **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13)

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5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Borat (R) Fri.,-Sat. (3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:35 Sun. (3:30) 5:35, 7:40; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (3:00) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 Sun. (3:00) 5:00, 7:00; **The Marine** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (3:10) 5:05, 7:10, 9:15 Sun. (3:05) 5:10, 7:15; **The Return** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (3:40) 5:55, 7:55, 9:55 Sun. (3:40) 5:50, 7:55; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (3:20) 5:15, 7:20, 9:20 Sun. (3:15) 5:20, 7:30; **Saw III** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (3:05) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 Sun. (3:10) 5:30, 7:50

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Cocaine Cowboys (R) Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
49 Up (Not Rated) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20 Sat.,-Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:30, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. 11:15, 1:40, 4:25, 7:30, 9:50; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri. 1:35, 2:15, 4:05, 5:00, 7:10, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. 10:55, 11:30, 1:35, 2:15, 4:05, 5:00, 7:10, 9:35; **The Science of Sleep** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:40, 10:05; **Shortbus** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Everest** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Roving Mars** (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Whales** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.

GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; POWAY 10; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause — Christmas comedy with Tim Allen and Martin Short, directed by Michael Lembeck.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Science of Sleep — Michel Gondry, the director of *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* and less memorably *Human Nature*, sets out to demonstrate he can be just as wacky and brainwisty without Charlie Kaufman as his scriptwriter, with, instead, only himself as scriptwriter. The blur of dream and reality demonstrates *that*, all right, but at a cost of increased tedium and irritation. (An unsteady handheld camera no doubt factors into the cost.) The dream scenes, incorporating a variety of animation techniques, are inventive, intelligent, informed, yet also invariably over-stuffed, and not just in the literal sense of the stop-motion straw pony or the plump pillow typewriter. The wispy plot thread has to do with the amorous hankering of a graphic artist and crackpot inventor (mind-reading helmets, time machine, and the like) for his next-door neighbor, a twosome seemingly made for each other: Stéphane and Stéphanie. Gael García Bernal and Charlotte Gainsbourg have little room to exert their charms. We know they have them. With Alain Chabat, Miou-Miou. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Shortbus — One-track-minded sex film,

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SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
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Borat (R); **Flushed Away** (PG); **The Grudge 2** (PG-13); **The Marine** (PG-13); **Night of the Living Dead 3D** (R); **The Prestige** (PG-13); **The Return** (PG-13); **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G); **Saw III** (R); **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13); **Tim Burton’s The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG)

Palm Promenade 24
770 Denmery Road (858-558-2262)
Babel (R); **Borat** (R); **The Departed** (R); **Em-**

with exhibitionistic hardcore action and a no-name cast, a something-for-everyone smorgasbord (more for gays, however) anchored at an underground New York club for libertines. Intrepid but inept. And groundbreaking only if you’ve been hankering to see a limber young man get into an inverted yoga posture and ejaculate into his own mouth. Written, directed by John Cameron Mitchell. 2006.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/10; KEN, THROUGH 11/9)

Stranger Than Fiction — Comedy-fantasy with Will Ferrell, Emma Thompson, Maggie Gyllenhaal, and Dustin Hoffman, directed by Marc Forster.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/10)

Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick’s *Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion

animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber’s extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood’s besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs,

and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody (“I don’t believe what’s happening to me./ My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!”). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones, the premise seems viable enough. Completely separate towns, according to Burton’s fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning and carrying-off the separate holidays on the calendar, until one year the Halloween mastermind gets it into his head to abduct Santa Claus and usurp

Christmas. There is some dark-toned fun (not darker than TV’s *The Simpsons* or than Charles Addams’s *New Yorker* cartoons, and not more fun, either) when the revised Christmas plans begin to go awry. And by and by there’s a traditional and respectable fairy-tale message to do with accepting yourself as you are. The delivery of that message, however, and for that matter the setting-up of the basic premise, are garbled in the extreme. One does not envy parents who must try to explain the thing to their young. 1993.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10, FROM 11/10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 7, FROM 11/10; POWAY 10, FROM 11/10)

ployee of the Month (PG-13); **Flags of Our Fathers** (R); **Flushed Away** (PG); **A Good Year** (PG-13); **The Grudge 2** (PG-13); **Harsh Times** (R); **Man of the Year** (PG-13); **Marie Antoinette** (PG-13); **Night of the Living Dead 3D** (R); **Open Season** (PG); **The Prestige** (PG-13); **The Return** (PG-13); **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G); **Saw III** (R); **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13)

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(12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

POWAY

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(12:10, 3:30) 7:20, 10:20; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 12:25, 1:25, 2:45, 3:40, 5:00, 5:50) 7:15, 8:05, 9:30, 10:20; **A Good Year** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Harsh Times** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **The Prestige** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:00) 7:25, 10:20; **The Return** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:30, 5:50) 8:10, 10:25; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (10:50, 12:10, 1:00, 2:30, 3:15, 4:40, 5:30) 7:00, 7:45, 9:20, 10:05; **Saw III** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 8:00, 10:30; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:10

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Más muertes

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Diario San Diego

El 2006 se ha convertido en el año con mayor número de migrantes muertos en la frontera de San Diego con un total de 38 fallecimientos.

Esta cifra contrasta con el año 2003 cuando se había registrado la cifra más alta con 33 personas que perdieron la vida en su intento por cruzar la frontera en busca de mejores oportunidades.

Cifras oficiales de la Secretaría de Relaciones

Exteriores de México tienen registrados cuatro mil 045 migrantes muertos en el cruce fronterizo desde 1995 a la fecha.

Muchos de los migrantes muertos ni siquiera pueden ser repatriados a sus países o entregados a familiares porque no pueden ser identificados y son enviados a fosas comunes.

A lo largo de la frontera este año han muerto 386 personas de las cuales 103 no han podido ser identificados.

espectáculos



Lluvia de premios

Shakira se llevó dos Grammys Latinos, uno a la canción del año por "La tortura" y otro al mejor álbum vocal pop femenino por "Fijación Oral Vol. 1", que dedicó a los inmigrantes indocumentados de Estados Unidos. "Quisiera dedicar este premio a todos los latinos del mundo, y especialmente a los de aquí en Estados Unidos", manifestó la estrella colombiana al recibir su estatuilla. "Lo único que

ellos necesitan es, como dice Juan Luis Guerra, una visa para un sueño, y espero que ojala muy pronto reciban el reconocimiento que se merecen del estado".

Entre otros premiados, los españoles de La Oreja de Van Gogh se llevaron el de mejor álbum vocal pop de un dúo o grupo por "Guapa".

La tijuanaense Julieta Venegas, ganó premio por el mejor álbum alternativo.

curiosidades



Es un comelón

El país de las hamburguesas resintió una afrenta cuando un comelón asiático ganó a sus rivales estadounidenses el honor de ser el más tragón del emparedado emblemático de Estados Unidos.

El campeón japonés Takeru Kobayashi estableció además récord mundial el sábado al comerse en ocho minutos un total de 97 piezas de las hamburguesas en la tercera versión de la competencia anual Krystal. Kobayashi rompió la mar-

ca de 69 hamburguesas que impuso en la competencia inaugural en el 2004.

Joey Chestnut de San José, California, debió conformarse con el segundo lugar tras ingerir nada más 91 piezas. El tercer sitio fue para el también estadounidense Pat Bertoletti de Chicago con apenas 76.

En el colmo de la ironía, Kobayashi, oriundo de Nagano, es también el campeón comelón de hot dogs luego de comerse 49 piezas en 12 minutos.

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Quieren volar

El presidente del América Guillermo Cañedo dijo que su equipo buscará dar el gran paso que le falta al fútbol mexicano, cuando participen en el Mundial de Clubes de Japón en diciembre próximo.

En los últimos cuatro Mundiales, los mexicanos han clasificado en todos a la segunda ronda.

A nivel de clubes, han llegado a semifinales de la Copa Libertadores y a la final en una. En la Copa Sudamericana 2006 ya tienen dos equipos en semifinales.

Pero hasta ahora no hay títulos.

“Desde hace mucho hemos visto que el fútbol mexicano ha

dado pasos importantes a nivel internacional, pero falta dar ese paso”, dijo Cañedo.

“Ahora tenemos esa oportunidad en este torneo, son el tipo de oportunidades que el fútbol mexicano está esperando para dar ese último paso, no sólo como competitivos, sino como ganadores y contendientes a los títulos”, agregó.

América es el representante de la Concacaf (Confederación Centroamericana y del Caribe) en el torneo, que reúne a los campeones de cada una de las seis áreas del mundo. Su participación comienza el 11 de diciembre, ante el monarca de Asia.



Le llegó la hora

Un tribunal iraquí condenó el domingo a Saddam Hussein y otros dos funcionarios de su régimen a morir en la horca por crímenes contra la humanidad, cerrando un triste capítulo en la historia del país pero suscitando temores de un recrudecimiento de la violencia.

Algunos grupos de chiítas y curdos estallaron de júbilo al conocer el fallo, pero temían represalias de la insurgencia sunitas.

En una audiencia judicial televisada, Saddam fue condenado a muerte por crímenes de lesa humanidad al ser declarado culpable de la muerte de 148 personas en la población chiíta de Du-jail en 1982.

El Alto Tribunal iraquí también declaró culpa-

bles y condenó a muerte a su medio hermano y ex jefe de la inteligencia Barzan Ibrahim, y a Awad Hamed al-Bandar, titular de la Corte Revolucionaria. Otros tres acusados recibieron condenas más leves, y uno fue absuelto.

Al escuchar la sentencia, el ex gobernante iraquí exclamó tembloroso: “Dios es grande”.

“Viva el pueblo y mueran sus enemigos. Viva la nación gloriosa y mueran sus enemigos”, gritó Hussein con un estremecimiento evidente mientras oía el veredicto.

El de Hussein se trató de uno de los juicios más importantes en el mundo desde el proceso en los tribunales de Nuremberg a miembros del régimen nazi de Adolfo Hitler.



Son ingeniosos

El ingenio para cruzar la frontera ha llevado a intrépidos inmigrantes a valerse de camionetas pintadas como vehículos oficiales de la Patrulla Fronteriza o de bicicletas para burlar la vigilancia en el desierto de Arizona.

Gustavo Soto, vocero de la Patrulla Fronteriza sector Tusón, dijo que aproximadamente cada mes los agentes fronterizos se encuentran con 10 a 15 casos de personas que utilizan bicicletas para cruzar la frontera de los Estados Unidos.

“Es un vehículo que les permite recorrer una mayor distancia en menos tiempo y dejar menos huellas”, explicó.

Según Soto, la agencia federal no lleva registro del número de indocumentados que utiliza este medio para cruzar la frontera, pero indicó que frecuentemente se encuentran bicicletas tiradas en medio del desierto, algunas en pésimas condiciones.

“Algunas veces las bicicletas se encuentran en tan malas condiciones, prácticamente destrozadas que los indocumentados prefieren dejarlas”, dijo.

Los indocumentados utilizan también las bicicletas porque despiertan menos “sospechas” por parte de residentes del área y de los mismos agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza.

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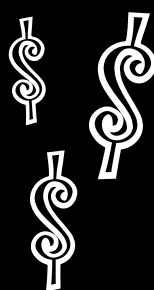
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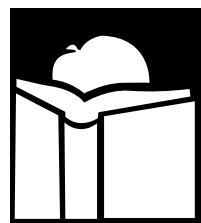
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I wish my legs were longer and my thighs were thinner. I'm 5'8", but I'd like longer legs. Maybe a few inches taller, too. I've had to deal in the past with dating shorter guys. I like taller men. My boyfriend is six feet.



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Probably my ankle, since it's broken right now. I have nine pins in three different places. I got beat up. There's nothing else I can think of. Oh, I have a broken tooth, too.



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I would change my entire face. I look younger than I really am. I'm 19, but people think I'm 16 or 17. I would make it look older and age it a little more. I guess when I'm older it will be okay. You want to be older when you're younger and younger when you're older. I might want to shave some of the weight off my belly, too.



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I want a bigger butt. I want the jeans to look better on me. You look better in more outfits if you have a nicer figure. Not a huge butt, just one that's bigger. I wouldn't mind being taller, either. I'm almost 5'1" now.



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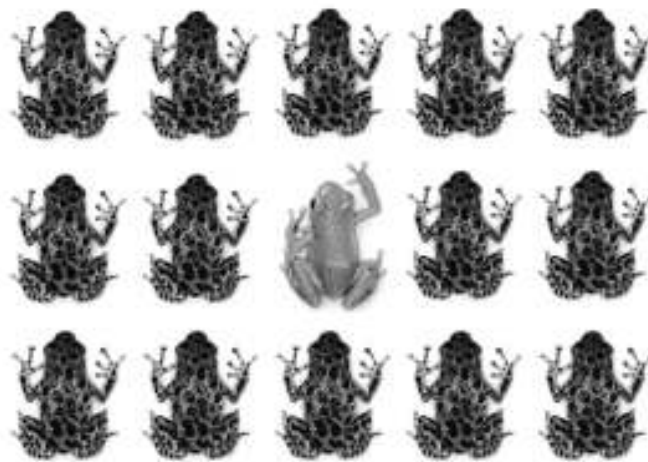
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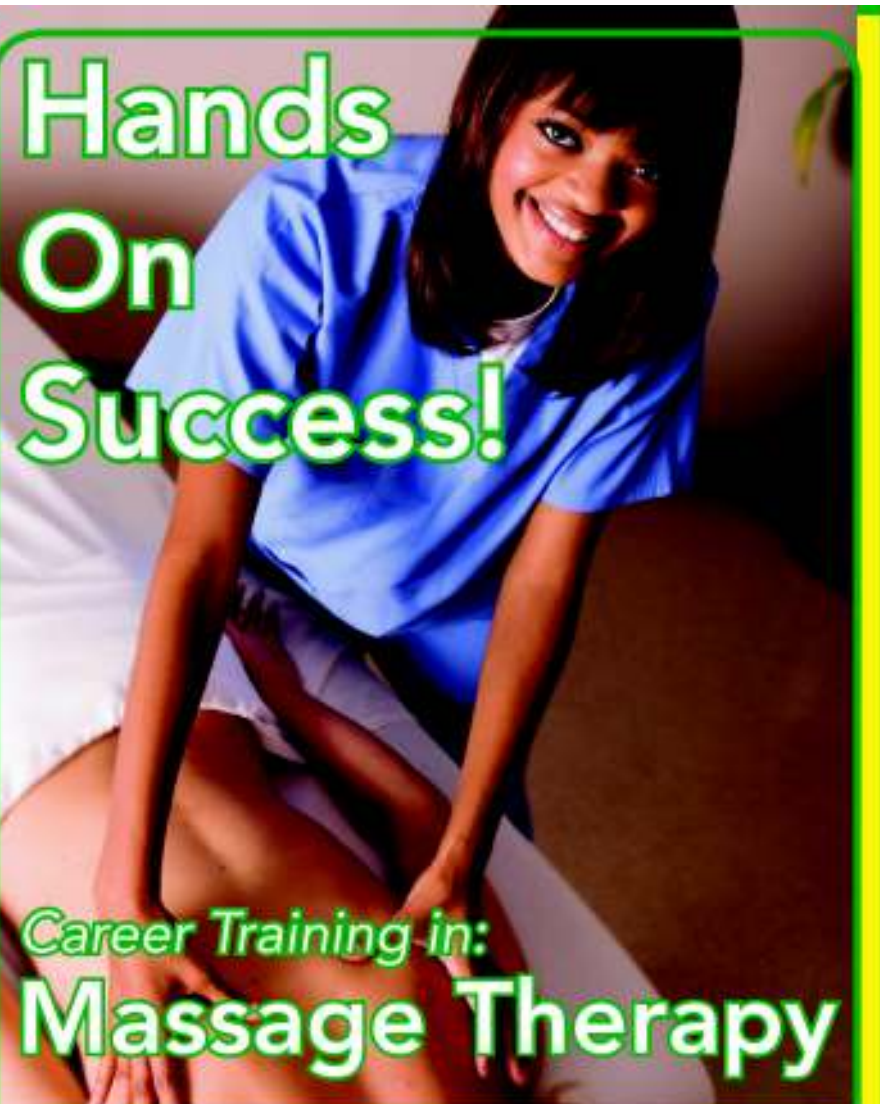
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EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS. 7:30pm, Wednesday, College area. A 12-step program for controlling anger, fear, obsession, etc. No fee. Voluntary donation suggested. Call 619-287-5391.

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GAMERS WANTED. Gaming groups in San Diego County need new members. Make new friends, ages 15-115, while having a good time. Carol, 619-424-6647 or Paul, 619-670-9909.

HERPES/HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS. (HSV/HPV) Support group. Accurate medical information and support. Recorded message. 619-491-1194. www.SanDiegoCityHELP.org.

INCONVENIENT TRUTH, Free screening of blockbuster, "Inconvenient Truth," Friday, November 11 at 6:30pm in the Chapel of First UCSD, 4190 Front Street, 92103. Discussion follows.

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NATIVE COUNCIL PROGRESS, Incorporated, non-profit, supports the repatriation of Mexican Indian immigrants. 4000+ dead. Derechasa para los migrantes sin papeles! Amnesty, yes! Wall? No! sancho69ya@yahoo.com.

NEW ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meeting in Kearny Mesa at The Sharp Rehabilitation Center (Conference Room 3), 2999 Health Center Drive (92123). Monday evenings, 7-8pm. Richard, 858-939-3156.

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ON-LINE AUCTION for Labrador Harbor, Inc., 501(c)(3) nonprofit hosting 1st auction. Disneyland tickets to Vegas vacations. Bidding open 11/1-11/30. Proceeds benefit Labrador retrievers. www.labradorharbor.org.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Grace Happens," November 16, 7-9pm. 1228-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 92014. Meeting, no fee. 858-259-1880.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "The Power Of the Word," November 27, 7-9pm. 3180 University Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 619-296-9046.

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TORCH RELAY FOR CHILDREN'S, Miracle Network. The Torch Relay for CMN will begin on 10/30/06 in Baltimore, MD and travel coast to coast for 5,800 miles ending in Hollywood, CA on 11/19/06. The San Diego leg of the relay will be a 5K walk on Saturday, November 18 at 8:30am. This event is open to the public and registration is \$25, additional fundraising is strongly encouraged. You can register on-line at http://www.torch-relay.org. All money raised in San Diego, will be for our Rady Children's Hospital. The walk will start at Cancer Survivor Park-Spanish Landing, follow along Harbor Drive and end at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina. All participants will receive a t-shirt, sponsor towel and a participant's medal. There are "volunteer" opportunities available. For questions or inquiries about volunteer opportunities you can email SDtorchrelay@marriott.com, or contact the San Diego Torch Relay Coordinator at 619-230-8380, x6207.

TWELVE STEPS NOT working for you? Try a self-empowering, skill-building approach with S.M.A.R.T. Recovery, free support groups. 858-546-1100.

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Thursday, November 16 at the **Bitter End** (Downtown SD) Ages 23-32, 30-42 & 42-55

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Wednesday, November 29 Ages 20s/30s/40s at **SD Wine & Culinary Center** (Downtown)

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MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

TRAVEL COMPANION WANTED By North County, middle-aged white male; no baggage, pets, drugs. You be female 21 or older, honest, trustworthy. Call for itinerary. (11/22) ☎70533

FRIENDSHIP MALE OR FEMALE. Looking for people who enjoy wine tasting, parties, meeting other singles. Age range 30-50. Let's get out and have some fun! (11/22) ☎70534

MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SLIM, CHEERFUL, HEALTHY. Tall, warm, affectionate, white female, 68. Seeking good-natured, fit, 6'+, gentleman, near age 68, for fun, companionship, TLC, friends first. Nonsmoker please. (11/15) ☎70014

VERY ATTRACTIVE, Slim blonde, professional. Seeking a bright, accomplished, tall, fun man, for movies, concerts, travel. Non-smoker. 52-60. (11/15) ☎70010

CUBAN FEMALE, 49, 5'5", 143lbs. Seeking Caucasian gentleman for a serious relationship, 45-52. Let's share all the fun a relationship can bring. Happy holidays, all. (11/22) ☎70038

LATIN, FUN, FIT, Professional, 50s, cute, petite. Love the outdoors, boating, dancing, traveling. Seeking fun, honest, educated guy for lasting relationship. (11/22) ☎70030

ACTIVE, CARING, ATTRACTIVE, Single mom 49 enjoys movies, music, sports, kids, outdoors, and quiet times. Looking for an honest optimistic caring guy, North County preferred. (11/15) ☎70013

BIG AND BEAUTIFUL WOMAN looking for a friend and lover to enjoy the holiday season with movies, nice dinners and travel. (11/22) ☎70041

GREAT LOOKS, EUROPEAN, Classy lady, honest, passionate, romantic, feisty, fun, successful, homeowner. Loves life, arts, people. Seeking accomplished gentleman, 44-55, with similar interests. (11/22) ☎70043

EAST COUNTY YOUNG, Pretty blonde, 5'6", slim, 60s, young-looking/-acting, nonsmoker. Enjoys travel, dancing, theater, movies, dining, concerts. Seeking tall, fit, attractive, compatible gentleman. (11/22) ☎70032

Pie And Ice Cream

Average lady, 50s, wants to meet an average man. I am 5'3", 125lbs. My interests are writing, mental health. Men with disabilities are okay. (11/22) ☎70029

38-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, attractive. Seeks physically fit gentleman 36 to 48 for relationship. Must be established and presentable. (11/15) ☎70021

WHITE GIRL WANTS BLACK Man. Female, 42, 5'8", full-figured engineer. Seeks single male, 32-52, to watch my son play college ball, us walk along beach. (11/15) ☎70017

SINCERE, ADVENTURE SOME, Loving lady, 5'6", trim, no dependents, enjoys outdoors. Seeks tall, white, healthy, 57-69, to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (11/15) ☎70016

JUST FOR THE FUN, And love of it, let's meet. If you are 60+ with a kind, adventurous and passionate spirit, very pretty lady awaits. (11/15) ☎70019

SEEKING AFRICAN AMERICAN, Gentleman 55-65 for extraordinary relationship on all levels. I'm a Caucasian lady, blonde, 61. We are educated, open-minded, excited about each new day. Sense of humor important. (11/15) ☎70012

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN, All of our lives? Adventurous, educated woman, 57, to meet sense of humor, sincere gent, 55-63, for caring friendship and romance. (11/15) ☎70018

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Last week's place: (clue: Ghost's-eye view from the rock) Parking lot as seen from the eighth-floor roof of the Don L. Nay Administration building, 3165 Pacific Highway. The building is known as "The Rock" because it was built without windows in 1942 for General Dynamics; thick concrete assured employees that it could withstand any WWII-era bomb. The Port District took it over in 1965 to house 350 of their 600 employees but has never opened up the third and fourth floors. Security guards swear they hear footsteps and flushing toilets in the middle of the night and that elevators inexplicably stop at those floors. (Last week's winners: Jeff Goldberg, Clifton J. Rogers, Will Johnson, Mark Boykin, Daniel Pena)

ATTRACTIVE, SENSITIVE, And caring lady, enjoys cooking, gardening, music and reading. Looking for friendship with a

nonsmoker with a sense of humor. Homeowner. (11/22) ☎70046

PETITE BLONDE POWERHOUSE Are you an Afro-American or biracial guy under

5'9" who loves laughter, workouts, theater, movies? Let's explore the possibilities 42-55ish. (11/15) ☎70008

QUALITY WOMAN, Accomplished, retired professional, lively, cultured, great body, San Diego. Seeking quality, non-smoking man, financially/emotionally secure, to explore life's possibilities. (11/15) ☎70003

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, blue eyes, light brown hair, slim build. Looking for a boyfriend who's white, attractive, no drugs, smoking or alcohol, honest, sincere, loyal. (11/22) ☎70045

PRETTY MUSIC TEACHER, 5'2", 115lbs, enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, yoga, and the arts. Seeking

gentleman 5'10"+, 50-65 for friendship and/or possible relationship. (11/22) ☎70037

BEAUTY AND BRAINS Without the strain. Most lovely, childless, black beauty. Seeks a strong yet gentle cutie! Unencumbered, humble, humorous, with diverse interests included, 30-50. (11/22) ☎70031

BLONDE, GERMAN-BORN, Very good-looking, adventurous, worldly, loves to laugh and walk along the beach. Seeking educated professional gentleman who enjoys life, 40-50. (11/15) ☎70006

YOU'RE THE BOSS, No question, an amazing business man, it's true. Let me

teach you matters of the heart. (11/15) ☎70025

BRITISH GENTLEMAN DESIRED By attractive, green-eyed lady, 47, great sense of humor, world traveler, healthy lifestyle. Seeking ages 43-54 with similar interests/lifestyle. (11/15) ☎70004

NORTH COUNTY FUN, Upbeat, very attractive, blonde, green eyes, very young 50s homeowner, dog lover. Seeks same, white male, any age, for travel, love, fun! (11/15) ☎70028

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SEXY, Nice legs/smile, curvaceous figure, 5'3", 115lbs, professional, childless, homeowner. Desires fun, fit, nonsmoker, upscale, selective, compatible, generous, 36+ Caucasian stable gentleman. (11/15) ☎70023

CLASSY PRETTY LADY, 60+, slim, world traveler, intelligent, healthy life style, many interests, easy-going. Looking for quality gentleman, travel, explore and enjoy life together. (11/15) ☎70005

LOVES TO CUDDLE, 5'8", green eyes, Hispanic, brown long hair, plus size, 36. Looking for 36-46 romantic, loves kids, honest, loves to kiss, beach, sincere. (11/22) ☎70035

WEEKEND FUN, North Country gal 46, brown hair, medium 164lbs. Seeks fun loving guy who likes Starbucks, walks, art and has a funny side. (11/15) ☎70015

DOCTOR, BEAUTIFUL, AFFECTIONATE. Loves dancing, yoga, traveling. Looking for successful, passionate, intelligent, spontaneous, caring, loving, sincere man, 40s, for long-term relationship. (11/15) ☎70027

SINCERE, RELIABLE, ATTRACTIVE, Active lad, wishes companionship of kind, 70+ gentleman, financially secure. To enjoy hiking, biking, travel, dance or just watch the sunset. (11/22) ☎70036

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, Late 40s, 5'3", 110lbs, cook occasionally, drinks. Dancing, singing. Desires guy, kind-hearted, generous soul, marriage-minded, loving, take each other for life. (11/22) ☎70033

GENTLE TIGRESS, Pretty, playful, passionate. Seeks clean-cut Caucasian, classy, under 50, trim, handsome, sweetheart. Let's share movies, theater, animals, Magic Mountain. No smoking/drinking/drugs! (11/15) ☎70024

SEXY, SINCERE WOMAN, Looking for a friend for movies, eating out. Trusting, possible long term relationship, easy-going and very worthy. (11/15) ☎70011

WELL TRAVELLED, Slim, attractive, real estate agent, 60, enjoys outdoors, arts, dining. Seeks a reasonably fit companion for conversation and a glass of wine. (11/15) ☎70020

LA MESA EBONY BEAUTY, Down-to-earth, cool, likes Jazz, old school, music, dancing, dining, tennis. Seeks attractive mature cool guy to spend time with. (11/22) ☎70044

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37. French law

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43. Bikes

44. Holiday cheer?

45. Page of un calendario

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54. Grow dim

55. Egg-shaped

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58. Doo-wop syllable

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60. Suffix with brom-

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2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).

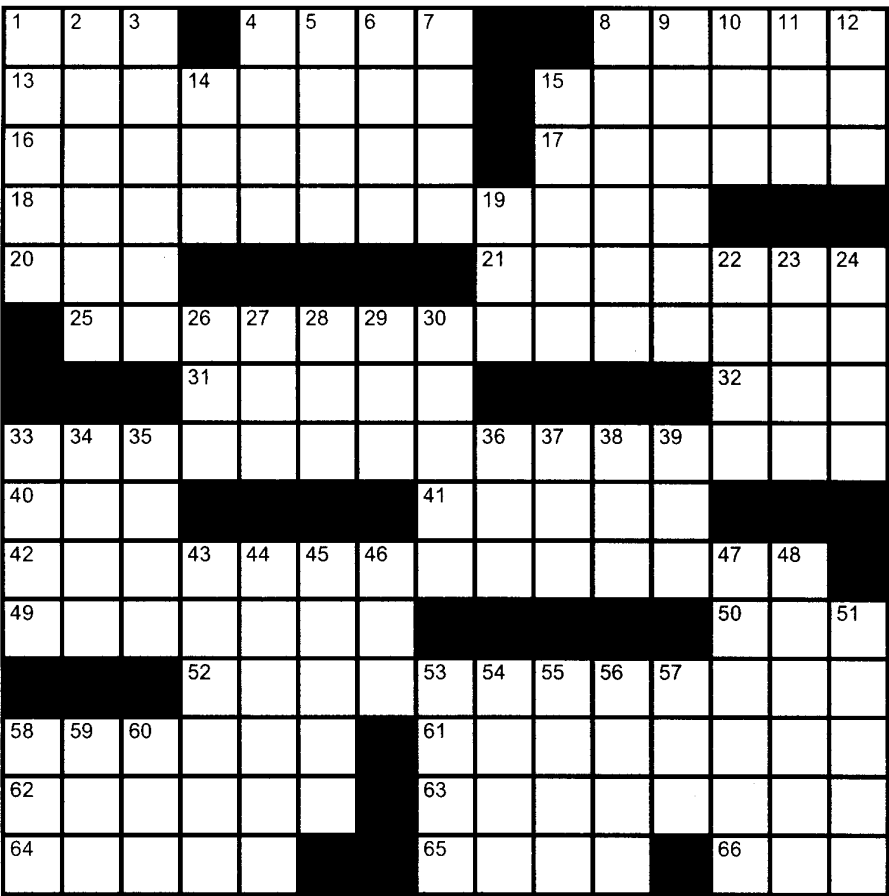
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6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.

7. One entry per person.



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- There were 123 entrants.
- The winners are:
1. Taylor Burnett, *San Diego*

2. Amber McCartney, *San Diego*

3. Margaret Henderson, *La Mesa*

4. Richard Hutchings, *Santee*

5. Vicki Flora, *Bonita*

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I'M ATTRACTIVE, 50, bright, I've got a killer sense of humor, no money, and I seek a reasonably attractive, loyal woman (any race) to adore. (11/15) ☎70529

SMART, INQUISITIVE, Self-made, sensual, ethical, unencumbered woman possessing joie de vivre, 50-60. Would you like to meet an apt counterpart, 56? (11/15) ☎70527

HANDSOME, RESPECTABLE, QUALITY Man, 44, healthy, fit and witty. Waterfront homeowner, great look with great values. Seeks slim beauty, for great relationship and travel. (11/22) ☎70564

50, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, gentleman's standards/morals, Fashion Valley. Seeking motivated lady, 42-50, to enjoy life's adventures and experiences. Possible commitment. (11/22) ☎70538

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BROWN-EYED, HANDSOME, White male, 55, 5'9", homeowner. Seeks companion/partner to share cooking, gardening, Harley, convertible, camping, boating,

bike, hike, fishing, flea markets. (11/15) ☎70512

CARING, DECENT AT 50, In good shape. Desire smart, assertive woman, unencumbered, with wicked humor. Hiking, nature walks, theater, discussing literature. All ages, looks, reply. (11/22) ☎70539

SOULFUL, ROMANTIC. Seeking common ground, 52, 5'6", athletic, educated, well-traveled, Visual Mac, KPBS, classic rock, traditional values, chemistry, communication. 38-50, spunky, petite brunette, nonsmoker. (11/15) ☎70526

PERSONABLE SENIOR GENTLEMAN, Enjoys Bridge, dancing, short trips, dining out, music. Seeks happy, thoughtful lady, 70 to 80, who is rather tall, heavy-set. (11/15) ☎70522

SENSE OF HUMOR, Spiritual path, intelligent, passionate, adventurous, 52, 5'8", 170lbs, black-grey. Enjoy rock music, movies, nature walks, coffee houses, stimulating conversation. Seeking like-minded. (11/22) ☎70532

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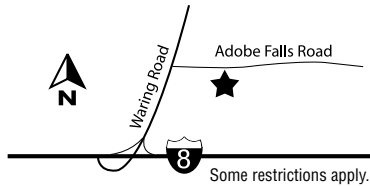
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LEAD STORY

— In September, the headmistress of the Dvergsnes primary school in Kristiansand, Norway, proposed that boys be taught to urinate while seated, in order to reduce splashing and mis-targeting, which burden the cleaning staff, but many parents and politicians reacted bitterly. Said Vidar Kleppe of the Justice and Order party, “It’s a human right [for a boy] not to have to sit down like a girl,” adding that the school was “fiddling with God’s work.” Parent Nancy Bakke was proud of her seven-year-old boy’s ability to aim: “This rule goes against everything I’ve tried to teach my son.”

Can’t Possibly Be True

— Youth cheerleading coach Christine Smith was dismissed in September by the Frederick (Md.) Youth Sports Association for a sideline gesture she said was to re-energize her seven- and eight-year-old girls when their football team fell behind. Smith drew a smiley face on her stomach, which she said they found “hilarious,” but allegedly three people complained of the unseemliness of Smith’s lifting her shirt slightly to show the face. Said association president Kathy Carey, “Pulling your shirt up is...not what our organization is about.”

— Akira Haraguchi, 60, spent 16 straight hours on Oct. 4 reciting the value of pi from memory to 100,000 decimal places, breaking his old record of 83,431. Haraguchi, whose day job is psychiatric counselor, performed in front of officials at a public hall in Kisarazu, Japan, and rattled off the numbers continuously except for a five-minute break every hour. (In 2002, two University of Tokyo mathematicians, using a supercomputer, calculated pi to 1.24 trillion decimal places.)

— Civilization in Decline: (1) In October, Britain’s public health minister said she had been warned by counselors that some pregnant teenagers were purposely smoking in order to make their babies smaller so that childbirth would be less painful. (2) Australia’s *Herald Sun* reported in September that a Target store in Melbourne was selling

padding “bralettes” from the child clothing and doll manufacturer Bratz Babyz, aimed at children aged six to ten.

Inexplicable

— Government air-travel rules against carrying knives, guns, cigarette lighters, and other potential weapons should be well known by now, but airports continue to report almost widespread ignorance (or forgetfulness) by travelers. The *Boston Globe* reported in September that screeners at Logan International Airport confiscated about 12,000 items a week before the August 2006 restrictions drove more travelers to check their bags. Every few weeks, Logan officials take about a ton of confiscated items to a warehouse in Concord, N.H., where bargain-hunters buy them for pennies on the dollar.

— In August, about a dozen masked men lugged six 40-gallon trash bags full of sauce packets into the Taco Bell on South Western Avenue in Marion, Ind., leaving a note explaining that they had been accumulating them for a while and decided to give them back. They suspected they had 25,000 packets. (Taco Bell said it hands out about 6 billion a year.)

Campaign Roundup

— Adult video star Mary Carey, once again running for governor of California, said she is a new person from the woman who was an alse-ran in 2003: “I’ve got brown in my hair [she was blond in 2003] because brunettes are taken more seriously.” She said she also has lost weight, replaced her teeth, gotten breast implants, and given up smoking, contraceptives, and alcohol. “I’ve actually been sober for five days now,” she said on Aug. 9.

— (1) West Virginia state senator Randy White decided in October to remain in the race for reelection despite the surfacing of photographs taken two years earlier of White nude except for body paint, in a group of similarly decorated men. White said he had had a “personal identi-

fication situation.” (2) After a reporter for Minnesota’s *Rochester Post-Bulletin* noticed similarities in expression between mayoral candidate Pat Carr and a pseudonymous supporter who posted message after message of praise of Carr on the newspaper’s website, Carr admitted that the “supporter” was actually himself. Said Carr, “I stand by what I [wrote].”

The Joys of a Small Town

— Lorenzo Martin, 34, was charged with domestic violence in September, accused of holding his estranged wife’s leg in a bed of fire ants, resulting in more than 100 bites (Cottonwood, Ala.). ... Mary Kay Gray, 58, was charged in September with shooting her husband in the shoulder in retaliation for his allegedly having shot and killed Mary’s favorite chicken (Cheshire, Ore.). ... Spiritual counselor Nickie Marks said he was contemplating a lawsuit in September after the town of Greensboro, Ga., confiscated the half-ton statue of Jesus from his front yard (based on a zoning ordinance banning wordless signs, originally intended to keep business owners from welding cars to the tops of poles).

Least Competent Criminals

— Audacious: (1) A 37-year-old man was charged with burglary in Waterbury, Conn., in September after he was caught selling the victim’s distinctive furnishings at a yard sale just a few doors down the street. (2) Christopher Bordne, 17, was arrested in September in Newton, Mass., after a police officer, waiting behind Bordne at a traffic light at 1:40 a.m. through several light changes, checked to find Bordne with his foot on the brake but otherwise sound asleep. After yelling at Bordne and rapping repeatedly on the window with his flashlight, the officer watched as Bordne woke up, drove off, and crashed into a tree.

— Two unnamed Egyptian men in their 20s, in Russia on tourist visas, illegally crossed the border to Belarus and then headed to Poland, which, as a European Union country, is harder to enter.

According to an August report from BBC News’ Moscow bureau, the pair dug a hole under the border (using shoe horns), and once in Poland, intended to enter Germany the same way, but they had gotten turned around during the dig and instead of Germany, they mistakenly tunneled back into Belarus, where they were captured. They were sent back to Moscow but later were trying to leave the country again when Russian guards at the Ukraine border took them into custody.

Updates

— Two “News of the Weird” old-timers made the news recently: H. Beatty Chadwick, jailed for contempt of court in 1995 for failure to hand over assets to his ex-wife after their divorce (because he claims not to have control of them) has now passed day 4100 in a county lockup outside Philadelphia, according to an ABC News report. ... Massachusetts inmate Michelle Kosilek, who was Robert Kosilek when he went to prison, is now awaiting a federal court decision on whether the prison system must fund the final-step surgery in his gender switch. Kosilek says being trapped in a man’s body is agonizing: “The greatest loss is the dying I do inside a little bit every day.” (Kosilek’s wife, though, did all her dying at once, when Robert murdered her in 1990.)

Sounds Like a Joke

— (1) In September, a youth-sports association raffle in Weaverville, N.C., offered an Uzi sub-machine gun as a prize for a while, until the association responded to complaints and stopped it. (2) Underachieving former St. Thomas Law School (Miami) student Thomas Bentey filed a federal class action lawsuit against the school in August, alleging that it knew when it accepted him that he couldn’t muster the necessary 2.5 grade-point average to stay in school and thus defrauded him.

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—**CLASSIFIEDS**, November 18, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Represented by a court-appointed public defender, [Kulka] is presently scheduled to stand trial December 14 for the fatal shooting of Sally Barnes, 52-year-old schoolteacher and Escondido resident. The incident occurred July 28, 1981, in the rugged hills behind Lake Wohlford known as the Old Guejito, where Barnes owned 46 acres of land she called the “Barnes Mountain Retreat,” below which Kulka owned 10 acres. Intending to stymie Kulka’s efforts to clear brush off an old dirt road that ran through her land, Barnes hired a contractor to dump tons of dirt at the point at which Kulka’s road forked off to the left from the legally deeded easement. Having dumped a small amount of dirt, the contractor was

standing at her side when Kulka appeared.

—**“AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES,”** Tom Bourne,
November 12, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

Roberto DePhilippis, the owner of the Butcher Shop Steak House, got very angry one night last spring. In fact, he had been seething since November of 1985, when his landlord, the Plaza International Hotel in Mission Valley, sent him an eviction notice. After six months of legal haggling, DePhilippis reluctantly accepted the fact that the Butcher Shop would have to leave the premises it had occupied since 1971. DePhilippis would leave, but as testimony to his rancor, he made sure that not one usable chair, table, booth, appliance, or other Butcher Shop fixture would remain. At midnight on Friday, April 25, 1986, he and about 30 employees, family members, and patrons of the Butcher Shop wielded sledge hammers, knives, shovels, and other implements of destruction, and they annihilated the restaurant.

—**“BIG BEEF IN MISSION VALLEY,”** Stephen Meyer,
November 13, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

Standing on Pringle Street near Kettner Boulevard, looking up a precipitous grade of

snaking asphalt, I tried to imagine Freddie Hafner’s thoughts — aged 41 — one second before his death. Dressed in purple mesh tank top, gray cut-off jeans, brand XJ900 purple-and-white tennis shoes, music pumping through earphones into brain, Freddie blisters like a blur of blue on his bicycle. Then a truck. At 45 miles an hour, Freddie swerves, loses control — bam! — hits a curb, flies 35 feet. Freddie dies, impaled, chest first, on a fire hydrant.

—**“REBELS WITHOUT AN ENGINE,”** Ray Westberg,
November 14, 1991

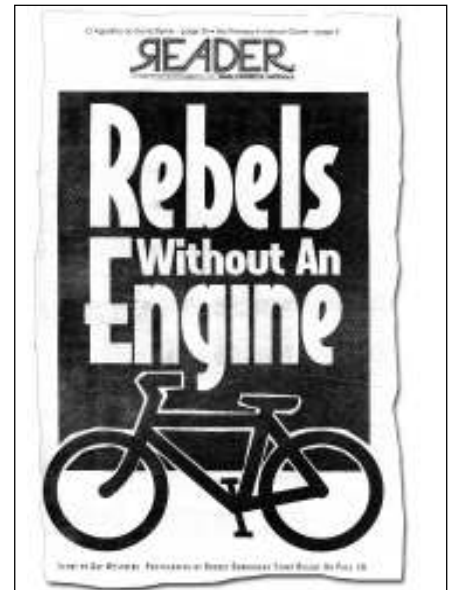
Ten Years Ago

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—**“2400 POUNDS OF PASSION,”** Matt Lickona,
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Dear Saffron,

My husband's family has a tradition of going out to dinner together on birthdays. When I married into the family, they included me in this custom. The person whose birthday it is chooses the restaurant. I had a restaurant all picked out for my birthday next week, then my sister-in-law calls my husband and says, "Maggie is hoping she'll be invited to your wife's birthday dinner. She badly wants to come." Maggie is her 8-year-old daughter. My sister-in-law has two children, Maggie and her 15-year-old brother. Her brother has a sleepover that night at a friend's house, so he can't watch Maggie, and the truth (which sis-in-law admitted later in the conversation) is she doesn't want to bother to get a sitter so she asked Maggie to the dinner. I am really fond of my niece, but these dinners have always been nice, relax-

ing, kid-free meals, where everyone has martinis and adult conversation. I am not bringing my daughters. Now, if I say "no" to this request, which is what I'm inclined to do, it will hurt Maggie's feelings, plus my sister-in-law will be mad. But if I say "yes," there goes the nice adult dinner I was so looking forward to. I wish my sister-in-law had brought the question up to me before she mentioned it to Maggie. How do I handle this?

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Dear About to Turn 40,

Your sister-in-law should have consulted you before she dangled the possibility of coming to dinner in front of her daughter. Now you have an uncomfortable choice — have the type of evening you'd like but disappoint your niece or sacrifice your preference for a grown-up occasion in order to spare Maggie's feelings. You could insist on sticking to the original plan, but my favored strategy is that you bite the bullet and change the tone of the festivities. Allow Maggie to attend, and invite your daughters, too. Afterward, let your sister-in-law know that she needs to consult you first in a situation like this so that you're not placed in the position of having to contemplate barring your lovely niece, or anyone else, from a celebration.

Dear Saffron,

I'm a bit behind on my reading your articles, so I'm online getting caught up on your responses to conundrums that people have posed. Just got done reading your February 9, 2006, article addressing the 80-year-old woman who is snoring through the opera. I agree she might consider a matinee version of her favorite operas, but there is another, more complicated issue that may have come up in this woman's life. She may be suffering with obstructive sleep apnea, which causes most sufferers to fall asleep in the most inappropriate places during the day. One symptom of apnea is heavy snoring, but that isn't the only issue at hand. If this woman does have apnea, her health is at risk at her advanced age. I've been recently diagnosed with apnea and have had it for many years, but because I don't meet the insurance companies' criteria for the condition (obesity and age), they've never paid for the treatment. Common to sufferers is that they do not get a full night's sleep as their body and mind fight to make certain they are breathing while asleep. Heavy snoring isn't necessarily a sign of apnea, but her physician sure should check it out. It can be hazardous and is a very difficult malady for many physicians to diagnose if they aren't aware of it. Sleep clinics abound in San Diego; I was diagnosed by one several years ago...they found that I was having 15 apnea occurrences per hour. That is 15 times per hour that my body shuts

down the supply of air to my lungs, and the mind never gets the full amount of sleep — thus a constant tiredness during the day. There are more serious complications that arise, relating to heart conditions...it's treatable and is far more common than many people think. While my apnea occurrences are considered mild, there are people that have been diagnosed as having 100 and more apnea occurrences per hour. Just thought I'd share this info with you in case you ever run into it again.

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Charlie is a friend of mine. Several years ago, we shared a house. He is a hard-drinking, ebullient, funny man. An opportunity for a two-day trip into the bush with Charlie is not something to pass up. He wants to go toward Moremi Game Reserve for a couple of nights and invites me along. I accept. A trip with Charlie is well known in town as a guaranteed adventure. Maybe even better than Steinbeck's *Travels with Charley*.

We shop for supplies in the morning, fill up with diesel, have a quick lunch, and head toward Moremi. The trip in is surprisingly smooth. We have seen some game — giraffes, kudu, and impala. Before we find our camp, I spot a brown

hyena. It is lying up to the neck in water and mud. The hyena is waiting for some game to come down for a drink. It is disturbed enough by us that it gets up and slinks away. Supper is eaten and there is a full moon shining. After sharing some stories, Charlie goes to sleep on top of the Land Rover. I sit in front of the tent and have a nightcap.

We break camp at 8:30 and start following the watery perimeter of the delta south of Moremi. Charlie has this customized '68 Land Rover that he calls Sally. When the going gets rough or the sand gets soft, he gives her all the encouragement he can. We are moving through and over bush, like the elephants we encounter. Before lunch and some rough going, where we have to go back, around, and through some rough terrain, it happens.

Sally has almost gotten us out of the heavy going, when a slight miscalculation puts her down. We are out of the vehicle looking at the two wheels on the passenger side. They are in a water hole made by elephants, with the

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end results in us getting the jack stuck in the mud. The two of us pulling, slipping, staggering, and cursing finally break the suction and get it free. Charlie turns to me and says, "Well, Dave, at least when we are doing this, we are not doing anything else."

We move to the rear

wheels, which appear to have a more severe tilt than the front — the other back tire isn't even touching the ground. I continue to collect wood, and Charlie continues to swear at the jack because it won't go up or down. Looking at the angle of Sally's resting spot and the amount of water and the sizes of the holes, I'm not too optimistic. I'm thinking we may be spending the night here, or longer.

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BLOG DIEGO

Shortly after I wrote the last post for this blog, I got a call from my sister in Rome. Dad wasn't doing very well — he was having difficulty breathing and moving about. Could I make plans to return as soon as possible? A week or so after this phone call, a week during which Dad was put through a series of what must have seemed to him debilitating medical tests to determine the nature of his malady, we had the diagnosis: advanced-stage emphysema.

I wasn't particularly surprised at the news — after all, the man chain-smoked his way through every single day of the past 80 years, and he's only 76. So, no surprise, but lots of alarm and dismay.

It wasn't really a question of: will he survive? I knew the answer to that — of course he wouldn't: 20 years ago I'd read the Doors' bio and had concluded that they were right, that no one gets out alive. I wasn't going to joust with the inevitable. No, the real question was: over the next 15, 20, 30, 50 short years that remained of his life, would Dad somehow recuperate his appreciation for pasta, pizza, and bread? Because that is what emphysema did to him: it made him abhor many of the foods that he formerly loved. *Questo si che e' triste!*

Our family started to pick up on the change in Dad's diet pref-

erences a couple of years back. Out of nowhere he started to refuse to eat *primi*. Mom'd spend the entire day making what she thought was his favorite dish, *pasta al forno*, only to have him stare at it. She'd make him steaming plates of *tagliatelle* and *tortellini*, but he'd only eat half a bite, then blow up his cheeks and distend his stomach as if he'd just finished off the entire quadruped population of a bovine factory farm.

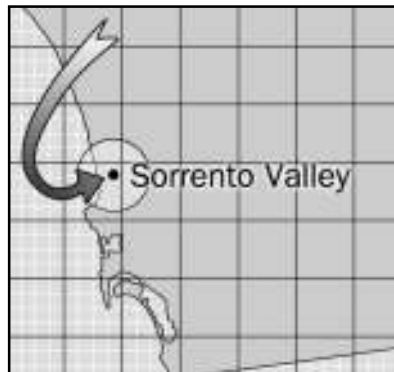
At first she thought he might have acid reflux. Then she thought he might have developed some food allergies and encouraged him to see a doctor. This, too, was to no avail, because Dad is allergic to doctors.

Finally, a family meeting was convened. The four of us — Mom, Thomas, Fay, and I — examined the facts: he wouldn't eat pasta or pizza or bread or crackers; no fruit, few veggies, and since *Fiorentinas* were still banned, little meat. He was start-

ing to lose weight. Only one conclusion could be drawn from these facts: he missed the States. He hadn't been back in a couple of years, we flawlessly reasoned, and his refusal to eat pasta and

guilt-trips ever attempted — and had pulled it off admirably. (Conveniently, it hadn't occurred to the four of us to ask Dad for his opinion — supposedly because he has always been so mulishly private in the face of our meddlesomeness. Also conveniently, we overlooked Dad's telling habit of wheezing and hacking because he'd been wheezing and hacking forever: we are a family that refuses to truck with anything as convenient as the obvious).

Anyway, we arranged a trip back to the States for him and, when he arrived, tried to mainline him with enough T-bones, porterhouses, and filet mignons to make him start to moo. It was at this mooing juncture that we figured it opportune to reintroduce pasta into his diet. Unfortunately, the reintroduction was a failure — after a mere forkful of *gnocchi* he blew out his cheeks and distended his stomach and started to undulate like those pastrami-



pizza amounted to a silent protest against a family system that would keep him stuck in the land of spaghetti, far from his beloved land of steakhouses. (Never mind that at his age he's still fiercely independent and fully capable of making any trip he chooses.)

In the space of a very few minutes, we had walloped ourselves into one of the biggest, fiercest

sandwich-eating guys in the Tums commercials.

Okay, so he no longer likes pasta or pizza — there are worse things, we whispered to each other. Not many worse things, mind you, but worse things.

It turns out that this negative reaction to carbs is a common symptom of advanced emphysema. When Dad was diagnosed, my sister Fay, a champion chain-smoker and a total spaghetti-head, reduced her smoking to half a carton a day. Mom went from a pack to half a pack. (Thomas and I quit years ago, so our relationship to all things doughy remains as tight and uncorrupted as ever).

I'm pleased to report that Dad hasn't smoked a cigarette in over two months and, although he remains highly allergic to doctors, he nevertheless faithfully maintains his appointments with his *pneumologo*. In fact, he only hacked into the phone once for a brief 30 seconds when I spoke to him on Monday, so some improvement is already evident.

Generally, I'm optimistic. One day, soon, he may well be able to sit in front of a huge plate of *pasta al forno* and eat heartily once again. And if he does start to blow out his cheeks, distend his stomach, and undulate it won't be because of emphysema, but because of heartburn. Heartburn I can handle, I'm less adept at handling heartbreak.

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ATTEMPTED MURDER

Location: 10761 Jamacha Road, Spring Valley
Time/Date: 7:11 p.m. on 10/29/06

Incident: Sheriff's Communications Division received several 911 calls, referenc[ing] a shooting victim at the Shooters Bar. Additional information from callers was that a male suspect entered the bar, confronted a female, then displayed a handgun, firing at and hitting the female.

Upon arrival, deputies found the victim, Karen V., age 41, lying in a parking lot with a gunshot wound to her upper back. Other patrons in the bar who witnessed the shooting subdued the male shooter, Carl J., age 40, holding him for the responding deputies.

Carl was recently released from state prison. The victim was his girlfriend, whom Carl was apparently looking for, and had made statements that he was going to kill her.

The female shooting victim was subsequently transported to an area hospital [where] she was listed as critical. Carl was subsequently arrested and booked into County Jail for attempted murder.

EVICTIION AND ANIMAL NEGLECT

Location: 3108 Collura, Chollas Heights
Time/Date: 10:19 a.m. on 10/30/06

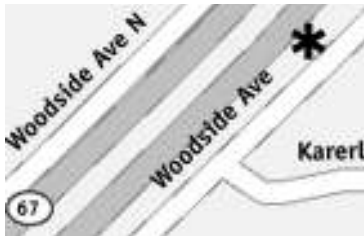
Incident: Court Services Bureau Deputies Ochoa and Munsch attempted a court-ordered eviction. The defendant Ann K. refused entry and barricaded herself inside the residence. K. had fortified the entire residence with multiple deadbolts, boarded windows, chains, and barbed wire.

Deputies were able to force open the front door and call K. out of the residence. K. was carrying a switchblade

knife in her pocket upon contact. Inside the residence were approximately 30 cats and 7 dogs, most of them were in portable carriers stacked on each other throughout the residence. Animal Control officers responded and took custody of the animals. K. was arrested.

DUI/MAJOR INJURY ACCIDENT

Location: [11400] Woodside Avenue, Santee
Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. on 10/29/06



Investigation: A 2001 Lincoln Navigator and a 1997 Saturn were traveling eastbound [on] Woodside Avenue, with the Navigator in the lead. At the same time, a 2000 Ford Mustang was driving westbound...approaching the Navigator and Saturn. As the Mustang approached, it moved into the east-bound lane, attempting to pass two vehicles, while traveling about 60-70 mph. The Mustang's move placed it directly in the path of the Navigator and Saturn, which resulted in the Mustang colliding head-on into the Navigator. After the Navigator and Mustang collided, the Saturn, driven by a teenager, crashed into the rear end of the Navigator.

The Navigator driver and his young granddaughter were properly wearing their seatbelts. The Navigator

driver sustained a compound fracture to his left leg and his granddaughter received minor injuries. Both were transported to area hospitals by ambulance.

There were three persons in the Mustang. The Mustang driver, Jason H., age 26, sustained a compound fracture to his right leg and was transported to an area hospital by ambulance. A female sitting in the front passenger seat of the Mustang sustained serious injuries and had to be transported to the hospital by Mercy Air, where she remains in critical condition. Another male in the right rear passenger seat of the Mustang was taken to the hospital by ambulance for unknown injuries.

The teenage female driver of the Saturn was not injured and released at the scene.

Jason H. was arrested for driving under the influence and causing injury.

DEATH INVESTIGATION

Location: 12044 Royal Road, Lakeside
Time/Date: 1:54 a.m. on 10/29/06

Report: Fire units from Lakeside, El Cajon, and East County Fire responded to a second-alarm fire at the Westward Ho Trailer Park...in the unincorporated community of Lakeside. Upon their arrival, they found a single-wide trailer in space #14 fully engulfed in flames. Upon extinguishing the fire, El Cajon Acting Fire Captain Dave Rickards made entry and found the burned remains of an elderly female. The victim, who was burned beyond recognition, was located in the living room. Lakeside Fire Chief Mark Baker requested that sheriff's bomb/arson investigators

respond to the fire scene to investigate the cause and origin of the trailer fire. Medical Examiner Jerry Simmons arrived at the scene and took custody of the deceased.

DEATH INVESTIGATION

Location: 8301 Mission Gorge Road, Santee
Time/Date: 2:17 p.m. on 10/28/06



Report: Fire units from Santee, El Cajon, Lakeside, La Mesa, and the City of San Diego responded to a second-alarm fire at the Meadowbrook Mobile Home Park. Upon their arrival, they found a double-wide mobile home fully engulfed in flames.

At approximately 2:43 p.m., El Cajon Firefighter Craig Johnston entered into the center of the residence and discovered the body of an elderly woman burned beyond recognition and void of life. Santee Fire Department Incident Commander Captain Brett Eldridge requested Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Investigators and a Crime Lab Technician respond to the fire scene to investigate the cause and origin of the fire.

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I've got a party to attend, and while I was at the store, I loaded up on tiny bottles of booze but forgot to get a bag of fun-sized sugar wads. The past half-hour has been spent stumbling around a dark apartment, showering, dressing, and snacking with my hand over the refrigerator lightbulb to spoof the horde of trick-or-treaters into thinking no one's home.

I can hear them next door. *Knock knock knock.* "Trick or treat!" Oh, the adults in my complex are having a grand time. They're dressed up too, sitting on their porches in witch costumes and zombie makeup, handing out crinkly tubes of chocolate and ungodly sour things.

How do I make it out of my apartment without raising the ire of the begging masses? I can hear the parents and see their glares of dissatisfaction — "You didn't get these kids any candy? For shame."

Well, I can't be a damn shut-in because of a bunch of demanding brats. I fill my pockets with a cell phone, cigarettes, drugs, and grab the bag of miniature booze bottles. The party I'm going to is a Halloween party in a haunted house, and my friends are "trick-or-treating" from room-to-room. That's what the airplane booze bottles and the baggy of pills are for — treats.

The dress code is "favorite TV stars." My friend, Ron, is wearing a pinstripe suit and thin-rimmed glasses, and he's going to say, "Designers. Designers, I need you to be working": Tim Gunn. Mel will be wearing ripped clothes and has died her hair green: The Incredible Hulk. Of course, I didn't get a costume. In the last few minutes, I put on a denim jacket and jeans: Prison Break.

I'm out in the courtyard. Lock the door. Shuffle around the bird-of-paradise plants, past the laundry room, and hit the back gate.

Bam! A little pack of beggars. "Trick or treat," they say, but they want to say, "Gotcha, you old son of a bitch. We've been casing your joint for an hour!"

"All right. All right. You win. Here. Here's a vodka. What are you, about 12? Here's a cigarette. You, under that mask, are you a boy? Here's a Viagra, go bananas. One, two, three," I count heads. "Six of you. Here. Here's three tabs of E; break 'em in half. What? No, you can't have any cocaine. Damn kids these days..."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

SUPERNATURAL

WB 9:00 P.M.

Some nights I bang around my apartment, crashing from wall to wall. I lie on a bench in my front room and cling to it as though I'm going to fall off the planet if I let go. I wedge myself between the seat and backrest to defy reverse gravity. Until I fall asleep there, with my arms and legs dangling up.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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NBC 8:00 P.M.

Damn, I've got a case of lice you wouldn't

believe. I was drunk and beat up and curled up on the floor of a nasty Imperial Beach apartment with a shaggy mutt for a pillow. Do dogs carry lice? This one must have. Or it was a plot by my enemies to irritate my scalp, dumping a can of the parasites through my bedroom window and onto my sleeping head. Either way, the dog is now on my enemies list. So it works out.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SAINTS AND SOLDIERS

HISTORY 10:00 A.M.

My new grocery-shopping protocol is to list everything I need and check a map of the store's

interior as to where those items are located. I then load up my ghetto blaster boom box, start my "Cavalry Bugle Calls" tape, and dash through the aisles, knocking long rows of boxes into my cart. Faster! Faster! Dun de lun de lun de lun de lun! Hyaw! Cavalry! The cashiers think it's funny, but the stock boys hate me.

SAM THE COOKING GUY

CA4SD 9:00 P.M.

A haiku:

I fry steak naked

Why am I part retarded?

The smell of burnt hair

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

SMALLVILLE

WB 7:00 P.M.

I'm going back to Sonora, California, my hometown. Five days of baseball caps, small grain tobacco — stinking and rotten in the lips of men — and wiry black goatees. I'm going to fire guns from the passenger window of a junk Chevy pickup into the countryside of manzanita bushes and creosote scrub brush. Five days of gravel under my boots, flannel shirts, my dad, and the mud of the land that spawned me. I'm going home.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

PBS 9:00 P.M.

Last night at Sushi Deli on Washington, I overheard the tail end of *the* worst conversation that has ever squirreled its way into my ear. Young asshead hipster one: "Lauren got a MySpace T-shirt." With no sense of irony whatsoever, young asshead hipster two says, "MySpace T-shirts are sooo *early* 2006." Ugh. I just threw up a little thinking about it. How can mere words make me want to bite the concrete curb and dig out my eyes with the discarded pop-top of a soda can?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

THE O'REILLY FACTOR

FOX NEWS 8:00 P.M.



Supernatural

Ted Haggard, "Pastor Ted," of the National Association of Evangelicals has all but admitted to doing gritty crystal meth and carrying on a three-year affair with a gay prostitute. All this time I thought being a church leader meant you had to be condescending, intolerant, and boring. Who knew Teddy was this far out there? I mean, WAY out there, on the corner of "Hairy" and "Holy Crap!" I thought I was a deviant. Compared to Pastor Ted, I'm a saucer of milk. Teddy! Teddy! Don't deny your true nature. Come to San Diego and teach me. Be my spiritual mentor! I'll be Daniel-san to your Mr. Miyagi.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

G-HOLE SPECIAL

MTV 8:00 P.M.

G-Hole Special, this is called. Please, MTV, stop with your faux raunchiness. MTV is your little cousin who is experimenting with cursing, but can't quite get it right. She says things like "Son of a bastard mashed potatoes," and "I've got this dog crappin' flip flop." Go to your room. Streak your hair again with peroxide, punch another hole in your ear with a safety pin, and write bad poetry about purple skies and your parents' divorce, but get out of the damn way.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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My subsequent career at the Piggly Wiggly as frozen-food manager is still under investigation.

By John Brizzolara

What really puts the God in TGIF? Crappy jobs, of course. The Lowar-daah...works in the shadow of suffer-ngaah...and the kingdom and the glory that is Far-Ry-Dayaah...would verily be cast down among those weepingaah and them gnashing theyah teethaah...yea and those rending theyah garmentsaah!

My roommate, for example, has a job that visibly sucks the life from him. He returns from his telemarketing job (and not a fraudulent one, as those things go) a shadow of the man who set off at 5 a.m.. On weekend nights he is to be a rock-and-roll player, but by Friday afternoon has been pummeled into Perry Como on Haldol. My close personal friend, sometimes assistant and photographer, the Specialist, is a waitress all week, works Friday lunch at a popular La Jolla watering hole. She seems none the worse for wear on Friday nights, until she starts drooling on my shoulder during an 8 p.m. staging of *Triple Espresso*, while I'm laughing my gosh-darn head off.

I have an easy job, I admit it, but this was not always so. I figure I have, in the karmic layout of the big picture, paid my dues and deserve a job I can do in my underwear. Preferably on Saturday or Sunday afternoon well after the butler has cleared the brunch trays. I have labored in the fields, and I have the old union cards to show for it. The worst of them was for a job similar to my roommate's present job. I did it for one day so I could write about it, and not for the money. I called the outfit Dis-

Info Tel because of a nondisclosure agreement I had signed that was supposed to cover the sleazy hustle at the heart of the enterprise.

My first job, not counting paperboy, was washing dishes at age 14 at Bob's Kitchen in Grayslake, Illinois. I learned to smoke Camels. My father, intent on getting me back into the newspaper business, suggested I apply for a job at the *Grayslake Leak*, or whatever it was, where I landed a position bundling papers off the press with fist-scarring wires. Meanwhile, I was already getting paid \$20 to \$40 on weekends playing bass guitar for the Swordsmen at high school and church dances. My subsequent career at the Piggly Wiggly in Mundelein, Illinois, as frozen-food manager is still under investigation, and I am not disposed to discuss it until Sara Lee drops the charges or links me with solid evidence to the phasing out of their line of brownies. Yes, I miss them too, but they never proved a thing.

While things cooled off at corporate Piggly, I took a job at Geico Speakers (not insurance), again in Grayslake. The idea was to make money for a Fender Showman bass head and pick up a couple of reject speakers for free. They put me in a booth with a spray gun full of pink glue and a paper mask. I sat in front of a rolling frame of a drum with paper-towel rolls mounted on arms that would clack into position one after the other in a rising cycle with a mechanical backbeat in 3/4 time for eight hours a day, minus lunch. These would later be wrapped with copper wire for the center of the speaker cone. Even with the mask, the glue in the enclosed space would zone me out nicely, and well before lunch I would be laughing and joke with the little purple sidemen who accompanied me on boss originals I would later introduce to the band (then, the Experimental Blues) at rehearsal at night. We had two sets of complexly arranged originals all in 3/4 time within three weeks.

That gig ended when I took five with Bubba, my imaginary purple keyboard player, and lit up a Lark (I read that John Lennon smoked them). The glue lit like napalm, and the booth went up in a *whoof* you could hear in Wisconsin. I was looking for work again, but without eyebrows. I still had shoulder-length hair, however, and at Rockford Foundries I got a job melting down 40-pound flywheels over a vat of molten zinc. On the other side of the vat, manning the slag chute, was a completely hairless moron called Moose. Moose was supposed to yell "Slag!" when he shoved a load down the chute so that I could step away from the splash; but Moose thought it was far more hilarious to yell "Slagi!" while the molten zinc was raining in a three-foot radius around the vat.

For the next month I played college concerts with crutches. I couldn't even sit on a stool onstage because the top of my right foot was healing over with a

skin-graft patch from my ass. I was some kind of cool in my African dashiki, Hendrix Afro, gold lamé pants, no eyebrows, and crutches. But I had two stacks of brand new Showmen from workers' comp money, while Moose collected unemployment.

In the days that followed I played rock and roll for a living, only coming up for air in 1974 in Manhattan, when I found myself bandless and out of studio work once the word was out that I faked sight reading. I took jobs as a bookseller and bartender. The bookwork was fine but paid badly. It was the bar work that introduced the deity into the anagram TGIF. I truly began a prayer of gratitude on whichever day of the week passed as my weekend eve and a reprieve from slinging ethanol to hostile New Yorkers.

A column, at the very least, awaits my years behind bars (also the working title of my aborted memoir on the subject) if not the moldering novel manuscript of *Whiskey Priest*, which leads me back around to the idea of finding God in, if not exactly work, then the promise of its cessation. Meanwhile, I'm grateful for my present cushy job and the fact that most other people have such crappy ones, causing them to do so many interesting, depressing, asinine, or mad things on whatever passes for their Fridays.



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