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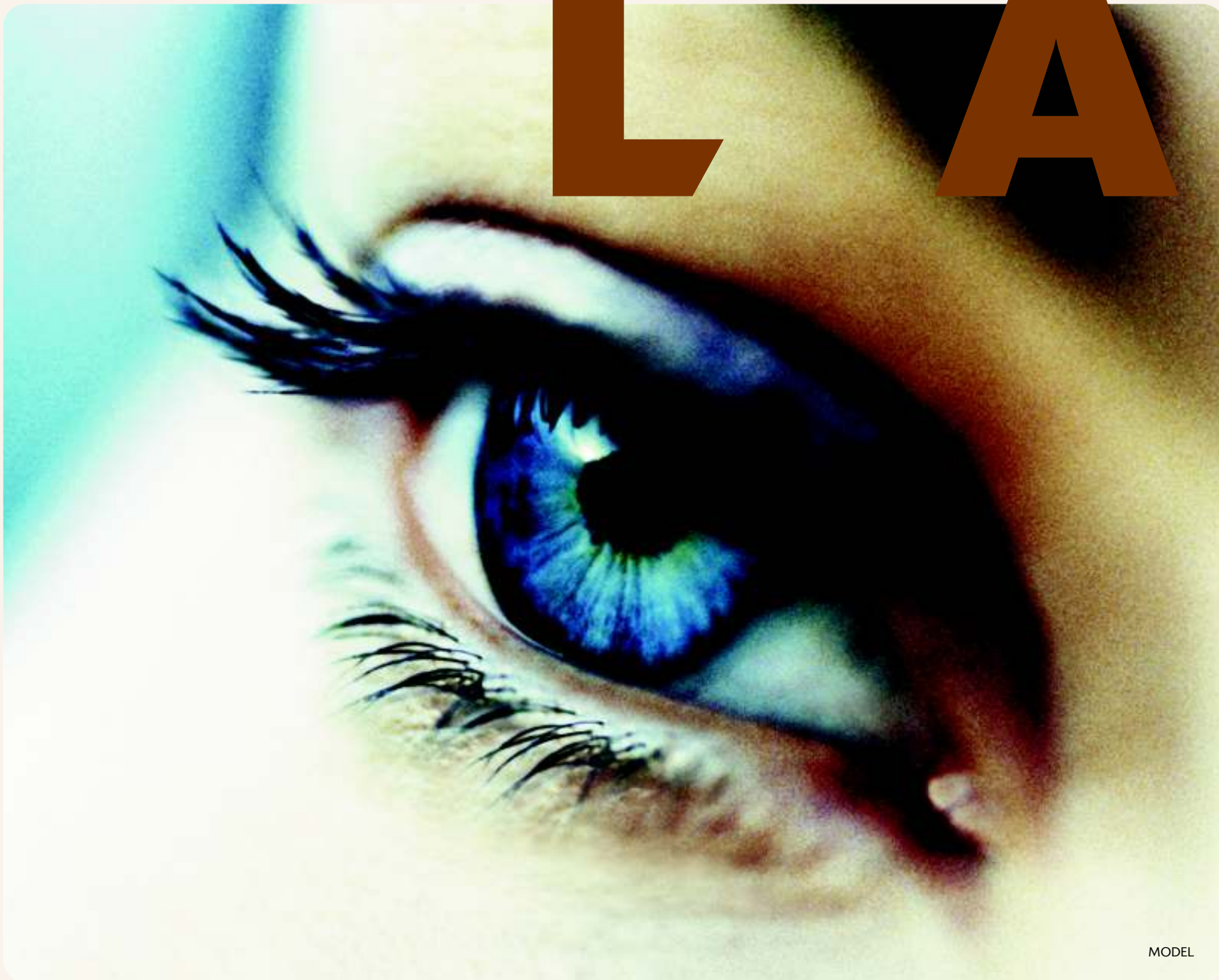
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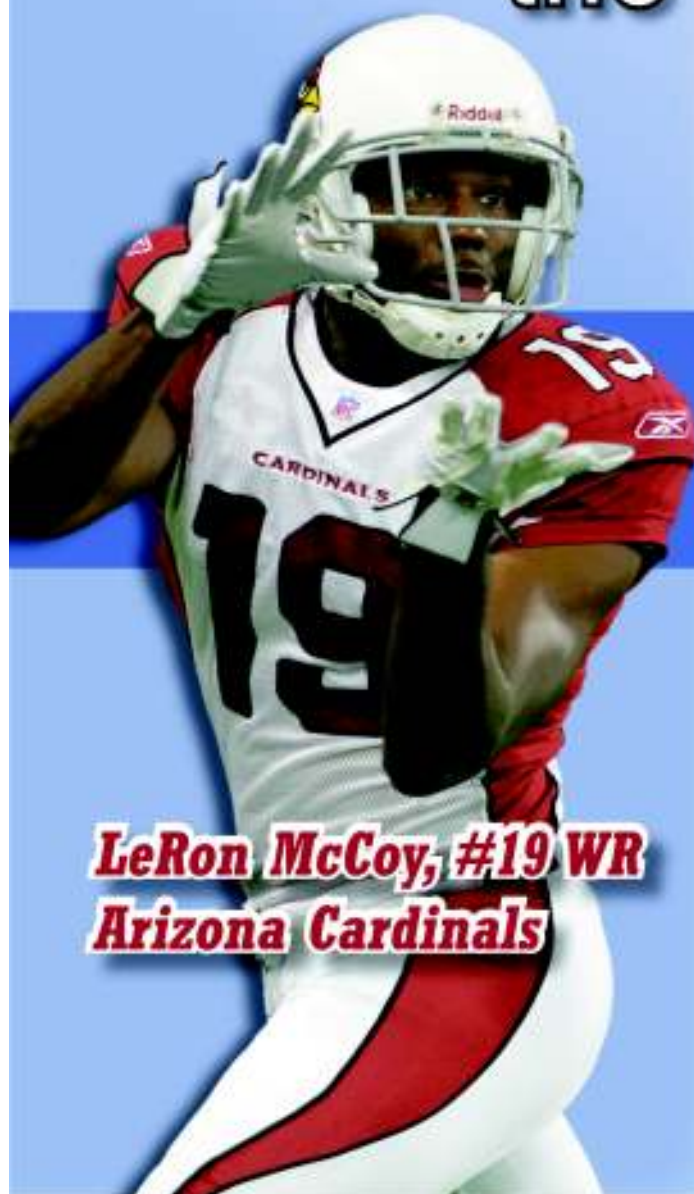


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How to Avoid Taxes, Cruise European Seas

By Don Bauder and Matt Potter

It's a huge boat for a tiny tax-and-secrecy haven. The new \$33 million yacht sported by David Copley, owner of Copley Press and the *Union-Tribune*, is registered in Majuro, capital of the Marshall Islands, a republic halfway between Indonesia

(The glitzy Monaco is also a tax-and-secrecy haven, called "tax haven to the stars." Monaco is home to Richard

nomie Co-operation and Development, a research organization promoting the global economy, said that it classified only five of the world's tax-and-secrecy havens as uncooperative. One was the Marshall Islands. Another was Monaco. Both claim to be opening up.

Happy Days is the largest composite yacht ever made in the Americas, according to press materials sent out by the builder, Delta Marine Industries of Seattle. (A composite yacht is one made of space-age materials rather than the conventional steel



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David Copley's yacht, Happy Days

and Hawaii, with a population of only 60,000.

The yacht, called *Happy Days*, had a prestigious front-row berth last summer in Monaco, according to people in the La Jolla social swim. Copley and friends have been cruising on the craft recently.

Cramer, formerly of La Jolla and the Copley Press board, now an expatriate because of a tax lien from the Internal Revenue Service. Copley dined with Cramer and his wife in Paris last spring.)

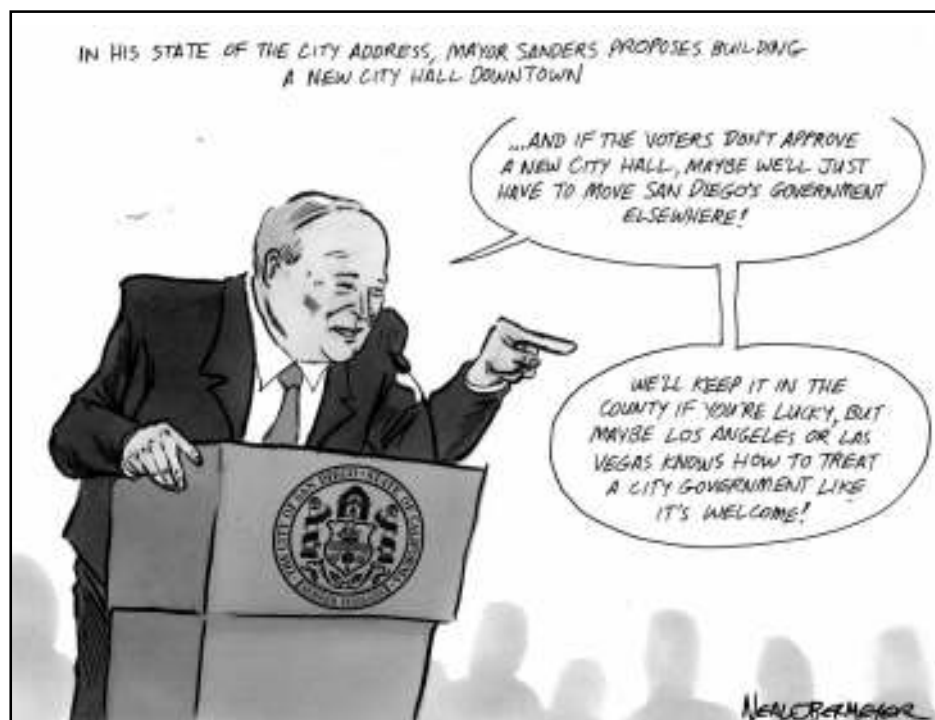
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or aluminum.) The craft is 164 feet long. It has 7500 square feet of living area, a

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Ring around the collar

Two impending San Diego conferences are of more than passing note for those with an interest in the dicey side of politics. First up is called the Capital Campus California Retreat, sponsored by George Mason University's Mercatus Center, an Arlington, Virginia-based think tank "focused on improving our understanding of how societies transition to prosperity and remain prosperous over time," according to a blurb on its website. Set for tomorrow and Saturday, the event is supposed to provide participants with "tools for better decision-making and an improved understanding of the interaction of law, economics, and government in California." The keynoter is ex-Democratic congressman **Tim Roemer**, a member of the 9/11 Commission.

But what has some critics in an uproar is the fact that admission to the invite-only goings-on will be provided free of charge: "Registrants will be flown from Sacramento to San Diego on the morning of Friday, January 19, 2007, arriving at the Hotel del Coronado for lunch and the beginning of the program. Participants can expect a number of interesting sessions over the course of the program, in addition to meals and receptions held throughout the weekend. On Saturday, January 20 a return flight will take participants back to Sacramento."

The lucky chosen few just happen to include key legislative staffers invited by the office of Assembly Speaker **Fabian Núñez**. That's raised the ire of *Dirty Money Watch*, an online newsletter run by **Harvey Rosenfield**, the former Ralph Naderite who's been a thorn in the side of the state's politicians, insurance industry, utility companies, and HMOs for years. Mercatus has long taken money from big oil companies, such as Koch Industries and ExxonMobil, as well as General Motors, Pfizer, and Enron. "The problem here is not that anti-regulation forces will get to say their piece," the newsletter argues. "It's that they'll say it while they have exclusive access to the top legislative aides in the capital, in a luxurious setting those staffers aren't likely to forget." ... Then, speaking of politicians, on March 1 and 2, the American Bar Association brings its White Collar Crime National Institute to San Diego for the first time ever, with U.S. Attorney **Carol Lam** — reportedly just ousted by the Bush administration in a behind-the-scenes coup — a star speaker. "Over 1,000 practitioners attended last year's annual gathering of the national white collar bar," says a note on the ABA's website. Taxpayers who have faithfully followed the Cheetahs strip club scandal — whose participants Lam prosecuted — and the City of San Diego's pension fund mess will find some of the topics painfully familiar,



Carol Lam

including "Lines between lobbying and corruption"; "Dealing with investigations for obstruction, perjury and making false statements"; "Finding the digital smoking gun"; and "Successful strategies for managing complex criminal fraud investigations."

Fat city

Capitol Weekly, a Sacramento paper aimed at state government insiders, is out with its annual list of legislative staff salaries. Among San Diego representatives, **Wade Teasdale**, ex-staff director for North County GOP senator **Bill Morrow**, ranked highest on the paper's list, with yearly pay of \$126,912. That also made him the highest-paid Republican senate employee. (The legislature's highest-paid worker is **Dan Eaton**, Assembly Speaker **Núñez's** chief of staff, who got an 18 percent raise recently to a whopping \$200,004.) Teasdale now works for **Mark Wyland**, Morrow's successor. Next came **Myrna Zambrano**, chief of staff to Democratic senator **Christine Kehoe**, at \$93,720. Others bringing home some of the biggest paychecks included **Martin Paine**, another Morrow staffer (\$90,312); and **Deanna Spehn**, Kehoe's district coordinator and policy director and onetime staffer for GOP political consultant **Tom Shepard** (\$83,904).

Bill Morrow

All in the (football) family

Since Chargers star running back **LaDainian Tomlinson** isn't going to the Super Bowl this year, he can now turn his attention to some of his other interests, which have included politics. On Jan-

uary 4, 2006, according to federal disclosure records, he gave \$2100 to the congressional campaign of **Scott Turner**, the ex-Charger seeking to replace **Randy "Duke" Cunningham** in the 50th District. Turner lost but went on to nail a job with the eventual general-election victor, Republican **Brian Bilbray**. Meanwhile, Tomlinson's boss, team owner **Alex Spanos**, and his son were backing **Richard Pombo**, the conservative Northern California Republican who ended up narrowly losing his congressional seat in November. Spanos kicked in a total of \$1500 in October; son **Dean**, who runs the Chargers, gave \$2100.

One family contribution interesting in light of the team's well-publicized flirtation with Las Vegas mayor **Oscar Goodman** for a new home: on October 31, Dean's son **Alexander**, a team executive, contributed \$1000 to the successful reelection campaign of Nevada senator **John Ensign**, who was running against the son of **Jimmy Carter**, a good friend of Padres owner **John Moores**.

— Matt Potter

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San Diego Hotels: Under Covers

By Joe Deegan

Much of the downtown hotel industry gets a “double subsidy of taxpayer support plus public assistance for its hardest workers,”

Micah Mitrosky tells me. That’s one conclusion she reached after taking the Graduate Student Practicum offered by SDSU’s sociology department last spring. Mitrosky calls the class her most important in the “applied track” master’s degree program at the university. “It’s one thing to read about a subject, but quite another to learn how to dig up material yourself,” she says.

The practicum was taught by Jill Esbenshade, who decided to focus the class on San Diego’s hotel industry. SDSU sociology professors “rotate” teaching the class, each choosing the focus according to an expertise. Esbenshade’s choice was informed by her extensive research into labor conditions in immigrant sweatshops.

The practicum’s one assignment for Mitrosky and ten other students was to participate in writing a research paper. Esbenshade divided them into three teams according to their interests: govern-

ment-data research, worker surveys, and manager interviews. The students had one semester to do their research and write the paper. Mitrosky called the assignment “the most stressful school experience I’ve ever had. It was so difficult working with census data that I had to get help from Nadine Misiasek in



Micah Mitrosky

[SDSU’s] Social Science Research Lab. She knew the syntax for writing computer programs to get data coded, allowing us to access it.”

A fortuitous development that helped those students doing worker surveys was a two-week picket demonstration in mid-March at Doug Manchester’s Grand Hyatt, San Diego’s largest hotel. Though not a strike or work stoppage, the event put demonstrating workers outside the hotel, where the students could hand them surveys and interview them without interrupting their work.

Eventually the students wrote a 46-page, single-spaced report they titled “Researching the Hotel Industry in San Diego: Profits, Pain and Pillows.” The report starts off by detailing figures like the following. In 2005, “27 million visitors spent [5.8] billion dollars” in San Diego. “Sixteen million of these visitors spent at least one night.... [There] are currently 452 hotels and motels with over 54,000 available rooms in the county. Another 1500 rooms are offered through casinos, spas and bed and breakfasts.”

“In 2005,” according to the report, “San Diego’s [hotel] occupancy rate was 72.3 [percent] while nationwide, the occupancy rate stood at 60.7 percent. These figures are especially impressive given that San Diego County added more hotel rooms than any of the top 25 [markets]....”

Turning to those employed,



Hyatt hotel workers

“The local hotel workers’ union... estimates that there are currently 23,815 full-time service hotel workers in the county, 2500 of whom are unionized. In terms of numbers of employees,” says the report, “San Diego has experienced growth at a faster rate than California.... According to quarterly figures, from 2002 to 2004, the number employed in the California accommodation [industry] increased by 7.68 percent, while San Diego demonstrated a 10 percent increase.”

The students’ paper argues that much of the hotel industry’s growth has taken

place on public land. Development approved by the Centre City Development Corporation “takes place in designated Economic Enterprise Zones... in which businesses can claim certain state income tax savings and other advantages.... Development projects planned in these areas and on public land, such as new hotels, are often offered subsidies... which take multiple forms.... However, critics believe that the City and other public entities are using taxpayer money to support private enterprise that could otherwise be used for city services.”

The report is a broad indictment of the industry for producing huge profits for ownership but putting a tight-fisted and indifferent face toward its bottom-rung employees. It especially highlights the plight of housekeepers, mostly women, who clean up after guests and prepare rooms for new occupants.

In their study, the students found the median hotel housekeeper wage in San Diego to be \$10.63 per hour. But their portrayal of callousness to workers’ injuries struck me as the report’s most damning element. A section of the paper called “Isabella’s Experience” documents painful hand and lower-back injuries to one of the housekeepers. The injuries result primarily from bending over and lifting mattresses in making beds. “Isabella,” write the students, “is currently taking both over the counter and prescription medications for the pain in her hand, taking one pill three

times a day. Over the past month, she has had severe pain in her lower back and severe headaches, as well as pain throughout the rest of



Marilisa Navarro

her body.”

“Margarita’s Experience” recounts a housekeeper suffering tendonitis twice during her employment at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. “Her hands and arms are constantly inflamed,” according to the report. “Her lower back is in persistent pain since her duties as a housekeeper require her to bend down continuously throughout the day.... ‘They [the hotel] are physically killing us,’ Margarita says.”

The students acknowledge that these stories are subjective and that their sample of workers was skewed by interviewing only workers at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. But the literature they reviewed on the condition of hotel housekeepers nationally agrees with the personal stories. The students cite a December 2005 article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* that stated, “There were 17,980 injuries among

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master suite with lounge and dining area on the upper deck, and six large staterooms on the main deck. An elevator travels through all four decks. It

requires a crew of 12.

The yacht's official owner is KABOOM L.L.C. (limited liability company) of Majuro. The little nation brags that "Marshall Islands law statutorily exempts non-resident yacht-owning corporations from taxes." Secrecy is guar-

anteed; there are "no publicly accessible records" and no requirements for annual filings.

It takes only a day to set up a company online at a cost of \$450. "According to our correspondent, The Trust Company of the Marshall Islands, Inc., an entity by the name of

KABOOM L.L.C. was formed in May of 2005," says Melissa A. Hurst, general counsel for International Registries, Inc., the maritime and corporate administrator of the Marshall Islands. Under the secrecy laws, she could not reveal the name of KABOOM's beneficial owner. However, on May 20, 2005, an entity called KABOOM II L.L.C., with David Copley as registered agent, was filed with the California secretary of state.

KABOOM, owner of the yacht, was set up under the no-tax rules in the Marshalls. "The tax benefit is the fact that the Marshall Islands is a zero-tax jurisdiction," says Hurst. The Marshalls boast of other financial benefits. For example, the islands have a reciprocal agreement with the United States: Marshalls-registered pleasure yachts are exempt from U.S. Customs formal entry and clearance procedures.

"If you're traveling to Europe and other places, there could be taxes incurred in every port of call," says Jonathan Ives, executive director of the Washington-based Northwest Yacht Brokers Association. "So they register in the Marshall Islands in order that they won't be taxed when they enter these ports." The close relationship between the United States and Marshall Islands helps facilitate such arrangements. The Marshalls are among the five leading ship registries today, along with Panama, Liberia, the Bahamas, and Greece. The

island republic expects to supplant Liberia in second place within four years.

"When a boat is being run all over the world, it is not unusual to have yachts registered in the name of an L.L.C. in a tax haven," says a San Diego yacht salesman. Under a state law recently extended through June 30 of this year, the yacht owner can only avoid a sales or use tax if the craft is out of the state for at least a year from the date of its purchase. Delta was to deliver the craft to Copley in the first quarter of 2006. Thus, his first year is almost over. If the vessel was exclusively used outside of California in the year since its purchase, it is exempt from a sales or use tax. (A use tax is imposed in place of a sales tax when a product is purchased out of a state. Copley would be subject to a use tax but almost certainly won't have to pay it because the craft has been cruising European waters, far from California.) Just three years ago, a yacht had to be out of state for only 90 days to avoid the sales or use tax. "When they changed it, more and more registered in foreign jurisdictions. It's kind of unpatriotic to some extent."

Says the *Offshore Yacht Registry Newsletter*, "Registering offshore allows for a vessel to be purchased while paying no sales tax." Throw in the avoidance of property taxes, and the savings could be almost 10 percent, says the publication. A few plutocrat-obsequious states such as Delaware exempt yachts from sales and

use taxes, but by registering offshore, "The identity of the true owner of the yacht will be protected" from most government agencies, lawsuits, and foreign courts, the publication claims.

A major reason a yacht owner registers under a foreign flag "is the ability to hire a foreign crew," says Cris Wenthur, San Diego attorney specializing in maritime and tax law. "You're not subject to minimum-wage requirements. You don't have state withholding for employment taxes." By registering the yacht offshore, the owner is spared all kinds of employment-related paperwork and costs.

"We assess yachts [for property tax] if they are physically here most of the time, and we don't care where they are registered," says Greg Smith, county assessor/recorder/clerk. That tax is 1.1 percent of total valuation each year.

After searching her database, Vickie Wittmayer, property assessment specialist in Smith's office, says, "We have nothing under either KABOOM or David Copley." Thus far, the craft has avoided the property tax in San Diego, probably because it hasn't been anchored here.

As a nonresident of Washington, Copley would "trigger no tax liability" in that state unless he spent half a year there, according to Mike Gowrylow, spokesman for the Washington Department of Revenue. But would Copley moor in gloomy Seattle when

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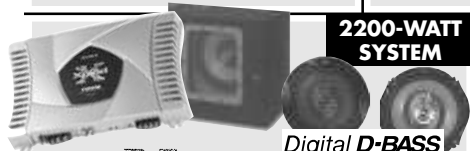
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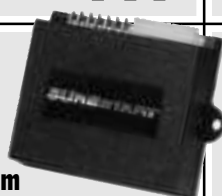
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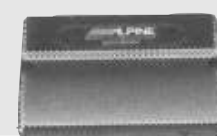
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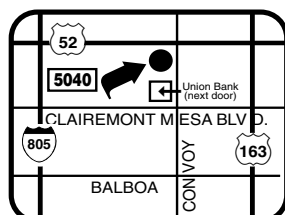
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How to avoid taxes

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he loves to romp with the jet set in sunny Monaco?

Copley would have to pay the use tax in California (8 percent of \$33 million) unless the vessel was gone for a full year, according to John Hrabec, communications director for Board of Equalization member Michelle Steel. In any case, the Board of Equalization will not reveal use-tax records of individual Californians.

Copley's new yacht is not even registered with the U.S. Coast Guard, according to the Dona Jenkins Maritime Document Service, based in San Diego. Maybe Copley does not intend to bring his yacht into U.S. waters. That doesn't mean he will take a permanent vacation from his company. He could park the yacht and fly back at any time. Or do some work electronically, as many executives do.

Copley Press did not return calls for comment. Delta Marine refused to say anything beyond its press releases, which discussed the vessel's opulence but did not identify its owner. ■

Under covers

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housekeepers and maids across the country in 2004 that led to days missed from work, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The numbers are probably far higher...because workers are reluctant to report their injuries for fear of being reprimanded or fired." A study of 1000 hotel workers in Las Vegas by the University of California at San Francisco Medical School "indicated that three out of four hotel housekeepers experience 'very severe pain' due to increased working conditions."

The increased workload, according to the report, has resulted largely from a new type of luxury bed that became popular in the hotel industry during the last few years. First installed as the "Heavenly Bed" by Westin Hotels, the new bed was part of a branding technique to develop loyalty among customers. A June 2005 *Travel and Leisure* article called "Battle of the Beds" labeled the attraction as "an oasis for the weary traveler"

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and described it as "a bright white duvet, a down blanket, five feather-and-down pillows, three 230-thread count sheets (one sheet is laid over the blanket, a practice known as triple sheeting), and a custom-designed 12½-inch-thick Simmons mattress with 900 individual coils."

But hotel housekeepers see the bed quite differently. Luxury beds such as the Heavenly Bed require workers to lean much farther over them and to lift their heavy mattresses as they tuck in sheets. Recently the Manchester Grand Hyatt, a nonunionized hotel, increased the number of rooms housekeepers are required to clean each day from 16 to 24. To compensate, management reduced the tasks the workers must complete in each room. As a result, the hotel could say that workloads were not becoming greater. What housekeepers found, however, was that "stayover" customers often complained to them, instead of management, that certain work was not being completed. Unfulfilled expectations, such as having sheets changed every day, ended up costing workers tips. In a contrasting attitude, managers told the students in interviews that the luxury beds were not a problem.

Master's degree student Marilisa Navarro speaks with me about interviewing the housekeepers, which she did in both Spanish and English. "I found a mix of workers," she says, "some very outspoken, some concerned about the hotel punishing them, and some not willing to talk at all." Navarro recalls that there were Tijuana residents among those she interviewed, and of those living in San Diego, most were on some form of public assistance, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (created by the federal welfare reform law of 1996, which combined the services of Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training).

I ask Navarro how she thinks a study of housekeepers by the Manchester Grand Hyatt would turn out. And would the hotel be able to marshal facts backing up its point of view? Navarro tells me that the Grand Hyatt's management refused to be interviewed. "I assume that they would have a different pic-

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ture [than ours]," she says, "but we were not granted access to any of their information, given their refusal to be interviewed."

Doesn't this mean, I wonder, that results of hotel-industry studies will only reflect their researchers' interests? To professor Esbenshade I bring up the "objectivity" question. "What do you say," I ask, "to those conservatives who believe universities are dominated by leftists? Aren't they likely to see your students' report on San Diego's hotel housekeepers as nothing more than bleeding-heart liberalism? Whatever happened to the quest of sociologists in the past for a 'value free' science?"

Esbenshade replies that sociologists today have become more realistic about pure objectivity. "They recognize that all research comes with certain perspectives or theories about how the world operates," she says. "And many sociologists, myself included, are concerned about the underprivileged. That doesn't mean we can't be objective about the facts. It is incumbent on the researcher to present all the relevant information.

"In my discipline," Esbenshade continues, "there has been a whole history of industrial sociologists who tried to help business use workers more efficiently. And on SDSU's campus, the departments of recreation, parks, and tourism, and hospitality and tourism management, do a lot of studies that benefit the tourism industry. So here there is certainly a mix of perspectives on society. The business department, for instance, is huge."

The perspective of the students I spoke with, Micah Mitrosky and Marilisa Navarro, includes the conviction that the Manchester Grand Hyatt should share the wealth with the workers who keep it going. New picket lines appeared outside the Manchester Grand Hyatt in December. But they're not likely to make a difference. For their part, Mitrosky, Navarro, and their student colleagues can only repeat how Doug Manchester takes advantage of public land and taxpayer funds to line his own pockets. And the students can keep bringing up those luxury beds that so nicely comfort his customers' backs. ■

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Ambition On The Trolley

I enjoyed reading the article last week "Everyone Here Is Going Somewhere Else" (Cover Story, January 11). John Brizzolara continues to be a great asset to the Reader. I was particularly struck by the last segment, about Officer Andrea Huavaya. At 19 years old, she has a lot to look forward to. Kudos to this young woman with such ambition and bravery. I have immediate family in law enforcement, and I pray for all of you every day. It's not easy out there. Be safe.

Krista
La Mesa

Dumb As An Editor

In "Blog Diego" (January 11), the writer described a process she went through authoring a book called *Hanna's Christmas* and the travails she went through with the editors micromanaging some of her copy. And there's some creature called a tomten, evidently of the male sex, wearing a hat that she described as "red as a rowanberry," and some editor told her not to use that description because nobody would know what a rowanberry is. Well, I know what a rowan tree is because Father Sidney McCune sang a famous song about the rowan tree. But concerning the editors, would it occur to any of those doofuses that none of us, as far as I know, know what a tomten is? I interrupted my breakfast to look through an unabridged dictionary and three collegiate-size dictionaries, and so far, I cannot find anything called a tomten. If it's some sort of a Swedish gremlin or animal or something, I don't have a Swedish dictionary. In other words, if these silly editors think that people won't understand

what "red as a rowanberry" means, had it ever occurred to any of them that most of us would wonder what the hell is a tomten? Of course, maybe there's a picture of the thing in the book. Editors can be pretty dumb. In fact, the woman who wrote this blog, she might have told us what a tomten is if she'd thought about it a minute or two.

Bob
San Diego

Crowding = Profits

Re "I Own It" by Joe Deegan ("City Lights," December 28).

Not all buildings should be saved. Yet, there is no *real* planning going on. Guided by developers, planners must always find out ways to accommodate bigger projects and greater density without concern for neighborhood history or function. They allow condos on lots just big enough for single-family homes. Gone are the back yards, the trees, the parking strips. New power and phone lines crowd the sky; existing streets and parking spaces are not big enough; and overburdened sewers break because they were not designed for the new capacity.

Get rid of the slogan "America's Finest City." San Diego is a sucked orange. We are hurrying to build future slums.

Problem is there is money to be made in crowding. The Greater Chamber of Commerce actually runs the city council and the Historical Resources Board. Residents actually pay the cost in water, air, and noise pollution, in longer waits in commuting, in endless lines. Maybe we need an anti-Chamber of Commerce.

Richard D. Jones
Kensington

The Magnitude of Betrayal

Re "Two Divided by Two" (Feature Story, December 21) by John Corvus.

I must say this article resonated with me. Allow me to comment on it from another perspective. When I was three years old, my father left my mother. He delivered the news to her as soon as my mother had given birth to my baby brother. Can you imagine the scene?

My father would give assorted reasons over the years as to why he had left. Basi-

cally, it boiled down to some lame excuse about Mother not being very good in bed. It was a very avant-garde attitude well in advance of the social upheavals of the '60s. Like Mr. Corvus, my father placed his pleasure firmly before principle.

It was absolutely astonishing. He would give up a fine woman, two fine children, position in the community, and his economic life for some strumpet! I am 56 years of age. I am still amazed by the depth of his betrayal some five decades on. Like Mr. Corvus, my father abandoned his family in order to pursue his own feral lusts.

The impact on my mother, my brother, and me would be beyond calculation. This happened in the early 1950s in Chicago. At that time and in that place, you did not get divorced! The country still accepted the quaint notion that marriage was forever, and if your marriage was not happy, you stuck it out for the children. Can you imagine a society that strove to put the interests of the children first?!

The social shame was so great my mother picked us up and moved us to what was then a retirement tide-water in south Florida, effectively cutting my brother and me off from our heritage. It was a hardscrabble existence. We went from relative affluence to genteel poverty in one swoop. The child-support payments from dear Dad were intermittent at best. We did not suffer, but the opportunity cost was great. What might have been?

I have never blamed my mother. She did what she felt she had to do to put her life back together. She bought a home, became a teacher, and raised my brother and myself. She never remarried. She was a courageous woman. Unfortunately, the magnitude of my father's betrayal took its slow and terrible toll. At the end of the day, I came to realize my father, in spite of it all, had been the great love of her life. She never recovered. Never. My brother and I were deeply affected. I have come to a state of acceptance, but the scars remain.

As for my father, he lurched through life from woman to woman, from

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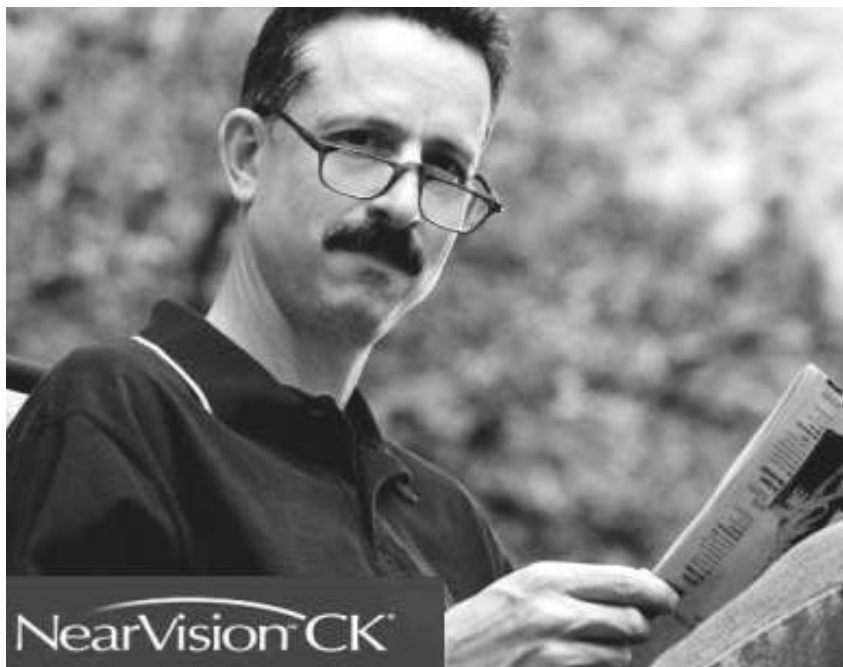
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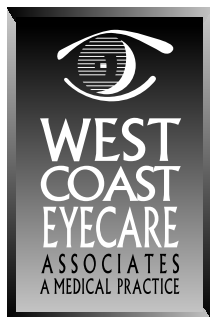
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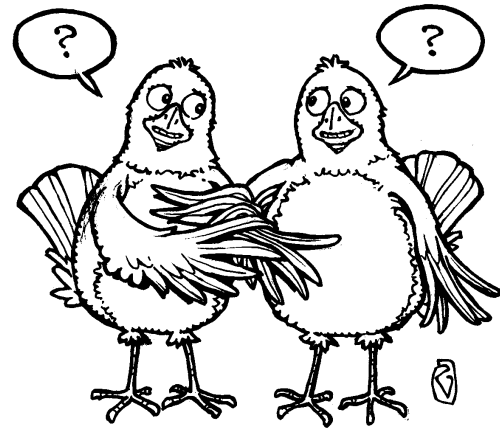
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Heymatt:

How can you really tell that a bird is a male or a female?

— Kay, the net

How can we really, *really* tell? Do I detect suspicion? Exasperation? Has someone been trying to trick you with this question? The first thing we did was send the research elves outside to flip some pigeons upside down and record what they find. That should keep them out of my hair long enough to come up with a real, *real* answer for you. I'm sure you won't be suspicious of me. Everybody knows that Amalgamated Alice L.L.C. offers the best information money can buy. Come to think of it, maybe that's why the *Reader* is free.

You might rightly be suspicious of any simple answer to this question. Don't know whether you're talking about hummingbirds or eagles, but a *real* answer depends on the species you're talking about. Some are easy. You can tell by plumage: the male is flashy, the female dull brown (ducks, common house sparrows and finches, blackbirds, peacocks). Or the male is flashier only during mating season (some herons and egrets). Or consider more obscure color variations (male yellow-breasted chats develop a black mouth lining at the beginning of the breeding season, which fades to match the female's mouth color by summer).

How about behaviors. Males of many species are much louder in breeding season (male mockingbirds sing at night, most male songbirds have a unique song in spring). If you spy two birds doing it, well, the female's on the bottom. One exception is swifts, which sometimes mate in midair. The ornithological version of the Mile High Club.

But say it's not mating season. And your parakeet just sits around doing nothing, saying nothing, and looking pretty much like all the other parakeets. How do you really, *really* tell if you've got a boy or a girl? Ahh, here come the elves — very grubby — definite resemblance to pooped-on statues. Maybe they can shed some light. According to the elf report, pigeons (and all other birds) only have one rear-end opening that serves multi-purposes. When birds do it, they match opening to opening. (Ornithologists call it the "cloacal kiss," but we can ignore that.) So it looks as if our final answer — to be really sure — you'll have to cut open the bird and poke around to locate testes or ovaries. The only weird exception is male ostriches and their cousins, some ducks, and a couple of other oddballs, which have rudimentary penises just inside their cloacal openings. A throwback to some distant reptilian ancestor, say the birdwatchers.

Pee's and Qs

We're still soliciting any stories you have about using urine as first aid. Apparently people believe it will cure stingray and jellyfish stings and athlete's foot. JoeM. from Encinitas adds another sea creature to the list.

[While diving in the Philippines] I felt an excruciating pain in my foot. Thinking I was stung by something and on the verge of death, I managed to swim back to shore in a panic. I told my Filipino friends what happened...[and] they told me I stepped on a sea urchin, and I should pee on my foot. After being assured I wasn't going to die, I let them know I wasn't going to pee on my foot. Later, when I went to the doctor, I told her about the "peeing on the foot" remedy. She said urchins' spines are very sharp and brittle so you can't pull them out, but you can help slowly dissolve them over time by applying spirits of ammonia to the affected area, hence peeing on it was actually helpful and not a joke. I applied ammonia to my foot for a month until the pain finally subsided. I have not checked to see the soundness of this medical advice when I got back to the States....

We'll save you a trip. Our own Dr. Doctor sez the ammonia and pee-on-it ideas are pretty much useless. A exotic form of international misinformation. Ammonia (and pee) might neutralize any venom from the sting but won't "dissolve" an embedded stinger. If you can't remove it, your body will eventually absorb it. Spontaneous recovery from an urchin sting usually takes about a month. Infection is your biggest risk. And if pee on an urchin or stingray sting is of no value, pee or ammonia on a jellyfish sting is counterproductive. It stimulates the release of even more stinging agents from the adhered tentacles. So pee isn't quite as valuable as we seem to think.

A different doctor, Doctor Larry, swats me with his diploma for calling all athlete's foot fungi *Tinea pedis*. *Tinea* is the critter's full name. The *pedis* part means it's living on your foot. It's *T. capitis* in your scalp, *T. unguium* under your toenails, and *T. cruris* if you've got jock itch. There are many more. Call Larry for a complete list.

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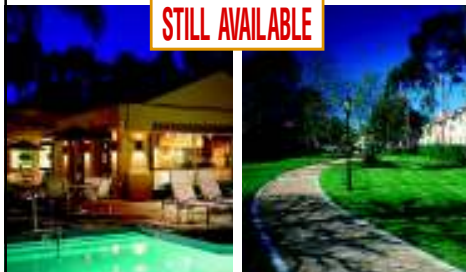
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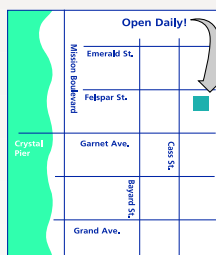


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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Marty's Curse

I've been calling for Marty Schottenheimer's dismissal since the day he was hired. I take no pleasure — indeed, it is troubling — to find myself in the company of corporate media at this late date.

From the January 21, 2002, "Sporting Box" column: "San Diego's captive press reports Marty Schottenheimer will be named Bolt's head coach.... I, long ago, have given up trying to understand what the Spanos family wants to do with the Chargers.... Be forewarned, Schottenheimer is boring, arrogant, hates the press, has contempt for fans, and wants to win every game by a score of 5 to 3.

From the January 4, 2005, column: "Unlike those who bow and bootlick before the Schottenheimer as soon as the Chargers started winning, I have remained steadfast. I didn't like him when he was 4 and 12 and I don't like him today, when he's 12 and 4.

"At bottom, excessive, soul-suffocating caution is what I hold against Marty. Caution is unbecoming in life, ugly in sports, and a crime in the NFL. Take Sunday's game. Sure, other playoff-bound teams were holding out their stars, the star quarterback, the star running back, not wanting to get a franchise player hurt before the playoffs begin.

"But, Marty held out an entire squad: Drew Brees, LaDainian Tomlinson, Randall Godfrey, Eric Parker, Tim Dwight, Antonio Gates, Keenan McCardell, Lorenzo Neal, and Jamal Williams. The equipment manager was on the bubble."

September 13, 2005: "We now know Martyball has not passed away, but lurks in the rancid underground corridors of Qualcomm Stadium. Remember last January when the Chargers hosted the New York Jets on the first day of Wildcard Weekend? The game went into overtime, San Diego drives to the Jets' 22-yard line. It's first and ten. The Chargers deal three running plays, the same plays that had not worked all afternoon, for no gain. Then, Schottenheimer sends in a rookie kicker who misses a 39-yard field goal. End of season.

"Martyball, the fear-ridden obsession of running the ball up the gut every time an important game is on the line, showed its rodent face again last Sunday. Or maybe not. Here's the situation: The Chargers are on the Cowboys' 7-yard line and have 47 seconds, four plays, and one timeout left to them. They need to score a touchdown to win. LaDainian Tomlinson is ignored, Brees throws four

passes; the first three were incomplete, the last was intercepted.

"It sure seemed like Martyball: the stupid, repetitive selection of plays that do not work. But, and here's the rub, this series of stupid, repetitive plays were all passes, and purists will object if we call this Martyball.

"But, even purists must admit the foregoing was trying to fit a round peg into a square hole over and over and over again until failure is achieved. Isn't that what Martyball is all about?"

All right, now that I've shown you my bona fides, I trust you'll believe me when I say that Sunday's loss was not Marty's fault. Yes, he did make a bonehead call in the first quarter. It was one of those, "I can't do Martyball so I'll do the exact opposite of Martyball: I'll pass on 4th and 11." And he did waste a timeout on a moronic challenge in the fourth quarter. But, Marty didn't turn over the football four times, didn't blow a punt, didn't drop a ball, didn't miss a field goal, didn't pick up a 15-yard personal foul, didn't intercept the ball when he should have knocked it down, didn't fumble, and so on. The players lost the game.

Marty dumped Martyball this year, handed play-calling to his offensive and defensive coordinators much like an alcoholic, on his first week of sobriety, who tells his wife, "Honey, take all the vodka bottles out of the house and pour their contents down the damn sewer." Marty stayed sober, for the most part, and deserves our congratulations.

But, as is so often the case, good deeds don't count. Marty is cursed, and don't kid yourself, a 5-13 record in the playoffs is a curse.

You say there is no such a thing? Ask the city of Boston. The curse of the Bambino began after the Red Sox sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920. Karmic retribution ensued. The Red Sox didn't win a World Series for the next 84 years. Almost three generations. A story went around Beantown, goes like this: a bartender is talking to a couple of his noon regulars after another American League Championship Series defeat. The bartender, referring to the Red Sox, says, "They killed our fathers and now they're coming after us."

Despite heroic efforts at reformation, Marty is a cursed human being and should be fired, but not for cause. Karma giveth and karma taketh. Consider this: if New England wins the Super Bowl, Junior Seau will get his ring.

The Vegas Line

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: United Methodist

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Founded locally: 1954

Senior pastor: Reverend Martha Wingfield

Congregation size: about 500

Staff size: 3 (full time)

Sunday school enrollment: about 50 (including junior high)

Annual budget: n/a

Weekly giving: n/a

Singles program: no

Dress: casual to dressy, sweatshirts to pants suits

Diversity: mostly Caucasian

Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes

Website: www.stmarksumcsd.com

Glass, stained in various shades of smoky watercolor blue — indigo, teal, cornflower — covers nearly all of the church's side and back walls. Here and there, slashes of red and orange catch the light, like fish darting amid a stand of waving, undersea kelp. The ghostly outline of St. Mark can be detected above the entrance, but depiction does not seem to be the point here — it's mood that matters, a mellow, almost muted feeling.

"This is a special day for us as a congregation," said Pastor Martha Wingfield. "It's when we celebrate United Methodist Women Sunday." She called the 2007 UMW officers for St. Mark's into the Sanctuary and introduced them. "Longtime church member and annual conference UMW president" Debbie Haustedt read the UMW mission statement, saying that it "shall be a community for women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ." Then the new officers pledged to "be a creative, supportive fellowship," to "renewed discipleship... through the global ministries of the church," to use their gifts, and to avail themselves of training. Wingfield then prayed over them: "Gracious and loving God...help them always to remember that You are there...and that they only need to stop a moment and wait for You to renew their strength."

A sizable handbell choir — their instruments ranging from tiny to large enough to be played by mallet — performed the Introit. Then, while two servers lit the 12 candles on the altar, the choir, its tone high and gossamer, led the opening hymn: "We are called to act with justice/ We are called to love tenderly...hatred and blindness will be no more..."

During the call to worship, Wingfield began, "We are ordinary people," and the congregation responded, "Called by God to do wonderful and extraordinary things." When the children were called forward before they left for Sunday school, a woman explained to them that "in the Bible, it tells us that Jesus said it is our responsibility to help other people. United Methodist Women does just that. Do you remember the tree in the

narthex at Christmastime? The one we put the socks on? The United Methodist Women knew it was going to be cold and that the homeless people would need socks.... They send money to different parts of the world.... They make quilts for people who are sick.... They see a need and they do something about it, just like Jesus asked us to do."

More handbells, a reading from Psalms, and another hymn for the call to prayer. Wingfield prayed, "Gracious and loving God...make us mindful that everything we have is a gift.... Challenge us to reconsider our priorities...always placing You and our faith at the center of our lives. Help us to become more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors.... Fill us with the compassion of your son Jesus.... May we see Christ in the faces of strangers. Give us hearts that yield to the circumstances of those in need...that it all may be a symbol of our love for You."

Acknowledgment of failures in this regard entered into the prayer of confession: "O God, we

confess that we have been busy, busy, busy at work, and we love studying about You.... We just want to do what's right.... We confess that we bicker and fight among ourselves when we could be doing more to help the world. Today, we give ourselves to You one more time.... We ask forgiveness and ask that You guide us to make this world beautiful for all your beloved children." Then Wingfield said to the congregation, "In the name of Christ, you are forgiven." And the congregation answered, "In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen."

Service came to the fore again in the hymn "Jesu, Jesu": *Jesu, Jesu/ Fill us with your love/ Show us how to serve/ The neighbors we have from You.... Neighbors are rich and poor/ Neighbors are black and white/ Neighbors are near and far away...*

Debbie Haustedt preached the sermon, which outlined the

founding of the United Methodist Women in 1869: "Fifty-one years before women had the right to vote, these determined women, without clout, without political representation, without financial means of their own, agreed to the sacrificial discipline of wearing last year's fashions instead of new garments, and they pledged to set aside, every week, two cents and a prayer.... United Methodist Women is now a worldwide movement, one of the largest women's organizations in the world."

"Societal barriers are commonplace," she noted, but "you are God's...and you can know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ...and living as a whole person only makes you want it more for others. That is why we work to eliminate sex trafficking and all forms of child labor."

What happens when we die?

"We join in wholeness in the life of God," said Wingfield.

— Matthew Lickona

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**St. Mark's United
Methodist Church
Clairemont**

★★

Sermon

content.....★★¹/₂

delivery.....★¹/₂

Liturgy.....★★¹/₂

Music

congregational.....★★

band.....★★★

Snacks.....★

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— EVE KELLY

The cold fact of age — ten years now — has taken the spring out of our Scottish terrier Nellie's step. "She doesn't even jump up on the bed anymore," lamented Patrick, even though he's been shooing her off the quilt for years. The family vet said it was arthritis and suggested I look into canine massage. "Canine massage? Was he kidding?" asked Patrick.

No, he was not. Ann Yerevanian, a licensed RN and a graduate of the Lang Institute for Canine Massage, runs Healing Hands Canine Massage (619-980-5405; www.healinghandscaninemassage.com). "Just like people," she said, "dogs get sore, aching muscles and tightness. It can be caused by structural imbalance — if the balance between the dog's front and back end or left and right side is off. If a dog's hind legs are too high for the front legs, you'll have much more weight shifted toward the front, and you could have neck and shoulder issues. Hip dysplasia can cause painful hips, leading to limping. Then the dog will use its good legs to compensate, and since they take more weight, they'll get sore. Then the tightness can travel along the spinal muscles, just as it does with us. If we limp or hop on one leg, first the hip will start to hurt, then the waist, and before you know it, the pain will be up in your mid-back.

"Dogs can be born with structural imbalances," continued Yerevanian, "or they may be the result of surgery. For example, after bad trauma or injury, a broken leg sometimes cannot be reset exactly the way it was originally."

Sometimes, dogs can benefit from massage after soft-tissue injuries. And sometimes, they're just getting old, debilitated, and arthritic. Yerevanian stressed that she leaves the formal diagnostic work to the vet, "but what I can do is use my hands to feel for tight muscles. I do a lot of work based on traditional Chinese veterinary medicine. I feel for deficiencies [soft indented areas] or excesses [a harder nodule that's tender to the touch] to facilitate the flow of Chi [energy]. I put the dog through passive range of motion, and I put the neck and limbs through extension and flexion and rotation to find where I meet resistance. I watch the dog walk and trot; the gait can tell me if there's a problem. And I watch them sit and see if they consistently sit to one side or the other. I also rely on owner history." Nellie's abandonment of the bed is a prime example.

She prefers owners to be present during massage sessions, but says that occasionally, that makes things trickier. "Some dogs are like children — more manipulative when their owners are around. Sometimes, the owners don't let the dog relax — they want to pet the dog, maybe get the dog a little bit stimulated. In that case, it's better for the

"I do a lot of work based on traditional Chinese veterinary medicine."

owner to leave the room, so that there's calmness."

The massage room is decorated with couches and rugs and curtains, so that it looks more like a home than an office. "I like to use scented candles and play music to make it peaceful. And I do use some essential oils; I put them on the dog topically." (Frankincense is a favorite.) "I look for positive and negative responses. If the dog gets up, moves away, shows its teeth, growls, or gives me the whale-eye, I stop and try a different technique. The whale-eye is when they're looking straight ahead but move their eyes to look at you. It's usually a warning. Positives include yawning, licking the lips, soft eyes, and ears going back or falling down.

"If you have an older dog with a degenerative joint disease, I will work with the muscles in the problem area. The

muscles have a great deal to do with the alignment of the bones. In an arthritic area, the muscles clamp down to support that area. My job is to find the area and work out the spasms in the muscles. After the muscle has been massaged and softened, I perform an active release — that's opposition stretching, and

it helps keep the muscle from spasming. The goal is to keep the dog moving normally and without pain; we want our dogs to be able to run and jump and do the things they love to do."

And the goal can be even more than that; there's a holistic element to Yerevanian's brand of therapeutic massage. "You get better oxygenation. You have release of built-up toxins, and massage can stimulate the immune system." Further, said Yerevanian, massage can get at behavioral maladies as well as physical ones. "Massage helps improve socialization skills. I work with dogs that have behavior issues due to anxieties, insecurities, and fears. I've had dogs come in that were adopted from shelters and were very shy and scared of people. Maybe they had abuse or neglect in their backgrounds. Often, the owner is the only person who can touch or handle the dog. What I do is slowly help the dogs realize that humans are good. I start out by lying on the floor next to the dog. Eventually, I scratch them under the chest and give them treats. Over time, I start to work on massaging. After six visits, one dog was running to me in the office, and now, everybody can pet her."

Massage sessions cost around \$35 to \$60 each, depending on session length. "I try to keep it reasonable. I want to see as many dogs benefit as possible. I work with Dr. Keith Weingardt at the Animal Healing Center in Bay Park.

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by Josh Board

I received an invitation to a funeral, which I didn't think would be fun to attend, but then several miniature five dollar bills fell out. It would be a Vegas-style memorial in honor of a woman named Beverly Jean. She was a cashier at a casino in Las Vegas and had passed away in the mid-'90s (according to the invite, by myocardial infarction).

At the bottom of the invitation: *If you're dying to attend, would it kill you to RSVP?* (I thought this was funny because I had gone to a party the previous day where the host complained that people never RSVP, and she never knows how much food to make.)

I drove up Washington and knew I had found the place when I saw a skeleton sitting in a Mercedes, with the seat belt on.

M.E. Law and Pete Bone-man performed dirges in the living room. Upstairs, Madame Marushka Babushka read tarot cards. Ariane had written in the program, "Please limit your reading to 10 minutes in con-



Top left: A retired cop now performing dirges at a wake;
Bottom right: Tarot-card readings were going on upstairs

sideration of other souls who need saving."

They wanted me to sit for a reading, and I told them I didn't believe in it. I told them I didn't want to have nightmares. A woman told me that what was said was accurate and that Madame Babushka had no way

I went to use the bathroom, but the door wouldn't shut, and the way the mirrors were angled, it looked as if the

I wasn't as brave as the guy who was gobbling down the eyeballs.

of knowing anything about her. A guy said, "We have a skeptic in our midst!" We ended up having a "spirited" debate about the accuracy of such readings.

people I was just talking with could see me. I had to go so bad that I didn't care.

There were several skeletons, so as I was getting punch, I asked why there wasn't a

skeleton hand floating in the punch. A guy standing next to me said, "It would sink." I asked him if he was a scientist. "No, an engineer." I said, "Close enough."

Later in the evening, I saw Ariane smoke a cigar using a skeleton hand.

As everyone smoked outside, M.E. Law, who looked like lawyer Johnnie Cochran, came outside. In his red velvet cape, he had a Screamin' Jay Hawkins vibe about him as well. Law was

a retired cop and told interesting stories. We talked about female officers, Charger player Steve Foley's troubles, and Law's daughter, who recently joined the police academy. He said, "She really wanted to. We weren't thrilled about the decision."

Law performed standards — "St. James Infirmary," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" — and he wrote an original for the occasion — "What Was Your Scene, Beverly Jean?": *Died on the first of April/ Bet you were nobody's fool/ You learned on the streets of Vegas/ What they didn't teach in school.* And later in the song he sings the lines: *Inside your cardboard castle/ Hiding for so long/ Rising up from your ashes/ Sing a long forgotten song.*

That line made more sense when I talked with Ariane about the event. "When I moved in here, we found Beverly Jean in this crappy box in the closet, with a typed label on it. She had been in there for ten years. We thought we would have a proper service for her. And, it's

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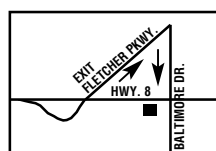
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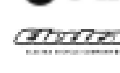


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an excuse for a party."

I told her the house fit the Las Vegas, New Orleans, Day of the Dead themes that she prepared for this party. She said, "The house was built in 1913. We just decided we'd decorate the front yard, put some stuff up around the house. It was fun."

Since the party was around Halloween time, the decorations worked for that as well.

I couldn't determine what was edible from the food tables, and I wasn't as brave as the guy who was gobbling down the eyeballs. He said, "They taste like Gummy Bears." I said, "Really? Not like chicken? Well...I think I'll pass."

There was plenty of activity outside the house as well, and I talked with a woman who said she was a Charger fan. She had heard me talking about the Foley case earlier and complained about the police. We got

into an argument, so we changed the subject. She talked about Chollas Lake and the memories she has: "Two different guys proposed to me there. One guy was 21 years old. The other guy was 49. And he was married at the time!"

I glanced at the program and remembered that you were supposed to bring something to be placed with the urn that Beverly Jean could use in the after-life. I was going to bring a deck of cards, but I forgot.

The program listed upcoming events that I wasn't going to stay for — eulogies, prayers, a candle-lighting ceremony, a sing-along to "When the Saints Go Marching In," and the evening was going to conclude with a seance.

I overheard one lady say to her husband, "Isn't

this inappropriate to do when someone dies?" He responded, "No. It's putting the 'fun' in funeral. And what do you think they are doing down the streets of New Orleans when someone dies...playing all those horns and trumpets? It's like a celebration of the person's life. It's not sitting around crying over a casket that is being buried in the

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Type A

Sanity calms, but madness is more interesting.

— John Russell

Overcome by hormonal surges, most pregnant women are a little crazy. My sister Jane, who was a bit off in the head before she got knocked up for the second time, surpassed crazy before the end of her first trimester. Now, after seven months of playing incubator, she's a paranoid schizophrenic. The true depth of her insanity would have gone unnoticed had it not been for our mother's car accident.

After the accident, Jane and Heather joined Mom in her hospital room and eyed the fresh

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frozen plasma as it made its way through the transparent tubes and into Mom's bloodstream. "I wonder if this plasma is dependent on blood type," mused Jane.

"Well, I know that I'm B positive," Heather said. Mom, still lucid prior to the morphine drip, said she too was B positive.

"I'm definitely type

A," said Jane.

"No, you're not," said Mom.

"Yes, I *am*. I know I am, because while I was in the hospital during Bella's delivery, the nurse told me I was."

Among the women in my family, scientific arguments are often based on nothing more than thin wisps of speculative evidence; victory is awarded to she who displays the most conviction. Jane's "evidence" was irrefutable. But Mom played her trump card. "That's impossible. You can't be A, because Dad is B negative," she said. Mom thought this bit of information would bring the argument to an end, but Jane was stubborn and insisted that the nurse wouldn't lie. While

Mom, in a futile expenditure of energy, tried to persuade Jane, Heather called her husband. Sean is our scientific authority, our go-to man when it comes to questions regarding quantum physics or, more likely, matters involving the human body.

The verdict was in. Heather smiled, ended the call, and announced the resolution according to Sean: "If Cliff and Maria are both type B, it is impossible for them to have a child that is type A." Heather added that it was probably Jane's *personality* type the nurse had been referring to. Whether or not it's hereditary, my parents, who are both classic type-A personalities, spawned four aggressive and controlling go-getters, each of whom developed her own methods of getting what she wants.

Faced with this undeniable evidence, any *sane* person would have let the matter drop, so Mom and Heather were not at all surprised when Jane announced what, to her, was the logical conclusion: if it was impossible for Mom and Dad to have a child with type-A blood, then she must not be their biological child.

News of Jane's revelation spread fast. Despite the ridicule she endured, and regardless of how striking and immense the proof was to the contrary, Jane was convinced a conspiracy had been perpetrated. On an excursion to

Target to find a Hello Kitty radio for Bella, I tried logic. "Mom was a kid when she had you," I said. "Dad hadn't even joined the Navy yet. Why would two kids from Brooklyn want to *adopt*? Where would they find the money? Dad worked three jobs."

Jane's neuroses had already conquered this objection. "I don't think I was adopted," she laughed. "And I know that Mom wasn't with anyone else. Think about it. The hospitals weren't so strict back then. Accidents happened. I was switched."

I tried another tactic. "Jane, if there was a computer composite that blended Mom and Dad's faces together, it would look just like you."

"Maybe. But I look just like a lot of other people, too," she said.

"I've been approached in public by strangers who asked if I had a sister named Jane. I can't tell between my own voice and yours on a recording!" Her certitude over something so obviously false was frustrating.

"Here's one." Jane had found the pink radio for her daughter. The subject of our sisterhood was forgotten until later when, in a moment of clarity over a cup of coffee, Jane said, "I have my seven-month check-up this week. I'll ask the nurse to confirm my blood type."

The alleged discrepancy in blood

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type was a point of amusement for the rest of the family. Perhaps only Jenny — the single fair-haired, green-eyed one in the bunch — understood the depth of Jane's torment. For years, Jenny's peers (and sisters) taunted her; jibes often included the word "milkman." As the four of us grew, however, so did the similarities of our features. We now all boast the same prominent cheekbones, small upturned noses, toothy smiles, and crooked pinkies.

Jane's memory isn't faring much better than her sanity lately. As she drove home from her check-up, she called me to pass the time. Her manner was light and carefree, so I assumed she'd learned her real blood type and dropped the silly notion of being switched at birth. I asked, "So, what type are you? O? B?"

Jane answered with a gasp. "I forgot! I can't

believe I forgot to ask! Maybe if I call right now—"

Jane disconnected the call before finishing her sentence. A few minutes later, she called back. "Okay, I got a hold of the nurse and she said she'd have to check my file for my blood type. I told her it's very important that she call me *right* back because my family is arguing about whether or not I'm related to them." I refrained from suggesting that she was the only person debating the matter. "She laughed, but I told her I was serious and that she really needs to call me as soon as— Oh! That's my other line, I'll call you right back."

I sat waiting for her call and marveled at what I hoped was my sister's temporary ability to suspend all reason and embrace the preposterous. Stranger things have happened, I thought. Stories of freak accidents are always making their

way onto talk shows, news reports, and magazines at the checkout counter. If the nurse tells her that it is impossible for her to be my mother and father's offspring, no amount of exposition or elocution about how alike we are could reassemble her shattered identity. What if?

My phone rang. "Yo," I answered.

"Yo," said Jane. I could tell by the tone of her "yo" that she was all business. "Okay. She called me back. I know what blood type I am."

"And?"
"Well...I'm B positive," she sighed. Then she added, "We're related!" as if she were the first person to realize that the light goes out when you close the refrigerator door.

"Yeah, you dork, I know," I said. Jane hurried off the phone again, this time to call Mom and tell her that she is, in fact, her daughter. ■

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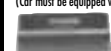
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I Was a Bad Sailor



wasn't always in trouble or on drugs when I was in the Navy. But I did report to the boat with two black eyes, a busted lip, and mangled nose.

My new chief took a look at me when I arrived and said, "You're going to be a handful, aren't you?" His name was Chief Jacques, and he was a stout, broad man with a New England accent thick as clam chowder.

I protested and tried to explain, but explanations fall short when you really look as if you've been in a big bust-up. And I had.

The first seven months I was in the Navy I'd been in boot camp, submarine school, and navigation electronics school. This was spread out over the fall and winter of 1995 and 1996.

When all the other young recruits in sub school had gone on leave for the holidays, I stayed behind in Groton, Connecticut. The command left a skeleton crew of students around the school to stand watch at different buildings and organize little work parties to keep the base running. School was closed, so there was only me and a few other guys who sat around in the TV lounge of the barracks and watched music videos. We'd take a cab through the snow to get coffee and watch movies at the local mall, while everyone else was home with their families and girlfriends, opening presents and eating Christmas dinner.

We had to stay around base on our duty days, which

was every couple of days. On your duty day you stood a watch. Standing a watch meant sitting at a desk at the front door to whatever building you were guarding and waiting for nobody to come in, because everyone on the whole base was gone. There were procedures for what to do if a visiting admiral showed up or if someone without authorization came in, but during the weeks before and after Christmas there wasn't a soul on that base except us guys on duty. So we scribbled in notebooks, wrote letters, drank coffee, all the things you're not supposed to do on a formal watch. Mostly we counted down the time until our relief arrived, so he could sit there and count down the time until his relief came.

One thing I did was keep an extra log book at the desk. Not the official log book of the watch. That was a boring damn thing. The official log book was a blank notebook with a green hardcover. The first person to start a new log had to neatly write along the front cover, "Deck Log Building 381 United States Navy Submarine School

When Al finished his tea he disappeared again around the warehouse building. A minute later he came back and handed me his tea mug, filled with thick, amber brown, sweet dates.



New London Connecticut" and, inside the boring pages, especially during the down time, we'd write something like "0900 : Building is secure. No phone calls. No visitors."

On the front covers of the separate log books I kept, I drew pictures, usually something terribly un-military. I was good at drawing pin-up girls, girls like the kind you'd

see painted on the side of old WWII bombers. Inside I'd write what I had done that week, who I had met, what I had seen.

"Man, there is this gorgeous girl who works at Starbucks in the mall. She looks young, a couple years younger than me, maybe she's just out of high school. But she has a soft light-tan face and three earrings in each ear. You can see her earrings when she tucks her chestnut hair back. And she has a

nice round body under her green uniform apron. But I can't ask her out. I don't even

puccino, and she gives it to me and I can't say anything. I just turn around and leave so I

Up to a point I was a gung-ho military man. When I first arrived on the boat I was called a "dig it" because I was by-the-book.

know her, except the name on her tag, 'Amber.' I just go in and buy a big damn cap-

don't seem like I'm uncool. Last time I went there I hung around and looked at

stuff on the shelf like I wasn't just waiting to talk to her. Other people came in and she got busy and then I was standing there looking at coffee mugs and little chocolates and things, like I really had to make up my mind as to whether to buy something or not. Pretty soon I'd been there for 15 minutes, debating on buying something to not seem like a creep or just go up and ask her out. She's a local, so I doubt she'd go out with a

sailor. Especially a sub school sailor and not even a real fleet sailor. When everyone had cleared out, I went to talk to her and she grabbed her friend's hand and leaned in and whispered something in her ear and then went to the back room real quick. I don't think I can go back there. I looked like a damned dummy. I can't even go back there to get coffee now."

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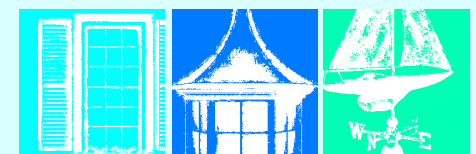
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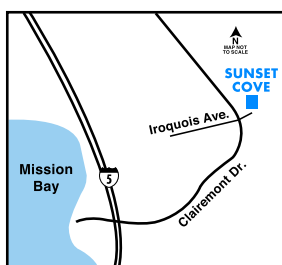
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designs on the back cover or write things in the pages. One guy was notorious for hooking up with girls, and I didn't doubt he was lying because I'd seen him around school and he was good-looking, one of those cocky guys who has a bunch of other guys all around him talking and joking in the smoke areas outside the barracks.

His name was Mark and he said he was a tattoo artist from Chicago, and he'd draw spider webs and things on the back of the book and write, "I don't know how it is where you guys are from, but the girls here just seem easier than in Chicago. Dude, all you gotta do is go to a local party and talk to a chick and these girls are ready to go. There

are so many parties with kegs and stuff out there in town. These Connecticut girls are fun and there's a party every weekend."

Mark had been in school before me and had been in Connecticut longer and he knew

up with anything. "Last night Segura and I went to a movie. The movie was pretty good. It had that guy from *Quantum Leap* in it and he was a magician. There wasn't anybody in the movie theater until about halfway

Turner was tear-assing around and yelling about how he didn't want to go back down on the boat anymore. A few of the other guys, drunk as Matt was, were holding him from running off, and wrestling with his hands, and covering his mouth.

some locals. He was older and was either old enough to get into bars or had a fake ID.

I wanted to spice up my stories for the logs but couldn't come

through these girls came in and sat right in front of us. There was nobody else in there and they sat right in front of us. They were local girls who snuck in a bottle of vodka. They smoked in there too. Segura talked to them for a little bit, and after the movie we all stood outside and smoked. I should've got the number of the one girl. She had black spiked hair and wore a lot of bracelets. But I didn't ask for her number. I don't know why I didn't. Damn. Well, maybe I'll run into her next week."

Other guys wrote things like mine. No

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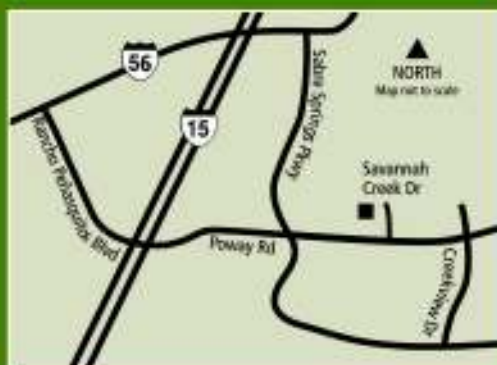
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luck with the ladies. “There’s this girl at the Exchange. Her name is Siobhan, but it’s pronounced ‘Chiffon.’ She’s so hot. We talked the other day, but I couldn’t ask for her number. What the hell was I going to do? I can’t take her to the movie theater on base and I don’t have a car. She might be a Navy wife who works here. I couldn’t ask, but I wanted to so bad.”

Mark wouldn’t respond to them all. He probably got tired of trying to write out something that was pretty hard to explain.

A lot of the stories were about people’s hometowns. The unofficial logs were full of stories of getting drunk and in fights, kegs and bonfires, and the luck of sitting on the same

tailgate as the girl you liked — or about how you were afraid your girlfriend was cheating on you back home.

One kid, Busciglio, heard that his girlfriend back home had made out with a guy.

I wouldn’t shave until someone stood behind me at a sink and watched me. I wouldn’t cut my hair until someone dragged me to the barber.

Busciglio didn’t stick around over Christmas break. He used what little leave he had accumulated and probably went into debt to go back to Virginia to talk to his girl.

When I was in boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois, Chicago was going through the worst heat wave in the

last half-century. When I got to Connecticut, the East Coast was going through the worst winter it’d seen in the last half-century. I went from jogging on hot asphalt while old people in Chicago died

ment of the main sub school building. Pipes in the basement were freezing and bursting, and me and about a dozen other guys had to go up and push the water out the door. Right when we’d get all the water out the door or into a drain, another pipe would burst and shoot icy water through the room. It was a real flood, up to our ankles in water cold enough to freeze if it stopped moving.

Up to that point I’d considered staying on the East Coast and joining up with a sub that would be deployed to European countries and home-based in Connecticut. I hadn’t been doing too well in school. I treated it pretty much the way I had high school, just doing enough to get by. The better you did in school, the higher priority you got when you chose a sub. Everyone

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When I got back to the barracks, I got every guy's classroom notes who had gone through the same schools as I had and I studied them. I wasn't a total lump though; I still went out and had fun. One night, when the roads were too icy for buses and cabs to get into the base, me and some friends bundled up in every piece of clothing we had. We wrapped towels around our heads and put two pairs of gloves on and three pairs of socks and every bit of long underwear and all our sweaters and jackets on, and we ran almost a mile to the other side of the base where the movie theater was playing *Hackers*, and for our long frozen jog we were rewarded with Angelina Jolie's plump lips, her sassy haircut, and bad attitude.

Even with the gloves and long underwear and sweaters and jogging, my hands were still frozen stiff when we ran back to the barracks after the movie. The other guys sat in the TV lounge and talked about Angelina's body and face and compared it to Gwen Stefani's, when No Doubt's video "Just a Girl" came on, and I went to my room and spread out my notes.

At the end of navigation electronics school I was fourth in my class and there were two openings for subs in San Diego, the USS *La Jolla* and the USS *Salt Lake City*. The guy

who graduated top of the class was married and his wife was in Virginia, so he took a boat home-ported in Virginia Beach. Second in the class was a black kid from Tennessee who wanted nothing

but to be stationed in Pearl Harbor, and he took a boat in Hawaii. There was a California kid who was third in the class. He was from Sacramento, and he took the USS *La Jolla* and I snatched up the

USS *Salt Lake City*. Those were the last two openings in San Diego, and I couldn't have been more relieved. The guy behind me in the rankings was from Long Beach, and when I took the San Diego

boat he almost broke down crying.

I had stayed behind on Christmas break, saving up all my leave, because I wanted a good couple of weeks at home before I had to go to a boat. I wanted

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I spent two weeks in my hometown, and on the night before I left to report to my boat, I'd gotten into a fight with a drunk and he'd opened my face up, left me bruised and split from the top of the nose to my chin.

The next day I disembarked a plane from San Francisco to the salty smell of the ocean and a warm breeze in San Diego.

"How the hell do you say that name?" the kid asked.

"It's 'All uh very,'" I said slowly. We were in the sun on the rounded rubber top of the submarine USS Salt Lake City SSN 716.

"Yeah, the new nav ET's here," the slender sailor said into a black phone. "Name's All-uh-very. Yeah. O-L-I-V-I-E-R-I, All-uh-very." He hung the receiver up on an electronic box.

"Guess what?" he said. "Your name's Ollie now. Nobody's going to be able to pronounce that thing the way it is."

His name was Matt Turner. Through coincidence, he was on top-side watch again when I was banished from the island nation of Singapore, and I was on watch when he was dragged down below decks when he was drunk and raving on the pier in Abu Dhabi.

I say I was banished from Singapore, but that's not exactly the truth. I was politely asked by a local magistrate to leave Singapore and never come back. It's not as if they have pictures of me up on their post office walls. It was just a broken bottle at the bottom of a pool.

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It was a nice barracks. It had a big TV lounge, a small snack stand by the pool that served fried-rice dishes, and the swimming pool. The pool I had to pay to have drained, cleaned, and refilled.

We were given a night off because we'd done a good job painting, and me and the guys were doing it up. We were a little groggy from having worked at night for weeks and we should've been catching up on sleep, but we started out with beer at a bar on base. When the bar was closing we hit a liquor store, and I was feeling sophisticated so I bought a bottle of wine. Other guys got vodka and mixers. Rum and Coke was popular too.

We got to the barracks after hours, and all the New Zealanders were gone. Nobody lived on that part of the base, only visitors. So we set to getting our swim trunks on and fired up a movie in the lounge. We were getting good and sauced, and I don't know who came up with the idea. The stupid idea. It was probably me.

We started pitching stuff into the pool and diving down for it. Because it was night and the only light was through the sliding-glass door to the lounge by the pool, we couldn't see most of what we tossed in. A lot

of Singapore coins went in, and we never found them.

We'd yell, "Sea Hunt!" before diving in, and pretty soon I'd polished off the wine and pitched the bottle in. We dove down and

nabbed it quite a few times. It didn't break right away. Then one time I jumped in, skimmed the floor of the pool, and came up with nothing. Some of the guys were yelling at me to come in. It was

late and they were tired and a Muppet movie was on. I skimmed the bottom again. My ears hurt. They'd been stuffed all week with Styrofoam plugs while I ran sanders and grinders along the

bulkheads we were prepping for paint.

We'd pulled into Singapore from Hawaii. It's a long haul, and the pressure in a boat changes a lot when it's diving and surfacing. And I was

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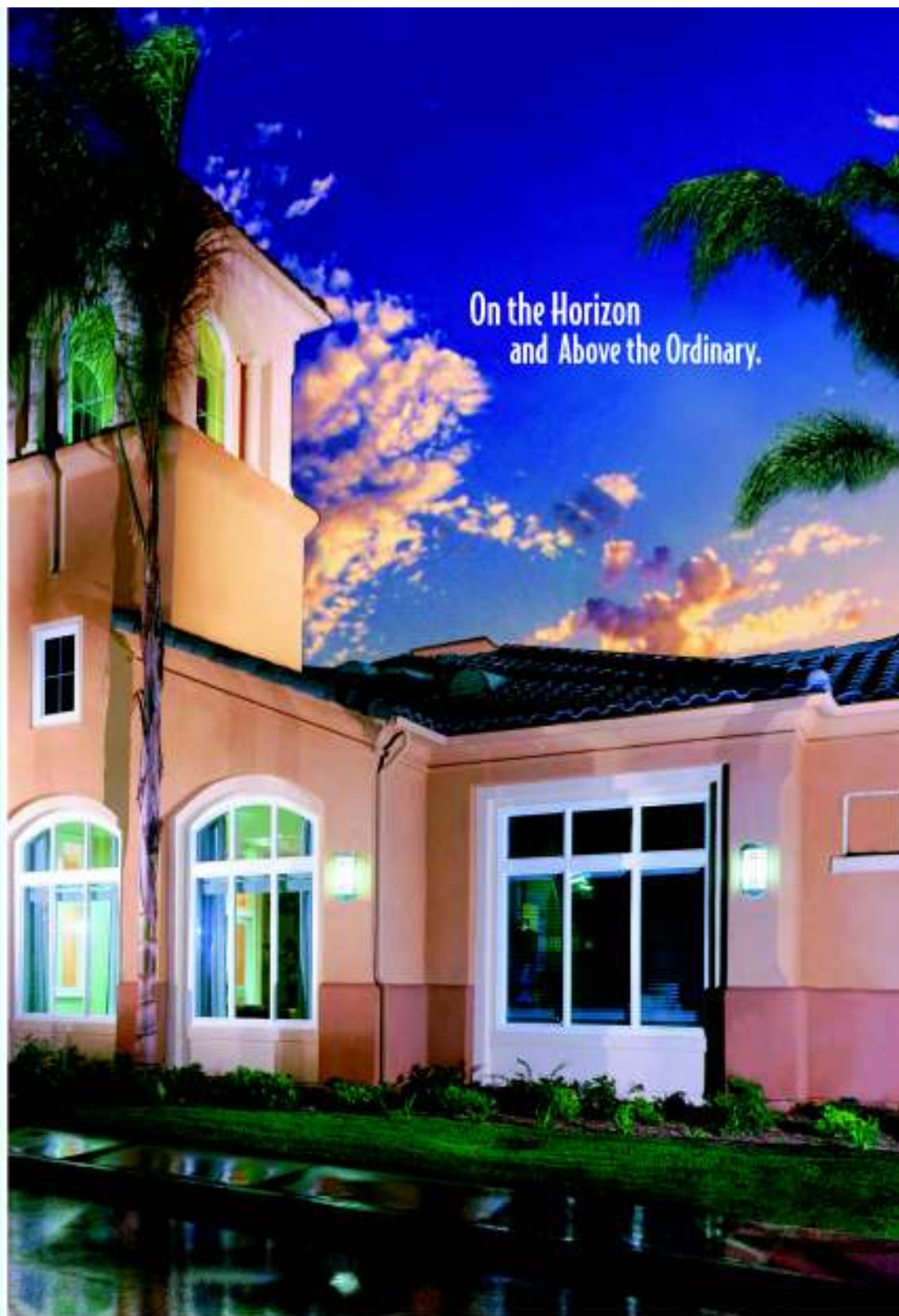
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I never found it. In my drunken mind I told myself I'd dive again after the Muppets were done taking Man-

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I fell asleep in a recliner in front of the TV and later bumbled my way up to my room to pass out. I was woken by the paint crew chief at the door,

saying, "Ollie. Ollie, get up. The New Zealanders want to talk with you."

In the bright sun out by the pool, I could see the destruction we'd caused. There were beer cans all over.

A trash can overflowed beneath a sign that read No Drinking by the Pool.

With the hot fumes of booze in my mouth and nose and chunks of dried blood in my ears, I stood, taking a ream-

ing by a pudgy blond New Zealand sergeant. She was ranting about how irresponsible I was, and all I could focus on was her mus-tache and the hurt of being caught in a royal fuckup, and hungover

too.

A pool cleaner had come that day. There was supposed to be a race held there, but it was canceled because of the glass in the filter.

I wasn't cuffed, but the Singapore police were called. After I packed my clothes in my seabag, I was escorted back to the boat, past Matt Turner standing topside watch, and below decks. In the wardroom, my executive officer and captain negotiated with the police for my release.

When we pulled into Singapore, we were told of an American kid who'd been caught a few years earlier spray-painting black graffiti on cars. The punishment meted out to him was caning. It was picked up by American newspapers and became a pretty big deal back in the States. I remembered seeing his story on the national news when I was in high school.

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being interrogated by the Singapore police chief, but I couldn't think of anything except his black hair, like Spock from *Star Trek*, and his perfect English except for a stutter.

"S-S-S-Singapore is a very pro-pro-proper n-n-nation. We have strict penalties for d-d-disobedience."

My captain and executive officer did all the talking. I nodded and only said, "Yes, sir," because I know when to keep my mouth shut, but also because I didn't want the smell of my breath to offend the Asian policeman.

"We will not try you in court. But you will be billed for the d-d-draining and c-c-cleaning of the pool. And Singapore k-k-kindly asks you to leave and never come back, please."

The boat had to pull out that night. We were not allowed to dock in Singapore, but we could finish the scheduled repairs at an anchorage in the harbor. A small crew, with me at the quartermaster plot, undocked the boat, motored it half a nautical mile away from the pier, and anchored it. When the rest of the crew arrived, we were in the harbor and the CO was radioing supply chains on land to arrange for a ferry service to bring the rest of the men to and from the boat for the remainder of the nine days we would be in Singapore.

At captain's mast I was given restriction to the boat for the rest of our deployment, 120 days. During the proceedings, I stood in my formal whites uniform that I had dug out of storage, but I still smelled of booze and I needed a shave. We'd pulled the boat away from the pier before loading on potable

water, so all sinks and showers had been secured; they were all shut off and taped up so nobody could use them. The captain held a radio message print-out of my bill, 976 Singapore dollars and five Singapore cents. The message also held a personal note from the commander of naval operations, which told of his displeasure with the USS *Salt Lake City*, its captain, and me.

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Singapore, despite having a rainy, tropical climate, has very little natural water reserves. Water has to be

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written the personal message radioed to my CO, had a son who was favored to win the swim meet postponed because of my broken wine bottle.

The captain didn't read the message to

me, but he let me know that his superiors were very, very pissed, and he reminded me that "shit rolls downhill."

Because I was stuck onboard for the rest of the trip, I took watches for anyone who asked. I

had nothing better to do, and I didn't mind standing on the pier.

I was up there, standing on the pier in Abu Dhabi, when Matt Turner was strung up in a safety harness and dragged down below

because he was drunk and causing a ruckus. After my antics in Singapore, our boat was put on notice in every port we visited. Abu Dhabi had assigned a guard from the army to stand next to our pier sentry in case any of us got out of hand.

Matt got out of hand. The Abu Dhabi guard had a small machine gun and a red-checked head-wrap that I thought was beautiful and intimidating. He had taken it off a few times and rewrapped it so that it draped around him and only his eyes showed through. At night we were bored, and he came over and unwrapped his face. He was a little older than me, not quite the kid that I was, or else he had aged more in the sun of the desert. He was bony-thin and dark-skinned. He pronounced my name "Ali," and after some interpretation, we decided that I could call him "Al." Our names were the only things we could communicate.

As the night drew long, Al held up his hand in a "wait a minute, I've got an idea" fashion, and then he disappeared behind a warehouse building. After ten minutes he reappeared, holding a stick wound with string.

"What do you got there, Al?" I asked, and again he held up his hand. From a stiff khaki pocket he produced a bit of meat and tore off a hunk. He worked the short stick around until he found the end of the string, and I saw a metal hook made from a sturdy wire.

"Hey, hey. That's a great idea, Al, but I can't get caught fishing on watch. I better stand over here."

He looped some

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washers through and tied them off near the hook, hung some meat from it, then swung the weighted end over his head, casting it from his hand in an arc. The bait *bloomed* into the black water behind the sub, about 20 feet from where he stood on the concrete pier. I watched from my post by the gangplank as Al tugged and angled the string, winding it back onto the stick, letting a length out onto the pier, and casting it with a spinning swing.

"NoooOOoooO!" someone screamed from behind the warehouse building. Al reeled in his line, stashed the fishing rig behind a stack of pallets, and moved his hand to the grip of the submachine gun slung beneath his arm.

"Crap," I breathed. I popped the snap on the holster of the top-side watch 9mm and dashed, clunking my boots across the aluminum grating of the gangplank and thudding down onto the rubber hull of the boat. I got to the communications box, unhooked the JA telephone, and waited.

"No!" It was Matt Turner's voice, cracking high, echoing against the warehouse walls, and rushing out over the water behind me.

I clicked for the below-decks watch. Petty Officer Henman answered, "Below decks."

"Jimmy, I think Turner's drunk and raising hell up here."

The line was silent.

"Jimmy?"

"Yeah, I heard ya," he said. "I was just gettin' ready to watch a movie. What do you mean 'you think'? You ain't sure?"

"It's him. I heard his voice, yelling down by that building, but he hasn't come down here yet."

"He's done for if the duty chief or duty officer hear him. Duty officer up there?"

"Nope," I said and opened the log book. "He was up here a couple hours ago. He's supposed to come up

in 45 minutes and sign the midnight entry."

"Son of a bitch!"

Henman hissed.

"Jimmy, Matt's almost out of here. He's a short-timer. When we're done with this West Pac, he's out. If he

goes to mast, he's going to lose rank and all kinds of..."

"I know. I know," he said. "Is Doc onboard?"

I checked the log book again. "Yep, came back around nine.

Check his rack, see if he can come up and calm Matt down. I don't know, give him a shot in the butt of something."

"No-o-o! I'm not going back on that damn thing!" Matt

screamed, and Al's red-checked head-wrap swiveled, looking beyond the warehouse.

"What the hell's going on up here?" Doc's unlaced boot stepped from the top rung of the ladder up

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and out the hatch. He pulled his hefty body in a crumpled shirt and pants up and stood on the top of the boat with me.

I told him what was going on and asked if he could do anything

without involving the duty chief or duty officer.

"Let me see what I can do," he said. Doc was a big Texan, stood about six foot three and topped in at 250 pounds. He had that

Texas drawl. "God damn, Turner. I'm going to beat that boy's ass," he said, and crossed to the pier.

A crowd emerged from down past the warehouse and swarmed down the pier

to Doc, me, Jimmy Henman, and Al. "What the Sam Hill are you numbskulls doin'?" Doc yelled into the crowd. In the middle of the crowd was Turner.

Turner was tear-assing around and

yelling about how he didn't want to go back down on the boat anymore. A few of the other guys, drunk as Matt was, were holding him from running off and wrestling with his hands and covering his

mouth. Matt was a skinny kid, not too strong, but he was drunk and being contradictory, and it took four of the guys to hold him.

Al didn't know what to do. He stepped back over and took a stand up on the stack of pallets where he'd stashed his fishing reel, and he still held that gun tight to his body, and that was something else I had to think about: Al and his gun and what Abu Dhabi procedure for treating drunk Americans on a pier entailed.

I leaned down into the pile of guys on Matt and caught his gaze. "Matt, if duty chief comes up here, I'm going back to mast for not calling him."

"Shut the hell up!" Shawn Mitchell yelled at me in drunken theatrics. He gripped at Matt's wrists again, and Matt kept hollering and fighting.

"I got an idea," Doc said. "Jimmy, come down and give me a hand."

Doc and Jimmy dropped down the hatch for a couple of minutes, then came back up with a safety harness and some green storage webbing. Doc crossed the plank holding the orange harness out in front of him and shoved Shawn out of the way. Jimmy followed him with the webbing, and they bundled and cinched Matt up in it. Doc slapped Matt on the chops and yelled into his face, "Turner, you listen to me. We're going to drag you down below decks, and if you scream and wake up the duty chief, well then, you're on your own."

"No-o-o! I don't want to go back down!" Matt yelled.

"Have it your way," Doc said.

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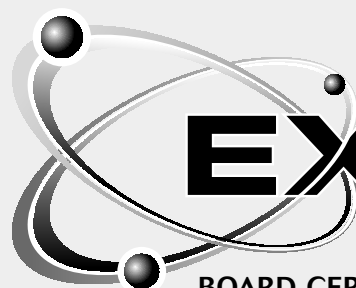
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scream when he gets down there," I said. "I didn't call the chief, and he'll come up here and ask me why I didn't call him, and I'll be screwed for standing an improper watch. You know we're supposed to call if somebody comes down drunk."

"Ollie, would you shut up for a damned second?" Doc said. He rolled Matt over so Jimmy Henman could hook a safety line to the D-ring on the back of the harness.

The crowd struggled and dragged Matt over to the hatch, and Doc put a big boot against the ladder, wrapped the line around his waist, and dropped Matt through. I closed my eyes. I

heard Matt slung down and dropped into the mess decks in his papoose of webbing, and he started yelling. "NooooOOooO!"

"Oh, I'm screwed again," I sighed, listening from atop the boat.

Everyone funneled down the hatch, and it

made a sipping motion with my hands. "Tea? Coffee?"

"Ah. Tea," he said.

I had Jimmy bring me up a cup of coffee and a cup of tea for Al. When Al finished his tea, he disappeared around the warehouse building. A minute

We all did a line in our hotel room and over the next hour lay on the beds and floor, sweating and shivering and heaving.

was me and Al alone again. I walked over to the pier and he came to meet me.

"Hey, Al. How's it going?"

Al nodded.

"You want some tea?" I asked. He looked at me, confused, and I

later he came back and handed me his mug, filled with thick, amber-brown, sweet dates. It must've been the end of Al's watch, because he gave me the mug, turned, and walked away.

"Hey, thanks!" I

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shouted as he got further away. He turned back, held his open hand up high above his head, and spun it in a gesture of thanks. I returned the salute and Al walked off.

Oh, in the morning I got it. At morning muster of the duty section, they laid into me. "Why didn't you get us up, Olivieri?" and "This is exactly what we're here for, Olivieri." More of the same ass-chewings I'd gotten before, because it was more of the same behavior, un-military-like behavior, from me. "You are a total

screwup. First Singapore, now this," and that's when I knew I was not going to be a good sailor.

What's worse was the duty chief was Chief Jacques, my division chief and the assistant navigator. He gave it to me twice as bad than if it had been any other topside watch, because my behavior had reflected poorly on his leadership.

Up to a point, I was a gung-ho military man. When I first arrived on the boat, I was called a "dig it" because I was by-the-book. I did everything according to procedure, studied for my qualifications and



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watches, put in time doing shit jobs for the cooks and deck division with a smile. But it wasn't me. I was pre-

tending. And the more I was screamed at, the more I hated the Navy and its ways.

There are certain

people who thrive in that environment. Men who crease their uniforms smart and do things exactly how

they're told, and I did for a while. But I hated the screaming. Everyone screws up at some point in their Navy career, and the standard reaction from a superior is to stand in your face and scream until they're red and your chin is wet with their spit.

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screwing up on something small, I'm going to keep screwing up, bigger and bigger, until I've been screamed at by everybody with a voice and I'm going to flip them off and get screamed at more. More. More.

I didn't know this

about myself until I was signed into a five-year contract with the Navy. And by then it was already too late. I made it one month shy of four years before they kicked me out.

By then the screaming had shoved me off the sub base in San Diego. I rented an apartment in Pacific Beach with my buddy Steele. I was the worst

sailor you'd ever seen. My hair was long, almost down to my shoulders, and I dyed the top orange. I kept it tucked up under my hat most of the time, but it still slipped out. When it did, somebody'd scream at me to go get it cut. My fingernails were long and on the weekends painted silver or green. I'd grown paunchy. I was failing the physical readiness tests, running, push-ups, and sit-ups, but had begun to excel at smoking cigarettes on the pier when I was supposed to be working. When I was supposed to be clean-shaven or, at most, have a thin mustache over my lip, I usually wore a two- or three-day beard.

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ally in a state of advancing to petty officer and being demoted back down to seaman. Petty officers, chiefs, and officers would stop me on base, take my hat off, rub my scruffy chin, and scream at me. "Why, you dirty shitbag! You're a disgrace!"

"Yes, sir."

"Look at that uniform. You're a shitbag!"

"Yes, sir."

They'd be pissed just at the sight of me. More. More. "Next time I see you, you better be clean-shaven and that mop better be cut, shitbag!"

"Yes, sir."

I wouldn't do any of it. I wouldn't shave until someone stood behind me at a sink and watched me. I wouldn't cut my hair until someone dragged me to the barber. I told myself that the only thing I wanted was to get out of the Navy with an honorable discharge, like my dad. But it was obvious that I wasn't acting that way. Especially since I'd gotten a taste for drugs.

In spite of my looks and drug use in port, I was a damn good nav ET, and I was the best quartermaster of the watch onboard. The entire navigation department had turned over by then, all of them ending their

commitment and either becoming civilians again or re-enlisting and moving on to another command. Even Chief Jacques had moved to a cushy office job at sub squadron.

As a lowly seaman,

There were even chiefs and officers who'd smoke a jay or drop a tab of E with us on a Friday night.

I was the saltiest nav ET onboard. The captain had me brief new officers on piloting procedures for whatever port or treacherous stretch of ocean we were scheduled to visit.

San Francisco? There's a swirling eddy south of Alcatraz that'll spin the boat around so that you're looking back at the bridge, but you can train the outboard motor to 90 degrees port and

counter it. Yes, pirates tried to ram us last time we were in the Straits of Malacca. And it's about 30 hours to get all the way through Juan de Fuca.

Even though I was

officially known onboard as a "shitbag," the officers still generally liked to stand watch with me as their quartermaster. My favorite thing to do with the officers on long midnight watches was to categorize things by smell. When a boat's running deep and fast, "punching holes in the ocean," there's not much to do and the mind wanders. I figured out that Scotch tape smelled like Christmas, that the fire-control computers smelled like my high school, and the radio division officer figured out that the underside of his watch smelled like one of his ex-girlfriends. No, sir. Not

much to do on a long midwatch, just coffee and conversation.

I was good at getting the *Salt Lake City* through the water, but in port, because I hadn't attained any rank — or what rank I did achieve I lost through misconduct — I was always stuck with the cooks, scrubbing pots and pans, or working with deck division, chipping paint off the hull.

I'd signed up for five years instead of four to get an education in electronics, and when I was in boot camp they had me sign a paper that said I wasn't going to get an electronics education but instead was going

RESEARCH STUDIES



Schizophrenia ?

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To qualify, participants must:

- Be above the age of 18
- Have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- Not be taking medication for your Diabetes

To learn more about the study contact Catherine DeLue at:

(858) 552-8585 ext. 6740



to be a quartermaster, but they were going to keep me the five years anyhow. So when I got out of the Navy, instead of electricity and computers, I'd know how to navigate a submarine. Not a lot of call for that sort of thing in the civilian world, but that's the way it goes.

There was a bunch of us who'd had enough of the screaming and were rebelling with hard chemicals. We always joked around and called each other "crackhead." Steele, my roommate in Pacific Beach, was close to the end of his enlistment and was a coke-head. Trujillo, a half-Mexican kid from Santa Fe, liked ketamine, and he was the one who ratted me out and eventually got me booted. Baptiste, a Panamanian black kid, smoked pot three times a day. Mitchell, a supply clerk, one of the guys who held Matt Turner down on the pier in Abu Dhabi, was dating a woman in Ocean Beach who sold us ecstasy. And Sugar, a machinist, was strung out on crystal meth. I was on anything I could fit in my mouth or up my nose. We were the crackheads of the *Salt Lake City*.

On our second deployment through the Pacific we smoked pot in Brisbane, Australia; took E in Guam; and got a bunk batch of coke from a cab driver in Bangkok. That day I was pretty sure one of us was going to have to face up and get the rest of us to a hospital. We all did a line in our hotel room and over the next hour lay on the beds and floor, sweating and shivering and heaving. After that hour of lying pale and green in the sun streaming through the window, Trujillo got up, railed another line, and put the straw in his

nose.

"What the hell are you doing?" I yelled and swiped the rat poison off the nightstand in a puff of dust on the carpet.

"I was going to try

it again. You know, to make sure."

Oh, it was bad. We were bad. In the "Zero Tolerance Navy" we were doing more drugs than the college kids at San Diego State

University.

There were even chiefs and officers who'd smoke a jay or drop a tab of E with us on a Friday night.

We counted once at a party. We were at

Shawn's girlfriend Taryna's apartment in Ocean Beach, and there were 13 people there. Ten of them were in the Navy, and we'd been awake for three days, cocktailing at least six

drugs a person.

After Trujillo popped positive on a piss test, the chiefs started switching duty sections around. Me, Baptiste, and Sugar thought it was odd that

RESEARCH STUDIES

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we were put into the same duty section but didn't think about it too much.

They tested piss by

duty section. If you pulled duty on a Sunday, you pissed into a cup. After Trujillo popped, the chiefs shuffled me, Baptiste, and Sugar around until we were all scheduled for duty the next

Sunday.

It was the Sunday after my 23rd birthday, and we did it up all weekend. We knew there was a piss test. We knew we'd be caught. We knew we'd be kicked out and we were.

Steele and Mitchell didn't get caught. They cleaned out before their next Sunday duty. They both had only a few months left in the service and they skated. Both released with an honorable discharge. Me, Baptiste, and Sugar did our 30 days' restriction, surrendered our last two paychecks in

finer, were handed papers that read "Other Than Honorable Discharge," and were civilians again. Once you're

at sub squadron, reporting again to Bernie Jacques, who had made senior chief in his time there. And I

wrong with you?" he asked. "You had a lot of potential, kid."

That was one month short of four years. If I had signed up for a four-year quartermaster slot — the rate I eventually took anyway — instead of a five-year electronics technician contract, I might've made it. But I don't know. There are a lot of "what" and "if" scenarios somebody can go through. If I was assigned to a different boat in a different port, would I have been so bad? What if Trujillo hadn't popped positive first and given me away? None of it really matters. I knew what I was doing on my birthday. When the straw went in my nose, I thought, "This is it. This is how it ends." ■

— Ollie

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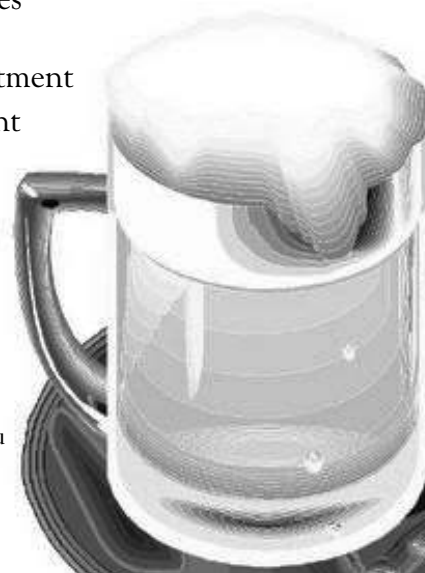
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My mom introduced me to this poem ("What We Need," by David Budbill). I like it because it represents the state of the world and much of history. The powers that be have made such turmoil and unrest in the world, but if you have something to make you happy each day, however small that thing may be, your world doesn't need to be in conflict. To start out every day with a moment of joy or peace or kindness would make the rest of the day better.

I believe that poetry will continue to be a significant form of literature as long as people recognize that both the message and the means are equally important. If you take a poem out of its original form and make it into a paragraph or a sentence, it loses so much of its power. Such is the beauty of poetry: the way you write it affects the final result at least as much as the words you write it with.

Another favorite poem of mine is "A Boy Named Sue." You might recognize it as a Johnny Cash song (and you're not alone; I was startled when I found this out), but it was written by Shel Silverstein. You have to love this poem for its audacity. It's a clever (if somewhat cruel) idea, to name your son "Sue" because you know you won't be around to raise him and you know he would "have to get tough or die." With that kind of all-American logic, if somebody were to set it to music, it would sell millions of copies. Oh, wait...

— Kyle Landau,
Carlsbad H.S.

Poetry is a mode of expression in which the writer becomes a sculptor of words and thoughts. At age ten, I became mesmerized by poetry. The inspiration came from reading famous pieces and learning how to interpret them. Reading poetry often triggered ideas and thoughts

that I soon transferred onto paper, thus beginning my passion for writing.

One of the first poems I wrote was a list of wishes, each asking for the healing of what I felt to be the world's worst problems. Although I did not have an accurate perception of global issues at that age, I felt a great deal of sympathy and decided to compose a poem to express my feelings. The piece is entitled "A World of Wishes" and reads: "I wish magic pollen from golden flowers would sprinkle on the Earth and make nature grow healthy. I wish the bright sun would light a smile on everyone's face. I wish the sound of musical instruments would bring harmony and grace to heaven and Earth. I wish a beautiful tree would grow special magic to stop all drugs. I wish a giant hand would slap all wars out of sight."

Although this poem did not follow a particular format and the writing was not impressive, its tone had an element of innocence and immaturity. At the time, I felt peace was the only solution to every problem.

Although I was young, I still considered myself a poet. A true poet can be anyone of any age gifted in the lyrical perception of language. With that said, my favorite poem is not written by Maya Angelou or Robert Frost, but by a young peacemaker named Mattie J.T. Stepanek. His piece struck me as innocent and heartfelt. Coincidentally, his words mirror my thoughts on this genre. The poem is entitled "Duties as Designed" and states, "The job of the poet is to give birth to the words that give breath to expressions of the essence of life. The job of the poet is to leave stains of the storms yet echo laughter of the light that is seen from the soul. The job of the poet is to weave ashes of yesterthoughts into silhouettes that rise gently on the hori-



Shel Silverstein



Ben Gibbard



Jack Johnson



David Budbill

zon of dawning hope. The job of the poet is to create and to capture and to spirit and to script the pulse of life."

— Nichole Naoum,
West Hills H.S.

Within the realm of poetry, I connect with song lyrics. I've resolved to never be that dark-clothes-wearing, eyeliner-addicted teenager who walks down the street hugging her iPod, but there is one lyric in one song that, the first time I heard it, caught me off guard and brought me to tears.

"Then looking upwards/ I strain my eyes and try/ to tell the difference between shooting stars and satellites/ from the passenger seat as you are driving me home/ "Do they collide?" / I ask and you smile/ With my feet on the dash/ the world doesn't matter."

Those are a few lines from a song called "Passenger Seat," written by Ben Gibbard and performed by his band, Death Cab for Cutie. It's a simple song, and it's slow.

I'm pretty sure that once I pass the age of 25 and gain some real responsibility in my life, the song will do nothing but remind

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me of “the old days” in high school. And once technology surpasses the age of cars and dashboards and delves into the age of hovercraft transportation, the song will be somewhat meaningless. But it’s the specificity, the imagery, of the song that reminds me of every nighttime car ride home I’ve had from a friend.

Car rides, for teenagers, are so much more than just point A to point B; they’re independence, awkward silences, blasting your favorite song, being alive, and feeling immortal. And when I play this song, I am put in that moment. I’m in a car, with the window down, wondering if my friend will get pulled over for breaking curfew, if he can see me smiling in the backseat through his rearview mirror, wondering when we’ll be able to go on a food run, wondering what will happen when he goes off to school in the fall. When I can relate to lyrics such as these, I’m not ashamed to be that music-addicted teenager.

— Amanda Cormier,
Westview H.S.

Well dust off your thinking caps/ Solar powered plastic plants/ Pretty pictures of things we ate/ We are only what we hate/ But in the long run we have found/ Silent films are full of sound/ Inaudibly free/ Slow down everyone/ You’re moving too fast/ Frames can’t catch you when/ You’re moving like that”

These song verses (from “Inaudible Melodies,” by Jack Johnson) are some of my favorite lyrics for many reasons. For one, I love the message. Nowadays, it seems like everyone has something they need to rush to get done. I

know many fellow students who stay up until at least midnight three or four nights a week in order to get all their work done. I would be one of them if it weren’t for elective classes I’ve committed to that have a smaller workload. Now more than ever, the message of “slow down, take your time” is applicable to everybody’s lives.

One other thing I really enjoy about this piece is how the song’s melody demonstrates the message of the lyrics; the song is calming and has a relaxing tone. Having this musical parallel to the theme of the lyrics increases the efficacy of the songwriter’s words.

In the pure sense, poetry is a dying form of expression because music has overtaken it in the modern age. However, poetry lives on as lyrics in music. One could say, then, that poetry isn’t dead, but has helped to spawn a new wave of expression, a combination of lyric and melody, one that is greater than either of its two parts.

— Eric Brown,
West Hills H.S.

Poetry enables people to convey personal feelings, experiences, wisdom, and philosophies. It is still an important form of literature and is present in our everyday lives in the form of music. Although poetry is mainly expressed through music today, few musicians or songs encompass the spirit of poetry.

One of my favorite music groups is Linkin Park, mostly because of their melodies and their lyrics. Also, if I’m feeling cruddy or things aren’t great for me, some of my favorite Linkin Park songs will seem to tell me to rise above it or to learn from my

mistakes. One Linkin Park song I listen to often is “Easier to Run.” Just the title makes a strong statement.

The most meaningful verse goes like this: “Sometimes I remember the darkness of my past/ Bringing back these memories I wish I didn’t have/ Sometimes I think of letting go and never looking back/ And never moving forward so there’d never be a past.”

Above all, poetry should pass wisdom to another person. That’s what I try to do when I write. I have written about 15 to 20 poems, all of them school assignments; 2 of them I’ve had published. Last year I was a youth finalist at a poetry contest held by the International Society of Poets. On July 23rd, I stood up on a stage in front of 3000 cheering people and experienced feelings of glory and accomplishment; then I had to read my poem in front of these people... which is when I started feeling more doubtful than glorious.

My poem was titled “The Watch” (which can be looked up at www.poetry.com). It presents the idea of watches being used as time machines in order to see famous events in history or even to change certain events. At the end of the poem I end up contradicting the idea due to the fact that it would probably cause undesirable ripple effects. So, the moral of my poem is basically that what’s in the past is in the past, and your future is what you make of it.

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He has spent Christmas in his hometown in the farthest southern corner of Sinaloa, and he has recognized no one. The townspeople are old and strange to him, their concerns foolish, their laughter painful to his ears. He has retrieved \$1000 from the bank on Morelos street, a gift for me. My father is 61 years old.



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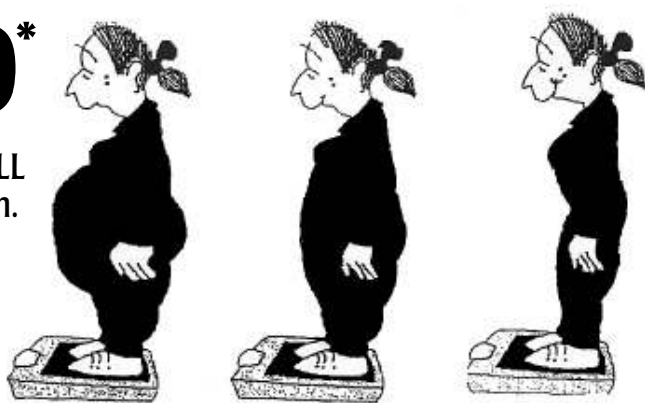
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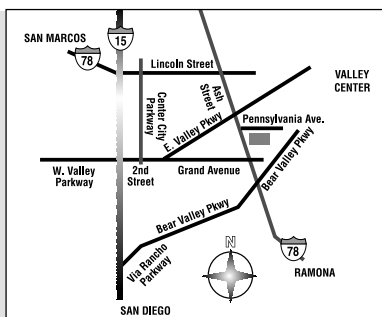


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is blond and blue-eyed. (Well, his blond hair has gone white, but his skin is still pale pink, and his eyes behind his glasses are still bright.) He has California plates on his car.

This is where the thing happens. No one knows exactly what, nor if it hap-

pened before the *aduanas* huts or after. But somehow, my father, Mexican ballads rattling through the cheap speakers, all those voices in his head, smoking a cigarette, smoke trailing from his mouth like he’s burning already and going down, leaves the road and sails into

the desert dawn.

His car flies for a dreadful instant, forever. Angles off the road and lifts into the air. His fists on the wheel, trying to right the car after it has taken flight. Dust and gravel cresting beneath him like a wave, as he catapults over the edge of a hill. Every-

thing in the car — tapes, cigarettes, ashes, coins, recorder, my father’s glasses — comes to life and eddies around him. The car tips. Its front corner digs into the ground. It flips once, twice. Later, rumors suggest it rolled six times. The wheel breaks off in his hands. The windshield

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vanishes. He is pitched out the window. The car rolls on him. He is dragged back inside by the lurching force of the crash. All around, his things scatter across the sand and sage.

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I am not brought into this story until late.

Without me, my father goes about the business of dying. He tries not to die, of course. My father would not surrender easily to death. But the Mexicans manage to convince him.

Before they take him to the hospital, various agents of the Mexican republic help themselves to the sudden flea market my father has set up for them. As he bleeds on the gurney, blind and mute, pissing his pants, they sift through the goods. There are a lot of tapes, after all. Someone nabs his recorder. Someone else takes a fancy to his new shoes, bought for him by my favorite cousin and given to him only two days before.

His wallet and my \$1000 are safe — soaked in



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urine in his pockets. No one cares to fish for them at the moment. Because no one wants to reach into all that mess, they don't find out he's a Mexican citizen, a retired army officer, late of the pres-

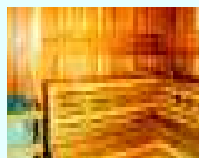
idential staff of Mexico, and a retired federal cop. He can't talk to tell them. They drive off, blue lights inconsequential against the sun.

In town, they strip him naked and call in a Mexican

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doctor. The doctor says something along the lines of, "My God, it's Beto!"

One of the attendants says something else like, "What do you mean 'Beto?'"

The doctor looks around him. He can't believe it. This is too strange. Just days ago, he was at a party with my father in Rosario. He'd asked my father for a ride to this very town. My father turned him down, saying cryptically, "I don't want to be responsible for your life."

"I know this man," the doctor says. "He's a Mexican."

Somebody calls the police. The *federales* are on their way. Something strange is going on here, and the doctor wants nothing to do with it. He snaps some orders to the staff of the clinic, then plunges his hand into my father's pockets. He is no doubt startled to find \$1000 there, in new bills. He takes my father's wallet out of the back pocket and flees. For reasons that will remain unclear, the *federales* will



The author's parents, c. 1955

spend the rest of the day trying to find him to get all these things back from him. He will be so busy avoiding them that he will not see my father again.

Once the doctor leaves, they wheel my father, naked, into a room. He is beginning to struggle, to writhe around in his bed. His ribs are cracked; he has internal injuries and some bleeding; he has split open his chin and might have a concussion; he has some brain

injuries and might have suffered a stroke. Nobody's quite sure what's wrong with him. They decide to quiet him down and shoot him with morphine.

My father, drugged, settles back into a velvet haze. All his ghosts swarm to him and begin to smother him.

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them and their mother. I am younger than all of them and have never lived with any of them. Like me, they fear him and worship him and miss him even when he's with us. Somehow, words get out on the border that Alberto Urrea has been seriously hurt in a car wreck. But they think it's my brother Alberto. People start looking for my brother's family to tell them he's dying.

In the meantime, in our old neighborhood in Tijuana, my Aunt Lety and Cousin Hugo are in the family house on Rampa Independencia. They are waiting for Beto to arrive from his visit to Sinaloa. Hugo has built him a small bedroom where he keeps all Beto's tokens — love letters, bowling trophies, moldering *Playboys*, a box of photographs. In those photos, my father is a skinny boy with a heart-shaped mouth. He looks sad in every one. The years have tinted them brown.

My aunt hears my father's car pull up to the

front of the house. She glances out and sees a red shape pull up to her gate.

"It's Beto!" she calls. My grandmother, gone mad with age, blinks in her chair like a pudgy bird.

* * *

Word spreads — the doctor calls my aunt. Hugo takes off in his truck, driving, trying to beat the clock. Other relatives go into a Mexican ver-

Hugo has a habit of always speaking English to me. For some reason, I insist on speaking Spanish to him. I'm not sure what it is we're trying to convince each other of.

"Who?" she says.

"Beto," says my aunt. "Beto ya llegó."

She steps outside to greet him. There is no car. She steps into the street. Looks both ways. No red car in sight.

"Beto's dead," she says.

sion of action: one branch grabs the first plane they can that flies to Arizona. In their panic, they take a flight that goes to the northern end of the state, farther from my father than if they'd stayed in Tijuana.

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me in San Diego. I have been listening to music — something ridiculous like Uriah Heep. Everyone has left for San Luis Río Colorado. Everything is happening. I am asked to hold steady. Someone will get right back to me. Nobody does.

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Hugo pushes his way into the room and sits on the bed, holds my writhing father down. Tells him,

“Don’t worry, Papa. We’re here. We’ll get you out.”

My father cannot say anything to him, but Hugo senses he understands. He calms down, lies back. Hugo talks to him for a moment more.

Arrangements are made to transport my father to the border, and there, an American ambulance will carry him into Yuma. Hugo knows my father will die if he is left in this clinic. The American ambulance arrives at the border crossing and waits, off to the side, doors open, light circling.

No Mexican unit arrives. Repeated calls reveal nothing; nobody knows what happened to the ambulance. Isn’t it there? It ought to be there. How curious. It never arrives. Hugo and my father wait for an hour. It has been eight hours since the accident.

Finally, the ghosts convince him. Beto settles back in the bed, eyes looking at nothing in particular. Without a word or a gesture, my father dies.

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Too late to do any good, I enter the picture.

Hugo's sister Margo picks me up on her way to Tijuana. A family friend has called me and told me the news. Margo's car is crammed with silent people as we ride into Tijuana and rise up to Independencia, shoulders digging into each other as the car hits the ruts and half-buried boulders in the road.

My brothers are gathered in the dirt street outside the family home. Dogs behind the fence think we're

having a party. They think the fun's about to begin. They dance on their back legs, eagerly watching us in the street.

They have my father's money and wallet. The doctor has turned them over to somebody, I don't know who, and they have ended up here in front of the family house. My eldest brother hands me the cash. It's floppy. Wet, it feels like felt.

"It must have rained," he says. "Do you think it rained? Everything's all wet."

Hugo looks at me. He says nothing. I know why it's wet. I say, "I guess they had an early-morning shower."

Everybody nods.

Hugo gives me the wal-

let. Inside, driver's license, green card, social security card, notes, slips of paper, useless cards in various shades of blue and yellow. In his picture, my father looks small and old. He has a pouch under his chin. You can see the curve of his skull under the diminishing front rank of his hair.

Nobody knows how to grieve. We stand apart from each other with a strange military precision, two feet between each man. We shuffle. We grin; the old man's dead. We shake our heads, sigh. We laugh. Nobody can fit the fact into the day.

"Let's go," Hugo says.

He means to the funeral home, Funeraria González.

The brothers pile into various cars. I get in Hugo's truck. Hugo has been the closest to the thing. He has accumulated a kind of evil grace. We all hope he can tell us if anything special happened. If there were any apparitions, sounds, lights, angels.

"He died," he says. For him, that's enough.

We drive downtown. The funeral home is nondescript, in the middle of a run-down block. But then most blocks in Tijuana are run down, all cobbled together with no plan in mind, facade after mid-'50s facade leaning into each other, paint coming away from the walls on thin

wedges of stucco.

They are waiting for me outside. We don't want to take a step without each other. We turn as one and enter. Hugo grabs my arm. They start upstairs. "Down here," he says.

"What?" I say.

"The body's down here," he says.

"So?"

"So you're going to look at it."

"No, I'm not."

"Yes, you are. You're going to look at it."

"No."

Hugo has a habit of always speaking English to me. For some reason, I insist on speaking Spanish to him. I'm not sure what it is we're

trying to convince each other of.

"It's up to you," he says. "He's all banged up. You've got to decide if it's an open casket or not. That's what he'd want. Come on."

His grip is bony as a talon as he pulls me into the little room. The casket is on a stone bench, about three feet off the ground. Tawdry Mexican floral arrangements have begun to surround the coffin: horseshoes on stands, wreaths, all of them draped in ridiculous faux-satin sashes with family names and condolences written across them in glue and glitter. They look like contestants in a retirement-home flower-arranging contest or

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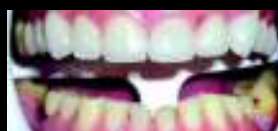
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Hugo uses his pocket knife to unscrew the coffin lid. The screw rises, rises, interminably, until it wiggles loose, and he says okay, and I put my hands on the lid and wait. "Go on," he says.

I resent his manliness more than anything on earth at that instant, then I lift the lid. For some reason, I hold my breath, as if my father is going to smell bad. But he's encased in glass. In fact, he probably does smell bad — he's been dead now for two days with no embalming. Many Mexican funeral homes just clamp a sheet of glass over the body to prevent any problems,



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and you look down at them as though you were in a glass-bottomed boat, drifting across the shoals of Hell. It's alarming. You think, *He*

can't breathe in there.

I look in. He's small as a ten-year-old boy in a faded brown photograph. He's unimaginably sad, his lips

turned a little around his injured mouth, looking like he's about to say a word that begins with *m*. I stare down at my father, my only father,

and my breath fogs the glass and steals his face.

Wounds turn black after death.

"Close it," I say.

Hugo shuts the lid gently.

"Don't screw it down," I say. "He wouldn't want people to see him like that, but I think they have a right to say good-bye, if they want to. So they can lift the lid for themselves."

It is my first decision as a grown man.

"Good," Hugo says. "That's the right choice."

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Upstairs, my brother Juan is waiting for me. The others stand behind him. "There's a

problem," he says.

"What problem?"

"We owe some money," he says, "for the body."

"We what?"

A pleasant, short man steps up. He has a tan uniform on, with a police insignia but no badge or gun. He's a lackey for the San Luis Río Colorado cops. He's a full-blooded Indian.

"I brought the body," he says.

"Thank you," I tell him.

"They said to tell you," he glances away, "that the body is still in custody."

We all look at each other, eyes clicking in steady sweeps of all the faces.

"You're kidding," I say.

"No, señor," he says.

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"How did my father come here?"

"In my station wagon."

"I see."

This whole scene is so bizarre that I don't know how to respond. There's no one to ask what to do. My brothers just stand there. Hugo is as inscrutable as a stone carving. I reach into my pocket.

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and count out \$800. He hands me \$50 back in change. He smiles. Everybody's relieved. He shakes all our hands. He tells me it's sad, what happened, and how hard it is for all of us when these things befall us. I'm thinking: *Fuck you, fuck you, fuck you!*

The funeral director steps up. He's unctuous, in a suit and hair oil and cologne. It's like an optical illusion — as the police toady steps away, three reflections of him appear in his absence.

I still have the change in my hand. The funeral director starts in: *tragic losses, at rest now, gone to glory, deepest sympathies*, but there is the small matter of the funeral costs.

"How much?" I say.

"Five hundred and fifty dollars," he says. "Unfortunately."

I hand him my change.

"We'll come up with the rest," one of my brothers says.

"We'll take up a collection," says another.

On our way back downstairs, Hugo says, "So much for your present."

I am so confused, I want to cry. I cannot. For years afterward, I will try to cry and be unable to. On

some nights, I will take spit on the tips of my fingers and draw tears down my cheeks, trying to get relief.

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We Mexicans wake the dead. We *give wakes* to the dead. Hugo and I agree that my shift will be at two in the morning. He leads me to my father's room and goes off to bed. My aunt still shares a room with her mother. I can hear the women in there, snoring. The sounds of Tijuana carry up the hills, somehow different than the sounds of the United States. The dogs, the car horns, the traffic rumble, the whistles, the trumpets are all in a different language. Their pitch and timbre are as distinctive

as Chinese or Russian. Or Spanish.

I sit in my father's room, listening. All that noise, and the whole world dead. His pillow is still streaked with his hair pomade — he wore his hair trim, short, combed straight back off his forehead, always as slick as Jerry Lewis. I can't sleep in his bed. All I can think about is sex. I keep hoping the family's cleaning woman will wake up and come to my room. I want to eat, make love, climb a mountain, have a fist fight. I sit in the middle of his floor and sift through layers of paper: report cards, citations, letters from women in Sinaloa, divorce papers, poems, tax forms, INS

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papers, bowling certificates, sheets with numbers on them, military records, a letter from the president of Mexico. Silverfish and roaches come forth from my father's records, where they have lived safely, eating his past.

I pull the string attached to the bare bulb above my head. The dark claps shut around me. Years later, it seems, Hugo speaks from the greater darkness of the doorway.

"It's time."

I get dressed.

We go to his truck.

Everything's quiet. You can even hear crickets. He starts up, puts it in gear. We drive down the dark hill. Everybody's lights are out as we descend. "God damn it," Hugo finally says. "It's not fair."

He drops me off at the door.

"See you in the afternoon," he says.

"All right."

"Somebody will be by in a few hours," he says.

"All right."

He drives away. I step inside. It's bright, pleasant. Old carpets have loops tugged loose. Inexplicably, there is an electric clock with a soft-drink logo on it. Chapel A has a forgotten casket in it. My father waits in chapel B.

It's a dull little room with dull little drapes at the end. There are about eight rows of pews. A plywood lectern stands before the raised coffin. And there are all those flowers. Their colors are basically white and carmine beneath the fluorescent lights; the greens look like rubber.

I try sitting in a pew, looking at the coffin. It looks like a gigantic throat lozenge. I prowls the building. Periodically, the Indian men come downstairs. They apparently sleep up there, because their hair is in disarray and their eyes are red and puffy. "Do you want some coffee?" they ask.

"No, thank you."

"Coke? Water?"

"No, I'm fine."

They nod, go back up. Occasionally, one will pat my elbow.

I lift the curtains from the wall and look behind them. There is a door near the head of the coffin. I open it. I step into a small parking area behind the funeral

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home. A dark station wagon is crunching the gravel, backing up to a wooden chute that runs down at an angle from the second floor. One of the workers steps out. He and the driver exchange murmurs. They open the back and pull a figure out by its feet. A motor begins to whir. They wrestle the drooping corpse in its shroud into the chute. Apparently, there is a conveyor belt inside. The body rises and seems to float, going up to the sky, feet first. I step back inside and close the door.

I lift the lid on my father. I can count the tiny white whiskers growing in

the blackness of his chin and throat. Stains smaller than dimes dot the front of his shirt — stains he would never have allowed in life. Some relative wants him dressed in a jacket. One of the workers has told me they'll have to go at my father's arms with a mallet to get them loose enough to put the coat on him. Nobody else knows. He wants to make sure I understand. I do. "What does it matter now?" is what I said.

I go to my pew again.

I wait.

A woman who is notorious as a "bad girl" in our family comes in silently. It is nearly four a.m. She is with a florid American. Her hair is as huge as Tina Turner's, her eyes surrounded by a hedge of lashes. She seems startled to see me, caught.

"Come in," I say.

"I'm sorry," she says.

It turns out she didn't want to make any scandal, just to pay her respects privately.

The American hangs around at the back of the room. When I nod at him, he says, "Zit goin'?"

Inanely, I say, "Pretty good."

She sits with me. She

says, "He was always kind to me."

"He loved you," I say.

I am in love with her. I look at the tiniest of wrinkles beside her mouth, I smell her musky perfume and look at her dangerous nails and tight skirt and I think I will marry her on the spot.

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"I'm not what they think," she says.

She kisses me. Gets up to leave. Says, "Can I see him?"

I let her go up there alone. She opens the box, looks down at him. The muscles in her legs clench tight as fists. She speaks softly. She lowers the lid.

When she comes back, she is crying.

"Good-bye," she says.

I nod. The American says, "Take it easy." They walk out the door. I can smell her all over the room.

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My father was a big stud. At

5 foot 7, he seemed more like six feet tall. My mother chased him out of the house when I was about 12. He was probably the first Mexican to ever rub shoulders with the neighbors on our Clairemont street. They weren't that crazy about it. Neither was he.

One day the lady from across the street came over and told my mother that he was seeing a string of women while she was at work. The neighbors wanted to know, were they prostitutes or what? That was it for my mother. He left in disgrace, and they never spoke to each other again. When he came by the house to see me, she hid in her room, wanting him to think she was gone.

Every Friday night, we went to the Tu-Vu drive-in to watch movies and eat hot dogs.

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All these memories come at me, and I wait. I try to sleep — on the pew, on the floor. I can't. I wait all morning. Finally, around two or three in the afternoon, people start to show up at the funeral home. I've been waiting with my father for 12 hours. I'm eager to get it over with.

People shuffle in, avert their eyes. Half-hearted embraces happen all over the room, everybody avoiding the embarrassment of the coffin. My sisters go up and look. A Mexican Pentecostal evangelist takes the podium and begins to harangue us. It's a pattern I have begun to notice at funerals lately; the preacher

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takes countless cheap shots at the crowd, which is presumably softened up by the recent death and is busy hoping it won't be next. I feel uninterested. Lack of sleep and hunger have made the insides of my ears feel swollen. Pink cotton surrounds me.

We drag my father off to a dismal little hillside cemetery. He takes his last car ride nestled in pointless plushness; satin pillows cradle him inside the darkness of the box. The hearse is muted and stately. Cars stop and wait for us to drive by. Inside, people are watching the procession, saying, *There goes the dead guy*, through the glass.

His box descends. I back away then turn around. I watch clouds, heavy as trucks, driving across Tijuana.

* * *

When the death certificate comes, it says my father died of a stroke. The insurance company will not pay us a cent, since auto coverage is for car wrecks. They insist

on proof.

Hugo goes back to San Luis Río Colorado. He enters the police compound and finds my father's car. It's beat to hell — the tires are twisted, the roof collapsed. He shoots a roll of film, then

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comes home unscathed.

"Somebody killed Papa," he says. "I know it."

I look at the pictures.

"One side of the car's all bashed in," he says. "There's black and white paint in the door."

father, his mother has died. Hugo called me one morning and said, "You know Grandma? She's dead."

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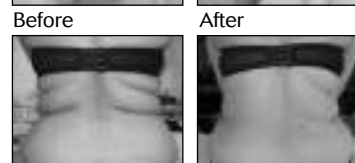
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of my father's death, she is living in a house without heat, without plumbing in the kitchen, with broken plumbing in the bathroom, and without a stove or oven. She cooks on a hot plate.

Hugo shuffles through his pictures. The car looks red as blood. It looks, at turns, vast and minuscule. I look at the crooked seats and see my own ghosts and memories, my own hundreds of miles sitting *right there*.

I can't get my eyes off the roof of the car. It's bent down, all glass gone. Hugo is right. There's black and white paint smashed into the passenger door.

We send the photographs to the insurance company, and we contact the American consulate for help in investigating the accident. The insurer returns the photos and refuses to pay us a settlement, suggesting the pictures could have been taken after my father died from his stroke. Besides, they tell us, there's no proof that it's even his car.

We are again denied the \$50,000 settlement.

The consul contacts me a few days later. After a full investigation into the death of my father, the facts seem to be that there can be no investigation of the death of my father. In the months subsequent to his death, the entire police force of San Luís Río Colorado apparently has retired. No officers can be found who were on active duty at the time of the accident, and since the ones who were on duty have retired and left San Luís to enjoy their leisure time, there is no one to talk to. The case is closed. Official cause of death: stroke.

In a final act of desperation, I write to the chief of police of the town. Hugo, when he hears about it, says, "Hey. You'd better not go to San Luís. Ever." He thinks it's kind of funny that I'd take on the meanest cops on the border.

"All I want," I tell him, "is an answer."
"Good luck."

But an answer comes. The chief calls me on the phone. In response to my inquiry, he says, he has only one thing to say. And I should remember this

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thing, I should take it to heart. "It is over, Sr. Urrea," he tells me. "It is better for all of us that you

forget it and move on with your life. It is better for all of us," he says, "if there was no accident. Am I

clear? There was no accident."

"Yes, sir," I say. "You are extremely, perfectly

clear."

"Good," he says. Then, "Good," again. He hangs up the

phone so quietly there isn't even a click.

* * *

Within a month of my final conversation with the police, I receive an envelope in the mail. It is from the head office of the chief of municipal police of San Luis Río Colorado, Sonora. The information is printed on the envelope with various official swirls of ink and a seal of some sort. I expect it's a letter, but it's not.

I find instead a bill on

flimsy paper. The bill is requesting the immediate payment of \$1200, in American currency. This sum will cover, in full, the damages my father caused to city property on the date of January 10. There is no mention of how these damages came about. When people ask me, I make a joke out of it. I tell them, *I don't know — maybe he fell out of bed really hard.* Nobody laughs but me. ■

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one financial disaster to another. As children of divorce, we did not understand. We made an attempt to "get to know Dad." Summers were spent shuttling back to Chicago. Looking back on it, knowing what I know now, we should have cut that relationship off and stayed in Florida. He had made his decision and was unworthy of either respect or love.

Mr. Corvus complains mightily of his fate. The greedy, perfidious lawyers. The scheming, unreasonable ex-wife. The petty humiliations. Oh, the anger and sorrow! My question to Mr. Corvus is this: was it worth it? By what right did you think you could destroy a home and not suffer extreme consequences? You will get no sympathy from me, Mr. Corvus. You put your lusts ahead of your children, who I can absolutely assure you will suffer throughout their lives for your actions. They will always wonder what might have been.

Mr. Corvus, you have

sinned. My advice to you is to spend every waking moment of the balance of your existence in penance for the benefit of your children. You have no other purpose in life. Maybe, just maybe, they will forgive you someday.

Paul B. Evans
via e-mail

The Podo Was Cool

In response to "T.G.I.F.," December 21: yes, I remember the Podo. We were a similar type band in that era. There was a band called the Bryds, who were our idols. They played "Bury My Body," and we would Podo. It was the precursor to the mosh pit. It was quite insane but very cool until the greasers showed up and started kicking people in the pit. This was in Waukegan, Illinois. The drummer of my band the Luv Generation, Jim Grisham, was kicked in the head. That apparently set off an existing tumor in his head three months later. We had to bury his body. Needless to say, those days were very bittersweet. The rumor is sad but true. R.I.P., Jimmy.

Bishop Johnson
via e-mail

Political Vandalism

Excellent story and clear writing by Stephen Dobyns ("Border Angels," Cover Story) on December 7. That weekend, my friend and I were hiking in the Carrizo Badlands area. In a dry creekbed, we came across a blue-barrel water station that had been tipped over and filled with large river stones. I knew enough about Border Angels and nature to know the situation was political vandalism and not a flash flood. Even though it's winter out here in Southern Cal, I remember thinking, "What kind of human would deny another the elixir of life?"

The Reader was in my truck, and I noticed the cover of illegal immigrants with water jugs in their hands, but I didn't read the article until a few days later back in the city. The next time I venture upon such a site, I will take the time to refurbish that blue-barrel water station and leave a gallon or two, especially toward the hotter time of year.

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How to Revive a California Bungalow

It galls me that all these house-and-garden shows called 'restoration something' are showing people who own an old building, and the very first thing they say is, 'Well, we had to gut it,'" says preservationist and author Jane Powell. "If you had to gut it, then that isn't restoration. Restoration is keeping what's there, repairing the parts that are damaged, and adding new parts that are made of the same thing or look the same for things that are just beyond repair. It doesn't have anything to do with gutting."

On Saturday, January 20, Powell will give a lecture regarding the preservation of bungalows, followed by a walking tour through Mission Hills. She was invited by Mission Hills Heritage as part of the community organization's celebration of its 99th anniversary.

In California, most bungalows were built between 1900 and 1930. The majority of those were built between 1908 and the mid-1920s, at which point they began to lose popularity to Spanish-revival styles.

"The good thing about bungalows and early-20th-century houses, in general, is they did have most of the stuff that we consider modern, like indoor plumbing and central heat," explains Powell, who has written six books (with photos by Linda Svendsen) about bungalow restoration. "It's not like you're trying to put a modern functioning kitchen in a house that was built in 1783. Especially in the bathrooms — [except for] low-flow toilets, we're pretty much using the same plumbing [technology]."

Powell has owned and restored 11 bungalows in the Oakland area. Two stand out in her mind. The first was a 1920s bungalow that was occupied by the same family that had purchased it in 1930. "The parents lived there until they died, and then the son lived there until he died, and I bought it on probate," Powell recalls. "The son was a life-long bachelor who was a detective for the railroad company, and he smoked. The whole thing was covered with a very thick layer of nicotine. It was filthy, but it also pretty much hadn't been touched."

The only change to the structure had been made in the '50s when the original owners covered the hexagonal tiles on the bathroom floor with turquoise linoleum. "It came off fairly easily, and I was able to restore the floor. The original hex was underneath," says Powell.

"The black mastic stuff, the adhesive, wasn't hard to get off of the tiles, but it was hard to get out of the grout. The kitchen, except for the addition of new appliances, had not really been touched. Mostly that one was about cleaning up the nicotine."

The other bungalow Powell remembers had belonged to a woman in her 90s who sold it to Powell prior to moving in with her son. The house had a small neighborhood grocery store built into the front and a basement for storing products and supplies. "She and her husband had been operating it from around 1952 [when they purchased the home] until 1978, when her husband died. They closed the store, but a lot of the store stuff was still in there. She was a pack rat."

When Powell first visited the home, it was so cluttered that she had to climb over piles of junk and refuse in order to get past the front door. Receipts dating back to the '50s were found.

But there was a positive side to the hoarding: "Even though they ripped stuff out of the house, they didn't throw it away."

The kitchen cabinets had been replaced with "ugly plywood things," but Powell found all of the original cupboards and drawers, along with their hardware, in the basement. By adding an extra bathroom and restoring the cabinets, floors, and countertops, Powell managed to make the bungalow look like an updated version of its debut in 1926.

Powell insists that new appliances should match the existing kitchen for a timeless appeal. "One of the phrases I hate is when a designer says, 'We wanted to mix the old with the contemporary.' It's, like, 'No, you really don't want to do that'...."

"Someday stainless steel will be viewed the same as avocado green is viewed now."

— Barbarella

Mission Hills Preservationist Lecture and Guided Walk with Jane Powell
Saturday, January 20
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BAJA

Solo Works for Flute promised when Wilfrido Terrazas performs world premieres by Hiram Navarrete, Isaac de la Concha, Roy Rosales, plus works by Giacinto Scelsi, Mario Lavista, John Cage, Heinz Holliger, Terrazas on Thursday, January 18, 8 p.m., at Teatro Benito Juárez (Guadalupe Victoria, between 2nd and 4th). Free. 011-52-646-947-6155. (ENSENADA)

The Comedy El Gran Zobako en San Miguel el Chico opens Thursday, January 18, 8 p.m., at Teatro del IMSS (Cárdenas Street and Boulevard Salinas). Comedy con-

tinues through January 28 at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 1 p.m. on Sundays. \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-631-0668. (TIJUANA)

"Made in Tijuana," these 12 short stories by Fernando Picasso Rosales discussed, Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Hypnotists Taurus do Brazil and John Milton return to Centro Cultural Tijuana for performances through January. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, at 6 and 9 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and at 5 and 8 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$10-\$13 U.S. Find center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

A Series of Exceptionally Low Tides occurs over a string of days this week: Tides of -1.6 feet occur at 3:10 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, and at 3:44 p.m. on Friday, January 19. There's a -1.5-foot tide at 4:19 p.m. on Saturday, January 20. The Thursday through Saturday period also features extreme high tides of around +6.4 feet during midmorning. Any strong ocean swells or a storm surge coinciding with these high tides could cause flooding of low-lying coastal areas.

San Diego County's Waterfalls should be at their very best during the next month or two depending on the amount of rainfall our region gets during the prime rainfall

OUT & ABOUT

SPIRIT OF THE GYPSIES

Hungarian State Folk Ensemble, Saturday, January 20, Poway Center for the Performing Arts.

(SEE DANCE)



season: January through March. Three of the most accessible waterfalls are Green Valley Falls at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park; the falls below the first palm grove in Borrego Palm Canyon (Anza-Borrego Desert State Park); and the falls at the midpoint of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve — a three-mile walk from either its east or west entrance. Hikers and climbers can explore many other waterfalls (some with heights up to 100 feet) in remote areas of the county.

Tree Aloes, the familiar succulent plants with red-hot-poker-like flower clusters, are at their showy best this month. Large clumps of aloes can be seen at La Jolla Cove, Mission San Diego de Alcalá, and scattered along the embankments overlooking Highway 163 in Balboa Park.

A Thin-Grinned Crescent Moon returns to easy visibility in the evening sky on Saturday, January 20, hovering prominently over the last gleam of twilight in the southwest. The bright and steadily shining "star" below the moon is the planet Venus, which has recently returned to the evening sky after a stint as a "morning star" during most of 2006.

Look for Wintering Species — cedar waxwing, Townsend's warblers, canvasback, ring-necked duck, other duck species, wintering warblers — with Audubon Society birdwatchers in Kit Carson Park, Saturday, January 20, 8 a.m. Meet at El Arroyo picnic area; find Kit Carson Park at 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. Easy hiking. 619-692-3246. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Stanley Peak or Bust! Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads strenuous six-mile, four-hour hike up peak with its 360-degree view in Daley Ranch, Saturday, January 20. Adventure begins at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Free. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

"Forbidden Reefs: The Imperial Seaway," Paul Remeika leads strenuous Anza-Borrego Institute adventure, Saturday, January 20, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., starting in Bow Willow campground. Participants study late Miocene Epoch of northern Imperial Seaway through natural-heritage sites containing unique geologic formations. Four-wheel-drive vehicles required. \$55. Registration: 760-767-4063. (ANZABORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Celebrate San Diego River Restoration (phase one) with Lakeside's River Park Conser-

vancy, Saturday, January 20. Tours of newly restored river, channel widening, constructed wetland, emergent wetland ponds run 9 a.m.-noon at Winter Gardens Boulevard and Industry Road. Tours last approximately 50 minutes. Information booths, guided trail tours. Wear good walking shoes. 619-443-4770. (LAKESIDE)

Help Reopen Sunset Trail at San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, January 20, 9 a.m.-noon. Volunteers will dig out steps, create erosion-control berms to direct water away from trail. Potentially strenuous physical labor with shovels. Water, snacks provided. Sanctuary found at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. RSVP: 619-682-7200. (LAKESIDE)

Walk Down to Hell Creek and then make a 1500-foot climb to ridge in Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve on Saturday, January 20. Nine-mile docent-led hike usually takes between five and six hours. Bring hat, good hiking shoes, water, snacks; hiking sticks recommended as trail is steep in places. Free adventure starts at 9 a.m. at staging area (13924 Santee Lane). 760-749-5320. (VALLEY CENTER)

Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, January 20, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 858-278-3280. For those 16 and older with a parent. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

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Friends of Rose Creek beckon volunteers for variety of work in native plant garden, Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m.–noon, behind Rose Creek Cottage (2525 Garnet Avenue). Weed, water, plant native species. Bring work or gardening gloves, water. 858-405-7503. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m., starting at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Trek to Maidenhair Falls with Canyoneers adventurers, Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Six-mile round trip on mostly flat terrain; climb becomes steep nearing falls. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Help Rescue Wildlife in Peril with Wildlife Assist. Next orientation is Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO)

See Rare Vernal Pools and wildflowers when Diana Gordon leads walk, Sunday, January 21. Meet at 9 a.m. at Carmel Mountain trailhead (at Fairpoint Way and Shorepointe Way) with hiking boots, water. 858-484-3219. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Hawkwatch, visit Ramona's grasslands to witness winter migration of hawks, falcons, and eagles during outings led by Wildlife Research Institute every Saturday through February, 9 a.m.–noon. Walks led by trained biologist. Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. Outings begin at Wildlife Research Institute headquarters, 18030 Highland Valley Road (near Rangeland). Free. 760-789-3992. Heavy rain cancels. (RAMONA)

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)

Bellydance Showcase with Adelaide, Dilek, Jasmina, Titanya performing to live music by John Bilezikjian, Thursday, January 18, 8 p.m., Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"Intimate Cabaret Dances," Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater plans concerts January 18–21 at San Diego Museum of Art. Program includes *Mexican Waltzes* and *HerItAge*, a "hilarious and sobering take on aging." Dancing begins at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Information: 619-225-1803. (BALBOA PARK)

Viennese Waltz and Schottisch highlight beginner-friendly dancing

on Friday, January 19, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Open dancing follows lesson at 7:30 p.m. All ages. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Greek-Asia Minor Dance Workshop planned by Balkan dance choreographer, ethnologist Madelyn Taylor, Friday, January 19, 8 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). \$6 general.

Taylor returns to present Greek and Macedonian dance workshop, Saturday, January 20. Workshop: 5:30–7:30 p.m.; dance party with requests at 7:30 p.m. Fees: \$7 workshop, \$6 dance party, \$11 for both. 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

"Intimate Evenings With San Diego Ballet" planned Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20, 8 p.m., at Westminster Theater (3598 Talbot Street). Audiences gain "look into the creative process and the backstage workings of a ballet company"; audience discussion with dancers.

Works on program include *pas de deux* from *Swan Lake*, piece set to Mozart, ballet set to jazz score by Rampa choreographed by Javier Velasco, excerpts from two ballets to be premiered next season, more. Tickets: \$30 general, \$28 seniors and military, \$15 students and children. 619-294-7311. (POINT LOMA)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, third Saturday of each month, including January 206, at Cheek2Cheek (909 Grand Avenue, suite 3). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7. 760-525-5124. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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Spirit of the Gypsies, Hungarian State Folk Ensemble takes stage Saturday, January 20, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Troupe includes 30 dancers, 19 Gypsy folk musicians. Tickets: \$36, \$38. 760-738-4751. (POWAY)

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 Ellen and Terri on January 21. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

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

FILM

Open Screening Night at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street) is Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m. See *Specfic 2.0*, Adriene Jenik's "live, site-specific multi-media event...exploring the intersection of digital media, books, and reading." Free. 619-230-1938 x104. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Quatermass and the Pit" (a.k.a. Five Million Years to Earth) screens for Mars Movie Night, Friday, January 19, 7 p.m., in studio 106 of Art Union Building (2323 Broadway). Admission is free; required reservations: 619-723-3456. (GOLDEN HILL)

Fallbrook Film Factory hosts inaugural event, a fundraising screening of *White Rainbow*, Saturday, January 20. Written by Dharan Mandrayar, produced by Linda Mandrayar, film tells story of four diverse women overcoming stigma, oppression of widowhood in modern India.

Screening begins at 7 p.m. at Mission Theatre (231 Main Street), followed by reception at

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

The linear, V-shaped gash of Hauser Canyon slices across one of the really remote, southern parts of San Diego County. Many years ago, travelers could descend into the canyon by car on a dirt road and reach a Cleveland National Forest campground. Nowadays, the canyon is visited only by hikers and probably more often by undocumented migrants trying to slip north undetected (but often with Border Patrol agents on their heels). You may feel safer on this particular trek if you're part of a larger group of hikers.

The pleasant stroll down oak- and sycamore-lined Hauser and Cottonwood creeks will be your reward for putting up with a long, somewhat uneventful approach and return on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). You start at the entrance to Lake Morena County Park, just west of the little village of Lake Morena, where the PCT crosses pavement on its way from the Laguna Mountains down toward the border near Campo. Note that this is not a trip for mountain bikers, since mechanical devices are prohibited on the PCT.



Oak gallery, Hauser Canyon

The PCT rises on the chaparral-smothered slope south of Lake Morena, offering a wide vista of the broad, shallow lake. Stay on the trail as best you can, taking care to follow the path marked by PCT posts and avoiding side paths. After many wide turns, various wiggles, and mostly gradual ups and downs, the trail makes a decided pitch downward, losing some 900 feet of elevation as it zigzags down Hauser Canyon's steep north slope.

At 4.3 miles from the start, the trail intersects the old Hauser Canyon dirt road. Leave the PCT at this point and follow that old road west, down-canyon. At 5.8 miles, the waters of Cottonwood Creek tumble in from the north. The flow depends largely upon water releases at Morena Dam, about two miles upstream. A small waterfall and pool, sculpted into the bedrock, are just above the confluence.

Below the confluence, the hiking gets seriously difficult as you pick your way through a tangle of riparian vegetation and possibly deal with an increased stream flow. You'll pass the oak-shaded site of the long-defunct Hauser Creek Campground at 6.3 miles. Nearby are the remains of a concrete dam. Finally,

at 6.7 miles, you'll arrive at the Marine Memorial — a monument dedicated to the nine Marine Corps firefighters who perished at this spot during a 1943 wildfire. If you've been able to survive the trek thus far, then expect the effort to be somewhat greater on the return, as you retrace your steps in the mostly uphill direction.

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

HAUSER CANYON

Remote Hauser Canyon, between Lake Morena and Campo, attracts dedicated hikers.

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Difficulty: Strenuous



the Art Campus (310 East Alvarado Street). Tickets: \$25 for film and reception with producer and director; film only for \$10 in advance, \$12.50 at door. 760-723-2256 x3 or 760-753-1873. (FALLBROOK)

How About an "Existential Investigation of a scorched psyche"? Hamid Rahmanian's 2005 film *Daybreak* screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Monday, January 22, 6:30 p.m. A convicted Iranian murderer languishes in prison while awaiting his execution in this "meditation on the weight of regret and the nature of

punishment." Free. 619-236-5800. In Farsi with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Around the World in Film, see *The Da Vinci Code* when ongoing Carlsbad Library film series continues on Wednesday, January 24, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Events begin at 5:30 p.m. with "behind-the-scenes features." Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

La-Di-Dah! Enjoy Woody Allen and Diane Keaton in (the now-30-year-old) *Annie Hall* when it screens for winter film series, Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art

San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Roving Mars* and *Deep Sea*. "Fridays at the Fleet" promises *Africa: The Serengeti* (6 p.m.) and *The Human Body* (7 p.m.) on January 19. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

sultant, Brigitte Noel, Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Lecture aims to help "strengthen your relationship with all living creatures and will cover how intuitive communications with animals take place, when it works (and doesn't) and why." \$10. 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

"History of the Heights," a historical overview of University Heights — which used to have an ostrich farm, a silk mill, trolley barn, and what became SDSU — presented by California State Parks supervising historian and planner Jim Newland for University

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Heights Historical Society, Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m., in auditorium at Biney School (4345 Campus Avenue). Free. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Playing With Words, author, creativity coach, humorist Jill Badonsky leads writing workshop, Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Prompts, triggers, dark chocolate on offer. All levels. \$13. 760-434-3436. (DEL MAR)

Learn from Experts, Romance Writers of America meet at 9:30 a.m. for "Ask an Author" time with Mary Leo and Chris Green on Saturday, January 20, and agent Barbara Collins-Rosenberg focuses on "Contracts" (10 a.m.). "Edit Your Way to a Sale" is topic when editor Deborah Gunn, authors Chris Green and Leanne Shawler present afternoon program (1 p.m.). \$30. Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North. 619-444-1688. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Architecture and Gardens of Ancient Japan" illuminated when (historian) Clare and (architect) Loch Crane present slide-illustrated lecture for Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, January 20. Talk starts at 9:30 a.m. at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). Donation: \$5. 619-224-8584. (DOWNTOWN)

Koi Club members share technical concerns and characteristics of various species of koi, Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in museum admission. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Practice Proper Pruning on trees and shrubs in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West) during workshop, Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Xeriscape Doesn't Mean Zeroscape! Connie Beck presents "Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget," Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$13. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Basic Knife Skills divulged by chef Carissa Seward, Saturday, January 20, noon, at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). No recipes demonstrated; bring sharp chef's knife to class. \$25. Reservations: 866-388-2665. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Mars Exploration Rovers — Year 3" presented by Mar Society San Diego, Saturday, January 20, noon, at Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library (9005 Aero Drive). San Diego Mars Rover will be there. Free. 619-723-3456. (KEARNY MESA)

"A Mystery Presentation of the Art World" on tap when Clairemont Art Guild meets on Saturday, January 20, 12:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

"San Diego Streetcars" chronicled during Pacific Beach Historical Society slide presentation, Saturday, January 20, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Spice of Life," chef Elizabeth Podsiadlo shares "one of her most requested meals," salad, and

dessert during cooking class, Saturday, January 20, 1 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$35 for nonmembers. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

What's the IRC? Get the skinny on the International Rescue Committee when local development manager Sharon Darrough talks about organization's history and projects for San Diego Independent Scholars, Saturday, January 20, 1:30 p.m., in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. Free. 760-431-6822. (LA JOLLA)

Nobel Prize-Winner Dr. Roger Guillemin examines "Research in Neuroendocrinology" for Alliance Française on Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m., at San Diego French American School (6550 Soledad Mountain Road). His 1977 Nobel Prize was for discoveries that laid foundation for brain hormone research. \$10 general. 858-824-6694. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry-Writing Workshop offered by author/illustrator Seretta Martin for Magee Park Poets, Sunday, January 21, 10 a.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Required reservations: 760-602-2012. (CARLSBAD)

"The Endless U.S.-Iraq War," Humanist Association of San Diego presents activist, author Jeff Archer discussing his book *The Mother of All Battles* and U.S. media coverage of Iraq war, Sunday, January 21, 1 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (4065 Vermont Street). Free. 760-445-8112. (HILLCREST)

"Floral Design with David Root" — hands-on floral workshop focusing on design process using unusual plant materials and containers, Sundays, January 21 and March 4, 2 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$55 for nonmembers. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

"UFO Forum: An Interactive Review" presented by MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) speakers, Sunday, January 21, 6 p.m., in banquet room at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Topics addressed by speakers and audience include "A Chronological History of Important UFO Events," "Major UFO Sightings Worldwide," "UFO Crash Retrievals," "Nuclear UFO Connections." Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990 to 2005" presented by Carol McCusker, Museum of Photographic Arts photography curator, Monday, January 22, for North County chapter of San Diego Museum of Art. Talk starts at 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334

14th Street). Free for first-time guests. 619-232-7931. (DEL MAR)

"Collections Care: Textiles," Museum of Man collections manager Sandra Ramirez examines proper care of textiles for 12 O'-Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, January 22. Learn about proper handling and housing, locating a professional conservator. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Peace Activist Medea Benjamin, co-founder of Code Pink and founding director of Global Exchange, speaks about Guantanamo and other global issues, Monday, January 22, 6 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. RSVP: 858-642-6770. (LA JOLLA)

Learn About Mussorgsky's Opera *Boris Godunov* when USD music instructor Ron Shaheen presents multimedia lecture on Monday, January 22, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Donation: \$2.25. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

"Overcoming Obstacles That Interfere with Finding Your Ancestors" presented by psychologist, genealogy instructor Anne Miller for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, January 23, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). She'll examine problem-solving styles, assumptions, beliefs with negative effects upon research. Free. 760-753-4492. (CARLSBAD)

Get Outside, ten-week wilderness basics course with lectures and four weekend field trips offered by Sierra Club beginning Tuesday, January 23, 7 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Subjects include wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass, more. \$110. 858-467-5074. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Excavations at the Koehn Lake Site, Western Mojave Desert, California" is subject when Mark Q. Sutton speaks for San Diego County Archaeological Society on Tuesday, January 23. The Koehn Lake site can be seen as a part of complex, dynamic settlement, and subsistence pattern in western Mojave related to environmental and sociopolitical change; Sutton will discuss excavations and models derived from the work. Free talk starts at 7:30 p.m. at Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe (12122 Canyonside Park Drive). 858-538-0935. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"Robert Burns Day: Events and Literature That Restored Na-

tional Pride and Identity" is topic when Jackie Webster addresses Scottish Interest Group of British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, January 24, 10:30 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-465-7326. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Future of Nuclear Energy" examined by Scott Peterson for Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Wednesday, January 24, at Qualcomm Auditorium (6455 Lusk Blvd). Among the many issues covered: Is nuclear power the answer to both global warming and oil independence for the U.S.? Reception 6 p.m., presentation at 7 p.m. \$5 general. RSVP: 619-295-0836. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Common Embarrassing and Difficult Questions asked by

foreigners of Americans discussed by English teacher/author Diane Asitimbay on Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. Book-signing of Asitimbay's *What's Up, America?* follows. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)


"The Art and Architecture of the Great Iranian Empires" examined when Jenny Rose speaks for Asian Arts Council on Thursday, January 25, 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Rose, associate professor and lecturer in Zoroastrian studies at Claremont Graduate University's School of Religion, plans an illustrated lecture on ancient crucible of civilization. \$10 nonmembers. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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Brew at Home, Ballast Point brewer Colby Chandler leads beginning brewing class, Thursday, January 25, 6 p.m., at Home Brew Mart/Ballast Point Brewing Company (5401 Linda Vista Road). \$10. Reservations: 619-295-2337. (LINDA VISTA)

"Marvelous Mushrooms," how do mushrooms reproduce? What is their role in natural world? Learn many "fun mushroom facts" during class on Thursday, January 25, 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 27, 8:30 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$32. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Turn Holiday Snapshots Into Works of Art after photographer Matt Bamberg visits Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North) on Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m. Seminar on art photographs (bring digital camera) planned by Bamberg, author of *Digital Art Photography for Dummies*. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Whistle-Blower Daniel Ellsberg visits Peace and Democracy Action Group at First Unitarian Universalist Church to present "Truth-Telling in a Time of War: A Call to Civic Courage," Saturday, January 27, 7:30 p.m. Requested donation: \$10. Find church at 4190 Front Street. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

"Word by Word," 12th annual Writer's Symposium by the Sea at Point Loma Nazarene University convenes February 21-23. "A Conversation with Anne Lamott" — author of *Bird by Bird*, *Traveling Mercies*, *Operating Instructions* — starts at 2 p.m.

on Wednesday, February 21, in Crill Performance Hall (\$15). Wesleyan scholars John Tyson, Tom Albin, Patrick Eby plan dinner and discussion of "Charles Wesley's Contribution to Our Spiritual Life," Thursday, February 22, 4-7 p.m., in Cunningham A/B (\$10).

New York Metropolitan Opera bass-baritone Brad Garvin presents "A Concert of Wesley's Hymns" on February 22, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall (\$15). Spend "An Afternoon with Eugene Peterson," author of *The Message Bible* and *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, Friday, February 23, 2 p.m., in Crill (\$15).

Find Point Loma Nazarene University at 3900 Lomaland Drive. 619-849-2997. (POINT LOMA)

IN PERSON

Meow Mingle, learn latest in cat care, meet author Cathy Conheim and her feline Henry on Thursday, January 18, 5 p.m., at Muttropolis (7755 Girard Avenue). Conheim will sign copies of her book *Henry's World*. Free. 858-459-WOOF. (LA JOLLA)

Author Anthony Swofford signs and discusses *Exit A* at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North), Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Folk Singer-Songwriter Eliza Gilkyson appears for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Thursday, January 18 (\$18, \$22). Folkie Tom Rush plans concert on Saturday, January 20 (\$25, \$35). Fingerstyle guitarist Muriel Anderson performs Thursday, January 25; Chapman stick performer Tom Griesgraber opens (\$15, \$20). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist

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

"Smokey Joe's Cafe" is next production for actors of San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, January 19-21 (and January 26-28). Tickets: \$7. Find campus at 2425 Dusk Drive. Showtimes: 619-475-8556. (PARADISE HILLS)

Tony Award-Winning Broadway Performer Brian Stokes Mitchell joins Marvin Hamlisch and San Diego Symphony for Winter Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20-\$65. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

The 22nd Season of "Plays by Young Writers" presented by Playwrights Project and Old Globe runs January 19-21. Scripts were selected from 234 submissions by teenagers nationwide. Full productions presented of *Elevated*, *The Courier*, *Stage Directions*, and *The Aftermath of Cassidy*; three additional scripts will receive

readings.

Project convenes on Cassius Carter Centre Stage at Old Globe Theatres. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 for students, seniors, military. Times, reservations: 619-239-8222. (BALBOA PARK)

"X-Reference," book-release party for *Encyclopedia Volume 1* presented by T.M.I., Friday, January 19, 8 p.m., at the Rubber Rose (3812 Ray Street). Book features writers Ricardo Bracho, Jonathan Cenicerio, Miranda Mellis, Eileen Myles, Christian Nagler, Kate Schats, Anna Joy Springer, and Noah Wardrip-Fruin. \$3-\$5 sliding scale. 619-296-7673. (NORTH PARK)

Bartender and Columnist Edwin Decker celebrates release of *Barzilla and Other Psalms* with reading and signing on Saturday, January 20, 1 p.m., at Ducky Waddles Emporium (414 North Coast Highway 101). Pruitt Igoe performs as well. 619-261-5664. (LEUCADIA)

Mega-Swimmer Lynne Cox talks about experience of swimming with baby gray whale separated from its mother and her book *Grayson*, Saturday, January 20, 1 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps. Cox's swimming accomplishments include swimming across Catalina and English Channels, Bering Strait, 12 major waterways in U.S. Booksigning follows. Included in regular admission. 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

The Kobzar Ukrainian Choir performs traditional Ukrainian carols on Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m., at St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Catholic Church (4400 Palm Avenue). \$10. 951-236-4085. (LA MESA)

Technomania Circus Time! Circus and blacklight show, Saturday, January 20, 8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). On tap this month: Dr. Techno, Murrugun, Ron Lindley, Xep on aerials, Ian Gunn, Bridget Rountree, Tamsin, Emperor of Con-cane, Justine, Grammatique, Delia and Zeeke, Madame Mandible, Al-lorah, musical direction by Jim Call and Scones. \$15. 619-231-1950. Jacket, gloves, warm clothing recommended. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

West Coast Funnies, *Tonight Show* veteran Jack Mayberry performs Saturday, January 20, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Also on the bill: Charlie Moreno, Pearl Street Players. \$18 at door. 760-960-0105. (CARLSBAD)

"You Suck," novelist Christopher Moore discusses his new vampire novel, Sunday, January 21, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"A British Midwinter," Pacific Women's Chorus choral concert, Sunday, January 21, 3 p.m., in

Founders Hall at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Diego (1036 Solana Drive). Program includes "Folk Songs of the Four Seasons" by Vaughan Williams. Donation: \$10. 760-634-9809. (SOLANA BEACH)

Open-Mike Poetry Reading, Monday, January 22, 8 p.m., at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

San Diego Poetry Slam returns — boasting "national slam team qualifications" — Monday, January 22, 8:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation. 619-239-3872. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Big World Little World: Poems of Memory and Relationship" presented by Boston performance poet Elizabeth McKim, San Diego poets Diane Gage, Megan Webster on Tuesday, January 23, noon, at Expressive Arts Institute, NTC Promenade/Liberty Station (2820 Roosevelt Street, studio 204). Donations accepted. 619-239-1713. (POINT LOMA)

Local Author Amy Wallen reads from and signs *Moonpies and Movie Stars*, Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Tangos of Piazzolla, jazz by D'Rivera, and classical treasures of Latin America on offer at "Cruzando Fronteras/Border Crossings." Concert performed by Marian Liebowitz (clarinet) and Richard Thompson (piano) at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road), Wednesday, January 24, 7 p.m. Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Israeli Author and Activist Amos Oz discusses his 2003 memoir *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, Wednesday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield

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"Brooklyn Boy" — Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Donald Margulies's most recent play is presented in "concert-style preview," Thursday, January 25, 7:30 p.m., at Temple Adat Shalom (15905 Pomerado Road). \$25. Reservations: 858-451-1200. (POWAY)

The Cherryholmes bluegrass band performs for Fallbrook Americana Music Series, Thursday, January 25, 7:30 p.m., at Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (at Fallbrook Union High School, 2234 South Stage Coach Lane). Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 17 and younger. 760-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

"Laugh Out Loud," a stand-up comedy night benefiting Hopscotch Network, Thursday, January 25, 7:30 p.m., at Comedy Store (916 Pearl Street). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 858-454-9176. (LA JOLLA)

Guitarones, Jaranas, Baja Sextos! Enjoy "An Acoustic Evening with Los Lobos" on Thursday, February 8, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Expect classic Los Lobos tunes, material from new CD *The Town and the City*, traditional folkloric songs from Latin America. Tickets for this ArtPower concert are \$32, \$36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Board and Brew the Long Way, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 50-mile ride, Saturday, January 20, 8:45 a.m., at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch. 619-243-8617. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Lake Murray Beginning Kayaking hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, January 20, 9 a.m. View wide range of resident and migrating birds. Open to those six and older. Fee: \$65 for adults, \$20 kids 6-12 in double kayak with parent. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (LA MESA)

Riding the Ranch, explore Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe, and Encinitas with Knickerbikers bicyclists, Saturday, January 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. To reach start of 25-mile route, take I-5 to Via de la Valle, head east 0.3 miles to San Andreas Drive. Bring money for Hawaiian

at Cathedral High School (5555 Del Mar Heights Road). \$5. 619-696-5123. (SAN DIEGO)

"Double Exposure: The Many Lives of Figure Skaters," Olympic figure skaters including Jamie Salé, David Pelletier, Ekaterina Gordeeva, Michael Weiss, Alexei Yagudin, Todd Elredge, Yuka Sato, many others take the ice at ipayOne Center on Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$110. 619-224-4171. (SPORTS ARENA)

2007 USA Steinlager USA Sevens International Rugby Tournament promises competition between teams from 16 nations playing 44 matches, February 10 and 11, at Petco Park. Rugby Sevens games played on traditional-size field with only seven players per team. Matches begin at 10 a.m., with final matches beginning at 1 p.m. Tickets: \$35 general per day. 619-682-3407. (EAST VILLAGE)

SPECIAL

The Smallest Show on Earth! A "Paper Theatre Festival" by staff of Arts Libraries at UCSD is underway. In the Victorian era, families purchased theater posters, cut and paste together scale-model replicas; scripts were included, so families could mount their own productions. An exhibit of paper theaters, materials outlining history of the art form, paper optical toys continues through January in exhibit cases of UCSD's Geisel Library (lower level, west wing). Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Help Paint the San Diego River Mural being created by artist Julia CR Gray, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

daily from January 18-31 at Linda Vista/Morena trolley stop parking lot (adjacent to Friars Road). Beginners and experienced artists welcome to join sketching, painting. Free. 619-297-7380. (LINDA VISTA)

Get to Know San Diego Historical Society Staffers with "lunch bunch," Thursday, January 18, noon, at Museum of San Diego History. Society associate director and education director Rebecca Lawrence will share thoughts on museum's present and future educational programs. Bring your own lunch. Included in regular museum admission (\$5). 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

What Is the Cost of Spreading Democracy around the world, and why does the U.S. feel the need to spread it? Present your ideas at Other Side Coffee House (4096

30th Street) for discussion on Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

All Hands on Deck! Take taste of 18th-Century shipboard life when topsail schooner *Privateer Lynx* and *Hawaiian Chieftain* visit Oceanside Harbor January 19-28. Ships fire cannon salutes from main battery upon arrival on Friday, January 19, 3 p.m., with (free) dockside tours offered 4 p.m.

Dockside tours offered 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21, with battle sail reenactments at 2 p.m. both days. Tours offered 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28; battles offered those days between *Lynx* and *Spirit of Dana Point*, 1-4 p.m.

Tours are \$8 general for both ships, free for kids 12 and under.

Battle sails are \$55 general, \$30 for kids. Reservations: 866-446-5969. (OCEANSIDE)

Annual Scionwood Exchange hosted by California Rare Fruit Growers is Friday, January 19, 7 p.m., in room T-402 at Mira-Costa College (One Barnard Drive). Bring nonpatented scionwood, cuttings, seeds of dormant fruiting trees and plants to share (a cutting is a scion if it is to be grafted onto another tree). Free. 760-877-2062. (OCEANSIDE)

Healthy Heart Expo, Saturday, January 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds, with health-care professionals on hand to answer questions, health-care screenings, educational/motivational lectures, exhibits. Admission free; \$9 for parking. 619-791-5528. (DEL MAR)

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Reading

Leonard Woolf: A Biography



By Victoria Glendinning
Free Press, 2006, 512 pages, \$30

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: Although Leonard Woolf (1880–1969) was a seminal figure in the Bloomsbury set, he is known today primarily as the devoted caregiver of his wife, Virginia. That his life and career encompassed significant contributions to the literary, political, and cultural events of his times will be evident to readers of this exemplary biography, the first to do justice to a complex man empowered by his intellect and the friends

he made at Cambridge but professionally hobbled by British anti-Semitism and his decision to put aside his aspirations in deference to his wife's crushing needs and his belief in her genius.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Victoria Glendinning is the award-winning author of *Trollope and Vita: The Life of Vita Sackville-West*, which both won the Whitbread biography award, as well as *Elizabeth Bowen*, *Edith Sitwell*, *Rebecca West*, and *Jonathan Swift*. She has also written three novels: *Flight*, *The Grown-Ups*, and *Electricity*. She was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1989 and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. She lives in Somerset, England.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

On the day I phoned Ms. Glendinning, she had spent an afternoon clearing away the dead stalks

around the perennials in her garden. Leonard Woolf, an avid gardener, might have spent just such a drizzly day in the same way.

"How did you decide to pursue a biography of Leonard Woolf?"

"I'd already done Vita Sackville-West, Edith Sitwell, and Rebecca West, all of whom knew the Woolfs. I had read all of Virginia Woolf's letters and diaries and so on, and I just began to feel, 'What about Leonard, then?'"

"There was a very necessary new wave of feminism in the 1970s, without which none of us would be quite where we are today. But a by-product of that time was a kind of knee-jerk downgrading of all men, especially if they were husbands. It

seemed to me that a lot of wonderful women had had their due and there were some wonderful men, for God's sake!

"I knew nothing about him, really, except that it was always 'Virginia and Leonard' or 'Leonard and Virginia.' Some people thought he was a saint and some people thought that he was not only the oppressor of genius, but maybe the conniver in the death of genius — especially North American feminists.

"Luckily he had a huge personal archive in Sussex University here. He kept nearly everything, but everybody culls their own archives, and I found that there is almost nothing there about the really bad things that had happened in his own fam-

ily. I had to find out about those somewhere else — from his old nieces, for example — things like the fact that two of his brothers committed suicide, a sister-in-law committed suicide, a sister made an attempt. These were all after his wife's death. It somehow puts Virginia's suicide in perspective."

"What explains the almost vitriolic attitude those North American feminists had toward Leonard?"

"I don't know. I just don't know.

"A lot of the people who revere Virginia Woolf airbrush a lot of Virginia Woolf out. They project onto Virginia what they want in a wonderful, artistic, sensitive, unfortunate woman. They

"There is almost nothing there about the bad things that happened in his family. I had to find out about those somewhere else."

Life Drawing and Painting Open Studio offered every Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Bring drawing and painting supplies to work with model; a few short poses followed by one or two long poses. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Tell Me a Story" Tour led by artist Gavin Hipkins on Saturday, January 20, 11 a.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. Images featured in exhibit address issues of narrative. Included in museum admission. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Mission Hills Celebrates 99th Anniversary with events on Saturday, January 20, at Francis Parker Elementary School (4201 Randolph Street). "Preserving Bungalows — Green Homes for the 21st Century" presented by "bungalow expert," preservationist, designer, author Jane Powell at 12:30 p.m. She'll provide insights into appreciating, preserving older homes. \$20.

"Good Housekeeping" is theme for 90-minute walking tour starting at 2:15 p.m. During tour, learn about historic paint colors, "sensitive additions and remodels," more. \$15. Attend both events for \$30. Reservations: 619-497-1193. (MISSION HILLS)

Journey Back in Time when Maritime Museum of San Diego hosts cannon battles between privateer *Lady Washington* (a.k.a. HMS *Interceptor* in *Pirates of the Caribbean*) and the revenue cutter *Californian* on Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21,

1–4 p.m., in San Diego Bay. Tickets for sailing: \$55 for adults, \$30 for children 12 and younger. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x101. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Five "Ledge" Artists have contemporary pieces gathered in "re-Vision," on view through Friday, February 23, at Solana Beach Library (157 Stevens Avenue). Reception for artists: Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m. Free. 858-755-1404. (SOLANA BEACH)

Plato's "Theaetetus" is subject when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

"Birthday Bash" celebrating ten-year anniversary for Coronado School of the Arts slated Saturday, January 20, 6:30–10 p.m. Performances by CoSA students, tours of facility, cake. Free; reserve tickets by calling 619-522-8969. (CORONADO)

"Expressions" Israeli Exhibit and sale opens at 11 a.m. on Sunday, January 21, and continues through Sunday, January 28, at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Large, diverse collection of Israeli art includes sculptures, fibers, paintings, glasswork, Judaic items, crafts, jewelry, more from over 125 artists and artisans.

An evening of Israeli food and music and official opening of the exhibit is Monday, January 22, 6 p.m. (\$10 per person, \$18 per

couple). Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate the Opening of Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, with community free day, Sunday, January 21, noon–6 p.m. Admission is free, all are welcome as museum opens doors of its new downtown galleries to public for first time. Live music by Monarch School Steel Drum Band, McAllister Jazz Trio, interactive art activities. Find museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

"Book/Art: Celebrating Books of Bay Park Press," selected works by Sibyl Rubottom and Jim Machacek are on view through Thursday, February 22, in Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Rubottom and Machacek lead docent tour of exhibit, Tuesday, January 23, 6 p.m. Free. Reservations: 858-362-1154. (LA JOLLA)

Exercise Your Humor and creativity with "variety of active and interactive exercises...to give your funnybone a workout" led by Jacquie Lowell, Wednesday, January 24, 7:35 p.m., at Radiance Studio (1618 West Lewis Street). \$20. 858-581-0050. (MISSION HILLS)

Fruit Tree Propagation techniques discussed as part of annual scion exchange hosted by California Rare Fruit Growers on Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Members,

guests bring dormant cuttings of fruit trees to exchange, for distribution. A cutting is a scion if it is to be grafted onto another tree. Bring dormant cuttings of fruit trees, to trade and share. Free. 619-226-6469. (BALBOA PARK)

"God Save Us from Religious Fundamentalists!" Discuss your reaction at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street) on Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

"The Writer's Muse: L. Frank Baum and the Hotel del Coronado" commemorates one of the Hotel Del's most celebrated guests. Baum wintered at Del beginning in 1904 and penned several of his Oz books during his stays. Exhibit with "rarely viewed items" on loan from Baum's family continues through Wednesday, February 28, in donor corridor of San Diego State University's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Free. 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

"Urban Trees 3," public art exhibit of 30 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorne Street) continues through April. Free. 619-686-6200. (DOWNTOWN)

Witness the Gray Whale migration during outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions daily through April 1. Scripps naturalists and assistants are on hand during cruises to search for whales, on their way to lagoons in Baja California to calve. Fee: \$27 weekends, \$30

weekends for adults, \$15 for those 4–12. Registration: 619-234-4111.

FOR KIDS

Meet "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" when Big Joe Productions takes stage at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, January 21. Next up: *Rumpelstiltskin* by Weaver's Tales, January 24–28. 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)

"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" is current production for actors and crew of San Diego Junior Theatre, continuing through January 21 in Casa del Prado Theater. Four curious kids enter a magic wardrobe and find Narnia, where adventures abound, animals talk, and a wise lion named Aslan reigns over all. Directed by Katie Rodda, based on *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis. For those eight and older. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday; 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Performance on January 20 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$8–\$13. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Keebler Kids' Marathon Mile slated for Saturday, January 20, 8 a.m., at Legoland. Participants — grouped by age — start outside Legoland and make a loop inside

park, finishing outside. Race-day fee: \$20. 760-692-2900. (CARLSBAD)

"GrossOlympics," head to Fleet Science Center for day of "messy, stinky, and squishy" games open to kids aged 6–14 on Saturday, January 20, 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Expect contests to see who reigns supreme with the smelliest sneakers, loudest burp, longest spitting distance, relays, more. Included in regular museum admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Whale of a Time," scan horizon for gray whale migration, touch whale baleen, "transform your hand into a whale flipper to see what life is like in cold water" during family program on Saturday, January 20, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). Included in regular museum admission. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Explore Chemistry when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, January 20, noon–3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Round-Robin Chess tournaments planned through June for those from kindergarten through 12th grade at La Colonia Community Center (715 Valley Avenue). Series one is Saturday, January 27, 2:30 p.m. Points awarded at each tournament, with overall winners determined after June 23 competition. Preregistration is \$27 per tournament, or \$140 for all six

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forget her racism, her anti-Semitism, her complete lack of understanding of the non-intellectual non-upper classes. The working woman was not of great interest to her.

"It seems to me she has been sanctified as a beautiful object, which has sort of taken off like a rosy cloud from the actual Virginia who is completely fascinating and wonderful and a genius and beautiful and clever, but not really altogether a suitable subject for an icon."

I speculate to Ms. Glendinning that I've always thought that many of those persons who have turned Virginia Woolf into an icon would have been summarily dismissed by her had they ever met.

"That's what I think. She published a series of essays under the title, *The Common Reader*, but I don't think she ever envisaged quite so many common readers, or quite such common common readers. She wouldn't

have had the time of day for some of her common readers."

"Leonard Woolf and Lytton Strachey seem an unlikely pair of friends, given their different temperaments. What do you think drew them to one another?"

"Lytton Strachey was homosexually inclined, always, and became floridly so at Cambridge as a student. Leonard was enthralled to Lytton. He was very funny and very clever. In one or two letters Lytton deplores the fact that Leonard doesn't follow his proclivities. I think for Lytton, Leonard was, if you like, his straight man — his point of reference. They were very good for each other.

"They were best friends, but once Leonard married Virginia, it was Virginia and Lytton that became the close friends. They were much more like each other. They were gossipy and malicious and illusive. They both went in for a particular kind of witty mal-

ice that wasn't really Leonard's kind of thing at all."

"The relationship between Leonard and Vita Sackville-West seems, understandably, a bit strained at times."

"Vita? Well, in one way, it was all aboveboard and understood that Vita and Virginia had this special relationship. Because of Virginia's mental vulnerability, both husbands monitored it. I think, if anything, Leonard was irritated at having to spend so much time with the Nicolsons. But I don't think he ever quite knew the slightly ribald and randy idiom of the intimacy of Vita and Virginia. It's quite extraordinary, really. I don't know if he knew that Vita and Virginia had a physical love affair. And I think when he read all of Virginia's letters to Vita and Vita's letters to Virginia after she had died, it must have been slightly more than he had reckoned with."

"When Lady Ottoline Morrell had those lovely weekends

at Garsington, did Leonard accompany Virginia?"

"Hardly ever. It wasn't really the sort of thing that he liked. He was austere in some ways. He didn't like high society. I think it was partly the outsider feeling. He would never have admitted that being a Jew made any difference, but it did."

"He'd been bullied at school, and he made what he called his carapace around him — a sort of protective shell, so that nothing mattered. He didn't even admit to himself that it made any difference that he was a Jew, but actually it did."

"The anti-Semitism voiced by many of the Bloomsbury group is quite jarring from today's perspective. Was their view representative of the general feeling at the time?"

"I think they were less inhibited about saying it. They prided themselves on saying everything — talking about sex and semen and whatever they wanted

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to talk about. That was part of their rebellion against Victorian stuffiness. So, they talked about Jews as well.

"In the general middle- and upper-middle classes, and even in the working class in England before the war, there was a kind of unthinking, casual, but unattractive way of talking about Jewish people. It's rather like in Ireland; people from Dublin make jokes about peo-

ple from County Kerry. Or people in England making jokes about the Welsh. It wasn't thought about as lethal, it was a sort of casual snobbishness about the outsider."

"I was interested that every time some new atrocity would occur during the second war, Leonard would break out in another round of eczema."

"It is very strange how Vir-

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tournaments; space-available day-of-tournament fee is \$30. 760-721-4400. (SOLANA BEACH)

"A Disneyland Adventure"

hits ipayOne Center for performances January 31–February 4. This Disney on Ice production hosted by Mickey and Minnie Mouse considers what happens when the Incredibles take a family vacation at Disneyland.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; at 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and at 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. (in Spanish), and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15.50–\$51.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

MUSEUMS

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. (LAKE SIDE)

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)

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)

Coronado Museum of History and Art, "Marilyn Monroe at 80: Some Still Like It Hot!" continues through Wednesday, February 28. Exhibit includes 64 photographs, some of which have never been shown for general public, as well as images shot by George Barris in weeks leading up to Monroe's death, such as last photograph ever taken of her entitled *The Warm Up*.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. 619-435-7242. (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 Ma-

rine 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)

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)

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

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the

museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

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

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

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ginia had florid ways of expressing her anguish, and he had private physical ways of expressing his. The trembling hand was inherited, so it wasn't entirely stress and anguish, but it always got worse when he was nervous. The eczema was a real scourge

to him — terrible bleeding and itching, and that always got worse — either after Virginia's illness or when he heard about what was happening in Nazi Germany in the 1930s. It was his way of expressing distress because he couldn't allow himself any other way."

"Why, given the fact that the Woolfs published Freud and that several of the Stracheys worked with him, did no one think of having Virginia analyzed?"

"Well, I think two things. Even now, I don't think that people that have quite violent psychotic episodes, as Virginia often did, are quite suitable for analysis. It's more for neurotics than for psychotics. Also, because so many people they knew had jumped into this wonderful new thing, and they knew them very well, with all their tiresomeness and eccentricities, and even inadequacies, they just knew them too well. They wouldn't have sent a dog to any of them. It's as if your

strange uncle was an expert in something; he's the last person you'd go to.

"Virginia, of course, never read Freud at all until 1939, a couple of years before her death. Leonard always had a very sound appreciation of Freud. He wrote an early review of *The Psychopathology of Everyday Life*, in which he said, 'He's more a poet than a practitioner.' Many people would say that now, of course."

"It is so tragic to read that Leonard said, later in life, that he had made no impact on the world. To what extent is that accurate?"

"He worked nonstop for the prevention of war and for anti-imperialism. The number of committees, the number of pressure groups, and the number of hours he put in! I think that what he felt, at the end of his life, was that people were still as barbaric. After the empire was broken down or was cancelled, the countries broke down into civil war or

into increased barbarism.

"I think what he was really saying is that human nature doesn't change. We are somehow unredeemable and we don't learn from history. Human nature doesn't get any better, and man's treatment of man doesn't get any better."

I confess to Ms. Glendinning that I find it a curious paradox that he maintained, throughout his entire life, that 'nothing mattered,' and yet he still worked so hard for social reform.

"I think it's very touching that when a much younger woman who was his great friend and support in his last years challenged him about that thing — nothing matters — he just turned to her and said, 'Everything matters.' In a way they mean the same thing.

"What accounts for the fact that people are still fascinated by Bloomsbury?"

"I think a lot of it is due to their accessibility. This particu-

“Everybody kept those letters.”

lar group of people wrote letters all of the time. They were very articulate indeed. Everybody kept those letters. They sort of thought it was for posterity. The one time, in fact, that Leonard destroyed one of Lytton's letters because it disgusted him so much, Lytton was really, really angry.

"They spent a lot of their old age collecting-up, finding, and suppressing all of these bunches of yellowing old letters. They were self-conscious about their own posterity. And then, of course, there were Virginia's letters and diaries, which were the core of the whole thing, which she had kept and which Leonard sold to dealers in America.

"Then there became the American market, which was fed

by more and more stuff, which the dealers went over and bought. I say they were rather like migrating birds returning to their feeding grounds every year. In fact, at one point the market was almost glutted, and they had to hang onto some of the stuff.

"Then, of course, there's the industry of academia. There are all these research students and MA students who have to have something to 'work on,' and there was all of this wonderful stuff to work on. It fed a great flood of books and articles, which, in turn, added to the archive, so that the whole thing grows exponentially. Now, all that is there for another generation to work on. But, if Leonard had destroyed all of Virginia's letters, it wouldn't have happened." — *Jerry Miller*

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 ex-

hibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

"P-51 *Mustang*" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St.

Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

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

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, "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. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

Winning images from Olympus BioScapes Photo Competition are on view through Monday, March 5. Olympus hosts competition to honor finest life-science still images and movies as captured through light microscopes.

"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 *An Inconvenient Truth* (through January) and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (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. (OLD TOWN)

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CLASSICAL

Grammy Award-Winning Chamber Ensemble Kronos Quartet plans ArtPower concert on Friday, January 19, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Program includes pieces by Thirlwell, Mansell, Charke, Branca, Narayan, and Santiago. Tickets: \$32, \$36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Mezzo-Soprano Martha Jane Weaver joins civic organist Carol

Williams for concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, January 21, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Italian Motets and Madrigals performed by costumed Early Music Ensemble of San Diego, Sunday, January 21, 2 p.m., for Old Masters of Music and Art series at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Garbed in Period Costume and using reproductions of medieval instruments, the Goliards perform authentic medieval music for Pleasure of Your Company concert series, Sunday, January 21, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Expect to hear wide variety of 13th- and 14th-Century music, from dances and drinking songs to devotional and art melodies. Donation. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

The Annarocelle Quintet plays Dvořák's "Piano Quintet in A Major" and "Piano Quintet in G Minor" by Shostakovich for winter/spring concert series at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Sunday, January 21, 2:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Tudor-Period Anthems and original contemporary choral selections by local composer Stephen Sturk promised when the a cappella ensemble Cappella Gloriana performs Sunday, January 21, 4 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Offering. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

Renowned Pianist Lang Lang performs for La Jolla Music Society's Celebrity Series, Sunday, January 21, 7 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall

(750 B Street). Program includes Mozart's "Piano Sonata No. 13," "Fantasie for Piano" by Schumann, and Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody," along with traditional Chinese works from Lang's CD *Dragon Songs*. Concert pianist Bryan Verhoye presents preconcert talk, 6 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

"Music of Black Americans" played by pianist Cecil Lytle, Rob Thorsen (bass), Brett Sanders (drums) in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., Sunday, January 21, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Graduate Bass Recital by Han Han Cho includes compositions by Tabakov, Proto, Ramsier, Monday, January 22, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Recital Hall. Free. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Music Merit Competition Winners perform for mini-concert at noon on Monday, January 22, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! Free. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Tango Project: Bertram Turetzky and Friends" plan concert on Monday, January 22, 6:30 p.m., at College-Rolando Library (6600 Montezuma Road). More than 300 compositions have been written for, performed by, recorded by Turetzky, who is also member of Second Avenue Klezmer Band. Free. 619-533-3902. (COLLEGE AREA)

Chamber Concert Series begins with concert by guitarists Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda, Monday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., at Chula Vista Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. (CHULA VISTA)

Baritone Allan Monk plans concert on Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$15 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

New Works by Kerry Hagan, Shlomo Dubnov, Peter Schuback, Igor Korneitchouk, and Lukas Schulze premiered by violinists János Négyses and Päivikki Nykter on Tuesday, January 23, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall, UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Piano and Flute Music by Beethoven and Mouquet performed by Cho-Hyun Park and Sunah Park-Jong from South Korea "by way of the Eastman School of Music and the University of Texas" for Concert Hour series, Thursday, January 25, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Who's the Reigning King of the Violin? Classical violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman in concert, Thursday, January 25, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$60-\$75. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

Electroacoustic Contrabass Meets Laptop! Electroacoustic contrabassist Mark Dresser and percussionist/ laptop performer Raz Mesinaï collaborate in performance, Thursday, January 25, 8 p.m., in Calit2 Black Box Theatre, Atkinson Hall, UCSD. Mesinaï's score for short film *The Projectionist* won the Clive Davis "Excellence in Music in Film" award. \$8 general. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

New Paintings by Stephanie Weber and Curtis Ripley open with reception on Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m., at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Closes Sunday, February 25. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Where We've Been," exhibition of photographs by Jim Cline, Peter Gorwin, and Nancy Keating opens with reception on Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m., at Ordovery Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Cline exhibits dramatic series created during Day of the Dead celebrations; Gorwin shows "an eclectic mix of new work," and Keating displays "imagery that fo-

cuses on the beauty of natural light in relation to the European landscape and historic structures." 858-720-1121. Closes Sunday, February 11. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Soulworks IV" by Jackie Myers on display, along with juried and awarded artwork from "Outstanding Visual Artists" of region through Sunday, February 11, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Juror was Bob Matheny. Reception for artists is Friday, January 19, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"High Contrast" — David Zapf Gallery boasts exhibit of contemporary ceramic vessels incised and glazed in black and white by San Diego artist Christina Corbin, along with Los Angeles artist Artemio Rodriguez's large-scale woodblock prints. Exhibition commences with reception for artists on Friday, January 19, 6 p.m. Find gallery at 2400 Kettner Boulevard, 619-232-5004. Through Saturday, February 17. (LITTLE ITALY)

Word Paintings Rendered on Velvet in sharp neon-colored lettering may be seen when "Mel Bochner: Velvet Paintings" opens with reception for artist on Friday, January 19, 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Fay Lane). Bochner — an artist associated with conceptual and post-minimal art movements — has worked with a variety of media including painting, photography, drawing. 858-454-3409. Closes Saturday, February 10. (LA JOLLA)

"Seeing Through Light," exhibition opens with reception for artists on Saturday, January 20, noon, at Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard). Through Sunday, March 11. 760-795-6120. (CARLSBAD)

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"Horror Vacui," recent drawings by James Renner are on display through Saturday, February 17, at Art Around Books, Brighton Press's new gallery space, at 5433-A Linda Vista Road. Reception for artist is Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m. 619-542-1179. (LINDA VISTA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "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."

Exhibitions close on Sunday, January 28. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, "Eva Zeisel — Extraordinary Designer Craftsman at 100," draws on two large private California collections to chronicle the artist's 75-year career. By Zeisel's accounting, she's designed more than 100,000 objects for home and table. She was the first designer in this country to produce an all-white dinner service and first to teach ceramics as industrial design for mass production rather than as handcraft. Closes Sunday, June 10.

"Grass and Gold — Nomads of Kazakhstan" focuses on important archaeological discoveries, including those in 1998-1999 at frozen burial site of Berel. Exhibit includes gold, silver, and bronze artifacts fashioned into small animal forms along with their stories of recovery, overview of the history and culture of Kazakhstan, and mythology of the Steppes. The art objects are being shown in the U.S. for the first time. Through Sunday, April 15.

The first university furniture design class in California was offered in 1948 by SDSU professor John Dirks, whose "elegant architectural sculptures combine various woods and acrylic." The retrospective "John Dirks, Sculptor" continues through Sunday, February 11.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,

museum opens its "expanded campus" with festivities on January 21. "Modern American Masters," in Jacobs Building, runs Sunday, January 21, through Wednesday, February 14. Exhibit features major modernist paintings by Frank Stella, Andy Warhol, Barnett Newman, Clyfford Still, and Hans Hoffmann.

Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto creates his largest and most intricate installation to date, on view Sunday, January 21, through Sunday, May 27. Finnish video artist Eija-Liisa Ahtila presents *The Hour of Prayer*, a short tale about attachment and death based on the artist's own life. The material is split into four parts, story has been edited to unfold on four screens. Through Sunday, May 27.

Richard Wright, an artist from Glasgow, Scotland, created two site-specific works in Strauss Gallery of the Jacobs Building during his August and September 2006 residency at MCASD. They're on view through Sunday, September 23.

"Cerca Series: Amy Adler" and "Cerca Series: Glenn Kaino" continue through Sunday, February 4. Adler creates art fusing processes and outcomes of photography and drawing; she's exhibiting 12 large-format pastel drawings on canvas "based on a series of photographs Adler took of a young filmmaker directing Adler as the protagonist in her film." Kaino will create installations dealing with issues of individual versus group identity and aesthetic style as a form of social commentary.

See key sculptural works from

permanent collection gathered in "Material Actions." All of the selected pieces "give the sentient body in action a central position in their artistic discourse." Closes Sunday, January 28.

Find the museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "TRANSactions: Contemporary Latin American and Latino Art" — closing on Sunday, May 13 — features approximately 50 works by 48 artists from museum's permanent collection. Showcased pieces demonstrate "diversity and hybridity of contemporary Latin American art," with artists working across media and between disciplines.

Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Argentinean artist Santiago Cucullu. His art juxtaposes images of progressive, historical figures and events with his personal experiences. This piece engages the architecture and oceanfront site of museum.

"Brian Ulrich: Copia" features 14 large-scale photographs documenting shopping habits of Americans. Photographs were taken in "big-box" retail stores such as Target, Wal-Mart using medium-format film camera with waist-level viewfinder; covert vantage point allowed artist to capture "massive scale and halogen clarity of the hyper-real spaces." Closes Sunday, May 13.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, images by contemporary artists addressing issues of narrative showcased in "Tell Me a Story: Narrative Photography Now," opening Saturday, January 20, and continuing through Sunday, May 13. Exhibition of work by Tracey Moffat, Gavin Hipkins, Pipo Nguyen-Duy, Polixeni Papapetroutou, Nikki S. Lee, Jem Southam, and others was curated by Merry Foresta, director of Smithsonian Photography Initiative.

"Rebels and Revelers: Experimental Decades 1970s-1980s, Gifts from the Joyce and Ted Strauss Collection," showcases images by Thomas Barrow, Barbara Kasten, John Pfahl, Jo Ann Callis, Arthur Taussig, Ivan Pinkava, Barbara DeGenevieve, Leland Rice, and Ruth Thorne-Thompson, others. Exhibition highlights photography's move beyond traditional black-and-white documentary school of artists like Ansel Adams to more expressive, personalized imagery. Closes Sunday, May 6.

"Woman: A Celebration," also running January 13-May 6, includes photographs of women by celebrated photographers such as Henri Cartier-Bresson, Ruth Orkin, August Sander, Mary Ellen Mark, Hiroshi Himaya, others.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Quilt Visions 2006" offers 43 works of art from 725 entries sub-

mitted by 318 artists from 20 countries. Jurors Jane Dunnwold, Patricia Malarcher, Lloyd Herman selected pieces offering "surprises in design and nontraditional materials." Closes Sunday, January 21. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Mel Bochner: Drawing from Four Decades" tracks continuity of the New York-based conceptual artist's various experimentations through four decades of artistic practice. Closes Sunday, March 18.

Jasper Johns' "Green Angel: The Making of a Print," also closing March 18, was donated by the artist. Along with the *Green Angel* etching, Johns donated "a complete set of 17 proofs" demonstrating creative process surrounding the work.

"Backs," on exhibit through Sunday, February 18, focuses on backs of five paintings where important information such as age and ownership is revealed. Works are drawn from museum's European collection. Labels, inscriptions, and markings divulge details of painting's history of attribution, exhibition, ownership, sale.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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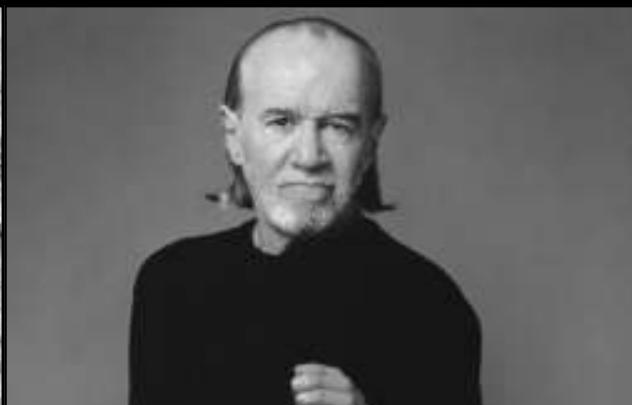
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Red Light One of the most popular videos on YouTube last week was Fall Out Boy bassist Pete Wentz versus a security guard at a concert in

"My [guards] at the front are constantly looking for people with the continuous red light. I heard there is one cell phone now that can shoot 45 minutes of video."

He says artists will likely mandate in contract riders that no video recorders be allowed in venues.

"An artist loses out on

The Water-Sound Mix

The Bayside venue on the Embarcadero increased from hosting 8 pop-music shows in 2005 to 23 shows in 2006.

Last year, Viejas Entertainment brought major-name artists such as the Black Eyed Peas, Radiohead, and Angels & Airwaves to the stage behind the convention center.

Last week, the San Diego Port District, which controls the site, responded to noise complaints from Coronado residents; this year, Bayside is allowed no more than 11 pop concerts. Fines will be levied for excessive noise violations. Viejas Entertainment president Steve Redfearn says he will bring quieter artists to Bayside.

"We were prepared for the news," says Redfearn, meaning that in 2007 the ipayOne Center will host many Viejas Entertainment headliners, including Justin Timberlake, Tool, Christina Aguilera, the Killers, and John Mayer.

"I think that situation was mismanaged," says one promoter about the Bayside decibel levels. "All they had to do was splay the speakers so they pointed down. Instead, they were pointed out into the ozone. I think they could fix the problem so the people in Coronado wouldn't be bothered."

Redfearn disagrees: "It is way more complicated than that. Water and sound have trouble mixing."

One insider says that because the Bayside venue is now less viable as a concert venue, Redfearn may try to



NO BAYSIDE FOR CHRISTINA

talk the Viejas tribe into building an outdoor amphitheater on Viejas-owned property. Redfearn says there is such a possibility and adds that a new Viejas-owned venue would not be as big as the 50,000-capacity Coors but be similar in size to Bayside, which holds 5000 with seats or 10,000 open seating. Such a venue would not necessarily be on property currently owned by Viejas.

— Ken Leighton

Pieces of Me "I was driving on my own to a gig in Colorado when my tour van skidded on some black ice," says singer/songwriter Astra Kelly. "When the wheels hit the dirt, the van started rolling over, and I heard the horrible sound of crushing metal, then all went silent." Her van was resting upside down on train tracks. "I could smell gas and, in fear of explosion, quickly unhooked my seatbelt, fell to the ground, opened the door, and scrambled out.

"Scattered along the side

of the road were pieces of me...my posters, flyers, CDs, PA speakers, clothes and blankets, and other little trinkets were everywhere." A driver who'd witnessed the accident helped Kelly gather things and contact police via cell phone, though they were told cops were busy and wouldn't arrive for another hour.

"Just before 12 [midnight], we saw the tiny light of a train coming down the tracks. We had tried to call the train company to warn them with no luck, and another call to the police was fruitless. We waited as the train approached. I held my breath for what seemed like forever.... The explosion of glass and metal was amazing, shattering in every direction and what seemed like hundreds of feet into the air before falling back to the earth like snowflakes sparkling in the light of the moon. The engineer hit the brakes, but the train dragged the van under the front for the entire mile that it took it to stop." Police arrived, and no traffic citations were issued.

Kelly says her life reached a "major turning point" that night.

"The inexplicable events that catapult us into states of awe and grace, these are the snapshots we carry in our minds as we tackle the challenges of life. For me, the crash was so far the single

most important event in my own evolution. It was intensely swift and quick, like a warrior's sword, just the way I like it."

Beginning this month, Astra Kelly hosts *The Homegrown Radio Hour* on KPRI 102.1, Saturday nights from 9 to 10 p.m. She



KELLY FINDS POETRY IN VAN/TRAIN CRASH

performs January 22 at Dublin Square.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Cozy Pelosi "I don't know what's going on, but 'Neo-Conservative Blues' suddenly jumped to number 88 on Neil Young's Living with War website," says Mark DeCerber. A week earlier, the song — cowritten with comic book and videogame artist Thomas Carroll — was at number 1110 on Young's archive of contemporary protest songs. "Maybe a lot of Web searches are being done on the new female speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, whose name is in the song," he says.

Sample lyric: "We've lost the House and the Senate, and then there's Nancy Pelosi/ She ain't my kind of gal, don't think we'll be gettin' very cozy."

Worth noting is that the DeCerber/Carroll song is

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the inside track

Albuquerque. The video showed that Wentz had been helping fans get onstage during their final song when a fight broke out. A local promoter says videos shot with cell phones will force the ban of such phones at concerts.

"There are some venues in L.A. that already [confiscate video-capable cell phones]," says the promoter. "We've reached that point [in San Diego]. It will start down here this year. Because of YouTube, kids deliberately start problems just so they can capture the footage to post it on the Web.... Everything will be forbidden except those disposable cameras."

The promoter says video documentation of a fight could legally impact a venue if a lawsuit arises from such a conflict.

income every time there is bootlegged material out there. Plus, video footage can



WENTZ: CAUGHT ON PHONE

be doctored to try to prove something illegal was going on."

He says a ban on digital cameras would mean more security guards and long waits in and out of a venue.

— Ken Leighton

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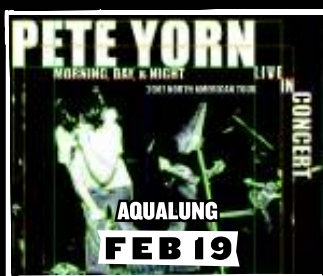
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ranked ahead of songs by David Crosby and Graham Nash ("Live On" at number 90) and by Eric Clapton/J.J. Cale ("When the War Is Over" at number 91).

— Jay Allen Sanford

Pro Bono San Diego U2 front man Bono recently disavowed the band's current greatest hits compilation, *U218 Singles*, as "a joke, really, because we've never been much of a singles band." However, the set has been a boon for local video archivists Reelin' in the Years Productions. The U2 album's current single, "Window in the Skies," uses vintage footage of music legends synched to the song. Reelin' in the Years provided 34 clips for the project and served as consultants with the video's producers.

Located in El Cajon, Reelin' in the Years is considered the largest music-video archive. They've provided clips for numerous DVD compilations, including sets by the Jam, Led Zeppelin, and Elvis Costello. The company's footage can be seen in the film *Vanilla Sky* and at the annual Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame ceremonies; this is the first time they have worked on a current chart contender.

"Our mouths just dropped when we saw the final footage," says Reelin' in

the Years president David Peck. "The last thing to affect me like this during a screening was Johnny Cash's incredible video for 'Hurt,' but this isn't sad like that was."

Though they didn't work directly with U2, the company provided more than 24 hours of potential footage for the video, including material from Zappa, Beck, and Black Sabbath.

"Initially, we were asked to contribute in the research phase of the production," Peck remarks. "But that soon turned into major involvement.... We had to obtain permission from every artist, or their estates, that was included. That's over 100 in less than a month. Some artists didn't want to do it, but most were thrilled to be a part of it...."

This is the fourth track released by U2 with a San Diego connection. In 1994, a live version of "Until the End of the World" (recorded during a 1992 stop at then-Jack Murphy Stadium)



VINTAGE BONO

was released on the *Alternative NRG* compilation. The band also worked at Signature Sound Studios in 1997, taping vocals for the single "Last Night on Earth" and mixing a duet with Sinéad O'Connor, "I'm Not Your Baby."

— Bart Mendoza

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Rooting for Eddie

Carlsbad-based Van Halen tribute band OU812 concentrates on the Sammy Hagar years.

"Plenty of bands do David Lee Roth, but we don't think anyone wants to see us in Spandex," says bassist John Osmon. OU812 dresses and coifs like their counterparts and uses a Michael Anthony custom flame bass, Hagar's signature Cabo Wabo Yamaha, and a \$2600 replica of Eddie Van Halen's striped "Frankenstein" model.

"Personally, I think Eddie [Van Halen] is an asshole," says Osmon, who refers to *The Sacred Sin*, an X-rated film that includes two Van Halen songs. "Leave it to Eddie to dabble in the porn industry and then take his 15-year-old son under his wing and out on tour...classy guy. I'm sure [his son's] Mom is absolutely thrilled about that. Don't get me

wrong, I've been a Van Halen fan for a long time, and I really am rooting for him, but I'm also rooting for him to stop screwing over the good



OU812: DIGS SAMMY, DIGS ON EDDIE

people in his life."

OU812 appears at the Santee Second Wind on Thursday, January 25.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Back in Business Last week, a song by the reunited Sassy MoFoS was ranked number 3 (of around 6100) on the alt-punk chart at www.soundclick.com.

"It's called 'You Smell Like Something I Wouldn't Want to Touch (But I'm Touching You Anyway),' " says singer Slikker Dee. "Our guitarist Slappy Tee used to be married to an aspiring documentary director who

was working undercover at a chicken-processing plant. She came home one night and passed out and, according to Slappy, the stench was horrendous.

"Not only had she spent the afternoon with slaughtered chickens and their entrails, but she'd had too much to drink and had hurled on herself. Slappy says she still looked amazingly hot, though, sprawled across the coffee table with her hairnet slightly askew. He'd been drinking, too, and doesn't remember much after that, so some of the song is a dramatization of what he thinks went on the rest of the night. He swears that, to this day, the smell of chicken bouillon gives him an erection."

Inspired to form in 1991 after a Mojo Nixon concert, the Sassy MoFoS made one Mojo-esque album before disbanding. Dee — whose



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day job is selling solar panels — explains how the band reunited.

"I got a call from Slappy Tee, and he asked how I'd feel singing, 'I might take it in the pooter from a man they call Scooter, but I won't be Dick Cheney's bitch.' Well, after I picked myself up off the



SLAPPY AND SLIKK, TOGETHER AGAIN

floor, I said, 'I think the Sassy MoFoS are officially back in business.' "

The band's *Sassy Is the Night* album will be released this month.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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One of a Kind

"I snapped her tu-tu and was whacked in the head by a security guard."

When San Diego lounge scenestress Erika Davies isn't belting out jazz standards by the likes of Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald or doing her version of Sinatra or Nat King Cole tunes, she's busy playing the role of seamstress for Spicy Toast, her clothing company.

"Handmade, one of a kind," she explains. "A little one-woman show run out of my home.... I'm responsible for the cutting, sewing, and designing of all my garments. I have been sewing for over six years and work with a Serger sewing machine, plus a conventional stitch machine."

"It's quite boring to sew the same thing over and over," she adds. "I do make variations of a design. I currently sell [my work] each Thursday on eBay."

EARLIEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

"Watching my mother's water break all over the kitchen linoleum. I almost watched my best friend enter the earth."

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"Those little unexpected surprises. I remember like it was yesterday — I stepped out to sing a little ditty, 'My Old Man's a Sailor,' and I was all sweaty. I glanced down in the middle of singing and realized I had a giant sailor shirt on, doubling as a dress, and it wasn't mine. I could see straight to

the floor. That frightened me the most, seeing straight through my dress to the floor. I was ten."

WORST GIG?

"Out of the few, so far: waiting behind stage, witnessing P.O.D., and then stepping out onstage to accompany the glorious Mr. [Gregory] Page in songs reminiscent of 'happier times.' Those P.O.D. fans loved what they were hearing so very much. They threw presents our way — toilet paper rolls, empty beer bottles, etc. It was nice."

BRUSH WITH THE FAMOUS?

"Courtney Love. Twice. Once, at Disneyland, where I got her autograph on a piece of ice cream box. Second, couple years later, onstage — I snapped her tu-tu and was whacked in the head by a security guard."

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3. "My new favorite CD, the one I'll discover before it's time for the world to end."

4. Desmond Dekker, *Desmond Dekker*. "Take me back to Africa" says it all, I think."

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Reverend Horton Heat, Junior Brown, and th' Legendary Shack Shakers: 'Canes, Thursday, January 18, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

SATURDAY

Tom Rush: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, January 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Sean Costello: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, January 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

The Kottonmouth Kings: House of Blues, Wednesday, January 24, and Thursday, January 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

WEDNESDAY

UPCOMING CONCERTS

JANUARY

Dionne Warwick: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, January 25, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

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.

Slayer: Soma, Friday, January 26, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Brian Wilson: 4th & B, Friday, January 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Joe Louis Walker: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Friday, January 26, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

Pennywise: House of Blues, Saturday, January 27, and Sunday, January 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Everclear: House of Blues, Monday, January 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

G Love & Special Sauce: House of Blues, Tuesday, January 30, and Wednesday, January 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

FEBRUARY

Air Supply: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 1, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

The English Beat: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Jack's Mannequin: Soma, Friday, February 2, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Jaguareos: House of Blues, Friday, February 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Julietta Venegas: House of Blues, Tuesday, February 6, and Wednesday, February 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Livingston Taylor: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, February 8, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Maná: ipayOne Center, Friday, February 9, and Saturday, February 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Bob Weir: House of Blues, Friday, February 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Venice: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, February 9, and Saturday, February 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Roots: House of Blues, Monday, February 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Pepper: House of Blues, Wednesday, February 14, and Thursday, February 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Todd Snider: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine: House of Blues, Friday, February 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Bob Schneider: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Steel Pulse: 4th & B, Friday, February 16, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Dave Alvin: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, February 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

"Valentines Love Jam": ipayOne Center, Saturday, February 17, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

"San Diego Brazil Carnival": 4th & B, Saturday, February 17, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Cradle of Filth: House of Blues, Sunday, February 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Neko Case: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Pete Yorn: House of Blues, Monday, February 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

"Tribute to the Reggae Legends": ipayOne Center, Monday, February 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Gomez and Ben Kweller: House of Blues, Tuesday, February 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Robert Earl Keen: 4th & B, Tuesday, February 20, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

"Taste of Chaos" with the Used, 30 Seconds to Mars, Senses Fail, and more: ipayOne Center, Wednesday, February 21, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Joe Walsh: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Cheap Trick: 4th & B, Thursday, February 22, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Michael Franti & Spearhead: 4th & B, Friday, February 23, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Guttermouth: 'Canes, Saturday, February 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

John McEuen: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, February 24, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Ian Tyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Tuesday, February 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

"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

The Who: ipayOne Center, Thursday, March 1, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Christina Aguilera: ipayOne Center, Friday, March 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Snow Patrol: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, March 3, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Samite: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, March 3, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Dropkick Murphys: House of Blues, Monday, March 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ozomatli: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Willy Porter: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, March 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Richard Thompson: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, March 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

My Chemical Romance: ipayOne Center, Tuesday, March 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Eric Clapton and Robert Cray: ipayOne Center, Thursday, March 15, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Dave Stamey: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, March 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Byron Berline: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, March 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Badly Drawn Boy: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Rod Stewart: Cox Arena, Saturday, March 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Boney James: Spreckels Theatre, Wednesday, March 28, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Jeremy Camp: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Cowboy Mouth: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Switchfoot: Soma, Saturday, March 31, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

APRIL

Josh Groban: ipayOne Center, Friday, April 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Brand New: Soma, Friday, April 6, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Relient K: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Moenia: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Gwen Stefani: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

David Wilcox: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, April 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

MAY

Richard Marx: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, May 4, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Fairport Convention: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Be Good Tanyas: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Chayanne: ipayOne Center, Saturday, May 26, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

JUNE

Hot Tuna: House of Blues, Monday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.



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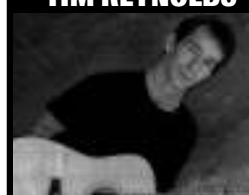
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Brass Rail: Fridays, *Element*, New York and Chicago house-music journeys with DJ Ciel. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

The C Lounge: Sundays, *Liquid*, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass with residents Calculon, Knottyboy, Frizz, and more. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Club Montage: Wednesdays, *Club Thizz*, hip-hop, reggae, and drum 'n' bass. 2028 Hancock Street, San Diego. 619-294-9590.

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.

Gaslamp Tavern: Thursdays, DJs Billie Knight, Tek, and guests spin true hip-hop. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Billie Knight spins Tavern music. Sundays, DJ Tek spins '80s. 868 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-3339.

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 Walkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Jack's Lounge: Fridays, *Injoy Fridays* at Jack's, deep funky house music with DJ Misha and guests. Saturdays, vocal

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Kadan: Wednesdays, *Darkwave Garden*, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Stern, and Grimmerella. First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: First Saturday 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, *Lowdown*, everything from metal to old skool to classic rock to hip-hop with DJs Buddha and SC. 9:30 p.m. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Landlord Jim's: Sundays, *Sunday Soulcial*, DJ Buddha serves up old soul, R&B, and positive hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 1546 Broadway, downtown. 619-233-9998.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays and Fridays, *Mambo Lounge*, salsa, bachata, and cha-cha with Da Wizzrd. 8 p.m. to midnight. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 hits. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

San Diego Sports Club: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore*, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Barry Weaver, Edgartronic, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Shooterz: Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Saturdays, DJs Marc Thrasher and Famous Dave mix music videos. Sundays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. Mondays, *Manic Mondays*, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

The Whistle Stop: First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation*, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I keep waiting for rockabilly to finally grind itself into the ground and go away, but it lives on, if only by grafting onto other genres. One of the better of the hybrid rockabilly bands comes from deep in the heart of corporate country. But **Legendary Shack Shakers** owe little to Nashville; if anything, they are the antithesis of everything that country music stands for. And while the Shack Shakers may have been a purist rockabilly band at one time, today they embrace many sounds: metal, blues, hillbilly, punk, and a jacked-up version of klezmer.

Klezmer is Yiddish music. It originated during Biblical times. It stands out from rock because rather than lazy distorted power chords, Klezmer is abrupt and precise and is

based on a harmonic minor scale. It suits the Shakers' front man, **J.D. Wilkes**, who has been compared to Iggy Pop. Wilkes is a compelling, shirtless, angry dude with a strange dark voice (it grabs your attention in the way of skidding tires on pavement) who can also play hell out of blues harmonica. He has been called the ambassador to Southern culture by writers too young to actually know better — unless they were momentarily enthralled by the germ of artistic madness that seems to be the common denominator of truer Southern ambassadors past like Tennessee Williams or Truman Capote.

Much of the rock press loved the Shakers' first two CDs. *Pandelirium*, their latest, is no less noteworthy. "Is that the Lord's face in the wood of a door?" sings Wilkes. "No, there's no such thing. Is there a toad in the stone two million years old? No, there's no such thing." Allow the Shack Shakers a 10



LEGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS

for expenditure of energy and another 10 for creativity, and if you find their lyrics to be a step below shock nonsense, keep in mind that this could be the one show from 2007 that you will actually remember.

Reverend Horton Heat headlines.

LEGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS, 'Canes, Thursday, January 18, 8 p.m. 858-488-1780. \$25.

to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section.

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, *the Salt Lickers*, rock. Saturday, live rock.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Thursday, live music. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Wagon*, classic rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Crash Carter*, pop/soul/rock. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Uplift*, reggae. Sunday, *Candye Kane*, blues. Monday, *Yovee*, alternative/acoustic. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Triple Shot*, blues.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8 p.m., the Reverend Horton Heat, rockabilly/rock, Junior Brown, country, and th' *Legendary Shack Shakers*. Saturday, 9 p.m., the *B-Side Players*, Latin jazz. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Dawn*, *Chance*

the Choir, *Manganista*, and *Dirty Madame*.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *the Finches*, *the Bushes*, *Jehova's Fitness*, *the Red Pony Clock*, and *Rafter*, punk/folk/alternative.

Clay's, atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Live jazz.

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.

Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 4 p.m., *Suite 100*, *Chaos Device*, the *Perils of Being*, *Two Word Name*, the *Adopted Prophets*, *Daysleeper*, *Garret Johns*, the *Mad Marionettes*, and *Dying Wish*. Friday, 4 p.m., *Projekthyde*, *J.D. Combs* and the *Soul Stealers*, *Damcyan*, *Jacaranda*, *In 2 Submission*, *Call Me Alice*, *Sayonara Tokyo*. Saturday, 4 p.m., *Three Hits and a Miss*, *Dive Bomber*, *My Laughing Face*, the *Napoleon Complex*, *Loose Canon*, *Rukus*, *Late Night Promenade*, and *Dufreign*. Sunday, 4 p.m., *Moment of Silence*, *Ultra Underground*, *Hostile Combover*, *Crime in*

America, *Blizzard*, *Unified Division*, the *Ether*, and *Roadblock*. Wednesday, 4 p.m., *Hector's Revenge*, *Ithica*, *Broke on Friday*, and *Olive Reigns*.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Friday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Peter Hall*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Rusty Jones*. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Frank Leong*. 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Victoria Vox*.

Kaito, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-634-2746. Friday, 9 p.m., the *Bill Magee Blues Band*, blues.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Shockwave Four*. Friday, *Chill Boy*, blues. Saturday, *Custard Pie*, classic rock. Sunday, blues jam with the *Blues Brokers*.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

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. Lobby: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Grill: 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 *Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Mario Oliveras* and *Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Trece de la Suerte*, salsa/Latin.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Sunday, 5 p.m., *Big Slim*, blues jam.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Warner Drive*, *Nikky D.* and the *Whiskey Dicks*, *Reason to Rebel*, and the *Four Kings*, rock/funk/alternative. Friday, the *Trusted*, *Core 10*, *Decompression*, and *Silvershades*, rock. Saturday, *3 Against 1*, the *Empire State*, and a *Conscious Few*, rock. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Laura Silva* and *Kin Sol*, rock.

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.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Tefflon*, indie/rock/acoustic. Saturday, *Bare Bones*, rock.

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Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Jazzilla. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., live world jazz.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, Psydecar, reggae/funk. Friday, Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations and the Mayan Kings, reggae. Saturday, Delta Nove and Ohm. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Born Tonight, In Every Breath, One False Move, and PROJECTC PERCoLATor, rock/jazz.

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., Steve Ybarra, folk. Saturday, Tefflon, indie.

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. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Cynthia Hammond, jazz.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Dirty Sweet, Thriving Ivory, and the Hanks. Friday, Jesse Dayton, Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys, and the Hacienda Brothers, country/rockabilly. Saturday, Ilya, A.M. Vibe, Birdmonster, and First Wave Hello. Sunday, Chixdiggit, the Donkeys, Ryan Ferguson, and Rafter. Monday, Bumbklaat, the Long and Short of It, Batwings, and Cabron. Tuesday, Autumn Leaves, the Ovals of Cassini, and Trophy Wife. Wednesday, the Heartless Bastards.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, David Patrone. Friday, Yavez. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

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, Private Domain. Friday, Metal Snake. Saturday, Night Shift. Sunday, the Disco Pimps. Tuesday, Dregs of Sada. Wednesday, the Scott Carter Duo.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 p.m., Peter Sprague, Gunnar Biggs, Duncan Moore, John Opferkuch, and Leonard Patton, jazz. Saturday, Quinteto Caballero, Latin jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., Josh Nelson and His Trio, jazz. Tuesday, the Kruger Brothers, bluegrass.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Wednesday, the Spazmatics, rock.

G5/Georges on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, Tom Barabas, pianist.

Gaslamp Tavern, 868 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-3339. Tuesday, Fishbait, country. Wednesday, Mark Fisher, classic rock.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, the Brat Pack. Friday, Good Times. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, the Stiletos, rockabilly. Wednesday, Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, Cubensis and Highway 61 Revisited, rock. Wednesday, the Kottonmouth Kings, psychedelic/hip-hop/punk.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Masterpiece, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., Pop Rocks, '80s dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., Diva Soul, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Insight, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Soul Revue, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Tuesday, Gilbert Castellnos, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Tell Mama Blues. Friday, Soul Diego. Saturday, Johnny V. Sunday, Chet Cannon. Monday and Tuesday, Harmony Red. Wednesday, the Bill Magee Blues Band.

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. Live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday and Tuesday, live salsa.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Follow the career of San Francisco indie band Birdmonster to see how to become the Next Big Thing:

- 1) Self-release an EP. Birdmonster did in 2004. It didn't get much attention at first, but it gave the band experience that came in handy later.
- 2) Pay Magnet magazine \$500 to put a song on a sampler CD. Birdmonster did so in 2005 with one of the EP songs and soon started receiving offers from record companies. The band members (singer Peter Arcuni, drummer Zach Winter, and former San Diegans guitarist David Klein and bassist Justin Tenuto) wanted more creative control than

they were offered, so they rebuffed the offers and self-released their debut album No Midnight last year.

3) Capture the attention of an influential Internet radio outlet. The award-winning site Bagelradio practically adopted the band as its own. The attention helped Birdmonster gain inroads at broadcast radio stations.

4) Score gigs opening for highly regarded bands. Birdmonster won a battle-of-the-bands contest in which the prize was a spot on a bill with Death Cab for Cutie. They also got a big boost when they opened for the much-blogged Clap Your Hands Say Yeah.

5) Get noticed by music bloggers. In Birdmonster's case, one of the first was Music for Robots. Tipped off by members of Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, the blog proceeded to rave about Birdmonster, which led to some heavy buzz.



6) Last but not least, write good songs and play energetic shows. Birdmonster does both, but especially the latter.

Ilya and a.m. vibe also perform.

BIRDMONSTER, The Casbah, Saturday, January 20, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.

The Shout House, 655 Fourth 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 and Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Peter Prince of Piano, pop/jazz/standards, 7 p.m. to midnight, Fran Loskota, pop/jazz/standards. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Karen Giorgio, pop/standards/Broadway. Monday through Wednesday, Peter Prince of Piano.

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 Famous Dave. Sunday, DJ Danimal. Monday, Manic Mondays with DJ Thrasher. Tuesday, DJ Famous Dave. Wednesday, the Stepping Feet, a Dave Matthews Band tribute, pop/rock, and DJ Famous Dave.

Xavier's Bar and Grill, 750 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-233-0517. Thursday, 10 p.m., SweetSize, alternative/funk.

SAN DIEGO

Acoustic/MusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, Eliza Gilkyson. Saturday, Tom Rush.

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 rock/indie/alternative.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Chris and Harold, Irish folk. Monday, Pat and 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., Winterhawk, original acoustic.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, Unset, Invitro, Under the Stone, and Indorphine, metal. Friday, Crooked "I," Ecay Uno, OO Beezo, Tha Cor, and Dago Braves, rap. Saturday, 7 p.m., Lindsay Yung, Alex Arndt, Steve Ybarra, Blake Williams, the Acoustic Alliance, and the Donnis Trio, 8 p.m., Lee Coulter, Sheila Sondergaard, Billy Raphael, and Derek Evans, 9 p.m., Michael Tiernan, Nisha, Kenistry, and Chris Torres, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, Corporate Circus and the Valentine Fist, rock/indie/alternative.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Live music.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Saturday, This Holiday Life, Thieves and Liars, and World Wide Spies. Sunday, Daphne Loves Derby, Meg and Dia, House of Fools, and Long Live Logos.

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 reggae/blues/rock.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-298-0511. Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Jazz and Jam Sextet, jazz.

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, jazz. Friday and Saturday live bands. Sunday, salsa. Wednesday, jazz.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Peppino D'Agostino, acoustic guitar. Friday, 9:30 p.m., the Detroit Underground, rock/soul. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Sean Costello, 9:30 p.m., Atomic Groove, dance. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. to midnight, Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time, jazz. Monday, Chet Cannon, blues jam. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Criminal Funk, '80s dance. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Indie by Design.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Rick Lyon, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-543-0933.

Wednesday, 9 p.m., RFC, Theresa F., Sister Haero, Chase Frank, and Dropjoy, spoken word/hip-hop/rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Live rock/alternative rock.

The Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-2101. L Bar and Grill: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz saxophone.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Chad Farran and Laura Sawosko. Friday, Gregory Page. Saturday, Allison Lonsdale and Carlos Olmeda. Sunday, Amber Rubarth, Joel Ackerson, and Without a Clue, rock. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, the Pawnshop Kings, rock/pop, and Aaron Bowen.

Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Victoria Rose Trio, vintage jazz/swing/rock.

Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Vintage Vegas, jazz.

North Park Theater, 2891 University Avenue, North Park. 619-239-8836. Saturday, 8 p.m., the Dixie Dregs and the Steve Morse Band, rock/jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., Sweet Tooth, the Citizen Band, and Electric Turtle, rock. Monday, 8 p.m., Mystery Train, blues. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Tenring,

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The Prado Restaurant, 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Celtic/Irish.

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, 9 p.m., *the David Shaw Duo*.

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San Diego Sports Club, 1271
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Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Live rock/blues/funk.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, live band. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Black Bone Collective*, electric blues. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Thursday, *the Go Getters, the Long Gone Trio, and the Rhythm Stompers*, rock. Saturday, *Harold Ray and Tony the Tyger*, garage/psychedellic/R&B. Monday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company,
4190 Park Boulevard, University Heights.
619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk
unless otherwise noted. Thursday,
8 p.m., *Champion Vinyl*, rock/indie.
Friday, 8 p.m., *Delancey, Terrance Hale,*
Annie Bethancourt, and Jim Hinton.
Saturday, 8 p.m., *Doug Cluck, Matt Ellis,*
Dawn Mitschele, and Ian McFerson.
Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble,*
8 p.m., *Bushwilla.* Wednesday, open
mike with *Tim Mudd.*

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant,
3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park.
619-282-7040. Thursday, 7 p.m. to
10 p.m., *the B-3 Four* featuring vocalist
David Mosby, jazz. Friday and Saturday,
7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Peggy Lloyd*, jazz.

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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, 9 p.m., *Bill, Jack the Original, and Emery Byrd*. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Dirty Dozen Brass Band*, New Orleanian jazz, and *Alfred Howard and the K23 Orchestra*. Saturday, 9 p.m., rock/metal. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Primo*, Latin jazz/salsa. Monday, *the Cold War Kids*, *Piers Faccini*, and *the Colour*, rock/indie/blues. Tuesday, *Kush and Blood Fiyah Angels*

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and the *Devastators*, reggae. Wednesday, *Hot Buttered Rum*, bluegrass, and the *7th Day Buskers*, acoustic roots.

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, *Billy Watson*, blues.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Skibberrean*, Irish folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Kim DiVine*, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Alan James*, folk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant, 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-2818. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the North County Cowboys*, country.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the New Breed Band*, jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Theo and the Zydeco Patrol*, Louisiana blues. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Northstar*, classic rock.

Del Dios Bar and Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, *the Working Cowboy Band*, country. Saturday, *Peter Sprague*, jazz guitar.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and 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. 760-471-7778. Thursday, *the Vodka Dolls*, *Iateakid*, *the Carcinogenics*, and *the Armada*, pop/punk. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *Battalion of Saints*, *the Hillstreet Stranglers*, *Pain of Mind*, and *Noisegod*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Supernova*, *Destrung*, *Digital Unicorn*, *Roses on Her Grave*, and *the Horror Kats*. Sunday, 7 p.m., *This Moment*, *the Cold War*, *Contra*, *His Irate Life*, and *Imperil*, hardcore. Wednesday, *Destruction*, *Into Eternity*, *Municipal Waste*, *Damcyan*, and *Nihilist*.

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.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, live rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Flashback*, classic rock.

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, *O'Mally Jones* with *Jeff Moore* and *the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, *Ad-Rox*, rock. Saturday, *Rockandy*, rock. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing. Wednesday, open mike, blues.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

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Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, *Mike Pinto* and *Reggae Ryan*. Friday, *Tom and Friends*. Saturday, *Stevi Lynn* and *Triple Threat*, classic rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Raggle Taggle*, Irish dance cabaret.

SOUTH BAY/CORONADO

Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, *Stage 4*, jazz.

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.

Galley at the Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-422-5714. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Justin Brothers*, rock and roll. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *David Hauser*, acoustic. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Gary Seiler*, acoustic.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stelitta* and *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, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *John Cain*.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-

3456. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., live music.

The Manhattan Lounge, 400 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-422-6641. Friday and Saturday, *Stone Wolf*, classic rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Harmony Road*. Friday, *Maddox Revolution*, pop/blues. Saturday, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly. Sunday, *Steve Brewer*. Monday, *Jim Moore*. Tuesday, *Gene Warren*. Wednesday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Music is acoustic/folk. Friday, 7 p.m., *Tim Mudd*, folk. Saturday, *Johnson*, *Bosley*, and *Morin*, acoustic trio.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday, Saturday, *TNT*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, live country/rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Wild Rumors*, rock. Saturday, *Second to Last*, heavy metal.

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, *Whiskey Ridge*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Crunchberry*, classic rock.

Wagon Wheel, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Live country music.

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J.D. Combs and the Soul Stealers: Dreamstreet

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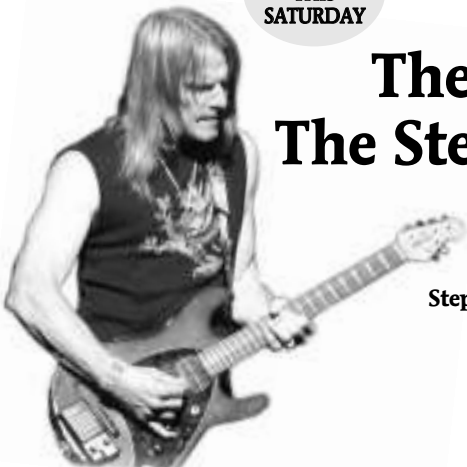
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The Donkeys: The Casbah

Dregs of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

Dufreign: Dreamstreet

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The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

The Empire State: 710 Beach Club

The Fall of Troy: Soma

Mark Fisher: Gaslamp Tavern

Flashback: Molly Malone's

Fono: San Diego Sports Club

The Four Kings: 710 Beach Club

Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina

The Go Getters: Tower Bar

The Heartless Bastards: The Casbah

Highway 61 Revisited: House of Blues

The Hillstreet Strangers: The Jumping Turtle

The Horror Kats: The Jumping Turtle

House of Fools: Epicentre

In Every Breath: Winstons

Indorphine: Brick By Brick

Invitro: Brick By Brick

Garrett Johns: Dreamstreet

The Justin Brothers: Galley at the Marina

Laguna: Carvers, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Late Night Promenade: Dreamstreet

The Long and Short of It: The Casbah

The Long Gone Trio: Tower Bar

Long Live Logos: Epicentre

Loose Canon: Dreamstreet

Metal Snake: Dick's Last Resort

The Steve Morse Band: North Park Theater

Night Shift: Dick's Last Resort

Nikky D. and the Whiskey Dicks: 710 Beach Club

Noisegod: The Jumping Turtle

Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill

O'er Night: San Diego Sports Club

Ohm: Winstons

One False Move: Winstons

Pain of Mind: The Jumping Turtle

The Pawnshop Kings: Lestat's Coffee House

The Perils of Being: Dreamstreet

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Reason to Rebel: 710 Beach Club

The Reverend Horton Heat: 'Canes

The Rhythm Masters: Pal Joey's

The Rhythm Stompers: Tower Bar

Roadblock: Dreamstreet

Rockandy: Ocean House

Roses on Her Grave: The Jumping Turtle

Rukus: Dreamstreet

The Salt Lickers: Bar Leucadian

Second to Last: Fannie's Nightclub

Shockwave Four: The Kraken

Silvershades: 710 Beach Club

Gone9: Game Time Tavern

Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat: Surf N'Saddle

The Stiletto's: Henry's Pub, Dick's Last Resort, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Stone Wolf: The Manhattan Lounge

Supernova: The Jumping Turtle

Sweet Tooth: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Thieves and Liars: Epicentre

Thriving Ivory: The Casbah

TNT: Dirk's Niteclub

Tony the Tyger: Tower Bar

Chris Torres: Brick By Brick

Trophy Wife: The Casbah

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BY OLLIE



Album: *Desert Music* (2006)

Artist: The Cathryn Beeks Ordeal

Label: Idynomite Records

Where available/price: M-Theory, Lou's Records, and any ListenLocalSD.com live event for \$12. Online at iTunes.com, CDBaby.com, and cathrynbeeksordeal.com for \$12.

Band: Cathryn Beeks (vocals, guitar), Matt Silvia (guitar, vocals), Will Bonnar (guitar, vocals), Rob Garbo (drums, d'jembe), Jef Johnson, (bass), Marcia Claire (flute, mandolin), Becky Flemming, (sax), Jeff Berkley (percussion, guitar), David Beldock (guitar), John McBride (pedal steel)

Songs: 1) Desert Music 2) Nothing but Happy 3) Drive America 4) Special Words 5) You Know 6) Good to Be 7) My Old Flame 8) Good Man 9) Two Beer Buzz 10) Two Dates 11) Rescue Me 12) Sycamore Tree

Website: www.cathrynbeeksordeal.com

Desert Music is a great album. It's tight and pro-

fessional. The album has a cohesive motif without all

the songs being too similar.

Beeks's voice is a mixture of Bonnie Raitt and Jewel, whose music can also be compared to Beeks's. Some of the songs lean toward acoustic and folk; others use more electric guitar and pedal steel to drive home a rockin' country sound.

The first three songs explore the topics of traveling, aging, and becoming successful. "Drive America" is a good road-trip song. "Special Words" and "Good to Be" are uplifting, inspirational tunes without being schmaltzy or saccharine. "Special Words" features hand-clapping and a chorus of voices lifting to a sentimental tone without being overdone.

The only thing I wanted more of from the Ordeal is



The Cathryn Beeks Ordeal

a faster, get-up-and-kick-some-ass saloon song. I'd like to hear the band in a beer bar with the High Rolling Loners.

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Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel

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Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time: Humphrey's

Peter Sprague: Dizzy's, Del Dios Bar and Grill

Stage 4: Buon Giorno Restaurant

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The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar and American Grill

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Scott Wallingford: Cafe LaMaze

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

REGGAE / SKA

A Conscious Few: 710 Beach Club

The Devastators: Belly Up Tavern

Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations: Winstons

Kush and Jah Blood Fiyah Angels: Belly Up Tavern

The Mayan Kings: Winstons

Mike Pinto and Reggae Ryan: Surf N' Saddle

Psydecar: Winstons

Uplift: The Calypso Cafe

The Working Cowboy Band: Del Dios Bar and Grill

COUNTRY

Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys: The Casbah

Junior Brown: 'Canes

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Jesse Dayton: The Casbah

Fishbait: Gaslamp Tavern

The Hacienda Brothers: The Casbah

Hot Buttered Rum: Belly Up Tavern

The North County Cowboys: The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant

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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Joel Ackerson: Lestat's Coffee House

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Derek Evans: Brick By Brick

Chad Farran: Lestat's Coffee House

Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego

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as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Corporate Circus**

Song: **"Stereo"** (from the CD *Music for the Hearing Impaired*)

Heard By: **Jon Watson**, Ocean Beach



Jon

[They sound] probably like blink 182. It's kind of poppy. I mean, it was okay. It was happy. I guess it's uplifting. It's too familiar — it's something you hear all the time. It's like you'd hear it in a commercial, I guess. It didn't really "suck." I was thinking [it would go well with] cleaning the house.

Artist: **Gone to Oblivion**

Song: **"Roses & Razorblades"** (from the CD *Forgotten*)

Heard By: **Daniel Lizarraga**, Pacific Beach



Daniel

They just sound like Evanescence to me. But the guitars and everything — it's really nice how they put it all together. It kind of sounds like the Cranberries, in a way. I like the girl vocals and the guitar. I didn't hear a lot of it, but I don't know...it wasn't catchy to me. [The singer] seems like she's angry and sad. [I would listen to it] probably if I was riding in my car or if I was really sad.

Artist: **Kasper Martyr Phantom**

Song: **"If All Else Fails...Listen!"** (from the CD *The Phantom*)

Heard By: **Cartney Saldana**, Paradise Hills



Cartney

The beats sounded more like Lupe Fiasco or Common. It was more of a mellowed-out beat. It's really nice, really chill. Sounds old school, kind of. Vocally, he kind of sounds like Weird Al Yankovic — he sounds like a white guy. Lyrically, it's really good. It had some political or moral value to it; it's not necessarily [about] "bitches" and "ho's" and all those other stereotypes of rap, so it's pretty good.

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Lindsay Yung: Brick By Brick

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Where Smoking Is Good

Will a North County Southern-style barbecue created by a Bronx-born Italian American become the next Jack in the Box? Maybe not — but how about the next Rubio's or Sammy's Woodfired Pizza? That's the kind of growth that chef Joey Maggione is hoping for with his new mini-chain, Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q, and he may just succeed. Let's face it — south of Oakland, there's not a lot of long-smoked barbecue in California, and when the craving hits, nothing else will do. There are already three Joey's locations — the original in Carlsbad, a newbie in Carmel Valley, and a booming franchise in Idaho, the land that "Q" forgot (until Joey's remembered it). Basketball players Luke and Chris Walton have bought into the concept, with plans to open an outpost in Manhattan Beach in two months; other branches are in the works for Orange County and Irvine.

What makes Southern-style barbecue different from backyard steaks grilled on the Weber? First, it's cooked "low and slow" over smoldering hardwood (or wood chips) in an enclosed smoker, rather than grilled over a hot fire fueled by briquettes, mesquite branches, or gas. Often, Southerners rub barbecue meats with an aromatic spice mixture before cooking; they may also baste during cooking with a strongly seasoned liquid (as in your typical Texas "mop and sop" — the mop is the baste, the sop is the thicker sauce applied just at serving, so the sugars won't blacken in the heat of the pit). Meats emerge from a smoker imbued with the flavor of whatever wood has been used for fuel. Inexpensive cuts (like brisket and tri-tip) that can be tough and gristly when cooked on high heat turn tender when slow-cooked in smoke. After all the work and patience, you've got yourself a mouthful of flavor.

Some say smoked barbecue was developed mainly by African Americans in the South, as a way to make the most of tougher, bonier pork cuts that "the big house" passed along. Another story credits the invention to German immigrants who settled around San Antonio and expanded their old-country sausage-smoking traditions to include hunks of beef. But there were earlier traditions of Native Americans slow-smoking meat and fish all along the Pacific Coast and in the Caribbean Islands, so — who knows who really started it? (Even in high-country Nepal, the best Sherpani cook I encountered hung the week's yak meat over her



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juniper-fueled fireplace, resulting in the tenderest, smokiest yak I ever tasted.)

A few years ago, Joey Maggione, then owner of Joey's California Bistro in Coronado, realized that he, too, had a craving for genuine barbecue. Hoping to spend more time with his growing family, he sold his bistro to a corporation. A week's trip to Memphis, a few days in Texas, a consultation with a retired Memphis BBQ chef, and Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q was hatched.

The sauce is at least as important as the smoke in barbecues of any sort. Rather than trying to replicate "family secret" sauce recipes from the region and produce them in the quantities needed for future franchisees, he contracted instead with a large food-service company. Joey "auditioned" four sauces at his original location in Carlsbad. All too soon, he discovered that authentic Deep South flavors hold little appeal for So-Cal palates. Most locals rejected the vinegary Carolina-style potion and the smoldering Texas-style sauce. The two survivors — called "suh-weet" and "mild-spicy" — are offered in chafing dishes at a condiment table opposite the

order counter, near the iced tea and soft-drink dispensers. The "suh-weet," resembling Memphis-style pulled-pork sauce, is thin, bright red, light, and tomatoey, with a brown-sugar flavor. The "mild-spicy" is heavier and sharper, with tomatoes,

molasses, and a hint of vinegar, much like bottled sauces from the supermarket. If you like a spicier sauce, table condiments include

Tabasco and good Louisiana-made Red Rooster hot sauce, which adds flavor as well as a kick.

Joey also experimented with the buns. First he tried brioche-dough buns from St. Tropez Bakery, the closest local equivalent to Memphis's fluffy pulled-pork sandwich buns. He loved them, but patrons asked for firmer, dryer, hamburger-type buns, so he switched to shiny-topped potato-flour buns. Some diners wanted packaged supermarket-style white bread (the staple of soul-food BBQs), but Joe nixed that idea — he doesn't like the stuff.

Even the equipment had to be adapted to California customs, since many zoning ordinances either ban full-size pit barbecues (because the smoke is considered a pollutant) or charge extra to license

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q ★★½ (Good to Very Good)

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wooden tables inside (facing a mirrored wall to make the place look twice its size) and plenty of tables outside. The decor features about a zillion kitschy rural barnyard animals in numerous sculptural media, including wrought-iron paper-towel dispensers topped with rooster silhouettes. Those paper towels in place of napkins are a clear signal: “Go ahead and get messy.” You order at the counter, and they bring the food to your table when it’s ready (not instantly — this isn’t McD’s).

So how did Joey’s measure up? In general, I found the meats less intensely smoky than a true pit barbecue can make them and the sauces less powerful and complex than those I’ve tasted in the South — but you’ll still find some darned good eating here. My favorite of the meats was the pulled pork, which offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. It’s hard to eat the pulled-pork sandwich because the meat’s piled so high on a slightly tough bun that it calls for knife and fork. But order the entrée plate, get a little cup of the “suh-weet” sauce, mix it with some Red Rooster and pour it on, then top the heap with coleslaw — and you might find yourself saying “y’all.”

Given the upscale neighborhoods he’s targeting, Joey couldn’t buy just any beef ribs. He went with precious Kobe, most of it from Snake River Farms in Idaho. (No, Snake River’s cows don’t drink beer, nor do they get beer massages. They’re just a prime breed, raised with care and rich feed.) Kobe longhorn beef ribs are monster-sized, apparently cut from Paul Bunyan’s Babe, the Blue Ox. They’re tender and gloriously fatty, with great beefy flavor.

Baby back ribs come in three

different costumes: sweet ribs are glazed before grilling with the suh-weet sauce. Wet ribs are glazed with the mild-spicy sauce. Both are so tender, you don’t even need teeth. Dry-rubbed ribs — Joey’s version of ribs he’d tasted in Memphis — have no glaze but are sprinkled with Joey’s own spice rub after smoking (and before grilling). They seemed tougher than the others. One of the secrets I learned from a master Southern pitsman in Oakland is that meats develop deeper, cooked-in spice flavors when you massage in the spice rub *before* smoking — that way, the fat in the ribs is imbued with the spice blend and “bastes” the meat with those flavors as it renders. (I also like a lot more garlic in the rub — after hours in the smoker, it mellows out, tasting more sweet than “garlicky.”)

The lazy-smoked BBQ chicken plates offer a choice of sizes and colors. We found the white meat moist and the dark meat spectacularly succulent. The glazing sauce is the “suh-weet.”

House-made hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner and boast a good, coarse texture, but they’re extremely salty. I’d take them home to toss into red beans ’n’ rice and make the beans with less salt to compensate. I wasn’t impressed with the too-dry beef brisket. It’s been smoked so long (14 hours) that all the fat has rendered out. This is why Texas barbecues use a mopping sauce on brisket, not just for flavor but to seal in moisture. One lunch hour, I tried a Kobe beefburger. It was huge and looked good, but the default here is to cook it well done and then some, which I consider a waste of great meat. (And with this, too, I’d prefer a softer, fluffier bun.)

Joey’s offers a wide choice of

side dishes. “Mama’s downright addictive BBQ beans” (per the menu) comes with most entrées, along with coleslaw and cornbread. The beans are pretty standard BBQ beans sweetened with molasses, pleasant enough but not remotely addictive. The coleslaw is in the KFC mode (the only food on KFC’s menu that I consider edible), creamy but clean and crisp and not a sugar-bomb. Cornbread means corn muffins. One visit they were about normal, but the next time the batter was unevenly mixed, leaving the bottom crusts hard and heavy.

The French fries that come with the burgers are standard fast-food fare. The sweet-potato fries would be a healthier and more flavorful alternative. Mac’n’cheese is creamy, gooey, and cheesy — soul food for your inner child. The hush puppies lack the typical Southern onion or scallion bits, but they’re light and tasty with crisp surfaces and soft centers, like cornmeal Tater Tots. Potato salad here is bland, mainly just potatoes and mayo — awfully white and utterly non-Southern. We didn’t get to try the collards or the corn, nor (new to the menu) the fried pickles. I’d bet on the latter. As for house-made beverages, the lemonade tastes “homemade” and not too sweet, while exiled Southerners will relish the sugar-loaded iced tea, made just the way their mouths remember.

For dessert, the requisite sweet-potato pie is returning to the menu in a week or so; alas, it was off at the time I visited. I didn’t try the other choices, which include lava cake, cheesecake, pecan pie, and cookies.

Last night, some friends from San Francisco breezed through town and brought us a little “care package” of doggie-bagged ribs and pulled pork from Memphis

Minnie’s on Haight Street — the smokiest barbecue west of the Pecos. The meats were marvelous, but Joey’s did not suffer overmuch in comparison. If you’re used to regional Southern barbecue, and you’ve read some of the food blogs raving about Joey’s, adjust your expectations. Every dish here has been carefully formulated to appeal to only one region of the South — and that’s sunnin’, surfin’ Southern California. Yet So-Cal “Q” is way better than no “Q” at all, and that’s why I’m betting that Joey’s will be fruitful and multiply.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Joey Maggiore grew up in a Sicilian restaurant family. Originally from the Bronx, they moved to California when he was young. “My father owns six restaurants,” he says, “here and in Phoenix, including two in Carlsbad, Tuscany and Tommy V’s.

“My first restaurant was Joey’s California Bistro in Coronado. I loved the area and the people, but I got bought out by a company out of Phoenix. They offered me good money, and I decided it was the right time. I live in Carlsbad, I’d gotten married and had two kids and another one on the way, and I decided that with these late hours — two in the morning — it was starting to kill me. I said, ‘Let me come up with something different.’ My wife was happy to hear that.

“After I sold the restaurant in Coronado, we were trying to decide what to do next. ‘No one’s doing barbecue,’ I said, so we went to Memphis, and I fell in love with the food, the way they smoked it. I really didn’t know anything about it, and it blew my mind. It was unbelievable, really good, and I said, ‘Let’s try it!’

“Then we went over by Texas and saw how in the different regions they do different things to the meats. The one I liked in Texas was a chain restaurant called Red Hot and Blue Barbecue. It was a quick-serve, with a lot of to-go, kind of like what I’m doing, only a little bigger. I wondered if it was a chain or an individual place, and then I started seeing them on every corner, so I went in and talked with the managers. They said they did really good business, and that’s when I decided to do quick-serve style, that it would really work in California. Every restaurant I went to, I wanted to take a little piece of what they did and perfect it.

“The recipes took me about five months of research. I looked at every menu possible — what did Tennessee have, what did Texas have, what did all the little towns have, what they were popular for. So we could have a well-balanced menu, to where if you’re from certain areas, we’ll have one or two of your local items on the menu. Sweet potato fries, collard greens. We’re doing fried pickles now, we’re putting in mashed sweet potatoes. I went to my father’s steakhouse, Tommy V’s, and worked with the executive chef there to come up with a spice blend for the meat. When we finally found one that we liked, I said, ‘Oh, my God, what did we put in this?’ We had to go back and figure out what we’d put into it. Then I went to a spice company in San Diego that did an exclusive for me, where they would make up the spice blend in big batches so we could use it for franchising.

“We started with three different sauces and we made ’em at first, but if I wasn’t there, they’d come out all different.

And if they’re not the same every day, that’s no good. So I said, ‘If we want to be as big as I hope we can be, we can’t make ’em at every place. We don’t have a big commissary, we’re not set up for that yet.’ So I teamed up with Girard’s, which is a big dressing company, high-quality stuff. They had a barbecue line that they were phasing out, so I bought the rights to it for California. I kind of fell in love with the ‘suh-weet’ sauce. We tried four different sauces, but people didn’t like the mustard-vinegar sauce or the real hot spicy sauce. They wanted one that was sweeter.

“For the meat, we use all high-quality natural meats. We wanted to have Kobe beef, because people around here are really getting into it. The Kobe ribs are hard to get. Most restaurants buy them with the chop attached, but because my father owns a steakhouse and buys a lot of Kobe, we were able to work it out with the meat supplier...

“My wife came up with the decor, with all those farm animals. She decorates all the places now, so it’ll be pretty much the same at all the locations. It’s a lot more homey than the other franchises and chain restaurants in the malls. People can just come in and relax.

“Just before I opened, I had a guy that came out here for a month from Memphis to help me open the place. He’s a real good pitmaster, retired. He used to own restaurants there, and he taught us how to do it. Because I wanted to make sure we kept the real Southern style going. And ever since then we’ve been going strong. No, I don’t want to be the next Jack in the Box, but I’d like to see 15 or 20 branches — or maybe 50 or 60.” ■



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Chance Encounter

“The supplier I found was throwing away the extras from all the organically grown filet mignons he was cutting.”

I guess it's those bright blue-and-red Cinzano umbrellas. “Oh, Ed,” says Carla. “How European! Let's see if they do lunch.”

I was gonna pop in to Danny's saloon, home of Coronado's famous Slamburger, for a snack. After all, it was voted “best burger” for years, right? But, what the heck, we cross the street. Yes, Carla's hauled herself back from that horrible compound leg fracture she had over a year ago to almost normal walking. We stop outside this little place with four streetside tables. A five-foot-high cylindrical drum that's pasted with menus is set on a stand. Very Paris. The tables are covered in white cloths, with paper on top that you can scribble notes and draw pictures on. Very Paris. Add the umbrellas and you practically want to sing the *Marseillaise*.

Or is it Mexico City? I check out the menu pole. There's a mix of American and really interesting Mexican stuff. Along with burgers, they've got dishes like *rasurado* — shaved abalone with serrano hot peppers and “rasurado sauce.” Nice. About twenty bucks, though.

Carla glances inside — creamy walls with big poster-type art. “Let's sit out here,” she says. “More bistro-ish. Ooh. Nice springy stretch-string seats.”

A pretty girl comes out with menus. Federica. The owner's daughter. Carla and I order a coffee (\$1.75) while we look over the possibilities.

One side of the menu lists some very enticing starters, but they're expensive. Like steamed mussels for \$18.75 and mains like French-style *entrecôte* and *pommes frites*, \$18.75. I'm getting worried. Then I see they have sandwiches from \$5.75 to \$9.75 and all-day breakfasts from \$4.75 to around \$7.75. Whew. And other dishes. The Spaghetti Carbonara is \$8.25, and Spaghetti Alfredo's \$8.75.

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Carla has her finger on “Gourmet tacos.”

I do a double-take. “Ten-fifty for tacos?”

“Yes, but look what you get: ‘Medium-rare grilled beef rib-eye over sautéed green onion and sesame [seeds] covered with green salsa, served on flour tortillas.’ ”

Uh-huh. Me, I've shifted focus to a pear and blue cheese salad with candied walnuts (\$7.75). Or Swiss fondue for two, \$17.75. Nine bucks each.

“Damn,” Carla says. “Steak Tartare. Raw. With capers.”

I shake my head. It's \$17.25 for one. I ain't that loaded.

In the end, Carla gets a bacon cheeseburger (\$7.25 with fries), and I ask for the Mexican dry noodle soup (\$5.25), with grilled chicken strips on top (\$3.25 more).

But here's the funny thing. They're both interesting. My “dry” soup is a bowl of spicy wheat noodles called *fideo seco*, with, looks like, chorizo

mixed in, and chipotle sauce, and chopped chicken on top. It's tasty, almost Asian, 'specially when you dunk forkfuls into slightly sour Mexican-style cream.

I'm slurping these things up happily, head down, when Carla says, “Ohmygod. You've got to taste this. Look at the size of it. Here.”

I take a bite of her burger. Oh Lordy. J-u-i-c-y, way big, pink inside. Yet the flavor isn't naked-meaty, but spicy, garlicky, wonderful.

“This is the best damned bacon burger I've ever had!” Carla says.

“It's a half-pounder, it's organic, and it's filet mignon,” says José Guitian, the owner, Federica's dad. “The supplier I found was throwing away the extras from all the organically grown filet mignons he was cutting. I persuaded him to grind them up for me instead. That's how we've got the best hamburger meat available.”

Carla's so blown away, she insists on coming all the way back next morning for breakfast. I ask Federica's cousin Yahel for one of their omelets. For \$7.75, you have a choice of ham, bacon, cheese, mushrooms, tomato, or avocado.

“Or,” says Yahel, “have it with everything.” “Same price?”

Yahel nods.

Wow. So, heck, I do, and it comes out bulging and dee-lish, with a fresh-heated chunk of baguette that's free, after I ask for it. But, actually, Carla gets the more interesting item, a plate of *enfrijo-*

ladas. Two cheese-stuffed corn tortillas doused in a slurry of black beans, then topped with that slightly sour Mexican cream and *queso fresco*, crumbled Mexican cheese.

“In Mexico City, where we come from, we don't use fava beans or pinto beans, like in the north,” José says. “They're too sweet.”

José, who used to run Señor Frog's in Tijuana in its glory days before 9/11, says this restaurant was Federica's idea. “She was only 20. I said, ‘It's long hours.’ But she really wanted to do it.” The whole family runs the place now, including Norma, José's wife, who originally didn't want any part of it.

The most popular item, José says, is the tortilla soup, and then the pear and blue cheese salad. “We do a lot of dishes from Mexico City. Like the ‘Pepito sandwich’ [\$11.25]. That's filet mignon slices with refried beans. We even have the ‘corn-poop’ soup. That's what the Aztecs jokingly called the black mold that grows on corn. *Huitlacoche*. You'll have to try it next time.”

He says it's around \$6.50. Damn. That's the second time I've heard about this dish in six months. First time this side of the border. “We're coming back,” I say.

“Yeah, but not to eat a fungal disease,” says Carla. “We're back for burgers, babe. Danny's Slamburger's just met its match. They think they can beat organic filet mignon?”

“Fat chance,” I say. ■

The Place: Chance Bistro, 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822

Type of Food: American, Mexican

Prices: Two eggs any style with hash browns and ham, bacon, or sausage, \$5.25; molletes (Mexican roll with black refried beans and melted cheese), \$5.50; divorced eggs (fried, one with green salsa, the other with red) and refried beans, \$6.25; omelet, with choice of ham, bacon, cheese, mushrooms, tomato, or avocado, \$7.75; spaghetti carbonara with bacon, \$8.25; gourmet tacos (rib-eye beef over sautéed green onion and sesame seeds, with green salsa, flour tortillas), \$10.50; pear and blue cheese salad with candied walnuts, \$7.75

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Wine Online

“What I want to sell people on is the concept of discovering.”

When Brad Harrington started the West Coast Wine Network — a San Diego-based online wine forum that ended up becoming one of the web’s premiere wine resources — it was the act of a passionate amateur, a neophyte in love with wine and eager to discuss it. He wasn’t alone in his eagerness. The site, founded in ’96, took off: winemakers started visiting, and the industry soon realized the value of a virtual community of serious wine lovers interested in finding and evaluating new products.

But, says Harrington, as the years went by, “I saw people come up and find different places in the industry to work. People saying, ‘I’m an accountant, and I don’t really like it, and I’ve got a chance to do something with this winery. What do you guys think?’ I saw a lot of people make the jump, and some of them are getting successful now. A couple of guys have their own wineries. I kept looking at them and thinking, ‘Geez, I know so many people in the industry, and I know a fair number of buyers. How can I make my passion my job?’”

He didn’t want to go down the media route (“It’s a tough road”), and he lacked the capital to start a winery. A retail shop looked to be the best use of his connections and talents — in particular, his knowledge of what’s new and relatively unheralded. The WCWN was (and is) one source;

frequent visits to Central Coast wine country were another. “Every time I go up to Santa Barbara or Paso Robles,” he says, “I always walk away with something new.”

And something new is what he wants to offer. “What I want to sell people on is the concept of discovering. Don’t just sit there and rely on the same old things. Ninety percent of the joy I’ve gotten from having this wine obsession comes from finding new things. It’s great to sit there with a \$150 bottle of Napa Cabernet that everyone’s been hyping for 20 years. I’m not knocking it; it’s good wine. But you didn’t discover anything. It’s not like you had an insight that hasn’t already been made by a million people. But with some of these other things, when you find that gem, you’re onto something that 99.9 percent of people don’t know about. I think there’s a lot of value in that. It’s what I like to do.” It’s one of the reasons wine is able to inspire obsession, or at least devotion — the endless variations of vintage, of provenance, and of varietal.

And so, a little over three years ago, Harrington opened Varietals Wine Merchant on Rosecrans. “Varietals, to me, are what it’s all about. There’s so much out there that’s awesome, and I think it’s been fun to watch California develop these grapes. They’re getting so much better at it. In the last ten years, we’ve gotten to watch

Syrah just blossom. To me, it’s definitely the number-two grape in the state. I’ll put it up against Cab anytime. I’ve done it and watched Cab guys realize that they just got beat by a wine that cost a third of what theirs cost. I think we’re in the beginning to mid-stages of seeing the same thing happen with Grenache, and after that, I think it’s going to be Tempranillo.” (He carries at least three California versions, in various styles — ranging from quasi-Old World to fruitily New.)

The Tempranillos share a room with (among other things) a number of Cabs from Washington State (“I think they’re the perfect cross between California and Bordeaux”), a Napa Valley Malbec (!), a domestic Tannat (!!), high-end domestic Pinot Gris, high-end Italian Sauvignon Blanc, vineyard-specific Champagnes, a fruit-forward Albarino, and a declassified Mersault for under \$30. “Decades ago, the guy put six inches of topsoil on his vineyards, and he got declassified. He can’t put ‘Mersault’ on the label, so he can’t get the price. But it’s everything a decent-to-good Mersault should be.”

That room is one of four that make up the shop’s new digs. Harrington began in a 600-square-foot space below street level and without signage. “I was trying to do this on a real budget. When you apply for licensing in the wine industry, you’ve got to have the lease in place.” Things got tight; boxes stacked to the ceiling, reps wondering why they should bother bringing product to such an overstuffed location. Customers got frustrated trying to find the place. So, after he had worked through the licensing morass — everything is in place now but the tasting permit — Harrington moved upstairs to his suite of tidy white cells. “I like the space,” he says. “I think it works.”

The front room houses Harrington’s bargain wines — cherry-picked stuff, most of it under



Brad Harrington

\$15 — plus a number of rosés. (Here again, he leans toward the domestic, which takes a bit of digging when it comes to rosé.) “I’m going to try to expand this section,” he says. “I don’t think I can carry just my exact niche wines.” But neither is he particularly excited about carrying stuff that can be found at Costco — the shop’s too small for that. The second room holds the Cabs and Tempranillos and such, and the fourth may one day be a tasting bar. The third? “That’s my real love — all my Rhones, with my Pinots in this corner. These are all the people I know. I’ve got more Central Coast Pinots and Syrahs than probably anybody in town.” Some of his old favorites have been lost to big distributors that don’t want to bother with him, but, he says, “There are peo-

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ple who will be sure that I get stuff when nobody else is getting it in Southern California."

Often, his most precious gems will sell out quickly through e-mail customers, but for his first weeks in the new shop, he wanted to leave a few on the shelf. "I've got tons of Samsara," the *shedista* side project from Chad and Mary Melville. He's got the wines from the Melvilles' shedmates as well: Jim Knight's Jelly Roll, and the Piedrasassi from Sashi Moorman and Peter Hunken. "And I've got all the Tensleys," he says, referring to a coveted lineup of seven single-vineyard Santa Barbara Syrahs. (At least, he had them as of this writing.)

"I think my timing might be perfect," says Harrington. "I think the Central Coast is getting very popular. People are starting to understand that these are great wines. Santa Barbara is world class; the wines are as good as they are anywhere on the planet. I'll stake my reputation on it. I know a bunch of winemakers from France who have tasted them and been blown away. It's just a matter of getting everybody to realize it." By year's end, he's hoping to have a tasting license so that the

wines can help make the argument for him. Until then, "I just tell people that it's awesome stuff. I get excited about the wines. And people who come in usually come back." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumbeyard 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 ar-

ray 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, multi-regional 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 great-



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Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green- white- and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous 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 nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Chef Hannes Cavin turns out a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry 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 Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The 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 Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — S.M. (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The 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, skew-

ered 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 *poke* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées

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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 version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A “Louisiana” bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for restrooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — N.W. (10/04)

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 Café 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 hap-

pens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M. (4/04)

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D. (10/05)

Cliff Hanger Café Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. “You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach,” says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa) or the Mile High omelet (bacon, cheese, and bell peppers). Also great and grilled right there: generous

half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the “B” word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veggie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-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 resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inexpensive. Three meals, Monday through Friday; open until 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. — E.B. (1/06)

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from west-bound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Dinner nightly, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) presides 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. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

Nine-Ten Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing “market fresh” local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (10/05)

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for “saint,” and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of “rock and rolls” — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikons* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and

crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter, but with full bar) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-436-6261. — N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Bali Thai Café 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstandingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as “seafood delight roll,” corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goring* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/06)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W. (9/02)

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, 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



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Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-

treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful 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)*

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley,

619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportsacts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled

shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 9:30 p.m. weeknights; 10:30 p.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mis-

sion 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, re-tailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup

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of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — *N.W. (2/06)*

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restau-

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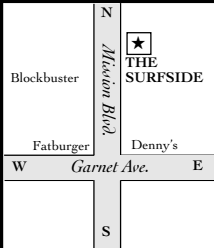
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rant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. — *N.W. (5/06)*

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the 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)*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and

three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage when it's in season. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, 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)*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small,

but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

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). Chula Vista location has *parrillada* meats. Breakfast through dinner until 8:30 p.m. 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)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kiffo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

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 lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. (Call ahead about the availability of chitlins.) Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Tazablanca 3946 Illinois (north of University, two blocks east of 30th Street), North Park, 619-294-8292. This warm-colored, lively café offers the homey, tropical food of Cuba and some pan-Latin appetizers cooked with Cuban styling. The fried calamari is light, the *papa rellena* (stuffed potato) is

lively, the *lechón* (marinated roast pork) is moist and flavorful, and the vibrant chicken fricassee with capers is irresistible. All entrées come with a salad, and the tequila-lime dressing is especially fresh tasting. Reservations for groups of six or more. Park behind the restaurant (via Grimm and the alley) or in Lumberjacks's lot. Live band plays Thursday through 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)*

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge, 619-584-2535. The owner's a retired Navy medic, one of the first women to serve in the Middle East combat zone. She's named sandwiches for career stops, like "The Recruit Training Center, Orlando, Florida" (chicken breast, bacon, avocado, provolone cheese, spinach, tomato, and onion) or "North Island Dental Clinic" (turkey, ham, bacon). But try a main dish like eggplant Parmesan or chicken with sautéed mushrooms. Or a massive chunk of lasagna, plus bread and salad. Coffee? You get a huge French-style press-the-coffee-down affair. Your big decision: eat out on the flower-strewn boulevard patio or inside among black leather easy-chairs and a giant screen? Open for lunch and dinner daily until 10 p.m. (until midnight Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

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 decor 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 for-

get salad...or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Thursday; till 2 p.m. Friday. Closed weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

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 *menu*) 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 smidgen 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,



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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 cafe 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, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pas-trami, 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 Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

DMood 4628 Park Boulevard (at University Heights overhead street sign), 619-297-6663. This delightfully decorated bistro offers eclectic Middle Eastern cuisine that's primarily Persian but offers touches of North Africa, India, Southern Europe, and the U.S. Don't miss the splended appetizer sampler (a full array of luscious Middle Eastern tapas), the pomegranate-glazed game hen stuffed with basmati rice and fruit, or the skewered lamb. The daily fresh fish gives talented chef Cecilia Tajonar a chance for creative play. Persian ice creams in sexy flavors (rose-water, orange blossom, pistachio) are among the dessert choices. Live entertainment at many brunches and weekend dinners provide vibrant cultural experience. Interesting teas (including Persian and Moroccan); okay wine list; full bar. Reservations urged for large groups (call after noon). Street parking. Street patio in front and courtyard

in back for al fresco dining in fair weather. Numerous vegetarian/vegan choices. Half-size salads available by request. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; Saturday and Sunday brunch. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/06)*

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. 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



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RESTAURANTS

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 Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Joe's New York-Style Deli Royal Food Mart, 3401 First Avenue (at Upas), Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: A cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. — *E.B. (4/05)*

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 citruses 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)*

Rannoush 3890 Fifth Avenue (south of University), Hillcrest, 619-325-1360. The full menu of Lebanese-Jordanian cuisine runs from *mezze* (tapas) to house-made sausages and kebabs to desserts — and includes fabulous falafel that's actually good enough to eat (especially the stuffed version). At this petite, pretty place with Scheherazade decor, all the cooking is from scratch — no nasty instant falafel mix or any other shortcuts, and you can really taste the difference. Other great dishes include vegetarian *kebbeh*, *soujok* sausages, and shrimp kebabs. Desserts include exotic ice creams in sexy flavors like cardamom and honey-lavender. Wines and beers include food-friendly imports from Lebanon. Open daily, lunch 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *(3/06)*

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)*

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spin-off of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beauti-

fully 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)*

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)*

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (near E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. Don't blink or you'll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style eat-in/take-out? Here you're getting cheap-but-good Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pao hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with veggies — all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner's last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi Annan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of multi-regional "chef specialties" (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even farther. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/06)*

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Commu-

nity 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)*

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported wholehog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, 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)*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cui-

sine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring, in addition, Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy decor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly, Sunday through Thursday to 10 p.m., Friday and Sat-



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Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street (at Park), downtown, 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand, Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. "Served Chicago-Style"—meaning, the dog's topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly ele-

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401, and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colo-

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they'll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great



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stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana’s great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos’ brands, and a matador’s framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food’s all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you’re looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don’t stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the 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 multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don’t sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed

patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Fonda Roberto’s Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard, next to CESUN Universidad), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs’ igréd spinachigré? Roberto’s presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterrey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatey mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes’ eatery. It’s a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos Montezuma* (igréMontezuma’s fingersigré) is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camaron seco* is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there’re also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Moderate. — *E.B. (2/05)*

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some

staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/02)*

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)*

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro García Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he’ll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He’ll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He’s there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an

immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don’t miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hot-cakes with syrup, “Mexican hamburgers,” and Sno-Kones (don’t worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it’s a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony’s Fish Grotto 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You’re going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don’t want over-complicated food, Anthony’s obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama’s Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony’s has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you’ve got the bread —

delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. Try to be there at sunset when the water-sky show will do its darndest to distract you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of “Restaurant Row”), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin’ thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish are grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don’t really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their “krab” salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don’t even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (3/04)*

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There’s something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or pan-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain’s Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a “local” species it merely means it’s from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than at most supermarkets. Identical

products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The “Ichiban Hamachi” (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of “Honeymoon Oysters” with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via de la Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio’s defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado’s Old Ferry Landing — but it’s worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. “*Il fornaio*” means “the baker,” after all. Beyond bread, we’re talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bisticchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *puttanesca* is heaven too, if you’re into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*

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In Cervantes's great novel, *Don Quixote*, the don interrupts Master Pedro's Moorish puppet show. "You've put church bells in mosques," the offended Don exclaims. Pedro, the puppeteer, replies, "Don't be looking for trifles, Señor Quixote, or expect things to be impossibly perfect. Are not a thousand comedies performed almost every day that are full of inaccuracies and absurdities, yet they run their course and are received not only with applause but with admiration and all the rest?"

Don Pedro's reply is probably the best approach to the San Diego Rep's world premiere of *Don Quixote*. The nearly three-hour production is wildly uneven, often tedious, silly, tonally confused, and thesis-heavy. It rambles as if it's been cut down but needs much more. At the same time, however, it has gems.

Such as the puppet show, performed by an eggplant, an onion, an orange (for the sun), a banana (for a crescent moon), various and sundry other produce — and Quixote's genocidal reaction. A hater of Moors, he confuses the puppets for actual people, draws his sword, and slashes at them. As he does, the puppets become larger than life, including a giant he beheads. At once — and unlike the novel, which glosses over things painful — we see the scope of the don's illusions and the human costs of his religious fanaticism.

Paul Magid, of the legendary Flying Karama-

zov Brothers, wrote the script. Those expecting a doddering, romanticized *Man of La Mancha* dreaming impossible dreams, be forewarned: when this Alonso Quijano becomes an imaginary knight-errant, he's a danger to the world. As if trying to free his version from the musical, and comment on current affairs, Magid makes the don less sympathetic (instead of tilting with windmills, you sense this

Quixote'd much rather invade Iraq). But in the book, and like Hamlet, Quixote's only mad north-by-northwest. When he isn't obsessed with his chivalric ideal, he's just your normal 50-year-old gentleman, who eats lentils on Friday and a "pigeon extraordinary" on Sunday. Okay, he's also a virgin and reads too many pulp romances "with application and delight." And there's the rub.

Magid's emphasis makes Quixote too one-note. And even an actor of Peter Van Norden's considerable talents can't move the don beyond mere infantile xenophobia: brandishing his sword, plunging onward, and making a mess of things — especially if the latter are Muslims, Jews, or Spanish *conversos*. He isn't noble. He's just nuts.

Cervantes — who, legend has it, died the same day as Shakespeare (April 23, 1616) — wrote *Don Quixote* in two parts: the first published in 1605; the second in 1615 and written, many claim, because the book had spawned so many imitators he had to kill off the don. When Quixote goes at the end of the play, sympathy gets mixed with relief that

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Suzy Hernandez Peredo, Peter Van Norden, Paul Magrid in *Don Quixote*

Don Quixote, adapted from the Cervantes novel by Paul Magid

San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown

Directed by Sam Woodhouse; cast: Peter Van Norden, Paul Magid, Willie G, Michael Preston, Jasper Patterson, Jennifer Miller, Suzy Hernandez Peredo, Gregg Moore, Fred Lanuza; scenic design, Noch Fouch; costumes, Jennifer Brawn Gittings; lighting, Jennifer Setlow; sound, M. Scott Grabau; choreographer, Javier Velasco; composer and musical director, Gregg Moore; fight director, Stephen Morgan-MacKay

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Linda Evans, Joan Collins in *Legends*

he can do no more harm.

Magid plays the narrator, Cidi Hamete Benegeli. In contrast to Quixote's fanaticism, he advocates tolerance and acceptance of differences. Magid's moral earnestness is the most moving element of the show. He often enters the story, either to jack it up or inject more commentary. In doing so, however, he shoves Sancho Panza, and even Quixote, off to the side (as the don's sidekick, Willie G gets to do a knockout rap number, but, other than ride a tricycle, that's about it). The intrusive narrator, reduced versions of Quixote and Sancho, make for a sameness in most scenes: *déjà* boondoggle.

Don Quixote needs major cutting and tightening. The best parts are the interludes: as when the four Karamazovs juggle (and are funniest when they drop a bowling pin), or when a Catholic priest baptizes the audience, or when the group breaks into song. But the play's

the thing, and this one's still a work in progress.

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Legends, a star vehicle for Joan Collins and Linda Evans, came and went last week. The "vehicle" turned out to be a train wreck. The "stars" posed and modeled high fashions but were consistently upstaged by better performances.

James Kirkwood's formulaic script pits feuding movie headliners against each other. They're an odd couple: Leatrice (Evans) only plays saints; Leatrice (Collins), sinners. A young producer wants them for *Star Wars: The Play*, in which sparks allegedly fly. When the two women meet to talk about the project, the biggest ones fly offstage.

After an endless, only intermittently funny first act, which includes racist stereotyping and a shameless Chippendales strip, Collins and Evans finally square off. Here's the money scene. But

their exchanges lack heat and get delivered in a shoulders-squared, I-speak-now-you-speak patter. Neither is in the moment. Each pseudo-argues, as in an early rehearsal, or as if they've done the lines so many times they're just routine. When it's time for the battle royale, they take it offstage, onto a balcony, and we hear rather than see the clash.

In effect, the staging masks the headliners. It demands little more from them than recreating their roles on *Dynasty* (of which members of the audience reminded each other, often, on opening night). Minor characters actually carry the show: Tonye Patano as a maid (of whose exit lines provide most of the humor) and Will Holman as the male stripper. Both are African-Americans in subservient roles. And when Collins's character tells the maid to "go pick cotton" in the kitchen, *Legends* scrapes the gutter of American theater. ■

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Ace

The Old Globe Theatre presents the West Coast premiere of the new musical about the aviation heroes of World War I and II. Stafford Arima directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, THROUGH FEBRUARY 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

Bram Stoker's Dracula

Coronado Playhouse offers the horror classic, about the blood-hungry Count, based on the original novel. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Cry Havoc

Diversionsary Theatre's "Queer Theatre — Taking Centre Stage" series presents a reading of Tom Coash's drama about a British writer and an Egyptian university student's covert relationship in present-day Cairo. Esther Emery directed.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Don Quixote

Reviewed this issue. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH FEBRUARY 4; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Fiddler on the Roof

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical about tradition and Tevye, a dairyman in the Russian village of Anatevua. WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 1; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY, AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

Happy Endings Are Extra

Diversionsary Theatre presents the U.S. premiere of Ashraf Johardien's comedy-drama about "a woman who loves a man who loves a rent boy." Rosina Reynolds directed.

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Heart of a Dog

UCSD Theatre presents a theatrical adaptation of Mikhail Bulgakov's novella in which a wealthy urologist transplants a deceased criminal's testicles and pituitary gland into a dog. Charlie Oates directed. MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UCSD, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, THROUGH JANUARY 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

The Importance of Being Earnest

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UARY 23, RECEPTION AT 6:30 P.M., CURTAIN AT 7:30 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3.

A Moon for the Misbegotten

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Eugene O'Neill's drama about star-crossed Jamie and Josie, the former based on O'Neill's alcoholic brother. David Ellenstein directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an off-

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shoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try:

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Night Watch

Poway Performing Arts Company stages Lucille Fletcher’s suspense thriller in which Elaine Wheeler sees dead people in an empty chair. Sherrie Coburn directed. POWPAC THEATER, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS IN THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Nipples to the Wind

ICI Productions presents Paula Coco’s “sassy comedy,” in which two women perform 14 monologues, ranging from a Little League mom who winds up in jail to a narcissistic suicide hotline operator. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, THROUGH JANUARY 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, AT 2:00 P.M. 760-726-1340.

Pig Farm

Greg Kotis’s agricultural comedy (“the pigs are restless down on the farm”) plays at the South Coast Rep. Martin Benson directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH JANUARY 28; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

Plays by Young Writers

The California Young Playwrights Contest presents stagings of its four award-winning scripts: Ariel Cowell’s *Elevated*; *The Courier* by John Glouchevitch; Thomas Hodges’s *Stage Directions*; Katherine Quinn’s *Aftermath of Cassidy Joan*. Every performance begins with readings of scripts by writers aged 14 or younger. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH JANUARY 21; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR DATES AND TIMES OF SPECIFIC PLAYS, CALL 619-239-8222.

Readings of August

Wilson’s Plays: Joe Turner’s Come and Gone

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what “Grassroots Greeks” did for ancient Greek drama in San Diego. The companies present a series of staged readings of one of the American theater’s rarely performed but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for *Fences* in 1987 and *The Piano Lesson* in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the “largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade”). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: Floyd Gaffney directs *Joe Turner’s Come and Gone*.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON

BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; *JOE TURNER’S COME AND GONE*, MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AND 6, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the “game show” — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

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Steel Magnolias

New Vision Theatre stages Robert Harling’s comedy-drama about life, and death, at a beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana. SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 750-529-9140.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far.

They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a cracker-jack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to over-

come, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

War and Quiet Flowers

6th@Penn presents part of its Challenge Theatre program in which local playwrights Jason Connors, George Soete, Matt Thompson, and Jim Caputo have written one-acts on the subject of war. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JANUARY 24; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Win, Place, or Die...My Jockeys Are Killing Me!

Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Patricia Harris-Smith’s interactive “race-track romp.” It’s opening weekend at Upson Downs, and the Thoroughbred Club’ll never be the same. Pascarella directed. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

Yellowman

“I don’t want to let anyone off the hook,” playwright/poet Dael Orlandersmith said in an interview. Her drama looks at “internal racism,” the rift between light- and dark-skinned African-Americans, and shows that “the people who have been enslaved” have taken on “the very bias that’s been done to us.” *Yellowman* follows the lives, and love, of Alma, a large, dark woman, and Eugene, a “high yellow” (light-skinned) man. The play moves from their childhood to the promise of marriage.

Throughout they encounter differences of skin that encircle, and eventually destroy, their bond. Orlandersmith writes a tough poetry that never sounds “poetic” or preachy and weaves scenes solely from words, not stage directions. For Cygnet Theatre, talented director Esther Emery and a crack design team build visual pictures and movement from the language (Nick Fouch’s set, a beige wall of corrugated tin and brick, has a wide slash across the center, within which Eric Lotze’s lighting blazes South Carolina sunshine and NYC cold). Everything, including Veronica Murphy’s subtle costumes and George Ye’s equally subtle sounds, enhances the text. The playwright might object that Monique Gaffney and Mark Broadnax are much younger than the ages she asks for (Alma’s supposed to be around 40 Eugene, 45) but couldn’t object to their fine performances. Each plays several characters, vividly, and traces the growth of Alma and Eugene with exactitude. The result resembles Greek tragedy: how the sins, or in this case the prejudices, of the fathers can ruin not just the innocence, but also the very lives, of the young.

Critic’s pick. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

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Balancing Act

The frenzy of the battlefield is not Eastwood's forte as a director.

Well, I can't say, along with so many others, that I preferred *Letters from Iwo Jima* to *Flags of Our Fathers*. My main misgiving about the earlier, the latter film — its artily desaturated color, a possible hand-me-down from co-producer Steven Spielberg — is also applicable to the second part of Clint Eastwood's Second World War diptych, the Japanese-language, Japanese-perspective counterpart. (Could the English subtitles in some measure have mesmerized the critics?) Once more there is only the stray splash of color to clash with the near black-and-white: the bright red Rising Sun disk at the center of the flag, the luscious amber liquid in a bottle of Johnny Walker, the orange-y blossoms and plumes of flame. If anything, though I don't have a convenient DVD against which to check my memory, the earlier film dipped a little deeper, a little oftener, into the color pots. But no real advantage either way.

The apparent trump card of the newer film — the exercise in empathy whereby the filmmaker re-examines the same subject, the costly Battle of Iwo Jima, from the opposite side of

the firing line — can stand some scrutiny. (Let's first of all reject as too roundabout, too far a stretch, any suggestion of repayment of debt on the part of an American icon whose screen career was launched in a spaghetti-Western remake of a Japanese samurai film.) For an American production

to attempt to view an American war through the eyes of the other guys — to attempt to portray the sameness, the oneness, of fighting men on whatever side — is in itself nothing new. It is, by one gauge, as old as the prototypical antiwar film, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, although that one, or any of its successors (*A Time to Love and a Time to Die*, *The Blue Max*, etc.), didn't attempt to do so in the other guys' native tongue. In addition to which, any number of films have attempted an internal balancing act, our side and theirs, sometimes even permitting the others to speak in their own tongues (*The Young Lions*, *The Enemy Below*, *Hell in the Pacific*, *Tora! Tora! Tora!*, etc.). More, then, than in the opposing-viewpoint angle or the foreign-language angle, the uniqueness of *Letters* lies in its distinction as part of a matched pair, an external



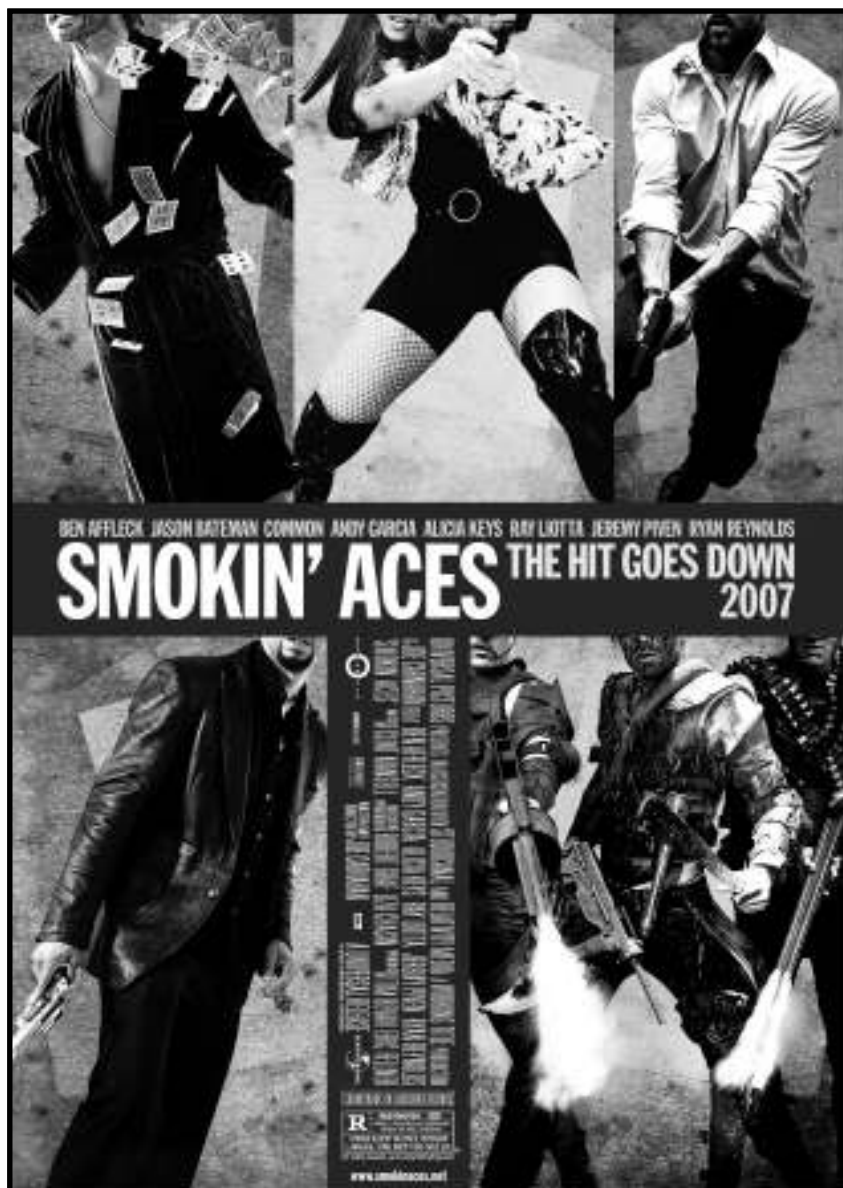
Letters from Iwo Jima

balancing act if you will, sharing numerous points of intersection with *Flags* while sharing no actual cast members. (The momentous flag-raising on Mount Suribachi now rates as no more than a speck in the distance.) The singularity of *Letters*, paradoxically put, lies in its complementarity.

Then, too, I would not want to underestimate the extraordinariness of

making such an offering in a time of ongoing war. The Japanese of yore may bear little resemblance to our Islamic jihadists beyond the broad label of "enemy," and in truth the film grants scant representation to the more fanatical Japanese imperialists, and it makes no accounting whatsoever of the capturers and torturers of "Izzy," for example, in the earlier film. The

more difficult a thing is to explain, the less Eastwood is inclined to try. He seeks out commonality, not difference. (The American soldier who would rather shoot his prisoners than guard them provides a dim equivalent.) Even so, September 11, we are told, is our generation's December 7, and the kamikaze mentality lives on in very few cultures, and the same holds true



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for the decapitation mentality, and the caves of Iwo Jima look very much as we might envision the hiding places of Osama bin Laden and his cohorts. The connections are easy to draw, the conclusions clear. And this, to repeat, is extraordinary. Audacious. Coura-

geous.
The new film begins at the exact spot where the earlier one ended, the cliff-top monument that today overlooks the tranquil beach of black sand, and it proceeds from there to pick out further reminders — abandoned cannons, vacated bunkers — before it settles upon a present-day Japanese excavation crew, digging in the floor of one of the caves and uncovering what will be revealed in the film's final shot as the cache of correspondence that

gives the film its title, and gives its script some snatches of voice-over narration from differing points of view. Pending that revelation, the present-day diggers give way to some previous diggers, the trench-diggers on that black-sand beach in 1944. ("Am I digging my own grave?" ponders one of them in a letter to his pregnant wife.) The focus of dramatic interest ranges democratically from the high to the low. A couple of aristocratic figures at one end of the spectrum: first, the

humane but firm and fatalistic commander (the truly commanding Ken Watanabe), a one-time resident of the United States, now packing a pearl-handled handgun as a souvenir of that time, fully expecting to die on the island ("I am sorry I wasn't able to attend to the kitchen floor before I left," he writes in a letter home), but striving for the Alamo-like goal of holding out against overwhelming odds as long as possible, seeing every passing day as another day of safety

for his homeland; and second, the dashing gold-medal equestrian from the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics, a national celebrity who has entertained Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford at dinner in Tokyo. In the middle: the rigid, iron-fisted disciplinarian and the highly trained but disgraced military policeman, demoted for his softhearted failure to carry out orders. And at the bottom: a select handful of humble grumbling grunts ("Weed soup again?"), interchangeable with those in any other army.

Letters is much more a straightforward battle film than its predecessor, which was more a memory film of battle and had as much to do with the aftereffects as with the immediate effects, filing away the warfare as indelible mental snapshots. (The flashbacks in *Letters*, within the film-long flashback, are few, brief, and succinct, nothing to compare with the complicated time-weave of *Flags*.) Eastwood, in the result, falls back here on a different, simpler, less effective anti-violence strategy, delaying the combat with evident distaste — fifty minutes to the first American air strike and another ten to the beach landing, announced, in a hair-raising moment, when the poor little baker is ordered to empty a shitpot outside the cave and gets an eyeful of the American armada — and then drenching the combat in maximum horror. This constitutes a conventional plan of attack, at first getting us to know and to care about the men and then cutting them to ribbons in front of us; and the conventionality is both a strength and a limitation: solid but inflexible. And despite the greater concentration on the battle per se (and the two-hour-twenty-minute running time), there is little sense of how long the battle lasted, and little sense, from what we are shown, of how it could have lasted as long as it did.

There is indisputably some strong stuff in the film: the death-with-honor serial suicides by hand grenade, the engulfing shower of flame from an opening in the roof of a cave, and the like. But the frenzy of the battlefield is not Eastwood's forte as a director. He often seems, there, to be cribbing from other models, if not turning over the reins to the second unit or the special-effects men: the stitchery of machine-gun fire in the dirt, the mushrooming fireballs, the jostled camera. His forte is, or relies on, stately, graceful, limpid classicism, conveying an Old World chivalry generally lacking in his on-screen persona, always treating his subjects, as well as his audience, with the utmost respect. And although the novelty of a commercial American director making an art-house Japanese film is in a strict sense invisible to the viewer, outside the picture frame, beyond the range of the camera, Eastwood's fingerprints are all over the screen. We all know (don't we?) that film is a visual medium; and the present film, subtitled notwithstanding, is a triumph of style, a triumph of manner, still more a triumph of tradition. It comes across as a bit preachier than *Flags*, where the filmmaker, with firmer footing on home turf, may have felt freer to let you draw your own lessons, may have felt less necessity to show his personal "understanding." Nonetheless, it offers a useful, a purposeful, a further refinement of his evolving views on violence. And if it runs the risk of collapse under the cumulative weight of his solemnity (four and a half hours total), the risk proves to have been a risk worth taking. A

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Alpha Dog — Another occasion to be shocked, *shocked*, at the behavior of America's youth, specifically drug-dealing middle-class SoCal white kids who have embraced a black gangsta ethic ("Chill out, dog"). A true-crime wallow, with the names changed to protect the exploiters; long-drawn-out; overacted like mad. Emile Hirsch, Justin Timberlake, Anton Yelchin, Ben Foster, Shawn Hatosy, Bruce Willis, and, donning a latex fat suit for the epilogue, Sharon Stone; written and directed by Nick Cassavetes. 2007.

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Apocalypto — Evidently Mel Gibson is in it only for the barbarity. Scouring the globe, roaming the pages of history, he has alighted here on the illuminating example of the Mayan people, past their civilized peak, where a happy, peaceable, practical-joking tribe of jungle dwellers (sample joke: the prescription of a red-hot herb as a *topical* fertility drug, so that the duped hubby must, in full view of the guffawing villagers, hop around buck naked and plunk down his burning loins in a water trough — wait, it gets even better — and his wife must pour a pitcher of water down her gullet) is cruelly set upon and rounded up by a storm troop of fearsome, bloodthirsty, bone-in-the-nose killjoys in search of sacrificial offerings to their god Kukulkan. A paradise, in other words, no less than turn-of-the-13th-century Scotland in *Braveheart* or 1st-century Palestine in *The Passion of the Christ*, where Gibson may indulge his appetite for mayhem, persecution, torture, martyrdom. (The nine-tenths-naked natives enable him, further, to indulge his lesser appetite for homoeroticism.) The English subtitles and the no-name cast might almost lead you to believe, were it not for the telltale slickness and the Gibsonian slo-mo for dramatic stress, that you're watching a product of, say, the Guatemalan New Wave or the Undiscovered Belizean Cinema. At the very least, the film should do nothing to fan the flames of Gibson's suspected and substantiated anti-Semitism. And at the next least, the last-minute arrival on the scene of Christianity is not openly — and politically incorrectly — applauded. That might be the film's one and only instance of restraint. Rudy Youngblood, Dalia Hernandez, Jonathan Brewer, Morris Bird. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Babel — Communication problems the world over. An American tourist is struck by rifle fire in Morocco, arousing erroneous worries of terrorism. An illegal-alien nanny drags along the two towheads in her care to a Mexican wedding, and runs afoul of the Border Patrol on their return. And a horny pantyless deaf-mute Japanese girl can't get a man, any man, to take an interest in her. These three storylines are fashionably "interlocked" (anyone who can recognize the voice of Brad Pitt over the telephone will immediately know the connection between two of them), and the film strategically ends in the same place, from a different point of view, as it begins, coming full circle. The illusion of complexity, for all that, could scarcely be more transparent. Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu, much in the manner of his *Amores Perros*,

achieves depth only in the way that a hero sandwich achieves it; and it achieves length — almost two and a half hours of it — in the same way as a footlong at any Subway shop. Tenuous in construction, slack and sluggish in pace, sketchy and far-fetched in plot, the film does nothing to justify its epic length or its cosmic ambitions. (The Mexican storyline, particularly weak, goes nowhere until it goes bananas: a series of decisions so bad as to forfeit all sympathy for the characters, let alone for the storyteller who compelled the characters to make the decisions.) With a somewhat calmer camera than his norm, however, the director does some nice scene-setting, some impressionistic documentation of the locales, to help realize his goal in sheer duration. With Cate Blanchett, Adriana Barraza, Gael García Bernal, Koji Yakusho, and Rinko Kikuchi. 2006.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; FROM 1/19)

Blood Diamond — Serviceable action-adventure despite frequent interruptions for sermonettes on human rights and capitalist wrongs. The ripped-from-the-headlines story (yesterday's headlines: civil war in Sierra Leone, 1999) features the stock figures of a self-interested soldier of fortune, in league with slaughterous rebels and unscrupulous jewellers, an engag  foreign correspondent, and a hapless native peasant enslaved in the diamond mines and separated from his family, all united on a treasure hunt for a priceless buried gem, "a pink," big as a walnut. Without the politics, the strong-arm manipulation of emotions would be inexcusable. Or rather, more

clearly inexcusable. It's still inexcusable even now. (The on-screen standing ovation at the final curtain is an unsuitable elbow-in-the-ribs to the moviegoer.) Behind the oped posturing, the film roughly resembles a middle-period, middle-drawer Robert Mitchum vehicle, except that Leonardo DiCaprio, affecting an acceptable Afrikaner accent, is no Robert Mitchum. For all his recently acquired bulk, including the heftiness of his credits in Martin Scorsese's oeuvre, he remains too boyish to be a persuasive action hero: Robby Bensonitis, let's call it. Jennifer Connelly, meantime, is both capable and decorative as the journalist. And the only thing keeping Djimon Hounsou from total sympathy is the sanctimony in which his director, Edward Zwick, enwraps him. All three, along with their Dark Continent environs, are nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by Eduardo Serra. 2006.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan — For anyone who heretofore hadn't encountered the character on HBO, Borat Sagdiyev will need an introduction. He is one of the personas 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 docu-

mentary for home consumption — a built-in excuse for bad camerawork. Scripted scenes, or at any rate pre-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 un-awares. These unrehearsed bits, 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: *Can-*

did 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 previous), etc. At the same time, they give rise to moral concerns — to say nothing of legal ones — that far overshadow artistic ones. 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 impression of the film, right down to

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the spottiness of its laughs, and regardless of whether staged or not, is amazingly similar to that of your average Will Ferrell comedy. In a word, over-the-top and high of the target. Directed by Larry Charles. 2006. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)

Casino Royale — Taking the title from Ian Fleming’s first James Bond novel, the 007 franchise approaches the opportunity of a new beginning. The new Bond, Daniel Craig, is not just another pretty face, in fact is a pretty craggy face (Craggy face, perhaps that should be), and it can pretty well express itself in the bargain. Granted, noises were made about a similar rollback toward reality when Timothy Dalton came on board; and even in the midst of the reign of Pierce Brosnan, noises were made about toughening up his act. These proved to be only noises. The new noises are more. The obligatory pre-credits sequence, in black-and-white and sprinkled with flashbacks, shuns spectacle in favor of blunt brutality; and the action to follow seems to be under no compulsion to “top” all previous action. While Judi Dench reprises the role of “M,” Bond himself has only just been promoted

to double-0 status (a new beginning for sure) and has yet to earn his boss’s trust. There is no equivalent of “Q” and his cute presentation of the gadgets *du jour*. There is no casual bedding of “Bond girls,” and the one romantic relationship (with the enigmatic, darkly eyed/eneled Eva Green) attains an emotional weight beyond even the all-the-way-to-the-altar affair of *On Her Majesty’s Secret Service*. The hero’s lame quips and puns, meantime, have thoroughly been expunged from the script. And “I don’t give a damn” is his response to the bartender’s inquiry as to whether he’d like his vodka martini shaken or stirred. All these changes are definite improvements. And yet, and yet, and yet.... The action, even if somewhat scaled back under the one-time Bond director Martin Campbell (*Goldeneye*, the beginning of the Brosnan Bonds, but scarcely a *new* beginning), is still more than sufficiently cartoonish. The plotting is skimpy. The whole thing runs on far too long. And then there’s the fundamental question: if you want to do an alternative to James Bond, why call him James Bond? Why not put him out to pasture where at his age he belongs? Mads Mikkelsen, Jeffrey Wright, Giancarlo Giannini. 2006. ★★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Charlotte’s Web — E.B. White’s barnyard children’s story, a friendship fable

about the promise of a spider to save a spring pig from the smokehouse. Sweet sentiment soured by the cacophonous Cultural Diversity of the animal voices (British sheep, Southern cows, African-American geese, New York City rat, Julia Roberts spider, and so on) and the mundane visuals. With Dakota Fanning in live-action, Dominic Scott Kay, Steve Buscemi, Oprah Winfrey, Cedric the Entertainer, John Cleese, Kathy Bates, and Robert Redford in voice-over dubbing, and Sam Shepard in narration; directed by Gary Winick. 2006. ● (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Children of Men — The basic idea — from a novel by P.D. James, a departure from her detective fiction — of a worldwide plague of female infertility, even though not at all original (see *The Handmaid’s Tale*, as a prime example), remains nevertheless a potent metaphor for that science-fiction staple, the End of the World; and the film can thus sensibly refrain from hashing over the significance of a miraculous pregnancy in England, as inexplicable as the plague itself, eighteen years after its onset in 2008. A potent metaphor, that, for Hope, even Faith. (The young black woman’s deadpan protestation of virginity is of course only her own little joke. What

she is carrying is not the Second Coming of Christ so much as that of Adam. Or, as it happens, Eve.) Because the world went so fast to hell so near in the future — “Only Britain soldiers on” — the film is not overburdened with production and special effects. It shoulders just sufficient texture and detail for an illusion of reality: the unswept litter and uncollected trash in the streets, the electronic animated billboards, the pirated artworks preserved for no one’s edification at the Tate Modern, the gratis government-issued suicide kits (brand name: Quietus; ad slogan: “You Decide When”), the concentration camps for illegal aliens, etc. There is really not much in the way of a story — underground dissidents squiring the expectant mother through chaotic countryside to an offshore rendezvous with a shadowy do-good organization known as the Human Project — but Clive Owen, the principal squirer, an uncommitted mercenary, has the ideal demeanor for the grimness of the mission; and the trek is nothing if not eventful, a mild word for an itinerary that includes three virtuoso action set pieces. If the camera sometimes calls attention to itself with its showboat mobility, and at one point with its blood-spattered lens, the staging of the action is always thorough and thought-out. As, for that matter, is the staging of the nonaction, in particular the hero’s interplay with his ex-wife (Julianne Moore) and an aged flower-child friend (Michael Caine), abubble with

emotional undercurrents. Director Alfonso Cuarón’s moderation in the use of close-ups, a rarer and rarer thing these days, disdains the easy way out. With Chiwetel Ejiofor and Claire-Hope Ashitey. 2006. ★★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Curse of the Golden Flower — The reunion of filmmaker Zhang Yimou with his one-time muse and leading lady, Gong Li, over ten years after their personal falling-out, post-*Shanghai Triad*, makes this film into a real “event,” and the actress brings to it an inner fire to outglow even its molten-lava color scheme. In addition to which, the director’s dynamic visual style demonstrates exceptional weight, balance, timing, and agility. In short, exceptional command of the screen. Watching his shots fall into place is a little like watching the piece-by-piece construction of a palace. Or temple. Nothing humbler would quite do justice to a tale of courtly and amatory intrigue (Tang Dynasty, 10th Century) that aspires to Shakespearean, even Sophoclean, tragedy. Without dispute, the film is somewhat talky and slow, but if it’s preferable nevertheless to Zhang’s *Hero* and *House of Flying Daggers*, the reason in large part would be precisely the long postponement of the gravity-defying martial arts. Defying, that is, of not only Newton’s sort of gravity but that of Shakespeare and Sophocles as well. Once the battles break out, they severely damage the sense of seriousness, although never the sense of style. With Chow Yun-Fat. 2006. ★★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HILLCREST CINE-MAS; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Dreamgirls — Broadway backstage musical — not, that is to say, backstage on Broadway but backstage in Motown — charting the breakthrough of R&B into the pop mainstream in the Sixties, more specifically the rise of a girl group called the Dreams (rhymes with Supremes), and attendant heartbreaks, breakups, downfalls, and assorted other banalities. True, a musical can get away with a banal storyline if the music is good, but these Broadway-ized soul tunes are as insipid as they are incessant. It seems it’s not easy to write another “Where Did Our Love Go?,” another “Come See about Me,” another “My World Is Empty without You,” another “You Can’t Hurry Love.” And the one familiar number, the one unforgettable number, the big abandonment solo of former *American Idol* contestant Jennifer Hudson (big voice, big figure), screams out for earplugs if not a muzzle. Neither is it easy, evidently, to be another Aretha Franklin. Beyoncé Knowles looks glamorous enough as the Diana Ross diva who metamorphoses into disco queen Donna Summer (under the Svengalian guidance of the Berry Gordy stand-in, Jamie Foxx); and the period clothes and hairdos — something near a beehive on Eddie Murphy when we first meet him, higher and higher than Jackie Wilson — are enjoyable as expected. Writer and director Bill Condon, who adapted the screenplay for *Chicago* but whose own directing credits run to *Gods and Monsters* and *Kinsey*, shows it’s not easy to be Stanley Donen. 2006. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Eragon — A teenage boy, a telepathically talking dragon, a captive princess, an evil king, a sorcerer, an oppressed populace, a rebel band, and a first-time director schooled in CGI (Stefen Fangmeier, who surely ought to have cut his teeth on a vampire film). Altogether, a snigger when not a

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snore. With Ed Speleers, Jeremy Irons, Sienna Guillory, John Malkovich, Robert Carlyle, Djimon Hounsou, and the voice of Rachel Weisz. 2006.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Freedom Writers — Make-a-difference true story about an idealistic young English teacher at an “integrated” high school in Long Beach, where she brings peace and harmony to her fractious classroom (she appears to teach only one hour per day) and seemingly also to the community at large: the gang violence peters out dramatically as she takes the students on a field trip to the Museum of Tolerance, and distributes copies of *The Diary of Anne Frank* purchased out of her own pocket. The positive attitude and right-mindedness of the film, or at least the enthusiasm and resolve of Hilary Swank in the lead role, are disarming if not shaming. And Imelda Staunton puts up pitiable resistance as the rule-bound department head, a very human heavy. With Patrick Dempsey, Scott Glenn, John Benjamin Hickey, April Lee Hernandez, Deance Wyatt, Mario, and Pat Carroll; written and directed by Richard LaGravenese. 2007.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; 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; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Giant — Almost four hours long and as wide as a yawn, George Stevens’s version of Edna Ferber’s Texas epic is excessive in every way. By the finish, gray has dusted the black-shoe-polish hair of Rock Hudson, a limp empire-builder, and his little boy has grown up to be Dennis Hopper. James Dean lolls around in blue denims, smugly figuring his big innings will come sooner or later, and they do come, in the guise of snobby sunglasses and a trim mustache. All the while, Elizabeth Taylor behaves like the stout-hearted, unflinching Ferber-esque female ideal. Too much of the movie trudges along under the assumption that the gradual pileup of events, time, characters, and color will outweigh the vacuity of each individual moment. 1956.

● (BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 1/18, 7 P.M., AND 1/21, 2 P.M.)

The Good German — A nostalgist’s *film noir*, one more black-and-white postwar thriller, over a half-century tardy in its arrival, for the buff who has run through *Crossfire*, *Cornered*, *Notorious*, *The Stranger*, *Berlin Express*, and *Captain Carey, U.S.A.*, among numerous others, and who still has a hunger. Reassuring archaisms, such as the 4:3 aspect ratio for the opening credits (afterwards widened only to 1.66:1, it looks like) or the blatant rear-screen projection behind a stationary moving car, coexist uneasily with latter-day liberties in matters of sex and profanity. Steven Soderbergh, who had dabbled in black-and-white before (most of *Kafka*, most of his sequence in *Eros*, but never till now whole hog), knows where to place the low angles and inky shadows, though he doesn’t know so well how to maintain pace and flow. George Clooney, who also had had black-and-white experience in his self-directed *Good Night, and Good Luck*, fits right in, thanks to his “classical” movie-star good looks, scuffed up a bit in repeated beatings; and Cate Blanchett, as a Berlin prostitute with a presumed-dead but intensively sought husband, seems to be able to adapt herself to anything, including the German language with English subtitles. Tobey Maguire, Beau Bridges, Jack Thompson. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Good Shepherd — Espionage epic, reasonably described by one blurbist as “*The Godfather* of CIA movies,” but only if you are satisfied to retain all the pretentiousness of *The Godfather*, right down to the oppressive underillumination, and do without any of the enlivening pyrotechnics. (Despite those subtractions, the movie still comes to within ten minutes or so of *The Godfather*’s nearly three-hour duration.)

Tremendously unentertaining, it slogs back and forth in time, beginning with, and regularly returning to, the Bay of Pigs fiasco and fallout, but retreating back as far as the protagonist’s college days as a Yalie and an inductee into the Skull and Bones secret society in 1939 (and even, in a psychoanalytical flashback-within-a-flashback, as far as his boyhood and his father’s suicide in 1925), and then working its way forward toward 1961 in incremental jumps. Second-time director Robert De Niro, who also has a small sedentary role as the protagonist’s espionage mentor, may have convinced himself that the back-and-forth time shuttle (not to mention the Cuban connection) would transform this also into *The Godfather II* of CIA movies. But this, unlike that, is a single-generation narrative, and the continual interruptions in the story-telling serve little other purpose than to thwart any suspense. And since the block-of-wood Matt Damon hardly ages a day in twenty-plus years (nor does Angelina Jolie in the unaccustomed role of a neglected wife), our best hope to avoid confusion as to where we are on the timeline is to differentiate between his many eyeglass frames. Alec Baldwin, William Hurt, John Turturro, Billy Crudup, Michael Gambon. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Happy Feet — Computer-animated message movie about the pressure of conformity and (separate message) the plunder of nature, more specifically about a species of pop-song-singing penguins, into whose midst is born a “different,” an aberrant, tap-dancing penguin (try, if you can, to put the pudgy trudging birds of *March of the Penguins* out of your mind), and about a runtier breed of Latino penguins, some menacing seabirds, a scary seal, a couple of humongous orcas, and a race of “aliens” who are not computer-animated at all. The interface with these aliens near the end is moderately mind-blowing, if only from a mixed-media standpoint, but the alleged alienness of the human race would carry more rhetorical clout if the penguins hadn’t all along been borrowing so freely from its popular culture. (The natural state holds no accommodation for vintage rock-and-roll.) And you cannot feel entirely happy about a happy ending in which it’s suggested that humans might show more respect for their fellow creatures on the planet if only the fellows would learn some nifty dance steps. Although the direction by live-action man George Miller has some nice touches and clever angles, the action, approximately 60mph faster than the action in his Mad Max movies, is approximately 65mph too fast. With the voices of Elijah Wood, Brittany Murphy, Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, Anthony LaPaglia. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Hitcher — Remake of the mid-Eighties shocker, with Sean Bean, Sophia Bush, and Zachary Knighton, directed by Dave Meyers.

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The Holiday — Writer and director Nancy Meyers arranges an Internet home exchange, for two weeks at Christmastime, between two wounded women desperate to get away: a London newspaper columnist (Kate Winslet) with a cozy cottage in Surrey, and a Hollywood trailer-cutter (Cameron Diaz) with a modernist mansion in Beverly Hills. The agreed-upon date of “tomorrow” initiates a pattern of time-compression that effectively removes the action from the realm of the real world. But then, Meyers does not seek to inhabit the

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Hardcore science fiction meets psychological terror and giant-monster horror in the 1956 classic, *Forbidden Planet*. The first big-budget Technicolor sci-fi film, it set the bar for what sci-fi horror should be. It’s actually a modern retelling of Shakespeare’s *The Tempest* with Walter Pidgeon in the Prospero role. The first movie to use a Theremin for its soundtrack. The Id monster remained the most original creature until 1979’s *Alien*.

It took over 50 years for the giant lizard to make it — unedited and uncensored — to American shores. Chopped up to lose much of its anti A-Bomb theme for American audiences, *Godzilla* — still a powerful figure to behold — was sorely weakened by the addition of Raymond Burr walking through and narrating the entire flick. America had the first giant monster with *King Kong*, but while Kong was destroyed by New York City, Godzilla destroyed Tokyo. No giant-monster movie was ever more influential than the original *Godzilla*.

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KELLY PARKS

Movie reviewer, *FeoAmante.com*

THX 1138: Lucas fixed it up and added new effects, which made me nervous. I was afraid he’d ruin it like he did with his politically correct changes to *Star Wars* (Han shot first, damn it!). But he didn’t. If anything, this über-cool cult classic is even überer.

Equilibrium: Speaking of classics, if you haven’t seen this wonderful mix of *The Matrix*, *THX 1138*, and *1984*, you should. Excellent sci-fi action! You’ll believe an unarmed man can take on ten well-armed men and win.

One Hour Photo: Robin Williams is a funny guy, but when he’s funny-strange rather than funny-ha-ha, he’s very scary. This movie about a photo clerk with an unhealthy obsession for a young family does one of the best slow-builds to suspense ever.

THX 1138 (USA) 1971, Warner Home Video
List price: \$19.98

EQUILIBRIUM (USA) 2002, Dimension
List price: \$14.99

ONE HOUR PHOTO (USA) 2002, Twentieth Century Fox
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real world. Underneath her superficial smooth talk, she’s really just a seductive dope peddler, chumming up to her susceptible sisters on the subject of romantic disillusionment, and then hooking them on the same old delusions — the grooved path, greased wheels, and phantom obstacles en route to Mr. Right. The film, at best, is a testament to the dearthness of the dream. The sample of the trailer-cutter’s work — an imaginary action thriller starring Lindsay Lohan and James Franco — is dead funny: the two stars running straight at the camera and away from a mushrooming fireball, the male star diving sideways in slo-mo with two guns blazing. But the fantasies wherein she sees her own life in terms of a movie trailer never really take flight. Meyers’s affection for Golden Age Hollywood —

chiefly funnelled through the character of Eli Wallach as a widowed Oscar-winning screenwriter grumpily resisting a lifetime-achievement award from the WGA — is doubtless genuine, but our agreement with her must stop short of her persistent hints that she herself should be painted golden. With Jude Law, Jack Black, Rufus Sewell, Edward Burns. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

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 physi-

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cian, “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.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/19)

Letters from Iwo Jima — Reviewed this issue. With Ken Watanabe, Kazunari Ninomiya, Tsuyoshi Ihara, Ryo Kase, and Shidou Nakamura; directed by Clint Eastwood.
★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 1/19; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18, FROM 1/19; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 1/19; SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 1/19)

Night at the Museum — *Jumanji*-esque jumble of special effects, in which all the exhibits at the Natural History Museum in New York City come to life after dark. This allows for a lot of, frankly an excess of, variety: Lilliputian cowboys and Roman soldiers who tie down the new night watchman like Gulliver; a mischievous monkey who pees on him, pickpockets his keys, and engages in a Three Stooges-style slapfest with him; a T-rex skeleton who wants to play fetch; a talking, bubblegum-chewing Easter Island head; Attila and some Huns; some lions, an elephant, a zebra, a rhino, and so on. It also allows for logical mix-ups whereby, for example, the wax figure of Teddy Roosevelt knows full well he’s a wax figure of our twenty-sixth President, while the wax figure of Sakajawea is regarded as the actual, taxidermized Indian maid, a boon to the tour guide who is writing a dissertation on her. Director Shawn Levy oversees one decent cinematic moment, the contrasting views of the Lilliputians letting the air out of the tires of a van at the loading dock, an action which at close range looks as if they’re trying to plug a hole in



Alpha Dog

the fuselage of a jetliner at 30,000 feet, while from a distance it looks as if all is calm. Mickey Rooney has a nice little role as a truculent security guard forced into retirement (addressing his replacement variously as “Hotshot,” “Hopscotch,” “Butterscotch,” etc.), and Ricky Gervais, of the

British *The Office*, shows off his narrow range to good effect as another embarrassing boss, the high-handed museum director (“Control your young, please”). Ben Stiller, on the other hand, shows off his own narrow range at great length in the lead role, and Robin Williams (the wax Teddy) and

Owen Wilson (toy cowboy) are instantaneously tiresome. With Carla Gugino, Dick Van Dyke, Bill Cobbs. Steve Coogan. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA

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LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
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La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
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9:10; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 12:05, 3:25, 6:45, 10:00; **Charlotte’s Web** (G) Fri., Sun. 1:55, 4:25; **Children of Men** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:50) 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:35 Fri., Sun. (10:50) 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:35; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 12:40, 3:50, 7:10, 10:05; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:20, 9:15; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:50) 2:30, 6:10, 9:55; **Happily N’Ever After** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:25) 6:50, 9:25; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:35) 2:05, 4:55, 7:25, 10:05; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:45) 12:55, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 12:35, 3:55, 7:15, 10:20; **Letters from Iwo Jima** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:30) 2:45, 6:05, 9:20; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:55) 3:00, 6:05, 9:05; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:05) 1:45, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (10:55) 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30

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Notes on a Scandal — Two thespian heavyweights, Cate Blanchett and Judi Dench, going toe to toe, battling to a draw. The scandal, as it comes to light, is the illicit and illegal affair of a married-with-children, thirty-something art teacher, Blanchett, and a fifteen-year-old male student (Andrew Simpson), a ripped-from-the-headlines affair made perfectly plausible if not comprehensible. What doesn’t come fully to light, except to the voyeuristic viewer, is how a self-deluding lonely old lesbian history teacher, Dench, attempts to use her knowledge of the affair to her own advantage, again perfectly plausible if not exactly politically correct. Both of the women are individuals, not representatives, and they’re played that way. The drama gets a bit overwrought toward the finish, and Philip Glass’s phone-it-in musical score is no asset, but all in all a compelling effort. With Bill Nighy and Phil Davis; directed by Richard Eyre. 2006.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

The Painted Veil — Somerset Maugham’s middlebrow brew of sin and redemption among colonial Brits in mid-Twenties China, where a brave bacteriologist but vindictive cuckold (Edward Norton) drags his faithless spouse (Naomi Watts) into the midst of a cholera outbreak in the backcountry. The spiritual growth of the flighty wife (“When love and duty are one,” counsels the Mother Superior at the local orphanage, “then grace is within you”) will restore sufficient happiness to the union, not long before its tragic end, that the husband can stop plastering down his hair and go fluffy. Directed by John Curran (*We Don’t Live Here Anymore*, also featuring Watts), this follows after at least two other screen treatments of the novel —

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San Diego Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
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me?”). The star is the amiable Will Smith, but the director is Italian, Gabriele Muccino of *The Last Kiss*, which might inspire certain types of filmgoers to draw analogies to the Little Man humanism of De Sica and Company. The poignance, to be sure, is commensurately unrelenting (pushing through to schmaltziness), but the only real grit is in the graininess of the digital image. And the emotional payoff — this isn't post-war Italy, after all — comes in the form of a cash jackpot. Jaden Christopher Syre Smith, Thandie Newton, Brian Howe, James Karen, Dan Castellaneta. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Queen — A spot of simulated Royals-watching, ably guided by the seasoned Stephen Frears: a satisfying, if unsurprising and unrevealing and unimaginative re-enactment of what must have gone on behind closed doors in the week after the death of Princess Di, in specific the diplomatic efforts of the newly elected Tony Blair to compel the Royal Family (“a bunch of freeloading, emotionally retarded nutters,” in the view of Mrs. Blair) to behave like human beings: “Will somebody please save these people from themselves?” Helen Mirren and Michael Sheen embody Her Majesty and the Prime Minister to two T's. In support of them, James Cromwell at least looks the part of Philip, but plays only one note, and Alex Jennings is a bit short in the snout (in complete contrast to Cromwell) but is otherwise credibly dyspeptic as Charles. The plentiful humor, out of deference to history and living persons, is very mild. 2006.

★★ (CHULA VISTA 10, FROM 1/19; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 1/19; GALAXY 6, FROM 1/19; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6, FROM 1/19; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; POWAY 10)

Rocky Balboa — The sixth installment in the *Rocky* series (despite the absence of a Roman numeral to remind us) comes thirty years after the first one and sixteen after the fifth. It will stand as a serviceable definition of “retarded.” Written and directed by its sixty-year-old star, Sylvester Stallone, it wants nothing but to turn back the hands of time. Oh, Stallone may, in observance of auld lang syne, put his sanctified screen wife into the cold hard ground (“woman cancer”), and thus restrict Talia Shire, still listed in the credits, to youthful flashbacks. But what man, after all, with washboard abs and with veins bulging in his shoulders and biceps, could abide to be saddled with an old bag his own age? He can always get an eyelift, dip into the hair dye, put on the same hat, run up the same steps to the same music, replace the old Ugly Duckling with a younger Ugly Duckling (Geraldine Hughes, no spring chicken, but nonetheless a quarter-century his junior), and if the script says so, if wishful thinking wishes it, he can still give as good as he gets in a risible “exhibition match” against the current undefeated, but unrespected, heavyweight champ (former light-heavyweight champ, Antonio Tarver). Skill vs. Will, it's billed as, and no chance to mistake which is which. By rights, of course, Stallone ought to have taken over the Burgess Meredith role and left the fighting to, say, Hilary Swank. The glaring irony of it is that, while the on-screen Stallone is supposed to be the personification of heart and desire, the off-screen Stallone can only have been motivated by the thing that motivates his on-screen opponent and supposed opposite: lust for a big payday. Burt Young, Milo Ventimiglia. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Stomp the Yard — Musical drama starring Columbus Short as an L.A. street dancer enrolled in an Atlanta university, directed by Sylvain White. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

Volver — Almodóvar adds to his familiar sour comedy and mock melodrama the new element of an apparent apparition, a mundane ghost, a flatulent phantom, blended in with the familiar elements in uncertain tone. He shows nary a trace of the erstwhile “bad boy,” nothing now but a good, good boy, devoted to mothers in particular, reverential of females in general, the Spanish George Cukor. (The cadaver in the freezer, male, is but a further sign of his respect and his awe.) The result can be recommended to the well-trained legions who are willing to meet this filmmaker seven-eighths of the way. Even the foot-draggers must concede that it's deftly staged and well acted, and that Penélope Cruz, beyond acting well, shines like a star. Or more descriptively, a heavenly body. Carmen Maura, Lola Dueñas, Yohana Cobo, Blanca Portillo. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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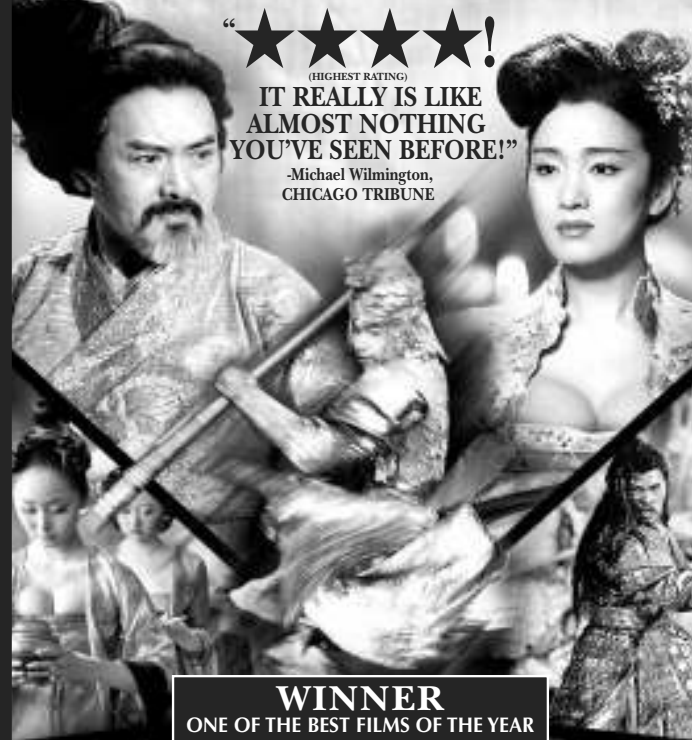
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América Barceló

Diario San Diego

Todo parecería ir en orden para los padres de un joven de 15 años que pidió permiso para ir a casa de un amigo para ver películas.

Pero todo cambió cuando horas más tarde los progenitores del adolescente recibieron una llamada de la sala de emergencias de un hospital porque el joven llegó drogado y a punto de morir.

En los nosocomios del Condado de San Diego

se ha hecho muy común la llegada de adolescentes de entre 13 a 17 años que son víctimas de sobredosis de medicamentos que encontraron en el botiquín de su casa.

Una de las nuevas modas entre la juventud es drogarse en su propia casa, en la escuela o con los amigos usando medicamentos contra la gripe, para el dolor, o simplemente por inhalar fuertes solventes y aerosoles que encuentran en la cocina o baños de su casa.

deportes



Luces fuera

Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

Los Cargadores de San Diego no ganan un partido de playoff s en su casa desde 1995 y por lo que se vio el domingo pasado el maleficio está lejos de poderse romper.

A pesar de haber tenido la mejor marca en toda la Liga Nacional de fútbol, de tener a más de 68 mil aficionados apoyándolos y de haber descansado una semana

para su encuentro ante los Patriots de Nueva Inglaterra, el conjunto sandieguino falló en su intento por llegar al juego de campeonato de la Conferencia Americana.

La derrota por 24 a 21 puntos costará a este equipo un período muy grande de ajuste mental para poderla digerir.

El invierno será muy largo para los Cargadores, el cuento de hadas ha terminado.

tijuana



Controlan crimen

Omar Millán

Diario San Diego

La noche del pasado viernes la Policía Municipal de Tijuana detuvo en el distrito La Presa a Alma Alejandra Arceo Contreras, de 28 años.

Traía consigo 35 envoltorios de plástico color morado, que contenían droga sintética conocida en el mercado negro como cristal. Planeaba venderla en la colonia Villa Fontana.

Desde el pasado 4 de enero, la policía local no había detenido a algún vende-

dor de droga al menudeo, pues el Ejército Mexicano los desarmó como parte de las estrategias de la Operación Tijuana.

Era común que detuvieron cada día en promedio a 900 infractores en la ciudad y que al menos de esos 40 fueron narcomenudistas.

Pero esas detenciones se detuvieron desde que los policías municipales fueron desarmados.

La Operación Tijuana ha espantado a los criminales.

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Buen enfoque

Eleazar López

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Es una de las fotografías mundiales más reconocidas de los famosos a nivel mundial.

Su lente ha retratado por lo menos a Colin Powell, Nicole Kidman, Brad Pitt, Merce Cunningham, Bill Clinton y Demi Moore, entre muchos más.

La calidad de su trabajo se puede ver en revistas tan importantes como Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair y Vogue, donde ha logrado imprimir su sello personal y su estilo único.

Y el San Diego Museum of Art será la primera sede en la Costa Oeste donde se presentará la exposición itinerante de la importante

fotografía contemporánea Annie Leibovitz a partir de 10 de febrero hasta el 22 de abril de 2007. Annie Leibovitz: La vida de una fotógrafa 1990-2005, mostrará aproximadamente 200 fotografías por Leibovitz, incluyendo algunas de su familia y retratos de figuras públicas.

Estas impactantes fotografías proporcionan una mirada a la amplia variedad de personajes que ha captado Leibovitz, quien es considerada como una de las artistas del lente más célebres de la época.

Annie Leibovitz inició su carrera en 1970 con la revista Rolling Stone.



Raro manjar

La abundante cosecha de arroz en la provincia de Battambang va paralela al lucrativo negocio del consumo de ratas de arrozal, que sigue siendo uno de los manjares más apreciados en el norte de Camboya.

El origen de tan peculiar costumbre gastronómica data de la época de terror instaurada por el Jerner Rojo (1975-1979), cuando unos dos millones de camboyanos murieron a causa de las hambrunas y de las ejecuciones del grupo ultra-maoísta.

De esa represión no se libraron los residentes de Battambang, en plena zona de arrozales del país, a los que el hambre obligó a alimentarse de las ratas arroceras, convirtiéndose así en su principal fuente de proteínas.

Treinta años después de la caída de ese régimen prevalece en Battambang el gusto por esa comida tan poca común, ya sea preparada en barbacoa con salsa dulce, asada en hierbas aromáticas o en una succulenta sopa.

Además, los restaurantes que sirven ese plato especial acogen bien la época de ratas de arrozal, ya que para ellos significa una importante fuente de ingresos.

Un propietario de un restaurante manifestó que la voracidad de su clientela es tal que vende más de 10 kilos de carne de rata al día. Y es que la gente que ingiere este tipo de roedores no los ve como algo repelente y sucio, como podrían ser las ratas de alcantarilla.



Hispanos dorados

La victoria de "Babel" como mejor película dramática fue el punto culminante de la Edición 64 de los Globos de Oro, efectuada el lunes en Los Angeles.

El director de cine mexicano Alejandro González Iñárritu escuchó de los labios del gobernador de California y ex héroe de acción, Arnold Schwarzenegger, el título de su película, "Babel".

En opinión del director de esta obra multilingüe rodada en varios idiomas en tres continentes, la victoria "significa mucho para toda la industria del cine mexicano" y habla "del poder universal del cine".

También habla del Os-

car, un detalle que González Iñárritu no descartó al expresar sus deseos de que "Babel" "obtenga nominaciones" la próxima semana en el anuncio de las candidaturas a la preciada estatuilla.

Por su parte, América Ferrera recibió el Globo de Oro a la mejor actriz de un musical o comedia de televisión por "Ugly Betty".

Protagonizada por Ferrera y producida por la estrella mexicana Salma Hayek, quien también soltó algunas lágrimas con el premio de Ferrera, la flamante versión anglo de la exitosa telenovela colombiana "Betty la fea" se impuso sobre programas muy populares.

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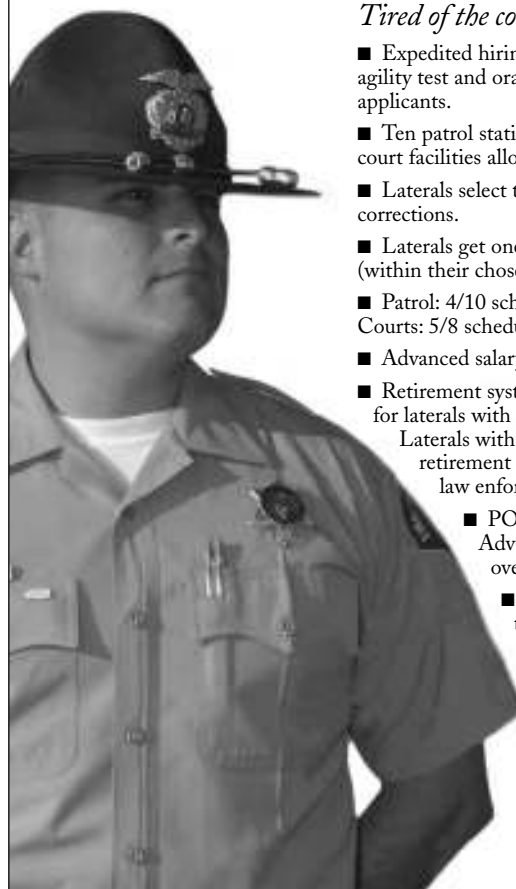
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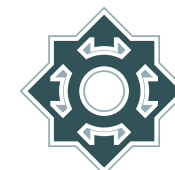
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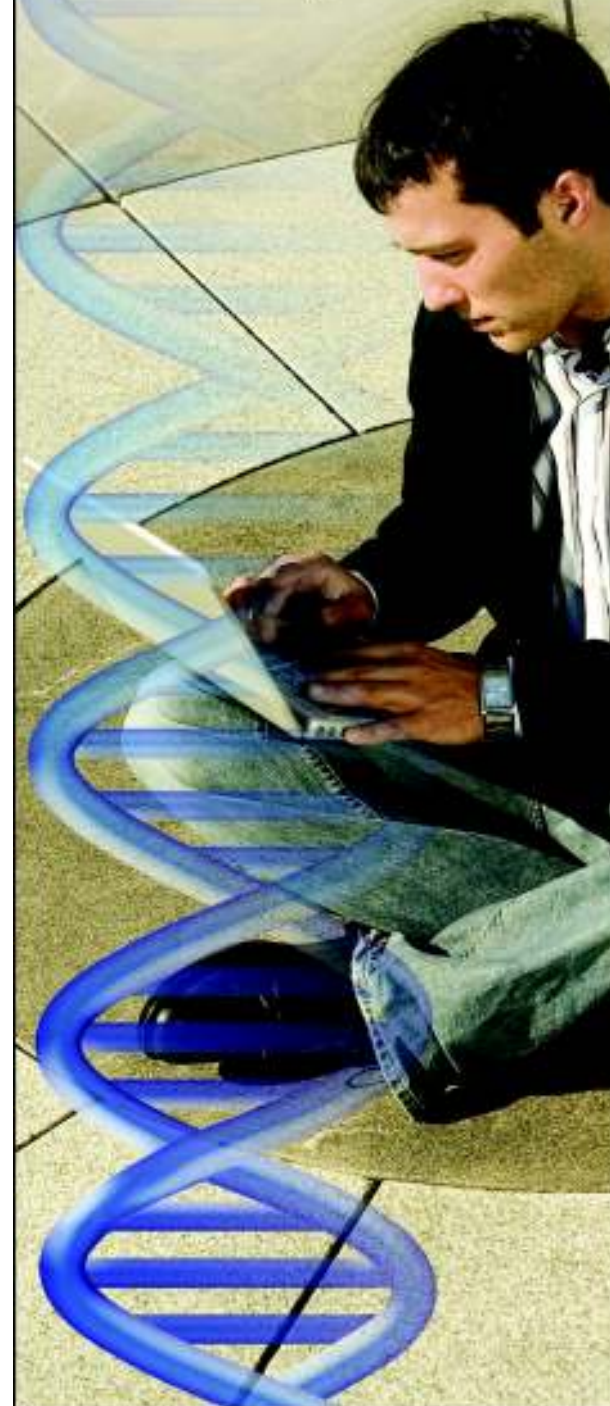
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Cassidy Wang
Housewife
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No. I have no clue. I don't watch football. In China, soccer is more popular. We also watch Ping-Pong, basketball, or tennis. I did watch the Seattle and Dallas game, but my husband had to explain everything to me. It was kind of fun, watching everyone fighting for the ball.



William Whiting
Waiter
Pacific Beach

From start to finish. Hopefully, the finish will be the Super Bowl. This season has been great. My favorite has been the Broncos game we won in our stadium. I think that clinched the division. This team has done really well, even with a few of the hurdles they had to overcome.



David Peckinpaugh
Tourism
Poway

Yes. It's been awesome. An incredible year. I'm from Cleveland. I was at the Browns game. I think that's when I officially became a transplanted fan. I don't want to jinx the Chargers by talking about them, though.



Brian Jackman
Student
Clairemont

Yeah, I've watched a few games. They still aren't as good as the Patriots, though. The Pats have won a few of the Super Bowls the last five years. I'm from Connecticut a few months ago. So, I'm not really a Chargers fan. Not yet, anyway. But, yeah, I'll admit it, this year they've been quite impressive.



Diego Vasconcellos
Student
San Diego

They had a good season. I saw the last game. People kept telling me to see them, so I finally watched. Also, at one of my two jobs, one of the most popular Chargers had a party there. A very important player. So, I tried to pay more attention after that. I'm from Brazil, and soccer is more popular there. But I'm loving football.



Jere Robins
Business owner
Downtown

I haven't followed them. If it doesn't have a motor, it doesn't interest me. I do understand from my 82-year-old father that they are doing well. I hope he doesn't have his third stroke watching them in the playoffs. I won't even watch a playoff game. I just can't imagine sitting in front of the TV for three hours doing something that mindless.

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL works for human rights. Meetings: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front (opposite UCSD Medical Center). Information, 858-576-3811.

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ATTAINING OPTIMAL HEALTH in the 21st Century by David Getoff CTN/CCN, Tuesdays, January 30th to March 20th, 6:30-

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ENERGY FIELD TUNE-UP! Every Tuesday, 7pm-8:30pm, 2141 El Camino Real, Oceanside. Energy field cleansing and chakra balancing. Earth and Sky Church, 760-631-7900.

EXPLORE THEOSOPHY. At the Mission Valley public library 2123 Fenton Parkway, South of Friars Road, next to Ikea in San Diego. Sunday August 20, 1:30-3pm. Topic: The stretch to believe or understand (is it divine intervention or a lucky accident). Information call 619-987-9920.

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MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WOMEN'S Support group, meeting every third Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30pm, beginning February 21. Cardiff by the Sea library. 2081 Newcastle Avenue, Cardiff. Contact MS society at 760-448-8400, press 1.

OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE Anonymous. Free 12-step meeting for people with OCD. Mondays, 6-7pm, Department of Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, Mission Room, San Diego. 619-757-6603.

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SANDICAL STAMP EXPO 2007, January 26-28, Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. www.SANDICAL.org, jgunderson1@mindspring.com or 858-484-8010. Call for show hours.

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PRETTY, CURVACEOUS LADY, 69, funloving, caring, Christian, San Diego South Bay. In search of Christian gentleman, lighthearted, enjoys life, 70+, 5'10"+. (1/24) [☎ 70195](#)

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- 15. Plaza de toros cries
- 16. CBS sitcom "How ____ Your Mother"
- 17. "Gladiator" setting
- 18. Bone near the radius
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- 20. Cover with soil?
- 23. Suffix with benz-
- 24. Drunkard's woe, for short
- 25. It borders It.
- 26. Moment when a hospital patient decides she wants anesthesia after all?
- 32. Nutcase
- 35. "Liberal" studies
- 36. OutKast, e.g.
- 37. Gillette brand since 1977
- 38. Leader of the Pussycats in cartoonom
- 40. Invalidate
- 41. Hawaii's Mauna ____
- 42. Crux
- 43. Tony of TV
- 44. Adolf Hitler?
- 48. Vital
- 49. Social reformer Nellie
- 50. Major and Blair, for short
- 53. What 20-, 26- and 44-Across have all undergone
- 58. Lift up a mountain
- 59. Where Pashto is spoken
- 60. Banned one
- 61. "It's ____ ever dreamed of"
- 62. Campbell of "Wild Things"
- 63. Sleep disorder
- 64. Lux. neighbor
- 65. Has a mortgage
- 66. Lugged

Down

- 1. Treat like dirt
- 2. "Grumpier Old Men" actress
- 3. Mountain ridge
- 4. "Impossibly small" iPod version released in 2005
- 5. Not retreat
- 6. Creamy dessert
- 7. Vogue rival
- 8. Olin of "Polish Wedding"
- 9. Romanov ruler
- 10. Warm embrace
- 11. Took unfair advantage of
- 12. New Jersey university
- 13. Martians, e.g., in brief
- 21. Afr. nation

- 22. Paves the way?
- 26. Letters between two names
- 27. Reggae listener, perhaps
- 28. ____ Lanka
- 29. Sport ____
- 30. Pablo ____ y Picasso
- 31. "Powerful you have become, the dark side I sense in you" speaker
- 32. Stroll
- 33. Yours, in Ypres
- 34. "Hello? Is this Amanda Huggenkiss?," e.g.
- 38. Skippy rival
- 39. ____ Kosh B'Gosh
- 40. Biological duct
- 42. "Naked Maja" painter
- 43. Sauna production
- 45. Baseball's "Iron Horse"
- 46. Steakhouse selections
- 47. North Pole worker
- 50. Put on a coat?
- 51. 1957 hit that begins "One, two, three"
- 52. Lieu
- 53. Fit
- 54. Boy, to his madre
- 55. Mushroomed
- 56. It may hang around the house
- 57. Fair
- 58. Bill

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 1/11/07.

There were 163 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Evan Hayden, *San Diego*
- 2. Carmen Matranga, *Chula Vista*
- 3. José Reutemann, *San Diego*
- 4. Troy Ray, *El Cajon*
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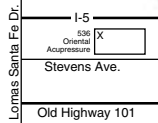
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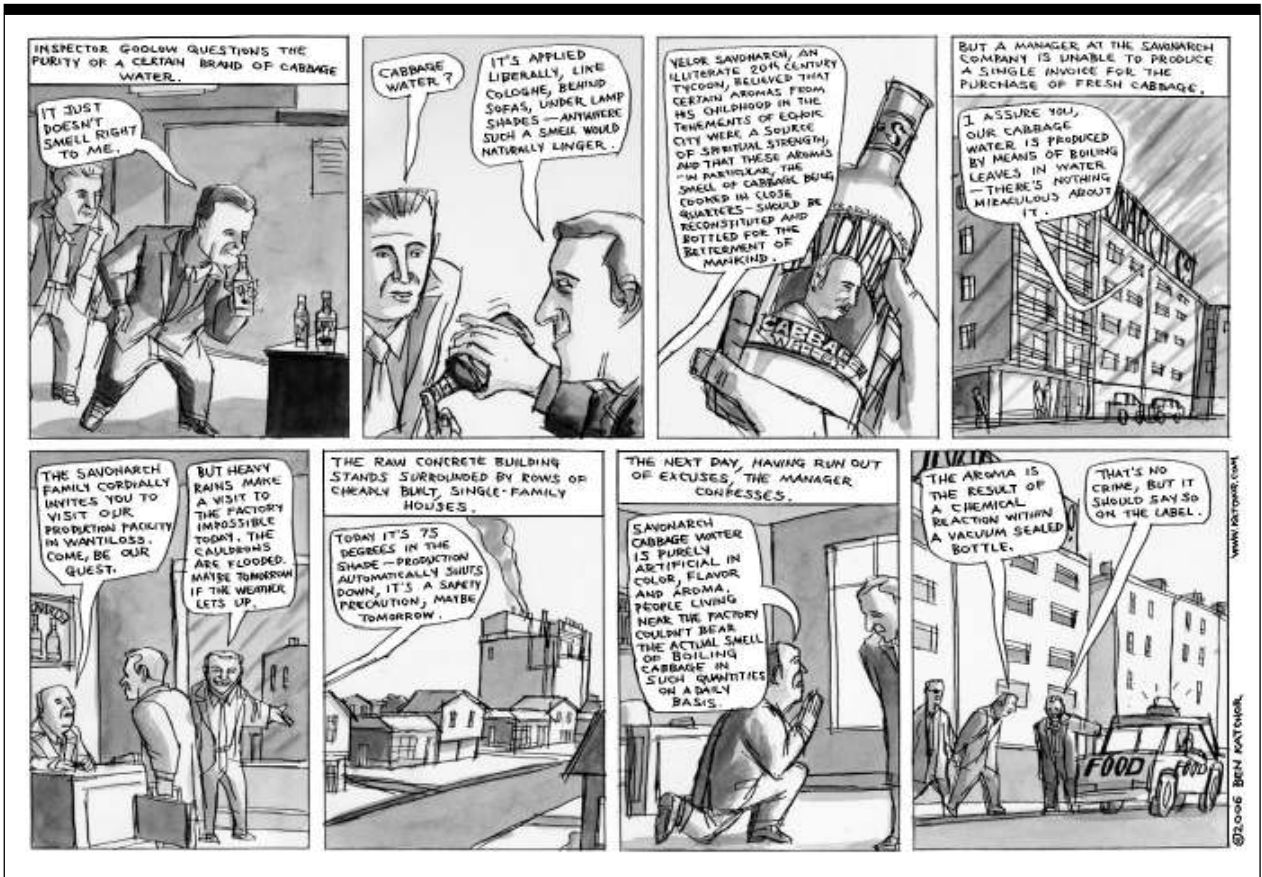
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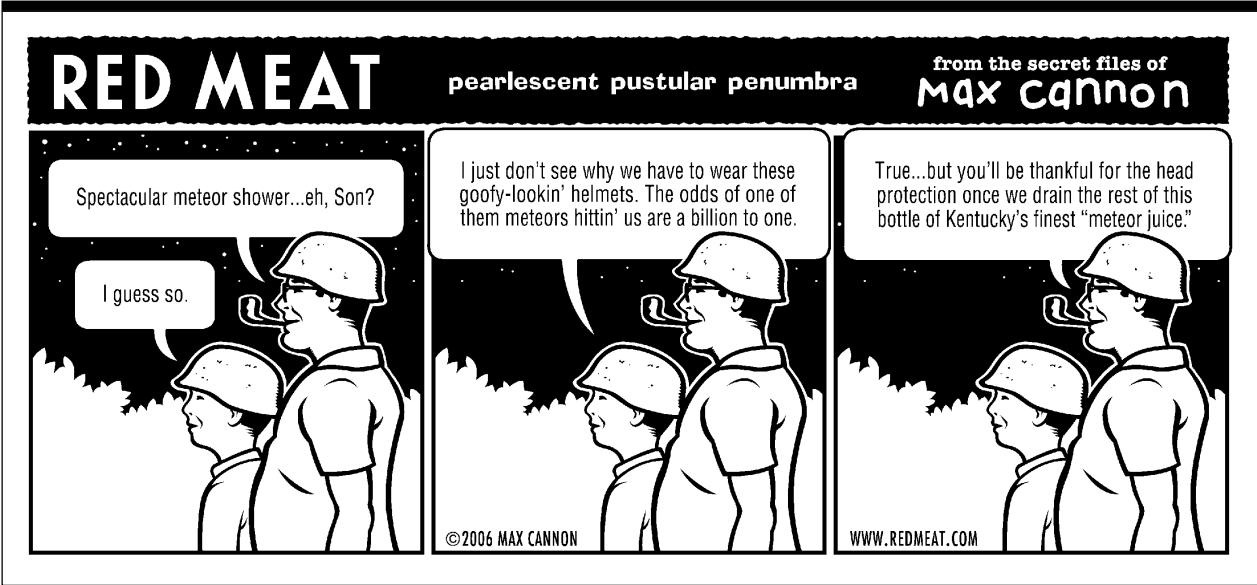
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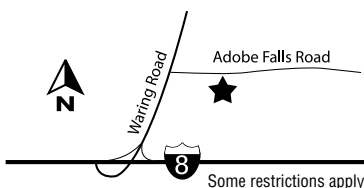


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LEAD STORY

— Eventually, robots will have to be given legal rights and accept certain responsibilities if advances in artificial intelligence (AI) continue to create sensitive quasi-organisms, according to a paper solicited for Sir David King, the UK’s chief scientist. According to one AI researcher, “If [robots are] granted full rights, states will be obligated to provide full social benefits to them including income support, housing, and possibly robo-healthcare to fix the machines over time.” A December *Financial Times* report on the paper noted that robots might also have to pay taxes and be available for military service. Some of the ideas in the paper track visions described years ago by writer Isaac Asimov.

Government in Action!

— Many voters and critics in both parties chided the “do-nothing” 109th Congress (2005–2006) as a body tied up in partisanship and divisiveness. However, the Congress passed 383 pieces of legislation, except that almost 100 of those laws were merely authorizations to name post offices and other federal structures after famous Americans (such as Ray Charles, Ava Gardner and Karl Malden).
— Politicians in the German states of Lower Saxony and Bavaria proposed in December to criminalize “cruel” violent acts in video games when they are directed at “humans” or “human-looking characters.” Bavarian interior minister Gunther Beckstein pointed to a November incident in which an 18-year-old player of the violent game “Counter Strike” went to a school, shot 37 people, and then killed himself.
— Following a military coup in November, Fiji’s army chief Frank Bainimarama took over and placed classified ads in local newspapers to seek candidates to be ministers and senior civil servants. The minimum qualifications: no criminal record and not to be bankrupt. And Nigeria’s People’s Democratic Party started screening candidates in December to run for president this year, ranking applicants on the following criteria: patriotism (10 percent), integrity (15), ethnic neutrality (10),

knowledge of law (10), tolerance (5), transparency (10), knowledge of development (10) and leadership qualities (15).

Police Blotter

— From the *Arizona Daily Sun* (Flagstaff, Ariz., 12-3-06): “About 1800 square feet of insulation were reported stolen from the underside of a house on the 5100 block of East Hickory Drive. The victim said the insulation disappeared sometime between September and this week. She said she was having trouble keeping her house warm as the weather got colder.”
— Oops: John Beacham of the Anti-War Coalition in Chicago said he has suspected for a while that police had been spying on his organization, but he was obviously proved wrong when the coalition canceled, well in advance, a planned Oct. 28 demonstration downtown. Unaware of the cancellation, hundreds of police officers lined the streets around the protest area, hoping to prevent the recurrence of a wild demonstration in 2003. Deputy police superintendent Charles Williams blamed the coalition for not keeping the department informed.

Cliches Come to Life

— The Texas Ethics Commission ruled in November that a public official in the Lone Star state, receiving money as a gift such as from a lobbyist, need disclose only that he received “a check” or “currency” and need not reveal the amount of money. Said the district attorney in Austin, who was outraged by the ruling, it is now “perfectly legal to report the gift of ‘a wheelbarrow’ without reporting that the wheelbarrow was filled with cash.”

Bright Ideas

— Scamming the Horny Panda: One trick that zookeepers have used to get male pandas interested in mating with dowdier females (according to a December dispatch from Sichuan, China, in Australia’s *The Age*) is to let an attractive female roam around a pen, leaving her scent, and then, in darkness, with the male in the pen and frisky at the scent, to introduce the less attractive female

into the pen, back-end first, so that the pre-excited male will quickly begin copulating. Said zookeeper Zhang Hemin, “When the males find out [that they’ve just mated with unintended partners], they get very angry and start fighting the female. We have had to use firecrackers and a water hose to separate them.”
— Rules! (1) Sixty years after Indiana abolished gambling and wrecked the economy of the resort town of French Lick, the state brought it back, allowing casinos, but they had to be located on water and not the state’s dry land. Developers of the French Lick Springs Resort thus spent \$382 million on a plush “riverboat” casino on a man-made lake barely larger than the boat, and it opened in November. (2) Derek Ogley, 70, had just been discharged from Tameside General Hospital in Ashton, England, in November, but doubled over in pain in the waiting room. (He was eventually diagnosed with pancreatitis.) Nurses informed Ogley’s family they would have to call 999 (the UK’s 911) or drive him around to the emergency entrance about three minutes away, because, since he had been discharged, rules prevented them from treating him.

Crème de la Weird

— People Disrespecting Their Bodies: John Sheehan, 33, was arrested in November, nude, near the rapid-transit station in El Cerrito, Calif., and when asked if he was carrying contraband, admitted that he had a “screwdriver” in his rectum. Police treated the item as a potential weapon, training guns on him while he removed the 6-inch-long “awl” wrapped in electrical tape. ... A week later, in Monkwearmouth, England, a 22-year-old Iraq-war veteran told buddies he was bored and, imitating a prank from a *Jackass* movie, inserted a firework “up his backside,” according to a *Daily Mail* story, and lit it. When it exploded, he was taken to Sunderland Royal Hospital with a scorched colon and other serious injuries.

Recurring Themes

— “News of the Weird” has previously mentioned how difficult some Japanese and Singa-

porean people find it to smile, even when their jobs depend on it, and Chinese people preparing for the 2008 Olympics are having similar problems turning Beijing into a “city of smiles,” as the campaign is called. Said one man attending a class on smiling: “At first, I thought [it might be] difficult to smile after you became tired. But later I realized if you don’t treat smiling as...work...you may find it very easy to smile all the time.” (In popular literature in China, people who smile frequently or for no particular reason are often regarded as either silly or devious.)

Obsessions

— Retired ad agency executive James Finegan, 76, plays at least 250 rounds of golf a year at a course near his home in Gladwyne, Pa., and 50 to 60 rounds elsewhere, according to an October *Wall Street Journal* profile. When not playing golf, he writes books about golf (histories of golf in Philadelphia and of a course in New Jersey, and four books about golf in the British Isles). ... In Salt Lake City, county sheriff Aaron Kennard, who was caught by a *Salt Lake Tribune* reporter playing numerous rounds of golf during working hours in August and September, merely shrugged. “I’m not golfing enough,” he said, in that golf helps him relax. He said he’d rather just golf a little than take summer vacations.

Least Competent Parent

— An unnamed, “well-known Adelaide [Australia] model” was seen screaming, “Where’s my baby? Someone’s stolen my baby!” shortly after she paused while jogging and pushing the five-month-old’s buggy along the city’s River Torrens in December. According to a report in Melbourne’s *The Age* newspaper, the woman had stopped to answer a cell-phone call, and when she finally turned back around, the buggy was gone. Unfortunately, it had rolled into the river during the phone call, and the incident ended badly.

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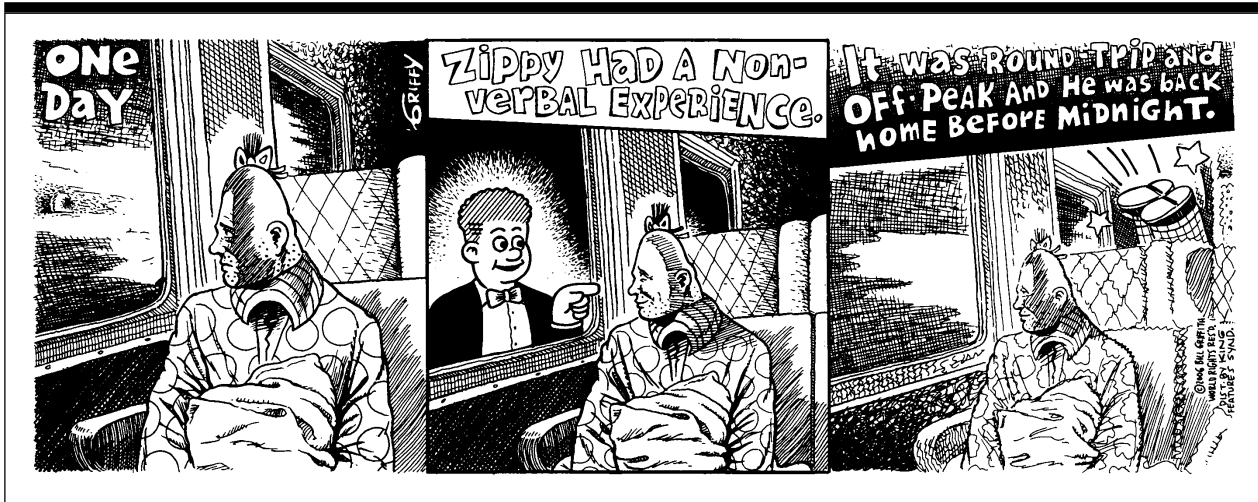
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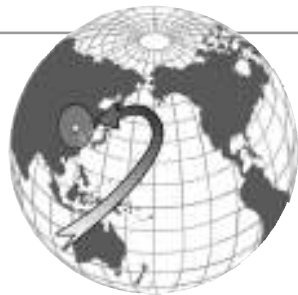
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This was an Internet-driven downward spiral, wherein I started out looking at *Listology.com*, or whatever it’s called, and found a list entitled “1001 Books You Should Read Before You Die,” which was translated in my feeble mind as “1001 Books That You Have to Order Right Fucking Now, Because You Could Get Hit by a Bus Tomorrow Morning, And You’ll Be Bored in the Hospital, So Go Get the Goddamn Debit Card, Kendra.”

Among a Mongol horde of other things, I ordered *Sexing the Cherry* immediately after reading the review. Especially the part where it said, “But the novel’s freakish characters and flights of surreal fancy are insufficient to redeem its overwrought artifice. The work is further limited by its stridently dogmatic feminism, which, contemptuously belittling all men as arrogantly stupid bullies who are vastly women’s inferiors in maturity and moral fiber, vitiates its ostensible intent to transcend the narrowness of human perception.”

Yes, please. Proceed to checkout.

Living in China makes you desperate for books. Like, two-seconds-after-you-realize-you-lost-your-wallet desperate. About three years ago, stuck in a 95 percent male-infested dormitory in the middle of a cornfield in Jilin Province, my only literary diversion for three months having been pictures of Chairman Mao in an agricultural calendar circa 1969, I finally bit the bullet and ordered *Bust Guide to the New Girl Order*, based solely on the strength of its screaming protest-placard of a title. I was not disappointed. I was so not disappointed that I was considering going down on the entirety of the interna-

tional postal service. But after handing out various, poignantly highlighted pages as Spring Festival presents (oh, sweet, sweet revenge), I was totally out of rabid prose.

There’s a couple of English-language bookstores around town, so just when you think you can’t possibly sink any lower, you can sidle in there and buy romance novels and financial how-to books that you stuff into a brown paper bag while shooting furtive, guilty looks at the cashier. This invariably leads to one of two gradual adjustments in attitude: in-your-face belligerence about reading this stuff in public or buying academic treatises to serve as a sort of mortification-deflecting book jacket for all the smut you’re guzzling.

You start thinking things like, “Is Gortavia going to bend Heraldus to her will with her grandmother’s hypnotic topaz heirloom in the next chapter or do I have to wait another 40 pages for them to ravish each other?” Torture increases victims’ pain tolerance, studies show.

Oh, what, you’d never touch that filth? Goody. You’re in for great titles like, *Thirty-Two Great Investment Options for the Aging Spa Owner*, *Recycle Your Recycled Recyclables!* and *Interviews from the Throat: China’s Top Cough-Syrup Tycoons Tell It Like It Is*. Knock yourself out.

Before you can say “hypocrite,” you will be hiding a Danielle Steel cocooned within *White Papers of the Chinese Government* and protecting it like it’s a kitten with a broken leg. Two broken legs. Because the second you let that cute European dude at the taxi stand read the back cover, he’s sprinting off down Jianguomen Outer Street waving it over his head



From the cover of *Sexing the Cherry*

and screaming, “It’s in English! It’s in Eeeengggliiiissh! Buahahah!”

Anyway, I’d like to avoid making a huge advertisement about Amazon. But I can’t. They’re awesome. And until you’ve had a haggard old woman wrapped in a People’s Army greatcoat deliver you a package of Irvine Welsh in the middle of Siberian winter, you’re categorically unqualified to talk about it.

Now, listen closely, because you’ll never, ever hear me say this again: sometimes I hate the Internet. I

don’t have a lot I get to brag about, so most of the time I have to make myself sound literary. And there I am, scrolling down this monstrous thing, ticking off the ones I’ve read, and I’m going, “Nope, nope, nope. I haven’t even heard of most of these,” and I’m wondering how uneducated that should make me feel. Only after I closed the window did it occur to me

that whoever wrote that list is just some guy, and Michael Marshal Smith wasn’t even on it, so who the hell does he think he is, anyway?

Some guy who guilted me into spending my month’s savings on stuff I could have stolen at various taxi stands, that’s who.

Some guy, if your 5000 PhDs have yet to land you a job worthy of your skills, there’s a pro-life fundraising department somewhere with your name on it. You bastard.

In other news, Kyle just told me what he wants for Christmas. So if any of you are sitting on a pink or purple (some combination thereof also acceptable) pony that’s 20 centimeters at the shoulder, drop me a line. Oh, and it should talk, eat cigarette butts, and poop hallucinogenic gumdrops. Thanks.

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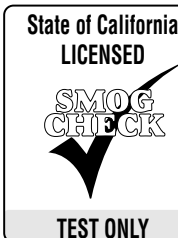
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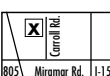
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Present opening completed —
5:48 a.m.
First argument about a toy —
6:14 a.m.

Tree on curb — 8:17 a.m. (I
have a thing about getting rid of
the tree.)
First, "I'm bored" — 11:36 a.m.
Still waiting on first toy broken....

POST DATE: December 17, 2006
POST TITLE: New Vinyl Radio Album
in the Making

From Andrew: Hey, BSD, we just
went in for two nine-hour
recording sessions with Mike
Kamoo at Earthling studios over
the weekend and laid down some
killer material. I'm talking eight
or more different guitars, several
amps, several keys.... It's an all-
out rock album that's the real
deal, man. This was one of the
funnest, rawest, most energetic
and ripping recording sessions
ever...done live to reel-to-reel
tape. Everyone pulled it together.
I'm surprised what we were able
to create. I can't wait for you to
hear it. Our constant search for a
new drummer is still in the
works, and it's looking like Mor-
gan might fill in at our next Cas-
bah show on Jan. 8, which will be
Tim Pyles's opening night in Jan-
uary. He'll be booking the Mon-
day shows there, calling it the
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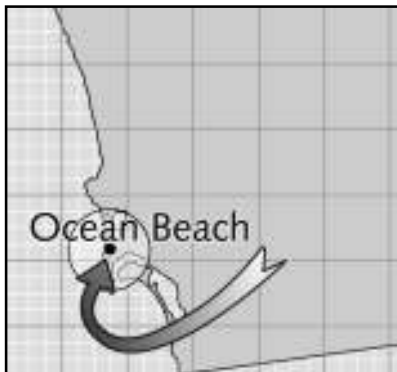
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Rafter is a San Diego legend, craft-
ing his music intertwined with the
good people of SD for years. If you
don't know Rafter, you probably
know one of the projects he's
worked on or starred in. They
include so many notable San
Diegan and national acts that
it's impossible to do justice
with a list, but here goes:
Black Heart Procession, Cas-
tanets, Maquiladora, Bunky,
Suftjan Stevens, The Fiery
Furnaces, etc...

My shorthand interpreta-
tion of Rafter's SD story goes
like this: Rafter moves down
to SD to start working on
some jingles with that fella from
Trumans Water, Glen Galloway
(who fronts his own amazing
thing now called Soul-Junk). I
guess Glen had a list of corporate
contacts and Rafter had the
sounds, and they banded together
to form Singing Serpent. As it says
in Rafter's bio for this disc, if
you've seen the last few Olympics
or Super Bowls, you've heard his
music.

They moved into a studio
downtown by City College and got
the Singing Serpent studios going,
hiring all sorts of good people and

creating all kinds of things that
hard work blessed with the right
alchemy can create, and started
doing lots of ads. All the while, he
was working on recording, mixing,
and mastering the best of SD's
music scene at night.



Rafter started Bunky with
Emily Joyce, did a bunch of
albums and shows. They sold their
building downtown and relocated
Singing Serpent to another SD
locale, where they create magic
still. Forgive my haziness, for I
only know some things for sure.
I'm around, but not necessarily
down.

There's something about
Rafter's good karma that has
helped to propel him to these lofty
heights. It's my feeling that in the
indie music scene, the more you
do for others, the more comes

back to you. No one else is going
to help you push your under-
ground, twisted music venture
into something more than your
personal dream, except for the
other indie players who can vouch
for and give credibility and exper-
tise to your projects. Almost
no one in this town has the
reputation for giving that
Rafter has. He loans out
equipment, offers advice on
the phone, masters records,
helps with composition,
mixes tracks, and sits with
songs to find their true
sounds. He helps the artist to
better understand what it is
that they do and to articulate
that truth.

This album does some-
thing I've not yet heard from
Rafter. This album pushes the
instrumentation and song struc-
ture deep into short songs, packed
densely with many different
sounds.... You hear many other
artists in there, like Radiohead and
Mogwai. The longest song on the
disc is a 4:03 track called "Boy,"
which incorporates many of the
ideas into one piece. You get some
Beatles sounds, some whacked-out
drums, distorted instrumentation,
and then a slide into one of the
most beautiful outs available
today.

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POST TITLE: Ten Places in SD You
Shouldn't Forget

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back-story of the land of Cali-
fornia is just amazing. The fact
that it's in a dry and dusty park
in Escondido just adds to the
charm.
2. Sunset Cliffs: From the waves
to the surfers to the fishing
boats to the "green flash," this
is what San Diego is all about.
3. Swami's Beach: It is awash in
good vibes and uncluttered by
beach-town nonsense.
4. Mount Soledad: On clear days,
you can see from Tijuana to
Catalina.
5. Spruce Street Suspension
Bridge: The first time I saw it, I
couldn't believe some govern-
ment agency hadn't come in
and shut it down for being too
much fun.
6. Balboa Park: Balboa Park is the
living, breathing heart of this
city.
7. The Silver Strand: This strip of
land between South Bay and
Coronado is a seldom-visited
treat.
8. Cowles Mountain: The view
from the top is exhilarating and
worth the effort.
9. Descanso Falls: While these
falls aren't enormous, they
offer a little swimming paradise
in the backcountry.
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METH HAS ENTERED MY LIFE AGAIN. It came while I watched an “intervention” show. The program was centered around a young woman, strung out on crystal, stripping to make money. She lived in an apartment strewn with food, empty booze bottles, a flipped mattress, and dresser drawers in the center of the room, where they had no right to be. In sleepless fits, she wrote short manifestos and long calculations of crack-head mathematics on her walls in fat black magic marker.

The idea of the program is to turn the viewer's stomach, to show how addiction can turn someone to live in worse conditions than zoo animals. All the show did for me was make my neck itch and my knees sweaty, yearning for that foul grit that completed my chemical makeup for years.

I slept, hoping my need for drugs would pass that night. But in the morning, I still wanted it. Crystal is that woman I lived with and broke up with long ago but who I still love. She and I moved apart from each other, but I only remember the good times and she only offers herself; she never told me it was over.

In the morning, I go to a ramshackle dive bar in North Park that opens up to day-boozers and night-junkies at 6 a.m. I sip coffee and whiskey until I see her. She's the skinny girl in sunglasses and a fuzzy bucket hat who can't stop fidgeting with her phone.

I sit down. Talk. Let her talk; Lord knows she needs to talk. Listen. I'm charming and social until she can't take it anymore. She needs a fix, and I can see it, not in her eyes, but in her neck. She scratches at the red throbbing veins. If I'm nice enough, she'll invite me back to her place to get high.

In her apartment, she shows me the painting she's been doing on her TV. “These red dots line up with someone's eyes, or the sun, or a pair of car tires, in every show,” she says. The red dots are two spots in a series of hundreds of colors crawling across the screen and over the back of the set. I believe her and think the art she's done on her television is a brilliant use of an otherwise worthless fixture.

We smoke from a glass pipe, and I'm happy. I'm in a stranger's apartment, but in the embrace of my lost love.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

THE NEW CADILLAC COMMERCIAL
SEEN DURING SPORTS EVENTS

I'm pretty much the lamest guy ever. I am not a fan of Iggy Pop until one of his songs comes out in a new Cadillac commercial. But, you're damn right, if I hear it at a party, I'll pop off at the mouth with, “What? You've never heard that? That's a classic Iggy song! What'd you just become a fan when you heard it in a commercial? You suck.” When it is I who am he who sucks.

NFL LIVE
ESPN 9:00 P.M.

While we're on the subject of sports and why I'm the biggest lamer: I'm a fair-weather Charger fan. When the season was going great, I could

be caught singing that insidious “San Diego Superchargers” song and bragging to my dad how well “we” were doing. When they lost to the Pats, I screamed at my TV, “Move to damn Chula Vista then, you turds!”

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

BIOETHICS, STEM CELLS & NEW BIOLOGY
UCSD 7:00 A.M.

This is probably one of those shows where someone says, “Don't worry. We're not going to make zombies, clone slaves, or build the next Frankenstein.” What? What the hell are we doing then? Dammit, I'm not going to be happy until the dictator of a tiny rogue island nation starts pumping out the walking undead and I've got to roam the barren land, battling an army of witless monsters with only a reliable shot-

gun and a plucky crew of misfits. Ethics shmethics! I want to spray hot lead and shout, “Eat buck-shot, you soulless cretins!”

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 20

FASHION POLICE: THE 2007 GOLDEN
GLOBES

E! 12:00 P.M.

Cram it. Cram it, hard. Cram it right in the couture handbag that nature and your momma gave you. Don't stop cramming it until you spit sequins, diamonds, and strappy high heels. Cram it in a limo. Cram it on the red carpet. Cram it with a microphone in your face, but please, until the last bit has been crammed, I command you to CRAM IT!

AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK
FOX 9:00 P.M.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

GREASE: YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I WANT
NBC 8:00 P.M.

To really drive home the point that Hollywood is out of ideas, let's look at how far back we have to go until we get to the original content of this show. Reality TV is a decade old. Grease is a play that was written 35 years ago. It's set in 1950s culture. Yep. NBC: leading the way in 2007 with programming about your grandparents' time. I've got an idea. Let's revive *The Gong Show* to find Charlie Chaplin's replacement.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

HEROES

NBC 8:00 P.M.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, GOD, it's back on. I take back all the nasty things I said about NBC and that stupid *Grease* show. Please keep this show on. I NEED IT! I haven't made a couch fort, donned my tablecloth cape, or worn



Grease: You're the One That I Want

my cowboy boots and Hulk Underoos in a month.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

LINDSAY LOHAN'S SHOCKING MOMENTS
VH1 9:00 P.M.

No one is surprised by Lindsay's antics anymore. Until she puts on some underpants and learns to read, her days of shocking a nation are probably over. She's like the retarded niece at America's barbecue cookout. We all just look at our plates of potato salad when she lifts her dress and scoots her ass across the lawn like a dog.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

JOINED AT THE HEAD

TLC 8:00 P.M.

Nobody knows this because you never see a picture of me, but I'm my own conjoined twin. My head is attached to the back of my knees. It's been a struggle, but I'm making it. I can work just like everyone else. All I need is for someone to roll me like a tire to my computer. Then watch out, baby! I'm handi-capable.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

ROAD TRIP WITH HUELL HOWSER

PBS 8:00 P.M.

Huell, you magnificent bastard. Bring us along with you, Huell. Take us to berry farms, greasy-spoon diners, and post offices. Let us wash windows with you in San Francisco. We'll can our own preserves in Marin. Huell. HUELL! You light up the sky like a nuclear blast, Huell. You star-powered dynamo in leisurewear, you're our only hope.

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T.G.I.F.

One alley was a seething obstacle course of acid lakes disguised as mud puddles, where dinosaurs lurked.

By John Brizzolara

It was a recent Friday night in Normal Heights and University Heights, each to either side of my address on Adams; I'm not sure in which I reside. My son was visiting for the weekend. When he is down from his place in San Marcos, he likes the coffee shops and laptop computers; the acoustic guitar acts at Lestat's and Twigg's. He likes to people-watch and to surround himself with those his approximate age and the atmosphere of Bohemia, such as it is in these neighborhoods. On this particular Friday night, Steve Poltz was playing at Lestat's West; and since Geoffrey's smile is these days so rare and, to me, priceless, I thought certainly Poltz could evoke one or more from him. If anyone, that local troubadour and stand-up raconteur could breach my son's schiz-affect barricades.

But Poltz would not go on until late. Geoff and I drank coffee (me, a small one with an espresso shot, and for him, an imposing vat of white vanilla mocha something or other); studied an artist at work, a Mr. Brown, busy rendering much life from a black-and-white photo of a beautiful woman onto a white sheet with a charcoal pencil; and Geoffrey took a few photos of myself and local performer Gregory Page. Page and I had both played with the same band at different times.

We walked an estimated four miles that night, all before nine o'clock. Adams was alternately boisterous in front of the bars (and Lestat's at times) and swallowed in silent, secret shadows

populated (as we had done when Geoff was very young) with impossible creatures of fantasy, both friendly and horrid. Those walks in his childhood were through alleys in Hillcrest we called either Danger Alley or Adventure Alley and happened to be directly on his way to Florence Elementary. One alley was a seething obstacle course of acid lakes disguised as mud puddles, where dinosaurs lurked; the other was an earthquake planet just lousy with malevolent Go-bots.

On that Friday night, Christmas lights were in evidence everywhere, especially along Park Boulevard, beneath the watchful eye of totem ostriches like gargoyles atop the neon-lit trolley car and arch that reads UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. I told him that his great-great grandfather was kicked to death by an ostrich as he attempted to offload the bird from a zoo's boxcar in a Chicago rail yard. His reaction was, "Mmm..." It was a true story, as far as I know, but I was pretty sure Poltz had better material.

Electric snowflakes, detonations of multicolored points of light like eruptions of cartoon ghosts from the neon shadows, as if they had just been bonked on the head by a sledgehammer, an anvil, or a safe that has fallen on them from above. Among all this, my son stops in his tracks, his head to the stars, and I mumble about city lights and, "...not like up where you are. There's Polaris. You see the handle on the dipper? The archer's bow..."

"Hmmm...cool."

And Poltz did have better material. Playing to a packed house, he got laughs aplenty, and his guitar seemed alive. At one point in the show, he stopped, donned a pair of old-guy reading glasses (Poltz is maybe 40, I don't know, but boyish, you know, boyish), and read a piece of the late Buddy "Blue" Seigel's from April of last year in the *U-T*, in which Siegel had written "Fight Club: Matches Made in Rock and Roll Heaven" and gave a blow-by-blow reimagined bouts between Gene Vincent and Elvis, Pat Boone and Little Richard, and the Beatles and the Stones. The house, already packed, then "packed up" as they say in South Africa when describing fits of laughter. Geoff may have smiled. When Poltz asked the audience if we were feeling good, Geoffrey was the first to applaud but with the expression of a bank loan officer reading my credit report.

I sat with a face like setting cement through a song about a Marine in Iraq, called "Street Fighter's Face." My son's face was a mirror. The sentiment-laden "A Brief History of My Life" had me sappy grinning like a constipated geezer at the moment of relief. I knew all the sportscasters he sang about, and I thought about how Poltz and I are so much alike. Steve delivered newspapers — or maybe it was trick-or-treating he was talking about — to Liberate in Las Vegas. I delivered papers and trick-or-treated at Tony (the gangster) Acardo's

house in Chicago. Steve played at Java Joe's in Ocean Beach with Jewel, and I played there with Jose Sinatra.

Returning home along Adams Avenue, me huddling in a scarf against unusual cold after a day of record-setting heat and Geoff in calf-length denims and a T-shirt, we talked about the nature of perception, consensual reality, and things along those lines. After midnight, we watched Keanu Reeves in *Little Buddha*; Geoffrey impassive, me, looking at Geoffrey too much — the kind of thing I hate when it is done to me.

The next day, Saturday, my son seemed again impassive and wished to return to San Marcos. When asked if he had enjoyed himself, he said yes and sat on the porch staring into an evergreen pear tree in the courtyard. When his mother arrived, he turned to me and, unsolicited, said, "I liked that Buddha movie." I am certain I saw a trace of the Mona Lisa kind of expression Keanu Reeves had mastered in that movie as he sat beneath the bodhi tree and all of Chaos raged around him.

"Well, good, Grasshopper. Or should I call you Siddhartha?" And, yes, now I was extra certain it was there.



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