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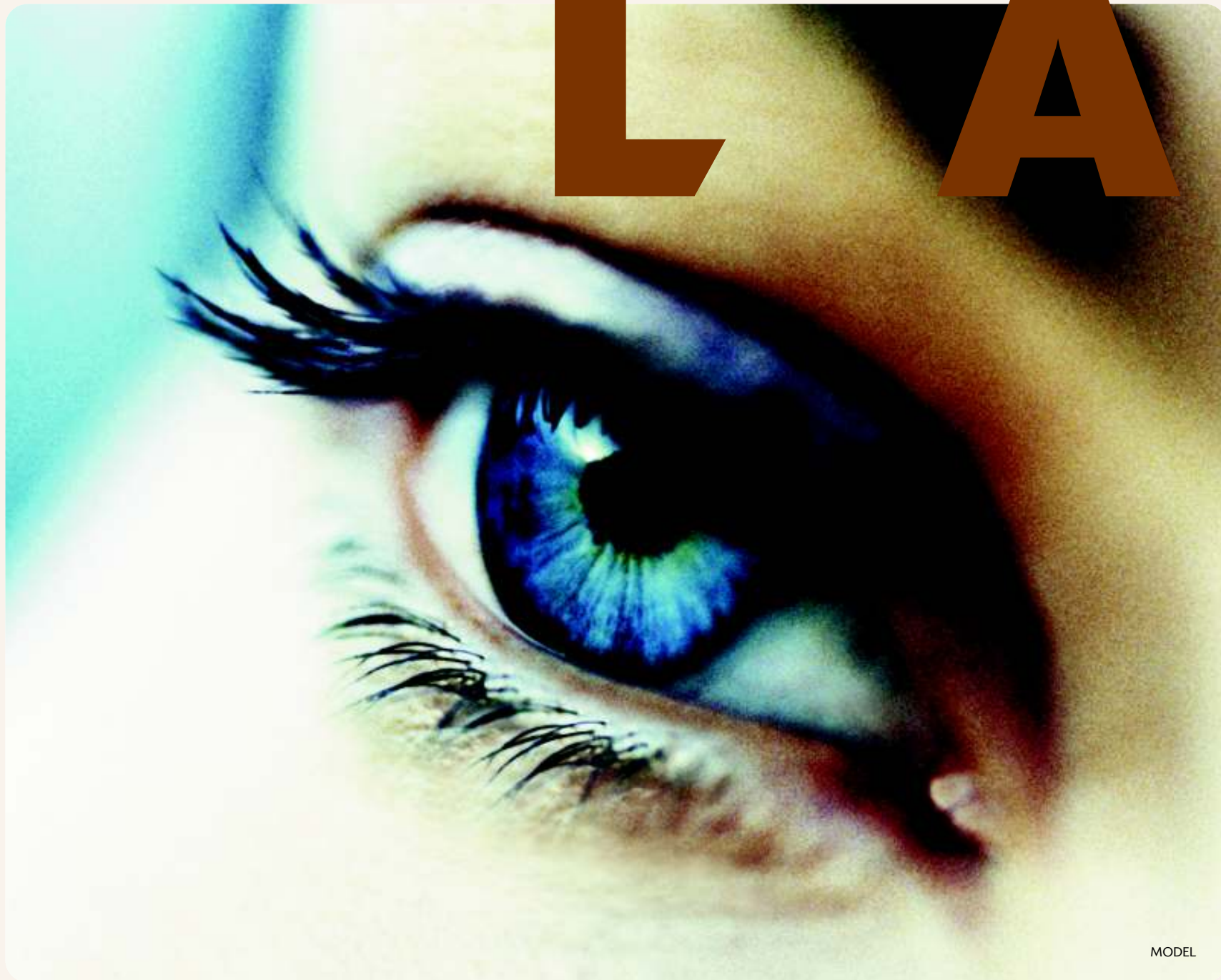
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— Mischa Shirazi, San Diego, CA

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— Greg Schwenk, San Diego, CA

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— T.P. Fortin, San Diego, CA

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— Sandra Macias, San Diego, CA

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### Comments from Reader Website

#### "Creative Chaos at MiraCosta," City Lights Published February 21

Posted by RM on 02/23/07 @ 7:27 p.m.  
Any CEO (or college president) who forbids senior administrative staff to have any discussion with members of the board should be immediately suspect ("Creative Chaos at MiraCosta," "City Lights," February 22). In this case the board was hearing everything through the president's filter without input from staff.

Posted by MCC Grad on 02/24/07 @ 9:39 p.m.  
I hope other students and former students of MiraCosta will join me in protesting this college president ("Creative Chaos at MiraCosta," "City Lights," February 22). After my classes in political science and business, first at MiraCosta and then at USC, I am appalled that this president is being allowed to act in such a heavy-handed, ethically questionable manner. Isn't the board at least as educated in business, government, and ethics as I am? I guess the informed populace will have to take matters into our own hands.

Posted by an interested and knowledgeable observer on 02/25/07 @ 10:31 a.m.  
The president has tried to manipulate the entire scenario so that she looks like she is "just following orders" ("Creative Chaos at MiraCosta," "City Lights," February 22). It is clear at this point that she is the one running the show, and the majority board needs to be taken out of office for allowing this wasteful, arrogant woman, who needs to be told how to do things, to create chaos. I, too, am a

graduate of the college and have always valued the college highly. I have served on committees and supported the students and programs with money and attendance. Now I hate even going on campus if there's a chance I might run into the president. I am not alone, and we will work to make a change in the board. We don't need toadies for trustees; we need people with integrity and courage, like Carranza, who will do the right thing in spite of lawyers and college presidents who try to intimidate her with fear tactics.

Posted by Feeling the Pain on 02/25/07 @ 9:47 p.m.  
Thank you, Mr. Kauffman, for printing this information ("Creative Chaos at MiraCosta," "City Lights," February 22). So many of us who are so close to the problems at the college have known about the details you've printed, and more. Some community members have claimed it's just the faculty who are whining about having to face change. No, that's not it at all. And it's not just the mishandling of the "Palmgate" investigation. There are so many more problems that have developed as a result of this president's actions. Perhaps with this article people will see a little more of what those of us who are closer to the college are seeing and experiencing. Yes, it (she) is intimidating and creates fear.

#### Crasher Published February 21

Posted by Heather on 02/23/07 @ 12:21 p.m.  
As a woman, I don't care about the Super Bowl ("Crasher," February 22). I just like going to the parties. I liked the part in the column about the lady wearing the shirt that says she does not care who is playing. I think most women feel the same — at least the women that I was talking to at the parties I attended.

Posted by Roxane on 02/23/07 @ 12:30 p.m.  
I love the "Crasher" — period. When I pick up the Reader, I go straight to the "Crasher" column. He is quick-witted, descriptive, and just fun to listen to. Keep it up, Crasher! Love

you!

Posted by Josh Board on 02/23/07 @ 4:59 p.m.  
Heather, We hate shopping. Yet we hold your purses when we go with you women. Why can't women sit there and learn how hard it is to decide whether to go with a run play on 3rd down with 3 yards to go or a pass play? Or why Marty was so insane to go for it on 4th and 11 in the playoffs in field goal range? And, Roxane, you're my favorite Police song.

Posted by Gman on 02/23/07 @ 9:41 p.m.  
"Crasher" is pretty much the only article that I read other than searching each week for penis-enlargement ads, which I never seem to find in the Reader. There seem to be ads for everything else. I don't need it enlarged. I just think that the ads are funny. Josh seems to be a consistently witty guy. I always look forward to the next "Crasher" article.

Posted by mike on 02/24/07 @ 1:17 p.m.  
NACHOS!!! NACHOS!!! NACHOS!!!

#### Movie Review Published February 21

Posted by Nate on 02/21/07 @ 3:33 p.m.  
Re *Terabithia* I'm surprised you didn't dig the cinematography in this one, Mr. Shepherd. I was almost sure you'd appreciate it — plenty of natural sunlight, verdant shadows, pleasing earth tones. I would hesitate to call it crystalline, but it's certainly not sandpaper. More like fine-grained. Michael Chapman may not be a master cinematographer, but he's certainly not a slave.

Posted by Juniper Kvidera on 02/22/07 @ 5:53 a.m.  
I agree that Billy Bob Thornton has "a reptilian repellence distinctly his own" (Movie Review, February 22). Whenever he is put into a lead role of a film, I avoid said film like the plague. His slick and slimy aura permeates all of his characters and ruins any attempt of his to become someone else, i.e., to act. The only characters he succeeds in portraying are those that match his lizard-like personality.

### Significance Of Skinheads

Re the front page of the Reader this week ("You'll Never Find a Better Pal," Cover Story, February 22). I recently started bowling at this particular bowling alley that you mentioned, and I noticed that you have "Take the Skinheads Bowling" written on the skinhead bowling character on the front of the paper. My question is, does this particular bowling alley discourage minorities from attending? I kind of find that to be disturbing. So I just want to know, is that what that is supposed to indicate?

Anna Cousins

"Take the Skinheads Bowling" is the title of a 1985 song by Camper Van Beethoven. The art does not refer to any particular bowling alley. — Editor

### Parade Of Lies

The Reader struck a nerve by publishing "I Was a Bad Sailor" (Cover Story, January 18). Most recently, Jerry Gross (Letters, February 22) resorts to fantasy as he genuflects before the government's uniformed hit men, the U.S. military. He accused letter-writer Lawrence Ludlow (February 1) of ignoring history by daring to point out that U.S. military interventionism caused the "blowback" of 9/11. Apparently Jerry Gross is unfamiliar with the work of Chalmers Johnson, emeritus professor of the University of California, San Diego. Johnson's three recent books — *Blowback*, *Sorrows of Empire*, and *Nemesis* — depict in withering detail how U.S. interventionism has spawned hatred and terrorism across the globe.

Then Jerry Gross piles ignorance on blindness by claiming that the U.S. military "sav[ed] all people from the domination of Stalin, Hitler, and Japan." A closer look shows that U.S. military involvement in World War I set the stage for both Stalin and Hitler. Before U.S. troops intervened in WWI, the war in Europe had reached a stalemate and was heading for a diplomatic resolution. The intervention of the U.S., however, put an end to that. After correctly reading the intent of war-whooping

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President Wilson (who convinced Congress to declare war on April 6, 1917), Germany exported Lenin and 20 of his coworkers to Russia — anticipating maximum chaos. The result? Lenin and the Bolsheviks seized power in November of 1917. As a consequence, the death toll in Soviet Russia under Stalin is estimated at 42 million — a stain that will forever drench the cheerleaders of U.S. military interventionism. Who saved whom? Our involvement in WWI also led to the disastrous Treaty of Versailles and its natural result: Hitler's Germany and World War II. By exploiting the resentment generated by the punitive conditions of the treaty (which our troops made possible for the victorious allies), Hitler gained control of what had been one of the world's most civilized nations. Then, by using the military to blockade Japan, President Franklin Roosevelt provoked the attack on Pearl Harbor — an attack that Roosevelt knew was coming (see Robert Stinnett's book, *Day of Deceit*). He did this so that he could enter the war in Europe through the back door (he knew Germany and Japan had a mutual assistance pact that would lead Germany to declare war on the U.S., which it did).

Jerry Gross tops his parade of lies by claiming that radical Islamists hate us for "being regarded as infidels." This claim — that hurt feelings cause terrorism — not only mangles the equally false claim of President Bush (they hate us for our freedom), but it ignores the real reasons, which were stated by Bin Laden him-

self: (1) the death of over 500,000 Iraqi babies because of U.S.-backed sanctions against medical supplies for Iraq, (2) our support of the land-grabbing, apartheid state of Israel against the Palestinians, and (3) the presence of U.S. military forces in Islamic holy places. Jerry Gross substitutes these silly "non-reasons" for terrorism, because facing the truth is too threatening. It would require him and others like him to admit their role in creating it. Never mind that the framers of the Constitution believed standing armies are the toys of dictator wannabes (under the excuse of war, the president is now stripping us of age-old protections such as habeas corpus while legalizing torture). Jerry Gross should read a history book, beat his breast, and bow his head while reciting mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.

Mimi Kotner  
via e-mail

### Don't Pass On The Pain

Thanks to Megan Acerra for the thoughtful letter (February 22) to the *Reader* responding to the topic of remaining child-free. Here's one more reason to add to her list. My husband and I are child-free by choice for many of the reasons mentioned by Ms. Acerra but also because we both come from dysfunctional backgrounds involving alcoholism and child abuse. We are anything but selfish for choosing not to continue the "family tradition" of dysfunction. By contrast, my sister in Ohio has three grown-up daughters whose lives have been tarnished by incest, alcoholism, divorce,

and extramarital affairs. They seem to be the next generation to have inherited our tragic family history.

Another point, with the huge population explosion on our planet and dwindling resources, I have a real problem with people who choose to visit designer doctors so they can procreate via surrogacy or by some other extreme method just to have their own biological child. An example of this is photographer Annie Leibovitz, whose show now hangs in the San Diego Museum of Art. She is in her late 50s yet has chosen to have three babies very recently by these extreme methods. Now that to me seems the height of selfishness when so many children are already born and desperately need a loving home.

Regarding Barbarella's column, "Diary of a Diva," please keep running these wonderfully neurotic and realistic pieces. I love her. Whatever happened to "Ask Saffron," by the way? I miss her sage advice. It was always good to mull it over while I ate my lunch of ramen and veggies.

Phyllis Hordin  
Normal Heights

### Intervention Required

I am replying to the letter that Jean What's-Her-Face e-mailed in to your February 15 edition, the letter that said that marriages without children were not real marriages. Does this insensitive woman realize that not *all* people can have children and that some of us choose not to but continue to work with children in our jobs, in volunteer programs, and other areas?

What Barbarella and others are complaining about is not that people take their children to public places but that some parents of children do not intervene when the child is being rude, loud, or obnoxious. This makes it difficult for parents and nonparents alike to enjoy a movie, concert, dinner, what have you.

As for Jean What's-Her-Face's allegation that there is no real marriage without children, let me tell you that I have seen many a long-term childless marriage thrive. Why bother to marry if there are no children?, she asks. I believe the answer is love, Ms. What's-Your-Face. People get married because they love each other.

As for her pride of being a parent, great, but childless people don't go around spouting why being childless is the greatest thing in their lives. Those who are childless by choice are too busy living good lives and loving children by serving them. I know many dedicated, childless teachers, social workers, and mentors who enrich children's lives without having to brag about their dedication!

And remember, Ms. What's-Your-Face (Jean), there are many childless women who cannot have children, who are very sad about this, and your bragging about your wonderful, fulfilled life only hurts them! Why is it that men don't feel the need to best one another with the daddy derby? Is it because they *know* that a person can be a real person, a good person, without their ability to reproduce entering into it?

Nancy Toti  
via e-mail

### Use Those Coupons, People

I enjoyed reading your article on how much people spend for food and where they shop ("Shopping List," Cover Story, February 15). My story is I live alone and I have a good friend who takes me out to dinner two nights a week. I only do my big shopping at the end of the month, and I clip coupons and usually get credit for fifty dollars' worth. I shop at Ralphs in El Cajon, which gives double coupons, and Sprouts, which is close by for my fresh fruit, vegetables, and milk. I only spend about \$100, and that also includes paper and soap and bath products. Only one person in your article used coupons. I raised four children to adulthood, and coupons certainly came in handy then as now. I do not buy any meat but will have fish and chicken when I eat out.

Pat Fife  
El Cajon

### Clueless In White Socks

Re "Dumped" (February 15). It was so funny and similar to mine but...

My date fell asleep during *Babel* twice! It wouldn't have been so bad, but he snored and wore white socks with dress shoes.

Nice guy with no clue.  
Name Withheld  
via e-mail

### You Just Don't Get It

To Mr. Lawrence M. Ludlow, in response to your letter to the editor of the *Reader*, February 1.

You first laud the *Reader* for printing the January 18 "I Was a Bad Sailor" cover story "if for no other reason" than "the triple dose

of highly entertaining foolishness" of mine and two others' letters to the editor and then in the following sentence state that our letters demonstrate why the U.S. should immediately dismantle its standing army as the single greatest threat to American liberty. Wow. That's quite a jump.

Your premise, as best I could find one, seems to be that we were all angered not because the story was a lie but because the story is true and that it tells you something that we don't want you to know about.

Umm, no. We were all upset because it glorified illicit drug use, irresponsible behavior, waste of taxpayer dollars, putting lives at risk, and put in a bad light a military whose good works are rarely if ever given such "front page" recognition, and as a result, the military portrayed in the piece is oftentimes the only side seen by the public.

You go on to chastise and belittle the writers, chiding them for not using their last names or casting suspicion as to whether or not they used their real names, disparaging decades of service, and saying, excuse me, that all government employees "live as leeches off the taxpayer" and that the IRS is stealing your money.

You've clearly not had to try to make ends meet on a military paycheck or spent months on end not seeing your kids grow up. People don't choose this life for the money, and it's absurd for you to imply that.

Further, you say how the original story "reminds us that military bases are plagued by rampant theft,

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**Behind the curtain** Time again to check up on the doings of that growing corps of



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lobbyists working the corridors of power down at San Diego's city hall to get contracts and permits for their well-heeled clients. Year-end activity reports filed in late January show that business has never been better for the city's top practitioners of schmooze. Over at Public Policy Strategies, **Kimberly Hale** represented Redflex Traffic Systems of Phoenix regarding the "procurement of red light photo enforcement program/contract." Hale also labored on behalf of the taxpayer-funded San Diego Film Commission to "maintain San Diego's film-friendly reputation and streamlined process of filmmaking activities."

For the Barona Band of Mission Indians, which owns a sprawling casino and hotel complex in East County and has repeatedly jostled with the city over water rights and other development issues, Hale provided unspecified "Intergovernmental Relations" services. She was listed as doing the same for San Diego State University. (Public Policy's founder, political consultant **Tom Shepard**, a close campaign advisor to Mayor **Jerry Sanders**, was called in by SDSU last year to help bail out its president, **Stephen Weber**, from a festering controversy he'd stumbled into over spiking the school's proposed Paseo retail and housing project.) Hale also assisted in the "procurement of EMS contract" for San Diego Emergency Services Enterprise.

The long client list of **Craig Benedetto**, revered dean of the downtown influence peddlers, is also bristling with lucrative development-related accounts. He's worked to gain "city support" for the Bajagua Project, LLC, whose controversial plan to treat Mexican sewage would be subsidized by federal funds. For Cricket Communications, the cut-rate cell phone carrier, he pitched a "wireless communications build plan." Then



Craig Benedetto

there's Kennedy Associates, whom he has represented in efforts to get a "Hyatt Regency Islandia lease extension" on city-owned Mission Bay waterfront. Downtown's W Hotel, on the other hand, needed Benedetto's services to clear up some "operational issues with fire marshal and vice fire marshal" that the hotel apparently had. For that service he reports he was paid between \$5000 and \$25,000.

Over at Southwest Strategies, the big lobbying company founded by onetime *Evening Tribune* reporter **Al Ziegus**, former city council staffer **Clint Carney** worked for Australian-based Westfield Corporation to get city approval for renovations of UTC and lobbied on behalf of a "potential city contract" for American Medical Response, an ambulance outfit. He also spent time trying to combat the city's so-called big box ordinance banning his client, Wal-Mart Stores, from future expansion.

On the other side of that issue was **Arturo Castanares**, former chief of staff to ex-Democratic state senator **Steve Peace**, who represented the Joint Labor Management Committee, a union-backed group that succeeded in getting the Wal-Mart restrictions passed. His only other client was JMI Realty, owned by **John Moores**, who owns the Padres and has a sizable stake in big downtown real estate developments.

Latham & Watkins lawyer **Allen Haynie** worked for Home Depot to nail down a "potential new store" and Rock Church to obtain "land use entitlements" for a new house of worship. His clients included developers Corky McMillin Companies; International Gateway Associates, LLC; Sudberry Properties; and Black Mountain Ranch, LLC.

Another veteran lobbyist and lawyer, **Lynne Heidel** of Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis, also had plenty of developer business, reflecting the healthy economy: H.G. Fenton, Balboa Realty, OliverMcMillan, Quantum Properties, 301 LLC, Douglas Wilson Companies, Westfield Corporation, SRM Development, Lankford &



Lynne Heidel

Associates, the Robert Green Company, and 5th and Thorn, LLC. Between those assignments, she also represented the San Diego Surf Cup, a "soccer tournament organizer," regarding "land use issues related to use of Polo Fields in San Diego River Valley."

**Grab bag** Former lobbyist and appointed San Diego city councilman **Scott Harvey** was once executive director of the San Diego County Disposal Association, a trash haulers' group. About two years ago, Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** named him as advisor to the chair of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, a controversial move among some environmentalists. The job paid \$97,000. Now Harvey, a 61-year-old resident of Penryn, a suburb of the capital, has been appointed by the governor as deputy secretary for policy and planning of the California State and Consumer Services Agency.

According to its website, the agency is "responsible for civil rights enforcement, consumer protection and the licensing of 2.3 million Californians in more than 230 different professions. The Agency also handles procurement of nearly \$9 billion worth of goods and services, the management and development of state real estate, oversight of two state employee pension funds, collecting state taxes, hiring of state employees, providing information technology services, adopting state building standards and the administration of two state museums." Harvey, a onetime San Diego Republican Party stalwart whose registration is now listed as "decline to state," according to the governor's news release, will make \$107,800 a year.

— Matt Potter

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## Vegas Quickies

By Don Bauder

In its advertising, Las Vegas boasts that "What happens here, stays here." But that's not true if you are a well-known San Diego biotech executive who went through a quickie marriage in mid-2005, a week before your previous marriage

was dissolved and

she married in haste, Lawrence (Lance) Ackland, has filed a suit for \$2.3 million, claiming the experience was psychologically damaging to him.

Two months after the wedding, she filed a restraining order against him in San Diego, and it was quickly granted after a hearing.

"I made a one-day mistake. I married him and unmarried him in three seconds," says a distraught Nova,



Tina Nova

two months before the court decreed you could remarry. The scientist, Dr. Tina Nova, had the marriage annulled quickly, admitting to bigamy, but now the Las Vegas fellow

although records in North County Superior Court indicate the relationship lasted a little bit longer than that, albeit at long distance.

Nova, who has a PhD, is

chief executive of Genoptix, a Carlsbad company providing medical services to hematologists and oncologists. She is on the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee of the state's stem cell research effort, is secretary of the board of trustees of the University of San Diego, and was named "outstanding business leader" of 2006 by California State University San Marcos. She lives in a posh home in Rancho Santa Fe. Her press reviews are uniformly of the rave variety.

According to lawsuits on file in both Las Vegas and San Diego County, and interviews, here's what happened: the two met at Vegas's MGM Grand June 25, 2005, at the 80th birthday party for actor Tony Curtis. After seeing each other a few times, they wed on July 29, 2005. It was a "quickie Nevada wedding ceremony," according to papers filed by Nova's attorney, Steven V. McCue. "The marriage was a spontaneous and immediate event which was not planned in advance by the parties and which occurred after the parties had in essence been partying." However, both Nova and Ackland claim that neither excessive imbibition nor a festive atmosphere actuated the sudden union, which took

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### Neal Obermeyer



## Make Room for FIDO

By Joe Deegan

**T**he Mission Bay Park Master Plan of 1994 presented a vision of Fiesta Island's future that was general enough for different decisions to fill in the picture. Recently KTU+A, a local "land planning and landscape architecture firm," has been coming up with detailed maps that the Mission Bay Park Committee is calling the Fiesta Island General Development Plan. The latest of those maps, according to the committee, is a combination of current citizen advice and what the 1994 park planners had in mind. Eventually to go before the San Diego City Council, the plan emphasizes acres and acres of new green turf and development of marine "recre-

ever, several groups had established their presence on the desertlike Fiesta Island as though they were prairie homesteaders. Among them were dog owners, who for years have had City of San Diego permission to run their dogs off-leash almost anywhere on the island any time of day or night. (Dogs are permitted elsewhere in Mission Bay Park only if leashed, during night and early-morning hours.)

Last August the Mission Bay Park Committee held a meeting to inform the pub-



Brian LaRoche and Jumbo



Mindy Pellissier

ational uses" in the southern section of the island.

Even before 1994, how-

lic of KTU+A's first stab at the Fiesta Island General Development Plan. Dog owners

who came to the meeting were enraged when they saw that no space on the maps had been included for dogs. The reason? The 1994 Mission Bay Park Master Plan's discussion of Fiesta Island had not even mentioned dogs.

In the days after the meeting, Brian LaRoche put up flyers on Fiesta Island asking people to contact him if they were concerned about the general development plan. LaRoche, a retired English aviation engineer who calls himself a "layabout," takes a daily walk on Fiesta Island with his dog Jumbo. "At first I could hardly walk 100 yards," he says while showing me his route inside a 96-acre fenced-in space on the island's southwestern side. "But now I walk

the area's entire circumference, which is 1.8 miles, and have lost 70 pounds." LaRoche has measured the distance with a pedometer.

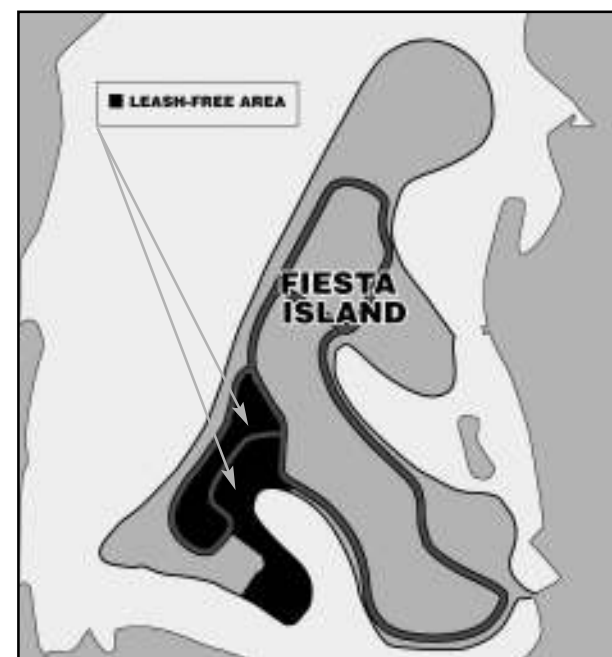
The response to LaRoche's flyers encouraged his formation of Fiesta Island Dog Owners, or FIDO for short. After only five months, the organization has nearly 400 members who have been making their unhappiness known to the Mission Bay Park Committee. Rather than see the general development plan come to fruition, the group wants Fiesta Island to remain "wild." Its members ask what sense it makes to spend the \$200 to \$300 million, depending on how soon the work is done, to build out the plan when people of many interests seem to be able to do what they want on the island already. People now come to Fiesta Island to bicycle, walk, jog, swim, boat, ride horses, practice falconry, shoot off rockets, and participate in the annual Over the Line Tournament.

The Mission Bay Park Committee has taken the Fiesta Island Dog Owners' complaints to heart. Since August the committee has asked KTU+A to offer three new plans. From zero acres for dogs in the first plan, the company has moved in a fourth alternative to 197 acres of leash-free open space and a 66-acre leash-free fenced-in area. (The whole of Fiesta Island is 486 acres.) Currently on Fiesta Island, dog owners have

301 acres of leash-free open space and 96 acres of leash-free fenced space. So the committee's concessions still leave them with a 34 percent loss of leash-free space.

"I am grateful for how the City is changing the plan," says Jean Spengel, a local veterinarian acting as the liaison for the San Diego County Vet-

cious enough to take long walks or runs. But there are sometimes good reasons for wanting to have leash-free dogs in the open spaces. When Florence Sloane of the San Diego Sporting Dog Council trains retrievers on the east side of Fiesta Island, she likes to have two to three hundred yards to use without inter-



Proposed leash-free areas and road that bisects them



Fiesta Island

erinary Medical Association to the park committee. "But if you look at all the major users of Fiesta Island...the dog owners are the largest group by far," she says.

Dogs running in the open-space areas have been hit by cars. So most owners walk their dogs in the fenced area, Spengel tells me, and would be satisfied if the fenced area on Fiesta Island remained spa-

ference. The general rule for open space on the island is that people must have their pooches under "voice control." Sloane is training dogs to respond to hand, arm, and other signals.

Sloane thinks that one reason the Mission Bay Park Committee is adhering so closely to the 1994 concepts for Fiesta Island is they're

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## Vegas quickies

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place at the Little White Wedding Chapel on the Las Vegas Strip. Such dignitaries as Frank Sinatra, Britney Spears, Patty Duke, and Mickey Rooney (twice) have pledged to love, honor, and obey forever in that chapel. The chapel's owner did not return a call seeking comment.

Prior to the wedding, Nova vowed she had been divorced for a year and a half, loved Ackland "intensely," "was a mature lady, not impulsive," and "wanted to marry immediately and not wait a month," according to Ackland's suit, which was filed September 7 of last year.

Not long after the wedding, Nova filed for annulment in North County. "Petitioner Tina Nova seeks annulment of the marriage on the basis that the dissolution of her prior marriage had not been finalized," says her filing. Nova separated from Ackland "several hours after the Nevada wedding and has never resided with him at any time since leaving Nevada. Upon her return to San Diego, [Nova] discovered the problem concerning final judgment of dissolution of her prior marriage, notified [Ackland] of the issue and promptly filed for a nullity."

She also filed for a restraining order, complaining he was bombarding her with e-mails and leaving phone messages with a "threatening tone," saying such things as "you need to be very careful" and "our divorce will be nasty and ugly." Ackland denies he made threats, says he was emotionally shattered and was just trying to reach the woman he had married.

Ackland is the fifth man Nova has exchanged marital vows with. In her defense, she argues that an annulled marriage is not official. In recent times, she married Michael P. Nova, chief executive of San Diego's Kiyon, in 1993. They were divorced in 2001. She then wed Harry J. Leonhardt, general counsel of Senomyx, a biotech, in 2002. The judgment of dissolution of that marriage was on August 5, 2005, and neither party could remarry until September 25, 2005.

She and Leonhardt were major investors in biotech and chronic money-loser Nanogen,

and Nova was Nanogen's chief operating officer in 1999. A third major investor in that company also backed Michael Nova in a different venture.

It is puzzling what Nova saw in Ackland. He says he fully revealed his tales of woe. He had lost \$6 million to \$7 million in three Florida businesses when people close to him allegedly ran off with the assets. He had lost another bundle to the perpetrator of the Bank of Sark scheme, one of the best-known offshore financial capers of the 1970s. A self-professed Baptist seminary student who was never ordained, he manufactured "Saviour" watches that he sold and handed out liberally. He had spent six months in a halfway house for having an illegal cell phone. A book about him, "Minister to the Mob," was written in the early 1990s but never published, he avers. He tried to put together an online poker operation that never got off the ground. Before he met Nova, he planned to go into the ministry with a friend who turned out to have been a colleague of San Diego evangelist Morris Cerullo, who has been charged with tax evasion. After Ackland lost his fortune in Florida, he became suicidal and was under a psychiatrist's care. Before he met Nova, "I wasn't dating anybody, had been seeing a shrink, had been suicidal for a long time," he laments.

But after their ever-so-brief courtship, "She said I was a loving, caring man, and she didn't care that I had lost all my money," he claims.

He says he was trying to put his life back together when Nova entered the picture. Through Match.com he had electronically corresponded with a supposedly wealthy Canadian woman. They discussed several business propositions, such as relaunching the Saviour watches and importing Chinese stone-crushing equipment. These purported opportunities went by the boards when Nova called the Canadian woman, Ackland claims. Nova terminated my interview with her before I could ask her about the alleged incident.

Ackland has his Vegas supporters. Dr. Kathleen Smith, who is certified in emergency medicine, treated him in May of last year and said he was depressed, "adamant that he was financially and emotion-

ally ruined and had no reason to live," she wrote in a report. After she threatened to put him on suicide watch, he agreed to take an antidepressant. In an interview, she says, "He wanted to be left alone to die. He felt totally worthless and devalued when he was dumped like trash. He had looked forward to a great future [with Nova] and — puff — it was gone. She undermined him financially."

Says Irene Dessewffy, who helps Tony Curtis and other celebrities sell their art, "She [Nova] told me how fast she fell in love, that God is looking out for her; she was talking like an 18-year-old schoolgirl. Then she put a restraining order on him. I was in shock. This is worse than a soap opera. It is nuts."

One thing is certain: there will be no reconciliation. Says Nova of Ackland: "He is a liar." "A scam artist." "I only saw the man for a week and concluded he was a con man. He is crazy." "He is a creep." Ackland and his Vegas friends "are just people who shake people down." She vows to fight.

Ackland returns the favors: "I caught her in lies," he says. "She is the ultimate con artist."

So he hired Joshua M. Landish, one of Vegas's best-known divorce lawyers, to prepare the suit, which charges Nova with malicious intent to inflict emotional distress, among other things.

"I would have been happy with a couple of hundred thousand dollars, but people said, 'Go for millions,'" says Ackland. Folks do everything big in Vegas. ■

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## Room for FIDO

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afraid they might have to commission a new environmental impact report. "I understand how they wouldn't want to spend the money for that," she tells me by phone, "but conditions on Fiesta Island have changed since 1994. There are many more dogs out there now."

Mindy Pellissier is the strongest advocate for dog owners among members of the Mission Bay Park Committee. I reach her at her Ocean

Beach business, Dog Beach Dog Wash. "Dogs are so much a part of people's lives nowadays," she tells me. (The San Diego County Department of Animal Services estimates that currently there are over 300,000 dogs within San Diego city limits and nearly 700,000 in the county.) Pellissier accepts an argument Spengel, Sloane, and members of the Fiesta Island Dog Owners put forward, that the issue of dogs on Fiesta Island should be viewed in the context of the entire local park system instead of the island alone. A statement issued by Fiesta Island Dog Owners claims that the Park and Recreation Department maintains roughly 40,000 acres of public lands. "Approximately 416 acres (1%) are currently available as off-leash areas for dogs," claims the statement. "If you subtract [the acreage on] Fiesta Island, that will leave [very little] available as off-leash! Of the small neighborhood off-leash parks...most are severely overcrowded." So many people abandon the crowded parks and take their dogs to Fiesta Island.

However, Bob Otilie, chairman of the Mission Bay Park Committee, feels that the discussion of Fiesta Island's future has been skewed since KTU+A began trying so hard to accommodate dogs. The result, he feels, is that a variety of potential future users are not being heard. "The owners, who are well organized, did raise an important point that we overlooked in the beginning," says Otilie. "Since then the City has gone out of its way to a fault to respond to them. At the last meeting [on February 6] Mike Singleton [of KTU+A] addressed every single item as a response to dog issues. Dogs must have been mentioned 100 times, but children, not once. I began to wonder whether the dogs who will be waterskiing are going to be off leash."

And Otilie believes that dogs don't mix well with children. "Dogs on the loose will bound up to little children and scare them badly," he says. "They sometimes bite. I've been attacked by a dog and had to go to the hospital. Recently my kid almost had her head taken off too."

Dog owners counter by arguing that the larger the space in which dogs have to move freely, the less con-

frontational they are. The opportunity to run off leash, say veterinarians, even reduces canine aggressiveness in other contexts. And Fiesta Island Dog Owners maintains that the rate of reported dog "incidents" is lowest at Fiesta Island among the leash-free areas, such as those at Dusty Rhodes Park and Dog Beach. That's because of the island's much larger spaces, including its fenced area. "People actually walk and run their dogs at Fiesta Island," says Brian LaRoche, "rather than socializing among themselves in the center of the space while their dogs run around by themselves."

For dog owners, the single most troubling aspect of the latest Fiesta Island General Development Plan is a road that will wind through the current leash-free fenced area on the island's southwestern side. Now the main road, as it heads south on the west side of the island, turns at the entrance to the fenced area's parking lot and crosses the island, eventually taking drivers back to the mainland. In the new plan, however, the road, when it gets to the parking lot, will continue south along the island's western edge and then make a sharp turn in a northeasterly direction, taking drivers north of Hidden Anchorage before leading to the mainland. Dog owners see it as a double bisection of their leash-free fenced area. As it heads in a southerly direction, the road will cut off their access to the southwestern shore in order to exclude them from a planned beach for swimming. As it runs in the northeasterly direction, it will cut the new 66-acre leash-free area in two, leaving the halves separated by fences on each side of the road.

The purpose of the road is to service the swimming beach as well as new launch and storage facilities for canoes and dragon boats. Veterinarian Jean Spengel questions the need for the new amenities. "There are already eight beaches in Mission Bay Park," she says. "And people swim at them only a few months each year, whereas we're out there every day. And why can't they use the South Shores boat launch facilities right across the channel for the boats?"

Hoping to at least eliminate one leg of the road, Brian

LaRoche e-mailed KTU+A's Mike Singleton on Sunday, February 11, suggesting that the westernmost portion of the road stop before it enters the leash-free area, still allowing the road to service the swimming beach and the waterskiing activities at the tip of Hidden Anchorage. "We would prefer a simple solution," LaRoche added, "but if it is not to be, [then we] are in it for the long haul."

Singleton replied the same day. "I am afraid that the continuous barrage of negativity from dog owners has made it very difficult for me to offer up any more compromises. I have made so many efforts at helping you all out, but not once have received any public recognition for any of these efforts. Your groups have continuously complained about losing...acreage, without recognizing that you are all starting from zero acres. You have no entitlements in the master plan.... Despite this you have all been unwilling to compromise...."

"We [KTU+A] were hired to implement the approved master plan. If we vary from the plan too much, the city will have to spend a lot more money on preparing the general development plan and [environmental impact report] as well as implementing permits...."

"So, I am afraid to say it, but we will be having to head back the other way. Since no compromise seems to be possible, and your groups will never be satisfied in giving up a single acre, we might as well trim the dog use area back more consistently with the master plan, or at least hold the line on the current use levels to avoid any real change in the master plan requirements. So [now] you are all on your own in making the arguments for your position. I just don't think you will get too far with it...."

Mission Bay Park Committee chairman Bob Otilie feels confident that the Fiesta Island General Development Plan, as now written, will make it through the city council. But the committee's Mindy Pellissier wonders where the money to pay for it is ever going to come from. "And how," she asks, "will we pay to maintain and water all the new green turf the plan calls for?" ■

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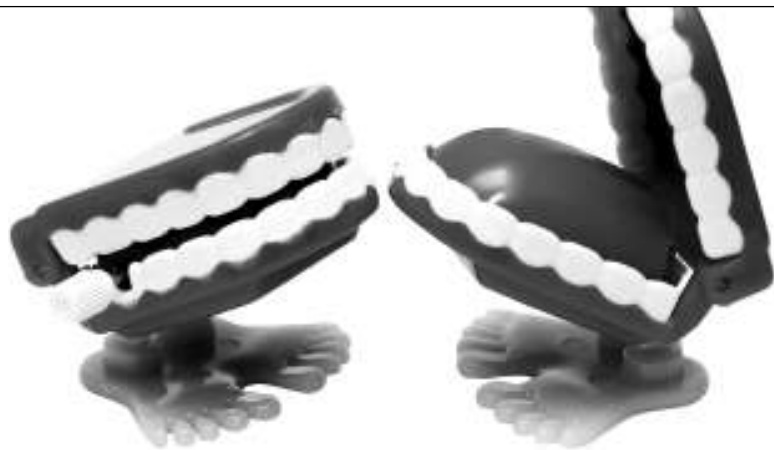
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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Hey, Matt:

I’m an avid barefooter, and I go out as much as possible barefoot because it is healthier than it is to wear shoes. I enjoy being able to feel something with my feet while I am walking. My question is this. I am part of a group called the Society for Barefoot Living, and one of the members contacted the [Environmental Health Services] in Orange County, and they said, “Section 114020 of the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities law regulates garments, such as hair confinement and work uniforms, worn by food handlers in restaurants and retail markets. There are no regulations or state laws regulating footwear or garments worn by patrons of businesses or public facilities.” That being said, why is it that I get hassled for going into places barefooted? It’s not a health violation and it’s not a crime. People cannot complain that I would bring in germs, because at any given time people are covered in germs, and more often than not on most people there are more germs on their hands than anywhere else. I have a friend who lives in San Diego, and he goes to the doctor’s barefooted and they did not complain about it. He says he has even gone into Dixieline Lumber barefooted and they don’t complain. Can you help?

— Jake B, El Cajon

The Alice house is generally a shoe-free zone, so we can sympathize with ya, Jake. In fact, the elves were pretty eager to volunteer for this mission. We sent them out to saunter into various establishments around town to see what kind of reception their feet got. Grandma offered to test the “no shirt, no service” policy, but we restrained her.

Hard to generalize about our results, but we’ll try. Neighborhood liquor stores? We decided you could go in one of those naked with a birthday cake on your head and no one would say anything. No objections to free-range tootsies that we could find. Chain-type convenience stores? We were two for four on that one. When grilled, as we were being ushered out, neither clerk had a specific answer to exactly why we were being ushered out. Something about “store policy. Insurance.” Just as we suspected. Dollar signs behind it all. You go into a 7-Eleven barefoot and drop a can of refried beans on your foot, they’re sure you’ll sue for toenail damage.

Restaurants were a whole ‘nother thing. Mom-and-pop types without “shoes, please” signs generally don’t seem to care. With the signs? You’re outta there. The chrome-and-glass types? Hm. They don’t even have to put up signs. You just know by looking at them you’ll be put in reverse and backed out of the joint in a hurry. Why? “Our customers object to bare feet” kind of sums it up. No place worth eating in would tolerate barefoot patrons. Depending on what part of town you’re in, “barefoot” might bring to mind “homeless.” Nothing kills an appetite faster.

You’re right. The law doesn’t prevent you from going shoeless; shoelessness isn’t especially unsanitary; but insurance policies, owners’ preferences, and common standards of “appropriateness” might keep you out of any establishment. Of course, you’ll always be welcome at Grandma’s house.

Hey, Matt:

What’s up with Grape Nuts? There are no nuts or grapes in the entire box. Not even raisins. Who named this cereal, and why did they think it was a good idea to give it such a deceiving name?

— David, via e-mail

Deceiving? Like “Lucky Charms” is more honest. How lucky did you ever get after eating a bowl of that stuff? Okay, you’re right; no grapes, no nuts. Did you expect a box of grapes and nuts when you opened it? C.W. Post, the guy who invented the cereal and marketed the heck out of it 110 years ago, would have argued that he was giving you just that. Sort of.

Grape Nuts cereal was invented by Post to feed to the feeble and ailing Americans who came to his health spa for a cure. (*The Road to Wellville* was based on the life of Post’s competitors, the Kelloggs.) Health-food gurus of that era developed shredded wheat, corn flakes, and a whole raft of wheat, corn, and bran breakfast foods to revitalize what they saw as a nation of constipated loafers. What we needed was some bulk in our diet to clean out our collective pipes and put the spring back in our step. Pork products were the most popular wake-up foods on American tables back then.

Post mixed wheat and malted barley together, baked it, boxed the resulting gravel, and named it Grape Nuts — “grape” because it contained maltose, once known as grape sugar, and “nuts” because baking gave the pebbles a nutty taste. He might just as well have called them Mr. Post’s Colon Cleanser or Rocks in a Box. About the same time he marketed his own brand of corn flakes that he called Elijah’s Manna (now Post Toasties). I hope his wife named the kids.

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## SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

# In With The Old

Which one of the following three events is least likely to happen? (a) meeting Santa Claus, (b) winning the British Open by six strokes, (c) becoming head coach of the best team in the NFL after failing in that position all your life?

You can't blame Norv Turner for taking the Chargers job...how many times is a hack coach with a .415 winning percentage invited to captain the best team in the NFL? The answer is one, one time, Norv Turner's time. He's been handed a can't-fail mission. Next year, no matter what he does, the Chargers will win more games than they lose.

Turner was Washington's head coach for six full seasons and 13 games into a seventh, finishing 49-59-1. He made the playoffs once — in 1999 — and lost in the second round to Tampa Bay. He was fired in 2000.

His next head-coaching job was with the Raiders, four years later. You had to be an absolute unknown or an absolute washout to take a job as Al Davis's toady. Turner lasted two years, left with a record of 9-23. And that's it, and that's all, 58 wins, 82 losses, and 1 tie. Good enough to coach the best team in the NFL.

We can assume he wasn't hired in San Diego because of his record. His record sucks. Why then, was he hired? One front-office alibi is that by the time the Chargers got around to firing Marty Schottenheimer, every competent coach already had a job. Don't believe it. NFL assistant coaches will torture their mothers if that's what it takes to become a head coach. Being handed this team, a Super Bowl-caliber team, well, there is no dam strong enough to keep back the horde of assistant coaches who will assemble at its base and begin clawing at the cement.

There was a saying back in the 1980s, when computers started flooding into American corporations and IT managers came into being and began ordering thousands of computers at a time; the saying went, "Nobody ever got fired for buying an IBM computer." Didn't matter if the computer was overpriced. Didn't matter if it underperformed any number of clone computers; it was an IBM and that made you safe from criticism.

That's Norv. That's why he was hired. Spanos and A.J. Smith did not hire him because he's a great head coach or even because he's a good head coach, which is

infuriating; they hired him because he's a safe choice and won't backtalk to the general manager.

This is as good a place as any to say I liked Marty best in his leaving. I think that being offered a one-year contract extension after a 14-2 season insulted him. I think he delivered a beautifully crafted "fuck you" to management when he turned it down. That let every sub-coach in Chargerland know that this was Marty's last year, causing most of them to act like any reasonable person would act when their job depends on their boss keeping his job; it caused all hands to jump ship. A jump made less dangerous since it was done with Marty's blessing.

As considerable bonus, Marty guaranteed himself \$3 million plus by getting himself fired. More, he got himself fired at the right time; leaving a 14-2 team is not a career killer. All in all, not a bad way to go, particularly if you hate your boss. Which is different than knowing your boss. Marty also knew his bosses and played them. Spanos and Smith never saw it coming.

I was calling for Marty's firing from the first day he was hired because he will always play not to lose when big chips are on the table. Hiring Norv means, among other things, that Chargers management hasn't learned anything. Once again, they've hired a certified second-rater and soon enough we will wonder whatever happened to that great team we saw back in 2006.

Jerry Rice, *the* Jerry Rice, told reporters that Turner had no control over the Raiders when he was head coach. Rice was there. Rice has no reason to cause trouble, has never gossiped about players or coaches in the past, has an impeccable reputation.

Turner has a reputation as a terrific offensive coordinator. That's where he belongs. This move up isn't going to end well.

Wade Phillips left his job as San Diego's defensive coordinator to take the head coaching position in Dallas. Phillips has been the head coach for New Orleans, Denver, Buffalo, and Atlanta. His record is 48 wins, 39 losses. Dallas is a 9-7 team with a crazy wide receiver and a rookie quarterback whose last play in the 2006 season cost his team the postseason. Norv Turner inherits a 14-2 team littered with MVPs. Here's the bet: whose team will have a better record when the 2007 season ends?

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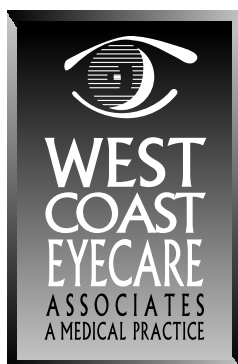
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The stained-glass windows of the Immaculata church showed black against their creamy stone frames as congregants gathered for the evening Mass on Ash Wednesday. Bare, twisted tendrils rose up from the vases placed on pedestals in front of the baldachino, pedestals draped in purple cloth.

“Today, we begin the holy season of Lent,” said Father Anthony Saroki at the opening of Mass, “a time of penance, preparation, and renewal. Let us pray: Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil as we begin the discipline of Lent. Make this day holy by our self-denial.”

The readings took up the themes Saroki mentioned. The prophet Joel proclaimed, “Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning....” Psalm 51 pleaded, “Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness.... Thoroughly wash me of my guilt, and of my sin, cleanse me...a steadfast spirit renew within me...give me back the joy of your salvation...and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.” And the Gospel contained Jesus’ practical admonition not to give alms, pray, or fast “like the hypocrites” who “perform righteous deeds in order that others might see them...they have received their reward.” Rather, his disciples were to do these things in secret, “and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.”

Saroki opened his homily with an old chestnut about Lent — the story of the Baptist who converts and then is sprinkled with holy water and told, “You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, but now you’re a Catholic.” Come the first Friday in Lent, his Catholic neighbors find him standing over his grill, sprinkling a steak with water and saying, “You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, but now you’re a fish.” A rumble of laughter rolled through the congregation.

The rest of homily was a nuts-and-bolts affair. “Over the course of the year, it is very easy to begin to take God for granted, to fall into sinful habits, to forget what is most important in life.... We are like athletes who

eat too many hamburgers in the off-season.... Lent is like training camp, where we get serious again about our Christian vocation.” The regimen was laid out in the Gospel: “prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor.... One Catholic writer put it this way: ‘In silent prayer, you will find God; in the silence, you will find yourself. These will be the two greatest discoveries of your life.’” He suggested ten minutes of silent prayer every day during Lent, “no matter how fruitless it seems...I promise, at the end of Lent, your life will be changed.” Saroki praised fasting for its ability to highlight spiritual longings, to strengthen the will, and to create appreciation for blessings. Such an appreciation “leads us to giving to those in need.... God has blessed all of us here very richly...he expects us to share with others. It’s a great privilege...we become ministers of His love...we join Him in His 40 days in the desert, cognizant that we will be one with Him in the indescribable joy of His Easter victory.”

Saroki descended to the front of the Sanctuary and stood over what might have been a crystal port set, except that the cups and decanter were filled with black ash. He sprinkled holy water over the ashes, saying, “Lord, bless these ashes, by which we show that we are dust. Pardon our sins and keep us faithful to the discipline of Lent. For you do not want sinners to die, but to live with the risen Christ.” As the congregation began its long approach to the altar, the choir began a series of hymns, including an arrangement of “Lonesome Valley” (“Well, there ain’t nobody else/ Gonna go there for you/ You got to go there by yourself”). Saroki and his assistants dipped their thumbs in ash, and made crosses on the foreheads of the congregants. “Turn away

from sin and be faithful to the Gospel,” said one of the assistants. “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return,” said another.

The processional refrain at Communion sounded a more upbeat note: “Take, O take me as I am/ Summon out what I shall be/ Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.”

What happens when we die? “We believe in the last things,” said Saroki. “So there’s a particular judgment. Depending on whether we have a love of God and others in our soul, or whether we’ve totally rejected God, that kind of determines where we end up. So it’s kind of up to us. And most of us who do have a love of God, it’s very imperfect. We still have a lot of self-love. We have to be purified, so that’s where the Catholic doctrine of Purgatory comes from.”

— Matthew Lickona



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# BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

I knew Christina in high school, and we've kept in touch over the years. As the years passed, some of the old crowd began to wonder if she would ever marry. But she did, and now she's expecting her first. When I called her to offer congratulations, she told me that she's been getting one, maybe two calls a day from her (large) extended family. "How are you feeling?" "Can I get a copy of the ultrasound photos?" "Do you feel kicks yet? How many?" Christina was feeling overwhelmed and needed to vent a bit. "Even Great-Aunt Phyllis has weighed in — she wants bronzed baby shoes. Do they still do that? They'd better. I'm sure she's got the shoes in the mail already."

Another Great-Aunt, another mission. I went looking for bronzers and found David Hall (619-660-8710). Hall owns the San Diego County rights for the franchise bronzing business Patty-Cakes. "I purchased the rights back in 1994," he told me. Since then, he's done "quite a few shoes, but I probably do more of the hand and foot impressions."

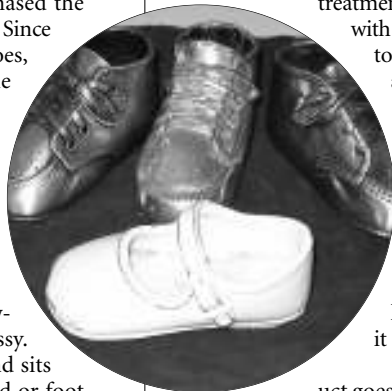
Hall has worked with clients as old as 89, and has even taken paw impressions from cats and dogs. But mostly, he's working with small children — "the youngest was about five hours old. I use a soft clay patty sprinkled with baby powder to keep it from being messy. The mother holds the baby and sits in a chair. I set the child's hand or foot on the patty and press down. That makes an impression that picks up most of the details in the hands and feet — the lines and the wrinkles."

Hall makes house calls for that part of the service. Once he has his impression, he heads home to work on it. "I don't let the clay dry out. I put a little edge around the impression; I kind of roll up the clay to make a barrier. Then I pour an acrylic material into the mold; the barrier keeps it from flowing over and helps make the impression a little thicker. It gets very hard in about ten minutes. Then I have to trim off the excess material from around the impression. I file it and shape it with scissors, files, and an electric sander. The result is a three-dimensional mold of the hand or foot with a flat back."

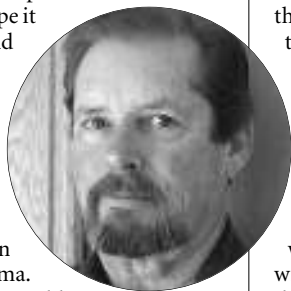
After that, the mold is off to corporate headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama. (I'll bet Aunt Phyllis would not be surprised — she has long lauded the South for keeping these sorts of traditions alive.) "That's where they do the actual electroplating of the metal onto the hands, feet, or shoes. We can do almost any kind of shoe, unless it's really fuzzy, or a knitted bootie, or spongy. Shoes like that absorb the chemicals used in the process; they get matted down, and they don't look very good. Nowadays, it seems like I get a lot of tennis shoes or sport-type shoes. But I also get softer canvas-type shoes. Doctors are now recommending that children wear a soft shoe. But



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"I still get some of the Stride-Rite shoes and the regular baby shoes."

I still get some of the Stride-Rite shoes and the regular baby shoes." (I'll also bet that Aunt Phyllis sent something in the patent leather category.)

Electroplating, said Hall, is a matter of placing the shoes or clay hand/foot molds "into a tank full of chemicals. For bronzing, there's a copper-based metal rod in the tank. An electrical charge is run through the tank, and it transfers the metal from the rod to the object. It's not a hot process; it's a chemical process. You don't want to destroy the object that you're electroplating. We can electroplate almost anything, as long as it's not organic — like an apple. However, I once did bronze an umbilical cord. It was dried and tied off with a knot at one end." The process takes a while, layer upon layer added to the object, with excess bits being filed off between dips. "You dip it two or three times, and you end up with a thick layer of metal."

Bronze objects get the antique treatment: "shiny copper, but with a little bit of darkness to accentuate the lines and details. Then the finished object is coated with a clear lacquer to keep it from tarnishing. It shouldn't be cleaned with any kind of cleaner — that might take the lacquer off. Just dust it with a soft cloth."

The finished product goes back to Hall. If he's dealing with hand or foot casts, he'll mount them "on plaques or in shadow boxes. There are lots of different ways to do it." Cost depends on mounting style and the type of metal finish. "We do more than just bronze. We have pewter, porcelain, silver, and gold. Prices vary from \$89 for a single bronzed shoe, handprint, or footprint, to \$400 to \$500 if it's done in gold. To get both hands or both feet in bronze on an oval plaque would be around \$189. A portrait stand would run around \$249, and that includes a nameplate. We have a \$10 shipping and handling fee, but I do come out to the house to get the impressions, and I deliver the objects when they're done. Turnaround time is about eight to twelve weeks. I'm busiest in September/October, because people like to have them done in time for Christmas." He also gets a fair amount of business from his displays at various county fairs. "Some people at the fair don't like it, but others love it."

Hall noted, "Real bronzing is done with metal. It's a family heirloom, and it will last a lifetime. Some companies paint the shoes with bronze paint, add a thick lacquer, and call it bronzing. After a while, the surface starts cracking and peeling. At the fair, I encounter that about five or six times a year. We can clean those shoes up and 'replate' them with actual metal. They turn out pretty nice."

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# Mexican Time

The time to relax is when you don't have time for it.  
— Sydney J. Harris

When we first met, David thought my neurosis was “cute.” He toyed with my anxiety-induced OCD as if it were a frisky kitten, soft and harmless, especially adorable when it stumbled and hissed. But it wasn’t a kitten — it was a tiger cub. And like the great cat, my idiosyncrasies that were once darling have become dangerous.

I realized things had gotten out of control the morning I nearly bit off David’s head because he had

Another voice was quick to point out that it might be wise to investigate exactly where the flow was going, but I silenced this voice...

forgotten that his car was parked behind mine and robbed me of three precious minutes as he ran to fetch his keys. When I arrived at the gym, 17 minutes early instead of my usual 20, I was stunned to find that the world did not implode. David reacted with exasperation when I shared this epiphany with him: “You always do this. We’re early for everything! The moment you decide ‘it’s time to go,’ it’s as if the core

of a nuclear reactor were melting down in our kitchen and it’s absolutely critical that we flee the building NOW. *Three minutes is not* life or death!” A small part of me admitted that he had a point.

David confided his fear that my obsessive controlling issues were going to devour our relationship. “It’s like you’re always stressed out,” he said. “I just want to see you enjoy yourself, you know, be a little carefree.” I nodded silently while a voice in my head shouted, *Ha! Impossible!* Despite my lack of faith, I recognized that it’s no fun to be around a neurotic stress case like me, and that if I didn’t work to adjust my behavior, I would eventually find myself miserable and alone. I was scouring the

Learning Annex for self-help programs promoting stress-relieving techniques when the phone rang. This time, my deus ex machina came in the form of Josue, calling to invite me, David, and our friend Ollie on a road trip to the vineyards of Valle de Guadalupe, about 20 minutes northeast of Ensenada. The trip would begin early in the morning and end late at night. But I had so many things I needed to get done! There was no way I could sacrifice an entire day of errand running and tax preparing for something as inefficient and unproductive as *pleasure*. I was about to decline, but then, in a flash of inspiration, changed my mind — there couldn’t be a better way to learn how to relax than to take a trip to the local wine country with *Mexican* friends. With no less than a lifetime of solitary confinement at stake, I asked Josue to tell me what time he wanted to leave.

Despite Ollie and David’s groans of protest, I rang Josue’s doorbell ten minutes early. Riding bitch was my punishment for rushing them out the door; I squeezed between the boys in the backseat of Josue’s SUV while Rosa rode shotgun with her pup, Chuchito, on her lap. We were going to have breakfast in Rosarito and then continue to the vineyards, where we’d be meeting up with Hugo and Alejandro (brothers and friends of Josue’s) at Casa de Piedra and Paralelo, their respective wineries. I took comfort in the knowledge that there was a

plan. Having a plan always comforts me. When Josue parked in front of his art studio downtown to drop off a few of his paintings, I bit my lip. To prove to myself that it didn’t matter how much time had passed since we left, I turned off my cell phone and placed it in the most hard-to-get-to compartment of my giant red travel purse. *We have nowhere to be and nothing to do*, I told myself. *So chill the fuck out and go with the flow*. Another voice was quick to point out that it might be wise to investigate exactly where the flow was going, but I silenced this voice (and others that were itching to replace it) by repeating, *We have nowhere to be and nothing to do*.

When I acknowledged that the “we” to which I was referring represented the voices in my head and not my companions in the car, I thought it best to try not to think at all for a while, and focused my attention on the lyrics of one of the songs Ollie had included on the compilation CD he put together for our Mexican day-trip. Beck was sing-saying, “See the vegetable man in the vegetable van with a horn that’s honking like a mariachi band.” It was perfectly distracting.

Breakfast was at Tijuana Junior, a casual little restaurant by the sea in Rosarito. I devoured my *enchilado de camarones*, after which my tongue combusted spontaneously. Like an overheated puppy, I lapped up *horchata* in an attempt to soothe the raging hellfire while Rosa



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explained that in Mexico, “enchilado” is not just a red sauce, it’s chili paste. My deceptively safe-looking shrimp was not so innocent after all.

*The great thing about pain, I thought, as my mouth finally found relief, is that it really keeps you in the moment.* For 30 minutes, during which I hyper-ventilated and nearly drowned myself with sweetened rice milk, thoughts of where we were going next and what time we should get there never entered my mind. For those 30 minutes, I was free.

When we arrived at the small vineyard known as Tres Mujeres (Three Women), I felt every muscle in my body begin to unravel. The scene before me looked like the Tuscany pictured in the books I often peruse. A young woman appeared from behind a modest cottage; her shiny chestnut hair was tousled, and she wore a soiled apron tied

over a peasant-style dress. She led us into a small, musty-smelling brick cave and let us taste from four open bottles. She explained, in Spanish, that she was not one of the “three women,” but a friend who had offered to watch the place for the day. She had been at the rear of the house working on her ceramic sculptures before she was interrupted by our arrival.

Two dogs walked among the trunks of squat olive trees. A large white cat stretched and lolled in the dust. Dozens of chickens surrounded by a wire fence pecked at the ground. A warm, steady breeze carrying the scent of cultivated soil rose up over the sprawling hills and made the wooden and metal chimes hanging from the trellis above us click and tinkle. Time seemed like an old crush, once an all-consuming obsession, but now a faceless memory as I stared into the eyes of my true

love.

With a bottle of wine in hand — the metallic ink “label” handwritten in flowing script directly on the glass — we bid the woman farewell and climbed back into the car. As I leaned into my seat, my main man to my left and my best buddy to my right, I finally understood that it didn’t matter what time we arrived at our next stop. I was already at my destination, the place I’d needed so desperately to be. Watching the road ahead, I silently promised that the next time I catch myself standing by my front door, tense with urgency and feeling compelled to sigh loudly at David (my passive-aggressive signal for “Hurry up!”), I will instead take a deep breath, close my eyes, and remember this afternoon — the breeze on my skin, the smell of the air, and that glorious knowledge that, at least for one day, I had nowhere to be and nothing to do. ■



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# The Best Players in the World:

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hen he broke, it was hammerlike. It almost hurt my ears: a terrific crack! The colorful balls caromed and danced and spun everywhere.

Nothing went in, though, lucky for me. So I lined up my first shot.

It was a Wednesday afternoon, and I was playing pool, eight ball, at College Billiards Center with local pool pro Victor Castro. Castro, 53, isn't just the best Filipino player in the area, he's one of the best pool players in San Diego.

I dropped the five, but left myself with poor position.

My second shot, a long, crooked line at the four ball, barely missed.

And then it was his turn. Castro stepped forward and examined the table. "Not bad," he said. "Not a bad layout." Then he ran eight straight balls for a dominating victory.

Russia has chess, Brazilians own soccer,

and Kenyans run long distances better than everyone else. Canadians take hockey, the Swiss ski, and the English have their cricket.

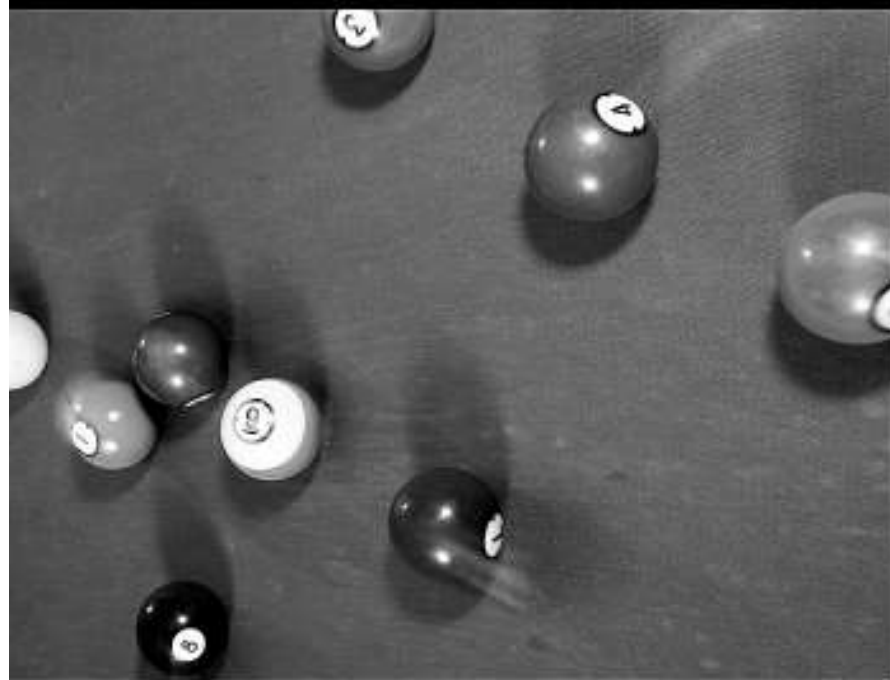
Everyone plays baseball and basketball well — and despite what Americans might think, those are quite probably the world's



**"I believe owning a pool table is bad for your game," he said. "Then you see th**

# Filipinos and Pool

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VICTOR CASTRO

sports. Here in the United States, our first love and greatest expertise seems to be football.

And Filipinos? Filipinos shoot pool.

Victor Castro owns a three-bedroom house just east of National City, where he lives with his wife, who is a secretary, and their 12-year-old daughter. The fam-

ily has three cars, one of them a Lexus. When I first got Castro on the telephone, I started out by asking if a guy could make a living playing pool in this town.

the same table every day. You get used to it, instead of going out to play."



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"Yes," Castro said. "But you do it by teaching pool and going to tournaments. I used to run College Billiards for about four years, but now I just teach and try to win tournaments. My immediate goal is to qualify for an IPT tour card — the International Pool Tour. This is the biggest pool tournament ever. The last IPT was won by Efren Reyes, who's Filipino. And he won over \$500,000."

The International Pool Tour was created in 2005 and works a little bit like golf's PGA tour. One hundred IPT qualifiers are held every year, with the top two finishers in each event earning the right to compete for a tour card. Holding a card, and playing on the tour, means playing in high-profile tourna-

ments for large amounts of money. The top six earners on the 2006 money list made well over \$100,000.

"The guys on the tour are the best players in the world," Castro told me. "And this year I'm hoping to make it."

"You know, I also do exhibitions," he said. "I'll do parties in a poolroom or a bar, and I'll come in all dressed up, and I'll be the pool artist. I do trick shots and answer questions about pool, and sometimes people want to play against me. So that's pretty good money."

What pool games did Castro play for money? And how much money did he risk?

"Most games are nine ball, race to the nine, and maybe you play \$20 a rack, sometimes maybe \$50 a rack."

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So Castro must practice a lot?

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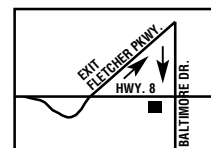
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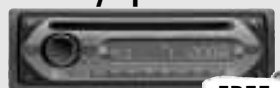
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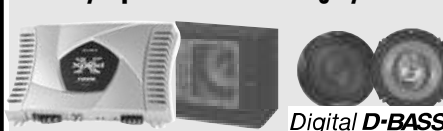
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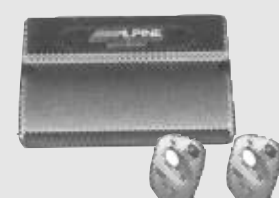


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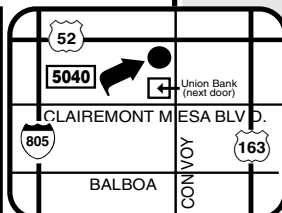


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So he had to compete. Did Castro gamble at pool?

He hesitated. "I guess you'd say that. Everybody does it. We have to. To keep your game, you have to play for money. If your heart's not beating

hard... To get good, you've got to put pressure on your heart. You've got to maintain that killer instinct."

Did Castro hustle people?

"I don't really do that," he said. "I just come out and tell them, 'If you don't know me, I play pretty good.' I don't really want to go and pretend that I don't play."

So Castro would approach people to play for money?

"Not usually," he said. "Usually, they see me practicing on a table, and then they come up and ask me,

and then they usually ask for weight. They want a game of nine ball, and they want me to spot them a ball. They want a handicap. It's not that I'm one of the top Filipinos in the world, but they see me playing and they see I'm Filipino, and they think that I'm one of them. A lot of Filipinos, they play pretty good."

And why was that? "You know what?"

Castro began. "I was [in the Philippines] in 1986, and I was at the top of my game, and I was watching Efren Reyes play somebody, some Filipino named

Lenny, and Reyes, who's the world champion now, the best player in the whole world, he got drilled a couple sets. And then I looked around, and there were, like, 30 people in the crowd who could give me weight. That's how many great players there are in the Philippines. A lot of the players over there, if they don't play good, they don't eat."

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The Philippines is an island nation in the Pacific Ocean, or rather, it's a many-many-islands nation. The Philippines archi-

pelago has 7107 atolls, islets, and water-locked landmasses in all. Some of these islands are large, but most are not much bigger than, well, a pool table.

Castro grew up in Cavite City, on Luzon, the largest island.

"Cavite City's close to Manila, in the northern Philippines. It was a nice town. Most of the classes in school in the Philippines are in English."

And Castro grew up playing pool.

"I started young," he said. "When I was 12, I was already playing. That was all you

did. There were so many poolrooms around my school. But you know, it's not true that a lot of Filipinos play pool. The ones who play, they play a lot. But the most popular game when I was there was basketball."

I mentioned a game I'd heard about in the Philippines, using chips and a powdered table.

"Yes." Castro sounded nostalgic. "That's a game for kids. It's also called pool. They hit numbered chips into pockets on a small table."

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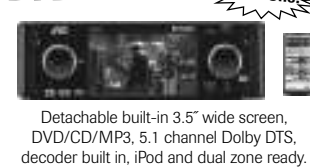


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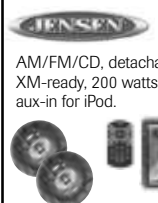
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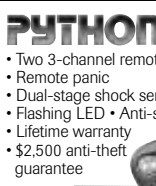
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"No," Castro laughed. "It's just a piece of stick. We got started gambling on pool so young. It's that killer instinct. Efren Reyes started gambling on pool when he was nine. And me too. I used to play for my lunch money. I either won or I didn't eat."

Castro told me that most Filipino-Americans get along with each other. "Of course, in the Philippines, it's different," he said. "There are rivalries from town to town and island to island, but once we come here, we all get along. My wife's from Visayas" — a group of islands in the center of the country — "but there's not much difference between us because we're from different islands. We do have different dialects, but that's about it. Some Filipinos do have different accents in English."

Eighty percent of Filipinos are Roman Catholic. But wasn't there also a large Muslim contingent in the Philippines?

"The Muslims don't come to the U.S.," Castro said. "The Muslims live mostly in the south, on Mindanao, and they stay there. Those are scary folks, some of them — the Abu Sayyaf terrorists. But I never had any trouble with them personally while I was growing up."

Castro came to the United States when he was 19. "I emigrated in 1973 with one of my brothers, because it was martial law," he said. "It was when Marcos was there. Believe me, you don't want to live in a place where there's martial law."

Ferdinand Marcos was president of the Philippines from 1965 to 1986. He declared martial law from 1972 to 1981 and remained in power in that coun-

try as a virtual dictator.

"There was a curfew," Castro said. "You couldn't be on the street after midnight. And there were no jobs there. Living was hard."

Castro's older brother was the first

family member to become a United States citizen, after he joined the U.S. Navy in the 1960s. Then, after Castro's parents had emigrated here as well, it was easy for Castro to make the decision to

pull up his roots.

Castro's parents and two brothers all still live in San Diego.

When he came to the United States, Castro worked various odd jobs in factories, all the while keeping up with

his pool game. Then, in 1975, he joined the Navy and still played as much pool as he could. After leaving the Navy, he worked in quality control for General Dynamics until the plant closed in 1993.

"When the plant closed down," Castro told me, "I said, 'I'm not working anymore. I'm going to go shoot pool.' And so basically in '93, I did it. I went on the road, went all over the U.S., and

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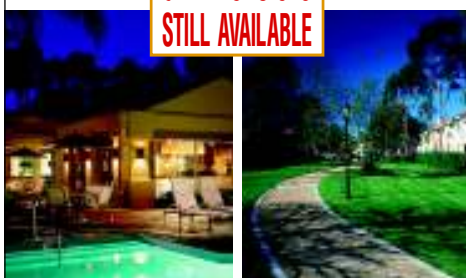
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played the pro tour for a number of years. That was the PBT, the Professional Billiard Tour, which doesn't exist anymore. But I never won a tournament, though. My highest finish in a professional tournament was fourth place."

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San Diego's Filipino community centers around National City and Mira Mesa, Steve Yagyagan told me by phone. Restaurants, grocery stores, and other Filipino businesses line Plaza Boule-

vard and Eighth Street in National City and Mira Mesa Boulevard near Black Mountain Road. Yagyagan, who lives in Chula Vista, is a recent past vice president of the Filipino-American National Historical Society, San Diego chapter.

"Many Filipinos in San Diego hail from Hawaii, where pool halls were common from the turn of the 20th Century through the 1970s," Yagyagan said. "It was common for Filipinos to marry

Polynesians and other people from throughout the Pacific Rim. In Hawaii, Filipino sugar and pineapple plantation workers used to flood the pool halls, cue stick in one hand and gambling money in the other. My dad's friend even made a square, wooden pool table with flattened wooden cues. Although the cues were not spherical, a lot of math (geometry, physics) went into the art of the game.

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challenge them. Some of my friends, the recent émigrés from the Philippines during the 1970s, were outstanding players. They knew how to measure the angles and use the right amount of speed to make all the shots they called. The games became serious — to the point that I'd send them home if they beat me two to three times."

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Five of the world's top 14 players are Filipino. Efren Reyes, who lives in the Philippines, is almost indisputably the world's best pool player right now. In July, he won the International Pool Tour World Open Eight-Ball Championship in Reno. The week before, he'd played in the IPT North American Open Eight-Ball Championship in Las Vegas.

"I was in Vegas," Castro said, "and I watched him play. And he lost. He was in the top six, but he lost to two players — two Filipinos actually — but he lost, and he told me, 'Victor, the next tournament, up in Reno, I'm going to win it.' And that just tangoed in my head. I was, like, 'Wow.' Because he went up to Reno, and he did it. He won. He told me he was going to do it, and then he did. Do you know how tough that is?"

"Efren Reyes is my best friend," continued Castro. "He's the godfather of my daughter. So I'm really proud of him."

How did Castro and Reyes come to know each other?

"In '93, I went into the U.S. Open tournament," Castro began. "And there were all these Filipinos there, so we started talking to each other. But Efren's not a guy that you could just befriend easily. The thing was, the Filipinos would share

rooms on the road. Back then, it was tough. You might not win very much money, but it was expensive to travel and everything, so the Filipinos would room together on the road. And one time, I was

doing pretty good, I had a lot of money saved. And I was by myself in my room. But next door, there was, like, four guys in one room. So I told them, hey, there's an extra bunk in my room, if

you want to use it. And I didn't make them pay anything. And that really started it. We went to tournaments together, and we'd bunk together. And then Efren started winning, and then he'd buy din-

ner and stuff, so that really started it. It became a friendship."

And it was more or less the same with all the Filipino players?

"In nine years on the tournament scene, we always stuck

together," Castro said. "It's funny, but most of my friends in San Diego are white, but when I'm on the road playing pool, I hang out mostly with Filipinos."

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in San Diego?

"Well," he thought for a moment. "There's only about ten players in San Diego who play pretty good. They're all Caucasian."

And how often did Castro play against these ten players?

"Once in a while," he said. "But basically it's like the sharks on the Nature Channel. If you see the great white sharks, when they're all in the same area, they

don't battle each other. They work together and eat all the little fish. Well, it's the same with the pool sharks. You go to a poolroom, and the good pool players, they go after the bottom of the food chain."

Did Castro own a pool table?

"No. I believe owning a pool table is bad for your game," he said. "Then you see the same table every day. You get used to it, instead of

going out to play."

How many cues did Castro own?

"I've got three right now," he said. "Plus a break stick. I've got a couple sticks that were made in the Philippines, and I've got a McDaniel. The ones from the Philippines were made by a guy named Jesse."

"I bought the McDaniel five years ago for \$1500," Castro said, "but one of the guys that plays in L.A. tells me it's worth \$3400 now." Then he added, "The ones from the Philippines were only a couple hundred dollars each."

And why have a different break stick?

"It saves your tip," he told me. "You don't break with your playing stick. Also the break stick can be used as a jump stick for the same reason."

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Eventually, I went out to play a little pool with Victor Castro. When we met, at College Billiards Center, on El Cajon Boulevard and 53rd, on a Wednesday afternoon, only 5 of the 20 tables were occupied: mostly solo players practicing, shot after shot.

In the minutes before Castro arrived, I sat there in the pool hall and took in the scene.

It was like any bar — alcohol, TV, jukebox — but instead of a dance floor or dartboards, the major area was taken up by those funny squat green rectangles — pool tables — all evenly placed. And at one o'clock on a Wednesday, the only sounds were the intermittent clacks of billiard balls banging into each other.

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eyes, grip, touch, and rhythm. It's an action of admirable focus and cadence. Power means little in pool. It's more about steadiness and pace.

When Castro arrived, I explained to him that my pool game was like the little girl with the little curl in the middle of her forehead: when it was good, it was very good indeed, and when it was bad, it was horrid.

He suggested we warm up a little.

Castro had a narrow physique but was also muscular, five foot six, with a thin mustache and fine, black hair dusted by strands of gray. He seemed tan, and, true to what I'd heard about the physical appearance of Filipinos, Castro looked like a perfect cross between a Mexican and an Asian. But his facial expression is what got me. It was as if he was equally ready to smile or get angry. When I tried to think of a phrase to describe the default facial expression of Victor Castro, what I came up with was "amiably intense."

Castro recognized my cue from ten feet away, fresh out of the carrying case. "That's a Mali, right?" Castro had brought one of his custom Filipino cues to play that day.

After a few warm-up shots, and before we started playing, Castro showed me a few of his trick shots. He made six balls at once in six different pockets. He used the triangular rack in some nifty jump shots. And then he challenged me to a game of eight ball.

The first rack, we went back and forth, both missing a lot and not leaving the other player anything promising to shoot at. It seemed as though Castro was playing down to the level of his com-

petition. Maybe he was trying to give me a chance. It didn't matter, though, since he won the rack anyway.

On the second rack we played — as I related at the beginning of this story — it was a different matter.

After getting crushed in that second game, I put my cue away and sat down to watch Castro give a pool lesson. Alan Derivera, 42, had been

a student of Castro's for over six months.

"I like the game," Derivera said, when I asked him why he was taking lessons. "I just want to get better."

"Alan's also Filipino," Castro told me. "But he looks like a Mexican, though." And so he did, with his darker skin and long black hair.

Derivera warmed up by stroking straight shots, and Castro

watched and commented.

"That's a good shot."

"Pumasok!" said Derivera, disbelievingly. "Pumasok," answered Castro.

Was that Tagalog? I asked, referring to the most common language of the Philippines.

"It's pronounced Ta-GAH-log," Castro said. "Yes, that's Tagalog. It means, 'It went

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in.' ”

“Magaling.”

(“Good.”)

“Oo.” (“Yes.” Pronounced “oh-oh.”)

Tagalog had a relaxed cadence. And then, every once in a while, a Spanish word would get thrown in. Castro explained that the numbers in Tagalog are the same as in Spanish, and other words are the same too, “like *la mesa* is ‘table,’ ” he said. “But our

accent’s different.”

Derivera continued stroking shots under Castro’s guidance.

I asked Castro the next time he might be playing for real. He told me there would be a tournament on the following Monday at On Cue Billiards in La Mesa. “It’s small money,” he said, “a \$12 buy-in. But it’s fun and competitive, and it keeps me sharp.” In fact, on the follow-

ing Monday, Castro came in third place at On Cue, for a \$50 payout. “Bad luck,” he told me, when I asked him why he came in third. “And first place was \$200. Pretty good. But I got some terrible leaves, and I couldn’t pull it out.”

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Reggie Gobaleza, 55, a retired naval officer, told me that he'd lived in San Diego since 1977.

"I grew up in the Philippines and started playing pool when I was nine years old," Gobaleza told me between shots. On this night, he was having a game of nine ball against fellow Filipino and Navy vet Val Fonseca.

Gobaleza had an even thinner mustache than Castro had, and he was thickly built and short, maybe five foot seven at most.

"Pool players are lowlifes," Gobaleza said. "That's always been the rule. Although that's

changing. Pool's on television a lot now. And they have a dress code. Plus poolrooms like this one are pretty nice."

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good."

Gobaleza's mother was a Filipino historian, and he'd studied history himself.

"The Spanish brought billiards to the Philippines," Gobaleza said. "And they ruled for 333 years. But when the Americans came in 1898, during the Spanish-American War, they brought pocket pool. The Americans beat the Spanish in Manila with one cannon. Com-

modore Dewey. He fired one shot in Manila Harbor, and that was it. The Spanish surrendered. And then the Americans introduced pocket pool to a country already enamored with *karambola*, or billiards." (Billiards is pool without pockets, played on a large table with smaller balls and different rules.)

Gobaleza echoed something Castro had told me earlier.

"Pool isn't the national sport," he said. "Basketball is. Everybody plays basketball. We used to be good internationally, but we're too short as a people to compete now." And then, in an interesting and perhaps apocryphal aside, Gobaleza fed me this tantalizing tidbit of info. "Filipinos invented the jump shot in basketball," he said. "For smaller people to beat the bigger ones, they had to be artistic. So Americans used to shoot underhand, or they would take set shots. But then Filipinos came up with the jump shot, back in the late 1930s."

Unverifiable, but as likely to be true as any other story documenting the first jump shots in basketball history.

Just about every shot that Gobaleza and Fonseca were "supposed" to make, they did. Tough shots too. Breaks and runs. Tactical safeties. Just first-rate, competitive pool. And if I hadn't been there, making Gobaleza talk, I got the impression that neither one of them would've spoken any words.

"We're pretty evenly matched, usually," Gobaleza said.

But on this night, Gobaleza was cleaning up. They were playing nine ball in a race to seven racks. In other words, whoever took a "set" of seven racks

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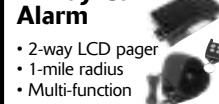
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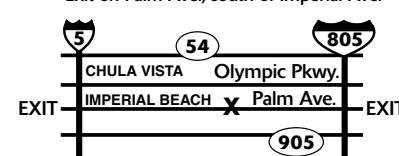
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would win \$50. Gobaleza had already prevailed in the first set, seven racks to three. And when I showed up, he was on his way to winning a second one, seven to four.

But besides being a

good pool player, Gobaleza was a true storyteller. And the whole time he played, he talked.

"In the 1950s and '60s," he said, "only the very poor or the very rich played pool in the

Philippines. And of course they never played against each other. But times have changed, and now that we have the world champion, it's made pool more popular all over the country. The

Philippines has only ever had world champions in two sports, boxing and pool, and of course boxing and pool are pretty popular over there now."

I asked Gobaleza why Filipinos are such

good pool players, in general. I cited the fact that the Philippines had won the first annual World Cup of Pool in August 2006.

"We're hard workers," he said. "When we get good at something,

we stay good, because we work extra hard at it."

I told Gobaleza I had trouble spotting Filipinos.

"We have brown skin and tough facial features," he said. "We're the same color as Mexicans, but we don't look Mexican. And we look tough, because most Filipinos in the Philippines have had tough lives. The only ones who smile a lot either came from rich families or they're not right in the head."

But then, I'd noticed some wonderful smiles from Filipinos. Gobaleza himself had a charming way of lighting up whenever he thought of something funny. But then it occurred to me that Gobaleza's view and my own were not necessarily mutually exclusive. Perhaps the underlying toughness made the smiles shine that much brighter. Perhaps a Filipino's smile meant more because he'd only smile when he meant it.

So I began to sum up the equation in my head — watching Gobaleza and Fonseca play and listening to Gobaleza talk — and I thought I'd figured out why Filipinos were the best pool players in the world.

They had a natural toughness, fostered by a past full of colonialization and martial law; there was a long and storied history with the sport of pool itself; Filipinos were evidently good multitaskers and hard workers; they had a timely hero to rally them, namely Efren Reyes, the reigning world champion; there was an islander's inborn sense of geometry and maximizing tight space.

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Vocabulary is a word I rarely use. When I do, it is usually in the context of a word *not* in someone or other's vocabulary, in an effort to define him or her. As in, "The word 'hygiene' is not in his vocabulary." Defining people and things by what they are not is specious, I'm sure, but I haven't let it stop me when it seems useful. The most common occurrence of the word "vocabulary" is when someone tells me I have a big one. Vocabulary, that is.

Does *Reader's Digest* still have that department called "It Pays to Increase Your Word Power"? The very title of that section now strikes me as charming and sad. The idea that anyone might be impressed with a large vocabulary seems so 1940s and '50s. A large vocabulary is a kind of albatross around the neck today or, moving on to a metaphorical mix, a kind of giant shibboleth that identifies you as the enemy. In some small circles — including one in which I think I can count myself a member — pretentiousness is the enemy. Or not so much enemy, as one-to-be-ignored; much like those who use the non-word "irregardless." The other, much larger camp, to whom a large vocabulary is a red

flag signalling the enemy, are those who bristle — not at someone brutalizing the language, but at someone who might know what they are talking about.

Some years ago it was suggested by the courts that I attend group therapy. It was all a misunderstanding and, in the words of Gomez Addams, "I loved my mother and they never proved a thing." Part of the therapy was to write a multipage autobiography. After reading my entry aloud, the most consistent feedback I received was along the lines of one fellow's comment: "You sure use a lot of ten-dollar words." When asked what ten-dollar words he was referring to, it turned out that he didn't know the meaning of the word "shoal" or "shoals." This was in the context of my quoting Sigmund Freud on the subject of *dementia praecox* and being "stranded on the shoals of puberty." Given the definition, my therapy friend's response was to suggest that I say what I mean or, presumably, that Freud say what he means.

I have noticed with increasing frequency over the years that people are often puzzled by what I say. As often as not, I get a knee-jerk, "What?," sometimes even before I am

done speaking. Many people seem to *expect* me to say something cryptic when I am trying to be anything but obtuse. It doesn't help that I have the habit of listing synonyms for words I've chosen in conversation. For example, "The characters in the movie were very disparate (and is it dis'parate or dis pa'rate?), you know, different from each other, from different backgrounds. To which I will often hear, "I know what disparate means," said with an offended tone.

As for people squinting at me once they realize I am speaking (often saying nothing more than "top of the morning" or such) and cutting me off with a "What?" — I now treat the problem with a new kind of freedom. I can pretty much say anything as an opening remark ("your mother wears army boots"), as long as I'm willing to follow it up with something harmless, and speak slowly ("your mother swears I'm real cute"). Sense is expendable anyway in these situations.

Youth once again is the culprit in the new illiteracy, co-opting perfectly good words for shorthand flippancy, often resulting in nonsequiter. Take the word "random." It's been hijacked to mean "out of left field" or "out

of nowhere," "apropos of nothing" or "beside the point." It has at least replaced the threadbare "whatever" and carries the implication that its user has given the phenomena of chaos and the unpredictable much thought. Other examples are the popular "bad" to mean "good," "fat" (or "phat"), a term that suggests one's approval of whatever one is referring to. At least, that's the closest I can get to it. And words like "radical" and "awesome" are examples of perfectly good words devalued, maybe forever, along with having their definitions inadvertently reversed: what is described as "radical" or "awesome" invariably isn't.

Vocabulary words enlisted into usage for no other reason than to display one's vocabulary are easy to pick out. One that came up recently is "disingenuous," which means insincere or not frank. Coming from a friend of mine, who would be unlikely to sling any five syllable words in daily conversation, this stood out so thoroughly from his usual choices as to seem a hilarious malapropism — though it wasn't in this case; he used it correctly. The fact that he substituted "disingenuous" for "freakin' bullshit" is what

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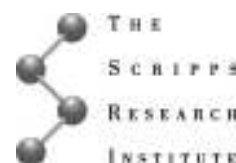
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struck me as out of character. A woman friend told me that the same word came under the heading of *bête noires* that escape her vocabulary: she'll memorize its meaning, then promptly forget it. Other vocabulary words artificially impressed into service to impress are words like "collateral" and "fiduciary" and "empower." Of course there are hundreds more in this category. None strike me as shibboleths of the enlightened or gang pat-

ois among intellectuals, exactly; but words like them are bound to cue someone that you're some sort of smart cookie.

Not to say I am unimpressable. Reading the novels of the late Anthony Burgess is an act of creativity in itself (as good reading should be) that demands the presence of a dictionary. Burgess will utilize phrases like "benidicent numen" and "mephitic hogo," word pairings even the

spelling-and-grammar program on my computer asks me to explain. The *Oxford American* is of no help here, but years ago I had the compact edition of *The Oxford English Dictionary* (two volumes and a magnifying glass) and I puzzled them out. A "benidicent numen" would be a kind of benevolent spiritual light, something like a halo (if you think I'm wrong, please write in) and a "mephitic hogo," I am fairly confident, is a diabolical stench, specifically, very bad breath.

As for my own *bête noires*, they are embarrassingly unambitious: "impecunious," "pernicious," "replete," "pluperfect"... etcetera. There are more, but let's take "replete," meaning full, stocked, or gorged. Yes, I have a dictionary right here — but two weeks from now, when the word might come in handy, I won't, and I'll be hazy on it again. In this case, the reason I can't remember its meaning (I'm guessing) is because it is too similar to "complete." I have just decided I will remember it as a fatter complete and see if that works. As for

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the others, except “pluperfect,” I have faith that I will eventually sort them out. I confuse “pernicious,” “impecunious,” and something else with Ps and Cs and an “ious” ending, and if these don’t sort themselves out, I will continue to boycott them. “Pluperfect” I avoid because of a mental block originating with a sadistic English teacher sophomore year, the details surrounding said block I am advised not to comment on until the statutes of limitations have run their course.

For years I had trouble with words like toward, as opposed to towards. There are others (“apropo” and “apropos,” for example). I have concluded that I will employ the shorter spelling, “toward,” only because it is more economical by one letter. The same goes for other cases where the “s” is expendable and does not denote a plural or plurality (another example). Even though “s” at the end of “apropos” is appropriate, I still amputate it, and I am still at large. Ah, “plurality” is a perfectly good word, but it reminds me of my friend and his symptomatology.

Why Larry, who has studied chemical dependency for several years on both sides of the experience, insists on using “symptomatology” rather than “symptoms,” is solely to call attention to his qualifications, and is therefore the symptomatology of the insecure. Had Larry once used the word to refer to a science, a study of symptoms, I wouldn’t say so; but he never has.

There are words one falls in love with once one’s attention is called to them, and these we tend to hammer into the ground. I had that experience last year with the word “draconian,” meaning severe or harsh. Taken from the name Draco, a Greek politician in 621 BC who legislated execution for minor crimes, I began ascribing the word to everyone from landlords and cops to Roger Hedgecock and Rush Limbaugh. I now maintain a moratorium on its use.

Acquaintances will spring words on me, assuming I am equipped with some seal of approval. A recent one was “cherubic,” in reference to a bobble-head doll to be given away with dona-

tions valued over a certain amount. I was told that the doll’s head was the likeness of “Father Joe Carroll! Can you believe that? The bobbling little cherubic face of Father Joe bouncing around in his collar and everything. Hey, John, cher-oobic. Pretty

good, eh?” Until then, it hadn’t occurred to me that the word might be considered impressive vocab ammo, but you never know.

I once identified a gangster character in a suspense novel as an illiterate dolt by increasing his vocabulary to

a ridiculous degree. It is a kind of standard hack ploy in pulp fiction, but it’s still working, even on *The Simpsons*. In the first line of dialogue I had for Vincent Fratonio, he tells his moll-like girlfriend, “You look resplendent tonight.” Even though

he used the word correctly, I believed it announced him as an idiot without saying so. In case readers might have assumed that the guy was just natively eloquent, I added, “You should wear cerulean gold and pearls always.” If the reader didn’t

catch that, I wasn’t going to chase them.

For what it’s worth, here are these notes on increasing your word power. Take them or not, me and my ten-dollar words, or, hell, defenestrate them both. ■

— John Brizzolara

## RESEARCH STUDIES

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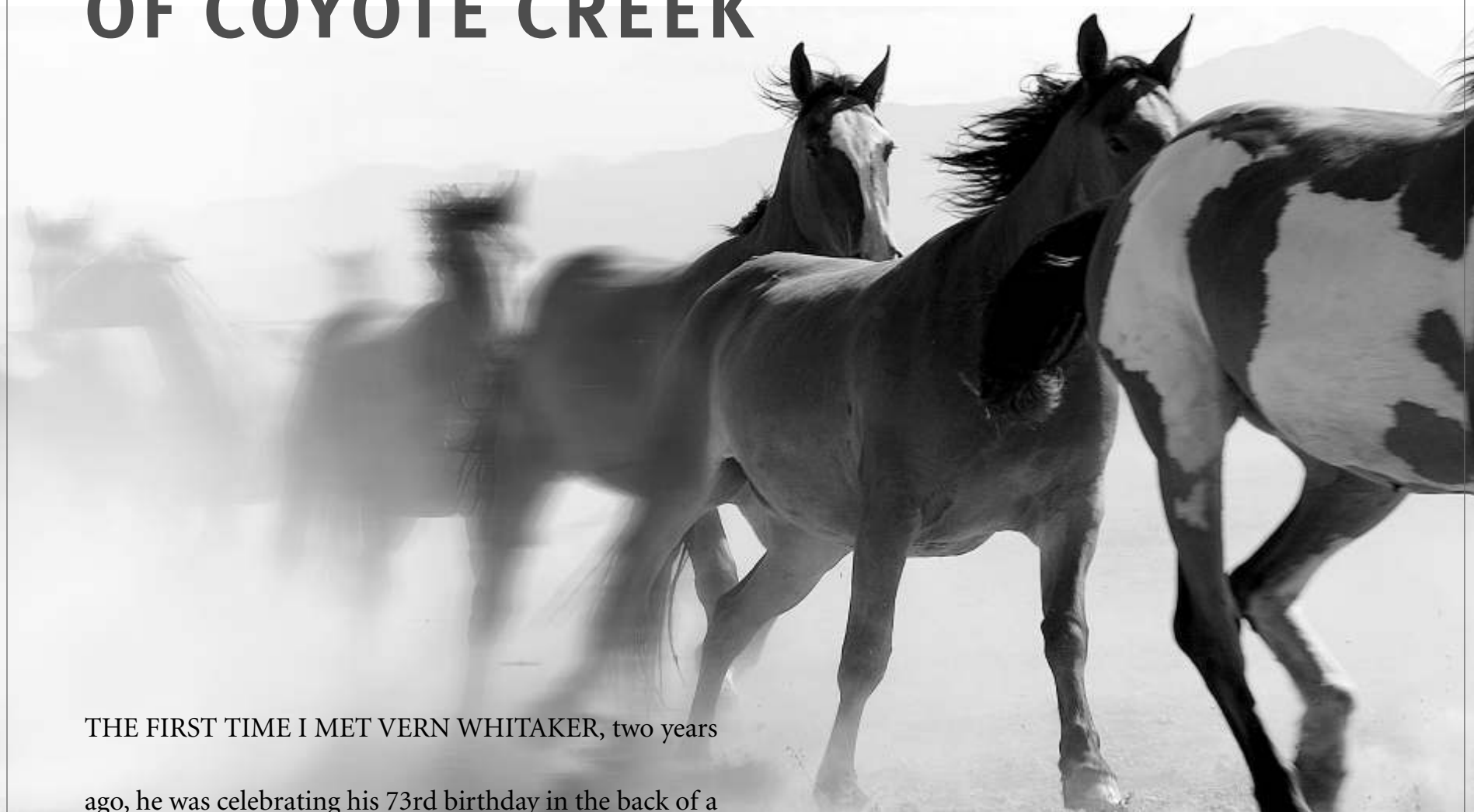
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# THE WILD HORSES OF COYOTE CREEK



THE FIRST TIME I MET VERN WHITAKER, two years ago, he was celebrating his 73rd birthday in the back of a

camper parked beside a horse corral in the Anza-Borrego desert. The camper looked about what you'd expect the home of a 73-year-old bachelor cowboy to look like. There was a pile of dirty dishes in the sink, a pot of coffee strong enough to float a horseshoe boiling on the stove, and the little camper, not quite high enough to stand up straight in, smelled of dust, leather, and stale horse manure.

Somebody had given Vern a pink birthday cake that day in the shape of a voluptuous female nude, and when he cut the cake for his guests, he awarded

me with one of the cherry-tipped breasts. It was so large it made the paper plate buckle. I considered Vern's generosity a fine display of Western

hospitality and ate the whole piece, though it took a second cup of his awful coffee to get it all down. When I got around to seeing Vern again, in October of this year, he still hadn't washed his dishes. He lived in the same camper, parked at the same corral at a horse camp seven miles north of Borrego Springs. Vern lives there year-round, managing the camp as a volunteer ranger for Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. It was a quiet morning — no one was staying at the camp except Vern — and I found him sitting alone in the back of the camper, staring west out the open door toward the mountains.

"Vern," I said, interrupting his solitude, "I was hoping you might be able to tell me something about these wild horses that live up the canyon."

Vern was recovering from a bout with the flu, and he looked a bit worn. So far that day he'd gotten around to

pulling his boots on, but he still hadn't put in his front teeth. He pushed aside a cup of chicken noodle soup he'd been stirring without interest. Talking about wild horses seemed to be something he had an appetite for. "I'll tell you whatever I know," he said.

Vern has been chasing wild horses all his life, in Texas, Oklahoma, and now California. There weren't many wranglers who knew more about the subject of wild horses than he did — and none who knew more about the herd on Coyote Creek. He has spent much of the last ten years riding through the canyons of Anza-Borrego, observing the horses' habits and the places they go for water and feed.

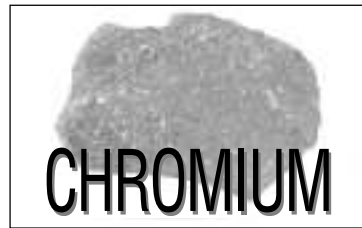
"I'll tell you when the trouble really started," Vern said, talking in barely a whisper. "It was during World War II, when all the young fellas like yourself figured they could go into San Diego

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*"Mother Nature gives everything the ability to survive on its own, and that's what those horses did."*

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# Suffering from Depression?

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of California - San Diego (UCSD) is seeking volunteers to participate in a research project examining depression that is being conducted on the Hillcrest campus of the UCSD Medical Center.

Eligible participants:

- Must be between 18-75 years of age
- Be in good physical health
- Be suffering from Depression
- Provide study personnel permission to communicate with their outside physician about their depression and general medical condition

Participants will be provided compensation in the amount of \$250, paid over the course of the study. Additionally, eligible participants will receive, at no cost to them, FDA-approved anti-depressant medication and follow-up with a staff psychiatrist for the duration of the study. If interested, or if you would like additional details about the study, **please contact the Research Coordinator, Dr. Richard Martielli, by phone at: 619-725-3583**



and make more money than they could living out here on the ranches. They turned their horses loose in the canyons — didn't want 'em anymore."

Vern considered it an injustice that the ranchers would abandon their animals, a violation of the terms

of a very old bond between man and domestic animals. But as he said, pointing out the window up Coyote Creek, "Mother Nature gives everything the ability to survive on its own, and that's what those horses did."

The federal Bureau of Land Management, which

oversees the public lands north of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, estimates there may be as many as 44,000 wild horses on the open rangelands of the West. In California there are about 3000 wild horses, most of them in the northeastern corner of the state. There is

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a herd of about 1000 horses in the Mojave Desert, near Ridgecrest, but the only wild horses in the southern third of the state are in the Coyote Creek area of Anza-Borrego. The BLM's most recent survey of the herd, done in the spring of 1986, estimated there were 40 horses living in the northern portion of Anza-Borrego, in the three tributary canyons of Coyote Creek: Horse Canyon, Nance Canyon, and Tule Canyon.

The BLM says nobody really knows where the wild horses of Coyote Creek came from or how long they've been there. Apparently, though, their origins aren't

as old as some of the wild horses of the American West. "Some people call them horses up there 'mustangs,' " Vern said, shaking his head, "but that ain't right. A mustang is a little bitty animal that's lived wild for generations. These animals are all pretty good lookin' sorrels that were tame just 50 years ago."

Some of the wild horses in the western United States are descendants of horses introduced by the Spanish more than 300 years ago.

For the last 150 years, Western horsemen like Vern Whitaker have been capturing these wild horses to be tamed for domestic use on cattle ranches. The wild horses were valued for their sure-footed sensibility and great reserves of stamina, though they lacked the highly developed conformation and athletic ability of the finely bred domestic horses. In captivity, the wild horses were bred with the domestic horses, and sometimes the cowboy

## RESEARCH STUDIES

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A research study is underway for pre-menopausal women who are concerned about their decreased sexual desire. The study will help evaluate an investigational drug for a condition called Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (HSDD). HSDD is the most common form of female sexual dysfunction. It is characterized by decreased thoughts or desire for sex.

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## Are you sad due to bipolar disorder?

### There might be hope.

We are seeking volunteers for a clinical research study of an approved medicine under investigation for the treatment of depression due to bipolar disorder.

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- You must have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder
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In 1971, in response to highly emotional public outrage, Congress passed the Wild Horse and Burro Act, which protected the wild horses as “living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West.” Though private cowboys are not allowed to capture the wild horses anymore, the BLM has set limits on the numbers of horses allowed to run wild in specific areas, and to meet these goals, the BLM has begun capturing wild horses. The BLM’s management plan for the horses in Coyote Canyon calls for the complete elimination of the herd. The major reason for this is to protect the peninsula

bighorn sheep, an endangered species, which the BLM’s resource managers believe must compete with the horses for forage and water.

In addition to the problem with the bighorn sheep, the BLM also believes the wild horses of Coyote Creek have been a nuisance to nearby horse owners in the Anza Valley, about 35 miles east of Temecula. Wild studs tend to seek out and control as many mares as they can, and it seems the Coyote Creek studs have been making raids on the small horse ranches of Anza to steal domestic mares. “There’s a pretty little paint mare in

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the herd right now that the studs stole from the Tweedies, up on Table Mountain, just a few months ago," Vern said. "They may never get her back; it's hard to say."

As for the BLM's plan to capture the wild horses in Coyote Canyon, Vern says, "There's good and bad to it, just like everything." But he doubts that the horses are a threat to the bighorns. "The horses ain't hurtin' anything in the park. Nothin' else gonna live in that country. And if the people up above would fix their fences right, the wild horses wouldn't get in their corrals in the first

place."

For the time being, the BLM has no immediate plans to act on their goal of eliminating the Coyote Creek herd. Capturing wild horses can be an expensive proposition, and capturing that particular herd would be especially difficult since the territory they roam is so remote. "They never would catch all of 'em anyway," Vern said. "Not in that country. It's too rough." As an old mustanger, what concerns Vern most is animal husbandry — improving the quality of the herd. "If you ask me, what they really

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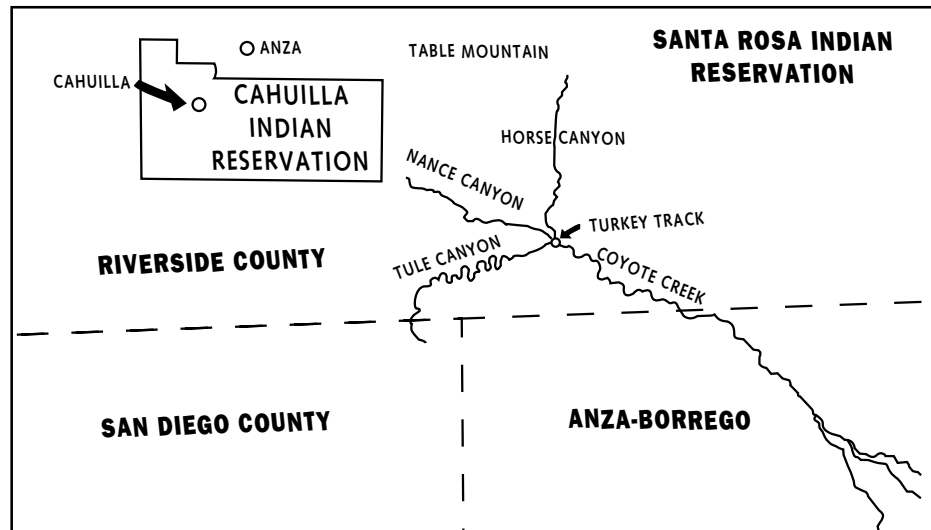




oughta do is turn some studs loose into the herd now and then. Some of them are getting kinda jugheaded from too much inbreeding.”

Vern said he believed the small herd in Coyote Canyon would be increasing by three or four horses a year if it weren't for horse thieves who make raids on the herd. Apparently the horse thieves drive as far as they can down the rough dirt roads south of Anza, then ride into Coyote Creek on horseback. “They'd have a pretty hard time trying to steal the full-grown horses,” Vern told me, “so they go in and rope the young foals.”

The Cahuilla and Santa Rosa Indian reservations border the BLM lands where the wild horses roam, and Vern says the Indians have taken measures to discourage the thieves from stealing the wild horses. “Some



of the horse thieves got their vehicles shot up not long ago,” he said with a smile, indicating his appreciation of justice.

Whether the wild horses are stolen by horse thieves or captured and removed by the federal government, their future in Coyote Creek

seemed to be an uncertain one, and I had decided some time ago I wanted to see them before they were gone. “Vern,” I said, “if somebody wanted to go up there and look for those horses, what kind of advice would you give him?”

Vern frowned at the

thought. He didn't know me well enough to judge whether or not I was a horse thief. “Them Indians up there would just as soon shoot you as look at you,” he warned.

“All I want to do is see them,” I said.

That seemed to satisfy

Vern, and he considered my question again. “Well, you won't get too close to 'em.” (Great horse trackers didn't usually come from San Diego, he seemed to be thinking.) “Your best bet would be to stay up high on the ridges and see if you can see them down in the canyons. Those horses don't have much use for people. That's why they're living clear up there the hell and gone.”

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After the passage of the Wild Horse and Burro Act, the numbers of wild horses on public lands grew for several years. Between 1974 and 1978, the wild horses increased from about 45,000 to 57,000, before diminishing to about 44,000 by 1986 as a result of their capture by the BLM. That figure is still considerably higher than the BLM's estimated appropri-

ate management level of about 22,000 wild horses on public lands. In California the total number of wild horses on public lands remains at about 3000, even though 1600 horses have been captured in California since 1974. (By comparison, the number of wild horses in Nevada has increased from 21,000 in 1974 to more than 30,000 in 1986.) To the BLM's frustration, the wild horses in California are reproducing as fast as they can be captured.

Once the wild horses have been caught, federal law requires that they be fed and cared for by the BLM until they can be put up for “adoption” by the public. The current fee for “adopting” a wild horse is \$135, and after caring for them for a period of at least one year, the new owners receive title to the horses. If the old,

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A few days before my conversation with Vern Whitaker, the BLM held a wild horse and burro adoption at the rodeo grounds at Lakeside. I put on my denim, cowboy boots, and the most Western-looking surfer shirt I owned and went for a look.

There were maybe 100 captured horses there that day, ranging in color from bay to sorrel to gray. They stood in the corrals with their heads down and their ears slouched back in boredom. Most of them were small and not what you could call pretty. Their many scars and deformities indicated that life in the wilds had been hard on them. They lacked the heavy muscle development and fine sheen of grain-fed domestic horses, but their lackluster appearance was partly due to the stresses of domestic life, which they weren't accustomed to. As Vern told me later, "You get 'em out of them corrals and they look a lot better."

The two men responsible for capturing most of those animals, BLM wranglers Art Di Grazia and Rick Ekwortzel, were there to answer the questions of prospective horse adopters. Art sat on the fence railing, while Rick sat astride his horse, looking as comfortable as if he were at home in his favorite easy chair. They were both good-natured fel-

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"How'd you get in there?" I wondered, knowing the roads were bad, even for a four-wheel drive.

Art looked embarrassed and glanced at Rick. "Well, we cheated," he said. "We used a B-2 helicopter."

So much for the romantic notion of the cowboy relying on his instincts to outsmart the wild horses, I thought. Wrangling ain't what it used to be.

"How'd the horses look?" I asked.

"They were in pretty good shape. There's a lotta feed in there. They're not real big horses, but they're good and fat."

"I heard they were getting in trouble with the landowners up in Anza," I said.

horses, they wanted to be sure they got their mare back."

"How exactly does a stud go about stealing a mare?" I asked, knowing I was risking ridicule with the question.

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down, trying not to laugh. It was the kind of question they might have expected to hear down in the big city. "Aw, hell," Art finally said, "he just goes in there and knocks the fence down and steals her. The other studs in the herd will try and steal

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her away, so he's got to protect her. You can see for yourself that most of these horses here got scars all over 'em from fighting each other."

"It's just like a buncha young fellas in the bar fighting over some gal," Rick said, matter-of-factly. "Same thing." His face was shaved unevenly, as though shaving was something he didn't do very often, and then, by feel.

"How do you go about catching a wild horse, anyway?" I wondered.

"Well, we pick a trail they use to go to water," Art said. "Then we build a big trap enclosure, with big wide wings leading into it. Sometimes we cheat and use the helicopter to herd them into it. We also use what we call *parada* horses, kinda like



Judas horses. We hold them a hundred yards or so outside the trap, and when the wild horses get close, we turn these *parada* horses loose and they run toward the trap. The wild horses just follow 'em on in."

The system seemed to work. All the horses in the corrals that day had been captured that way — most of them in Northern California, near Susanville. "None of these horses look like they're ever gonna become

show horses," I said.

Art shook his head. "No, there's not a lot of feed out there where some of them come from, so they're not going to develop like a domestic horse. And it isn't always the best breeding situation

out there, either. You might have this big ol' stud breeding this little bitty mare. So what comes out is maybe a roller coaster [sway back], jughead [head too large for the body], pig's eye [small and squinty], upside-down

neck [U-shaped], bench knee, sickle hock — you name it. But when we come to these adoptions, we try to pick horses with good conformation. We don't bring anything that we know isn't gonna get adopted."

"Does a wild horse have more common sense than a domestic horse?" I asked. I'd heard that the old mustangers used to breed the wild mustangs with their "hot-blooded" domestic horses to tone them down a little and get some natural savvy back into their animals.

"They definitely do," Art said. "Out in the country, they gotta find feed and they gotta find water. Ain't nobody throwing hay at 'em every day. They gotta know

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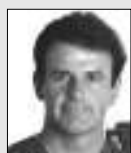
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"They do have some predators out there," Art went on. "Wild cats [mountain lions] will take a foal — in fact, I've seen that happen, up on Hunter Mountain [in Inyo County, near Death Valley]. But mostly, the only predator a wild horse has is man."

"Do ranchers have much interest in adopting these horses for work horses?" I asked.

Rick nodded. "Some of the big ranchers are interested in adopting them for their circle horses. Say a cowboy's gotta ride a big route through the rocks and hills. Well, these horses are the best you can have for a job like that. As a general rule, a domestic horse has about a quarter-inch wall on its foot — pretty thin, really. But one of these wild horses will have a three-quarter-inch wall. They're out in the rocks all the time, so their feet just get tough. They have

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"If I was bringing a cow off that hill," Rick continued, pointing to a rocky knoll east of the rodeo grounds, "I'd just as soon be riding one of these wild horses. He knows the rocky country, and he pays attention to what he's doing. These wild horses

them loose out there, and now they've made it their home."

"I consider them survivors," Rick agreed.

"If somebody wanted to go out to Anza-Borrego looking for that herd," I said, "somebody without a helicopter, would you have any advice for them?"

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Before I said so long to Vern, I asked him one last question: did he think my four-wheel-drive pickup would make it to the head of Coyote Canyon? Vern squinted and frowned as he looked my truck over. "Might make it," he finally said. "That road'll beat hell out of it, though."

Vern's warning turned out to be typical cowboy understatement. The four-wheel-drive road up Coyote Creek followed the same route Juan de Anza and Father Francisco Garcés had taken on their journey from Sonora to San Francisco in

1775, and it seemed that was the last time anybody made any improvements on it. In several places, the road followed the creek bed, which had maybe a foot of water running in it at the time. There were narrow passages through the thick willows, boulder fields to be negotiated, sand traps, mud bogs, and steep banks. The luxury of riding in a vehicle was not worth the worry of wondering whether every turn would be the last my truck ever made. Walking would have been faster. Earlier, I had considered bringing a mountain bike, which would have been ideal for the terrain. But I had rejected the bike idea because it somehow didn't seem like an appropriate form of travel for tracking wild horses — it would be poor style. After I saw the road, though, I realized why the BLM wranglers used a helicopter and didn't worry about style.

At dusk I arrived at the head of Coyote Canyon, at a place called Turkey Track, where three tributaries of Coyote Creek — Tule, Nance,

and Horse canyons — branch off, like the three toes of a giant turkey. It's an area of sandy washes and cactus-covered alkaline flats, surrounded by dark, almost purple, mountains.

I was the only human in the canyon that night — probably the only human for ten miles in any direction. Before dark I walked in a circle on the canyon floor and found fresh, bare-foot (unshod) horse tracks. There were also the tracks of wild cows, and later, when the moon rose over the Santa Rosa Mountains, I heard one of them bawling up Tule Creek. It was a forlorn song that lonely cow sang, one that seemed to cut through the romance of a life in the wilds and honestly assess the many disadvantages of freedom. There was no relief for either of us until sunrise.

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horse tracks going in all directions, as well as many large spoor piles, some of them three or four feet in diameter. Wild horses tend to be territorial, and the spoor piles are their way of marking their territory. Domestic horses rarely leave such piles: either they have lost their sense of territory, or they are too hurried to build them, having been taught that all-too-human habit of shitting on the run. Even for horses, though, life in the wilds allows the pursuit of simple pleasures.

A mile up the canyon, the creek stopped flowing and the horse tracks began to circle back. I climbed out of the creek bed to the cholla-covered flats above. There were probably springs farther up the canyon, where, now that the first rainfall of the wet season had come, the horses went to drink; as far as I knew, they could be hiding out at any of them. I spent the morning and part of the afternoon walking a half-circle across the canyon, hoping to cut tracks. But I found no more fresh signs.

Either the horses weren't in Horse Canyon, or they were far up in the canyon and had been there a long time.

Later that afternoon, I walked up Nance Canyon. It was much smaller than Horse Canyon, perhaps only five or six square miles, and was completely dry. I found no fresh sign of horses there at all.

For the second night in a row, the lonesome cow bawled in the moonlight. The first night it had won my sympathy, but the second night I figured it was just feeling sorry for itself, and I wished it would shut up.

As I lay there in the dark, listening to the disillusioned cow's complaint, I wondered about the wild horses' rights to Coyote Canyon. The BLM's decision to eliminate them was based on the fact that wild horses are territorial and will sometimes run off intruders, such as the bighorn sheep, which they see as a threat to their water and forage. Also, the horses will remain in an area long after the best forage is gone and will continue to eat what-

ever forage is available until the area is damaged or destroyed. As one BLM resource manager explained to me, "Wild horses will eat almost anything except rocks. I've seen them eat other horses' tails, just so they'd have something in their stomachs."

But I had seen no evidence that Horse Canyon or Nance Canyon had been damaged by the horses, and I couldn't help but wonder if the horses were getting a bad rap. There has been some concern that wild horses, burros, and cattle might pass diseases to the bighorn sheep, but it hasn't been proven that this is even possible, and at any rate, the wild horses captured by the BLM in other places had been shown to be almost entirely free of disease. While it was true that the horses were not native to the area, Congress had already determined that the wild horses were to be protected because of their historical significance to the American people. Though the BLM's intention of protecting the bighorn sheep

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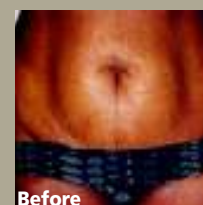
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was an admirable one, it seemed to me that the wild horses had earned a right to live there as well. This was an animal that had been brought to the American continent as a beast of burden, and then when it was no longer of use, had been abandoned; it had found a place for itself in a very harsh environment and had made that place home; furthermore, Coyote Canyon was the last place in Southern California where they survived.

In the morning, I started walking up Tule Canyon. It

was a large though narrow canyon, covering perhaps 25 square miles. From the very mouth of the canyon, I saw nothing but fresh cow tracks. I walked a couple of miles, just to make sure there were no horse tracks too, then turned back.

By midmorning I was back at Turkey Track wondering where I'd gone wrong. There were dozens of side canyons in the area, and it would take days to explore each one of them. But an animal that weighed 1000 pounds and left a spoor pile

as big as a bushel of apples simply should not be that hard to find. It hurt my pride that I had been so unsuccessful.

There was one alternative I hadn't tried yet, though: from Turkey Track, the four-wheel-drive road climbed up out of Coyote Canyon, out of the state park, through the BLM lands on Table Mountain, and eventually into the small town of Anza. The horses could have gone that way, though I couldn't imagine why, with sufficient water and feed in the lower

and mid portions of their territory.

I walked up the road just a few hundred yards, and sure enough, found the tracks of at least a dozen barefoot horses, including a couple of foals, heading up the road. While I had been grubbing around in the cactus and sage, the horses had gone to town.

I went back for the truck and started driving up the road. The first 300 yards were so badly rutted I really didn't think I would be able to continue. But I put the truck

in low gear and barely managed to bump and scrape along.

As the road continued to climb, there were several good vistas into the canyons below, and I stopped now and then to see if the horses had doubled back and dropped into the canyons. But no, their tracks always continued on, as though they knew exactly where they were going.

After a few miles, the road leveled off a bit as it approached the top of Table Mountain. The sage and creosote of the low desert thickened into an almost impenetrable chaparral of red-shank. I heard a dog bark in the distance and knew I was getting close to civilization again.

I couldn't be sure, but I thought the first few homes I came to were on the Cahuilla Indian Reservation. After Vern's warnings about the Indians of the Anza Val-

ley, I didn't stop to ask. The horse tracks continued until I came to the first subdivision, where a bulldozer stood next to a big sign that read, "High Country Ranches — 5-10-20-40 acres." At that point, I began picking up the tracks of horses wearing shoes — domestic horses — while the barefoot tracks seemed to scatter in all directions, and it became impossible to follow them any farther.

I drove into Anza and filled up the truck with gas. It wasn't much of a town — just a few roadside businesses strung along the highway. I went to a phone booth and found a tattered old phone book, but after flipping through the pages, I saw that the name I hoped to find wasn't there. The trail of the wild horses was fast turning cold.

I drove back out to Table Mountain and began looking for names on the mail-

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boxes. There were a lot more people living in the Anza Valley than I would have imagined, and after about an hour of searching, I began to think my efforts were hopeless.

Then I finally had some good luck. Instead of finding a mailbox with the name "Tweedie," I found an entire road named Tweedie, and there was only one house on it.

Don Tweedie came to the door in his socks and gave me that look country people give to strangers who have the audacity to come knocking on their door. He was a balding man in his 50s, white-skinned, apparently sober. There seemed a fair chance he wouldn't shoot me.

"Afternoon," I said. "Are you the Tweedies who lost the little paint mare to the wild horses?"

"Have you seen her?" he asked.

"No, sir," I said. "I'm looking for the wild horses. I thought you might have seen them."

He stepped out on his front porch for a closer look at me. He smiled just a bit, the way people do to humor children or the possibly insane. "You know," he said, "I saw those wild horses just two days ago, right over there," and he pointed to a brushy knoll 100 yards from his house.

I looked where he pointed, half-expecting to see the horses.

"There were three of them," he said, "a stud, a mare, and a little foal. The mare looked a bit thin, but the foal seemed fine. Sorrels, all of them."

He went on to explain that the paint mare that had been stolen by the herd was

named Peaches and belonged to his daughter-in-law, Kathy Tweedie, who was heartbroken over the loss.

"What happened, anyway?" I wondered. "Did the wild horses just come in and knock the corrals down, or what?"

"You know," Don Tweedie said, "I don't think Peaches was even inside a fence at the time. I don't think Kathy thought Peaches would run off."

He said he hadn't heard of any other horse owners in Anza having trouble with the wild horses. "I did have one other run-in with them, though," he said. "One of the studs got into my corral and got to one of my mares. She was kind of a high-strung mare," he rolled his eyes to indicate what a problem she had been, "but she dropped a very nice little foal. So I didn't mind that at all."

"What about Peaches?" I asked. "Are you still looking for her?"

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From the Tweedie place, I drove to the knoll where Don Tweedie had last seen the wild horses. As soon as I got out of the truck, I found fresh, barefoot horse tracks.

After circling around for a while, the tracks headed out the old, rutted Table Mountain Road, going south, back toward the upper end of Horse Canyon. There were moist spoor piles all along the way — they couldn't have been more than a few hours old — but the chaparral was so thick I could have walked within 20 feet of a horse and never known it. There were occasional openings in the brush where I could look into the canyons below, but the red tint of the chaparral made looking for a sorrel-colored horse like searching for a gray balloon in the fog. Most of the horse tracks did seem to continue along the road, though the size of the herd was getting smaller all

the time.

After a mile or so, I came to a barbed-wire fence with a locked gate across the road. There the horse tracks began to double back and disappear into the brush. I considered my search for the wild horses nearly hopeless at this point. The day was getting hot, and I was hungry and tired.

I climbed over the gate and continued walking for another mile or so, until the road began descending rapidly. I left the road and walked through the brush until I came to a point where I could look out over Horse Canyon and see much of the land I had walked over the day before, some thousand feet below. I had nearly searched in a complete circle, and the closest I had come to a wild horse was a wet pile of turds. They had looked about like any other horse turds you might find.

I sat on a rock to rest for a while, but I couldn't stop searching the landscape below me. It seemed as though every billow of red-shank within a mile began to take on the shape of a

horse's rump every time the wind rippled through it. I had brought a pocket-size telescope with me, and I spent an hour or so using it to examine each horse my imagination could conjure.

The afternoon was so warm that I assumed any animal with any sense would be waiting out the heat of the day, and I was wondering if Anza had some dark beer tavern where I might do the same. Then my eye was attracted by movement along an old fire road nearly a half-mile away. The road was the color of yellow clay, and there were three sorrel-colored shapes moving slowly down its steep grade. They looked too small to be cattle, but I was so far away I couldn't tell for sure. I took the telescope from my lap and tried desperately to find them. I finally was able to focus on one horse's rump for maybe five seconds before it dropped behind a rise in the road and disappeared into Horse Canyon.

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# LETTERS

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rape, and suspicious deaths” and “a host of other crimes that taxpayers are not supposed to think about on April 15.” Again with the income tax reference. Whadda matter, Larry, you owe money on your taxes this year?

I'd like you to cite your source as to how military bases are “plagued” by

these things. I think if you look at the military and its size, relative to America as a whole, its size, the number of rapes, deaths, and whatnot would actually be comparatively *lower* percentagewise than American society as a whole. But that just doesn't play into your whole Big Brother thing, does it?

Your letter to the editor was less about the actual article and our responses and more about your personal

grievances with the government and your own axe to grind.

You go on to paraphrase another writer's thoughts with your own and say that what he's really saying is “how dare anyone print anything that does not conform to the mind-numbing, lock-step quasi-censorship”...and sarcastically quip how “only one opinion of the military is allowed,” and then some Hitleresque Nazi incantations.

I mean, I dunno...I'm just, as you say, a “soldier” who lives in a “cloistered monoculture of obedience, servility, and brainwashing” — and “so mentally fragile that [my psyche] cannot possibly hold up under the strain of a difference of opinion” — but I actually read the piece.

First of all, I'm a sailor, not a soldier, and second of all — to the best of my recollection, the story in question was not an opinion piece. So I don't see where the whole “only one opinion is allowed” and how my wittle bwain would apparently implode at the difference of opinion.

It was a story that was put up as this subsurface Kerouac-esque road piece, and I expressed *my* opinion and my dissatisfaction with the author and the *Reader*. Can I not do that without being branded as some narrow-minded conformist because I have my own opinion and it's not the

same as yours? Yeah, how 'bout that. I'm in the military and I have my own opinion. I guess that blows your whole theory, huh? Hell, I even got dressed and tied my own shoes almost all by myself this morning. (Uhh-oh, better not say “hell” in an editorial piece to the *Reader*; apparently its staff writers can use expletives ad nauseam, but if a reader does, its punctuation is asterisked out.)

And finally, you get to me — an “entity” that calls myself Brian Biller (gee, I hope that's my real name — I mean, that's what it says on my driver's license — maybe the DMV is in on the conspiracy too). Apparently I don't even get the luxury of being considered human, and you further give me some Kafkaesque “insectlike conformity.”

One of my several examples, but the only one which you chose to highlight, the one from Dubai, while I'll be the first to ad-

mit, clearly not a compelling sea story — however, I'm glad you chose to highlight it. It was at the same time no more or less compelling than any of the myriad stories conveyed in the original front-page cover story. Oh yeah, though, in mine no one got arrested, masted, kicked out of the country, the Navy, or cost thousands of dollars in wasted money or caused an international incident.

Then you cite some nearly 200-year-old example that apparently “proves” the incompetence of the professional U.S. military. These freebooters in the War of 1812 allegedly outperformed the U.S. military in every way against the British and at a much lower cost, so they were “outlawed because they were an embarrassing example” that “professional soldiers are a disgrace, a failure, and a danger to us all.”

Well, there you have it. As long as you're not going too obscure on your references or overly grandiose and dramatic or anything.

If you feel the system is flawed, perhaps head off to Iraq and start your own little Arabian Ghana there and see who sips the Kool-Aid.

I wish, though, that your arguments could have been more substantial, instead of vicious personal attacks and a resounding paranoia

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of the government, the military, and its blanket blame for all that is wrong with this country and the world. But I'm glad you live in a country where you can say and think and write whatever you want, and I'm glad that in some small way I could help make that happen for you.

Brian Biller  
via e-mail

## The Ghost Of Lawrence Welk

Ollie, I finally agree with you — about PBS (“Remote Control King,” January 25). I *hate* Lawrence Welk. I am 70 years old, and my parents watched that during a period of my teens when all I wanted to listen to was rhythm and blues (Fats Domino, etc.). All PBS has now that really gets me is the *very* occasional Stones, Dead, or Clapton rerun. They don't get my money anymore!

Here's *my* rerun, Ollie: you *might* become as competent as John Brizzolara is, if you live long enough. And, John, to me the fact that you did *not* get killed in your dream means your psyche is making progress (“T.G.I.F.,” January 25). Don't die on us, dude!

P.S.: Re “I Was a Bad Sailor,” January 18. Ollie, when you were serving your country in the Navy, you should have *served* your country in the Navy.

Dale Anne Thompson  
Clairemont Mesa

## Old School's Out

In regard to “Record-Store Blues,” “Blurt,” January 25. It's very unfortunate and tragic that both Tower Records and the Wherehouse are now a thing of the past, a piece of obsolete nostalgia, vanished from San Diego. What concerns me is, nobody seems to care or be affected by these events.

There's also the grim reality that the independent record shops are also becoming extinct, and we can't prevent this tragedy. Blue Meannie Records is suffering the cause and effects of so-called modern technology. As we know, downloading has become epidemic to the point of disgrace. A nontraditional way to obtain music, it's killing the indie record shops here in San Diego and nationwide. It's really a



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crying shame. Blue Meannie and owner Norm, in time, will become a relic, a record store that has survived since the '70s. It's now at its third and final location, ironically on the same street where it all began 30 years ago. The first Blue Meannie resided at 1207 North Second Street.

It's admirable to own a record store that specializes in metal music. The question is, the times are changing and so is tradition. We live in an age where everything seems to be disposable. It is survival of the fittest and who can persevere through hard times. The agony of be-

ing defeated isn't too dignifying, however. I believe these events could have been carefully avoided before the damage was done.

Tony D. Metal  
Spring Valley

## Seaman Jackass, USN

After reading "I Was a Bad Sailor" (Cover Story, January 18), it's no wonder our military has such a bad reputation around the world. Jackasses like "Ollie" have no business pretending to "serve" the United States.

Rich  
via e-mail

## Spanish Lessons

Regarding the December 21 Geoff Bouvier article, "It's Not a Race Thing...It's Style" (Cover Story). A kind observation. The noun "mulatto" is an English perception of the Spanish *mulato*. There are no double consonants in Spanish. The meaning is also incorrect; "mule" in Spanish is *mulo*, although the word is used to describe a half-black, half-white person. Only very light biracial Hispanics are offended by being called *mulato* and for the reason Geoff stated, that it is "the Spanish word for 'mule'";

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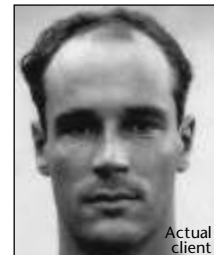


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## Eastwood, On The Other Hand...

I appreciate Duncan Shepherd's movie reviews. I rarely agree with them, and at times he seems a little mean-spirited and full of himself, but I'm betting so many of us wouldn't head straight to his page every week if he were a pushover for sheep cinema. Instead, he consistently shows rigorous and cogent reasoning for his film/movie critiques, of which most are dour and disapproving.

Unfortunately, most who follow this shepherd must admit that he has a glaring blind spot in his objectivity when it comes to anything created by his master, Clint Eastwood. Admittedly, Mr. Shepherd comes about this prejudice with touching, but sincere, sentimentality, a special memory in his impressionable youth where his father took him to the back lot of a sound stage and they happened to run

into a young *Gunsmoke* actor named Clint Eastwood. I, too, have memorable moments with my dad that may have left me biased, one of which I think is relevant to his review titled "Balancing Act" (January 18). Of late, I had started to think I might be coming around to Mr. Shepherd's way of thinking, *Bridges of Madison County*, *Unforgiven*, *Million Dollar Baby*, *Mystic River*, etc., good stuff indeed! Sadly, in regards to Mr. Shepherd's four-star ratings of *Flags of Our Fathers* and *Letters from Iwo Jima*, I must regrettably declare the emperor, or shepherd, has no clothes, really. I wish I could say different, as this "diptych" of films is supposed to portray an event deeply personal to my father.

Last March I escorted my 90-year-old father back to the Sulfur Island 61 years after he had landed on it. We called it his 37th day on Iwo Jima. Like Jim Brady's father, the principal character in *Flags*, my dad also

lost his best friend on that rock, Doug Goulson. Dad was also shot and refused to leave his remaining buddies. Dad also insists on the term "survivor" instead of "hero." Nixon gave the island back in 1974, and Japan now only permits access to veterans of this battle and their families one day a year.

On the trip last spring, hopes were high amongst the 30-plus survivors that "Clint would do this story right." That finally, the Pacific Theater veterans would get their version of a first-class *Saving Private Ryan* war movie. My dad couldn't weigh in on either of the merits of having Eastwood or Spielberg involved with the story because up until *Flags*, he had refused to see movies that portrayed graphic war violence. Didn't like watching it. Didn't like talking about it. At the time I thought, "How could this movie *not* be huge with such talent connected to it?" But in the end, *Flags of Our Fathers* struck both my dad and me

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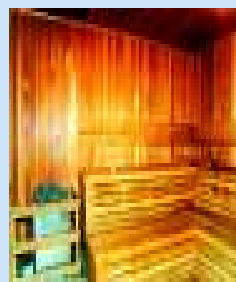
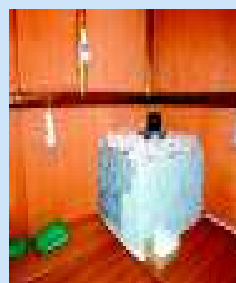
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as just melancholy, mediocre as a film, and a little confusing in its time line. How the directors of *Pulp Fiction*, *Memento*, and *Irreversible* do the same exponentially and come off more rewarding than *Flags* is beyond me, and to *Crash*'s Paul Haggis's credit, I don't know how I would have done the screenplay much differently. Like *All the Pretty Horses*, I think this is a book that did not make the migration from words to celluloid. I would take Eastwood's word that he did the best he could in two hours with the story he had,

but it was not a great film. I didn't reconnect with the characters, and like Mr. Shepherd, the only image that did not leave my head by the next morning was the real-time video of the dog tags on top of Mount Suribachi after the credits had rolled. That raised the hair on my skin because it communicated a deeply honest and common feeling with an image, the way the best films do.

*Letters from Iwo Jima*, on the other hand, is not just a poor movie; it's fairly offensive and inaccurate. According to what we see in

Eastwood's *Letters*, the Japanese were bumbling marksmen and there never seemed to be more than 200 of them at any given time, instead of 11,000. There's no Korean slave laborers helping them dig the tunnels. The way time elapses, you'd think the poor, overwhelmed Japanese only lasted a day or two instead of the 36 continuous days of firefights that took more than 3000 American lives. I met a man from Wisconsin who was shot on day 46, and he said that he thought the island was "secured" because Truman had already declared a Mission Accomplished—like press release on the island. In fact, two armed Japanese soldiers were captured two years after hostilities ceased.

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Yes, the letter correspondence from Japanese soldiers home is mostly real, but this one pony trick has already been done with more class, conviction, and honesty by PBS's *The Civil War*. Wow, what a news break, Japanese soldiers were conflicted about their mission, loved their family, and wanted to go home too, just like our boys! As long as Mr. Eastwood is building bridges, I wonder how many Oscar nominations his film would have received if it were about the supposed secret tender mercies of Auschwitz death camp guards. I'm sure some of them had to be nice folks; I mean, after all, it's pretty well documented that Hitler was an avid vegetarian and treated his dog Blondie pretty well, didn't he? Most of the German death camp operators were probably pretty darn conflicted about their atrocities too, I would imagine. *Letters from Birkenau: The Guarded Truth!* Can't see it? Hmmm.

The facts remain that al-

though the Japanese Imperial soldiers shared 46 common chromosomes with American soldiers, this is about *all* that these soldiers had in common with the Allies as far as conduct, honor, humanity, and civility, including the battle for Iwo Jima. I do not think Eastwood was particularly "brave," honorable, or judicious in not showing Iggy's tortured remains inside the enemy cave; this was nothing but sleight-of-hand cowardice. How would the director have made us care for a Japanese baker in part two if we knew that same baker had possibly gouged out the teeth and eyes of a young Polish American POW, then made him choke to death, in captivity, on his own severed genitals? Can't quite Kumbiyah to that Clintwoodesque omission, can we?

If you haven't got the time for books, Google "Japanese World War II atrocities and war crimes." The Rape of Nanking and the Bataan Death March are a nice primer to see what

was so commonly cruel and insidious about many Japanese soldiers in this war, usually against unarmed civilians and prisoners of war. You couldn't imagine more sick individual and collective human barbarity, not even compared to the Roman Circus or Nazi Germany.

As for Eastwood's affection to a recent *Los Angeles Times* interviewer that the scene where a Japanese soldier befriends a wounded Marine "could have happened" and that this is "his movie" and that he'll "tell it his own way," well, go right ahead, Mr. Goebbels; flip history on its head. But it's no longer history or art that Mr. Eastwood is making with *Letters*; it's just b\*\*\*\*\*. A prisoner of war in Nazi German custody, black or white, had an 86 percent chance of survival. An American POW in Japanese custody, on the other hand, had a 30 percent chance of mortality; that's more than one in four captured American and Australians that died at the



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hands of Japanese, some by neglect and starvation, many by torture and decapitation. Besides being “misunderstood,” the warped Japanese Samurai code just plain didn’t see the need in complying with the Geneva Conference with “inferior” races. Yes, this obvious parallel should make us reevaluate the Bush policy in Iraq, but it does not mean we need to start reevaluating and revising what we know about World War II Japan and its soldiers’ sick brutalities meted out to China, Korea, Guam, the Philippines, and the other islands of the Pacific that experienced Japanese “occupation,” something the Japanese government still refuses to make diplomatic apology for.

I keep hearing about Eastwood’s “surely controversial” version of events and await some certifiable controversy, but I’ve yet to see any. Know why? Most of the witnesses are now deceased, and the few veterans that I’ve talked to, who know these are grossly negligent calumnies, have no idea that this is a different picture. Only about half of those invited came to the first of the two, *Flags of Our Fathers*, because they were pretty sure it wouldn’t be done right, just like John Wayne’s *Sands of Iwo Jima* before it. When I shared last Saturday with a local group of Guadalcanal/Iwo Jima vets that Eastwood’s version of history has the Japanese being curiously humane to American POWs, and the Marines in stark contrast

shooting Japanese prisoners, they just shook their heads. One just looked up in disbelief and said, “Why?”

I hope the Oscars are at least more sane than the Grammys. War in Iraq? Bad. Am I crazy to think that does not make the Dixie Chicks song, album, and artists of the year? Of course there is merit in Mr. Eastwood creating some cautionary tale of mindless war with pride and nationalism unchecked by reason that strikes a chord with the Japanese moviegoers and hopefully Americans as well. Maybe we can forgive him the fact that he built this bridge over the truth, along with the dishonored bodies of young American prisoners who were sent to duke it out, one empire against the other, thinking they’d get a fair shake, as if war ever gives one of those. Maybe. Yes, it is no lost irony that today democracy and enlightenment are the benchmarks of modern Japanese and German society, while America strangely finds itself questioning the merits of humane treatment accorded to detainees by the Geneva Conference. Still, in 2006, Japan did *not* allow Mr. Eastwood’s film crew access to the returned island of Iwo Jima for filming *Flags of Our Fathers*. For a similar volcanic setting he had to go to Iceland.

Strange how *Letters from Iwo Jima*, the film more sympathetic to Japanese perspectives, was given the red carpet to the island, which for his gratitude Mr. Eastwood donned an Imperial Japanese

soldier’s cap to “connect” with his actors on every day of shooting. When I saw that photo, I shook my head in disgust. Jane Fonda has got *nothing* on Clint Eastwood. This movie is both sham *and* shame. A pox on the house of Amblin/Malpaso Pictures this Oscar season.

Jauhn Hinkle  
via e-mail  
e-mail

### A Booyah From Boise

I moved to Boise, Idaho, last year to attend college, but I still look up the *Reader* each week for two reasons: “Diary of a Diva” and “Remote Control King.” These are the most honest, intelligent, and humorous writers you have on staff. Keep it up, Barb and Ollie!

Rita Abraham  
via e-mail

### Ollie, Take The Goats And Go

Where did “It’s a Crime” go? I always found this column interesting and informative, and now the *Reader* has stopped running it. It figures. What’s next to go? Ask Matthew Alice? “News of the Weird”? I hope not! In my opinion, the *Reader* needs to bring back both “It’s a Crime” and “Ernie Pook’s Comeek” and get rid of some of its boring content, such as “Sheep and Goats” and “Remote Control King.”

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*National City's Living History Farm*

**O**ne of my pet peeves right now is the school educational system," says Susan Walter, education chair for the National City Living History Farm Preserve (informally known as the Stein Family Farm). "Kids are taught to be tested; they don't have hands-on experience. They're growing up in apartments and going

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to schools where their playgrounds are covered in asphalt. When they come to the farm, I want them to dig in dirt — not sterilized potting soil, but dirt, and if they find a worm, that's cool. We want children to be able to connect and get dirty and have fun."

The National City Living History Farm Preserve will join several other historical societies at the 42nd Annual History Conference, held this year at the Girl Scout Headquarters in Balboa Park. The theme is "Can You Come Out to Play? The History of Children's Organizations in San Diego and Imperial Counties." Walter is one of as many as 12 speakers giving a slide-show presentation. Other speakers include Bill Swank, local sports historian; Susan Hasegawa from the Japanese-American Historical Society; and local radio/TV broadcaster "Shotgun" Tom Kelly.

The Stein Family Farm, built by German immigrant Charles Stein in the late 1800s, is the last remaining farmstead in National City. The original house and barn currently sit on a two-acre plot of land on F Avenue. In *A Brief History of the Steins and the Stein Farm*, Walter writes that the site "...serves for the interpretation of the lifestyle of the Steins, who were important examples of the entrepreneurial efforts of immigrants who raised a family, invested in land, participated

in the public arena, and were successful farmers that worked diligently throughout their lives."

Walter plans to bring artifacts she recently discovered on the farm to the conference. "Stein hand-dug the cistern, which I was in a few months ago," she says. "The coolest thing I found was a bunch of marbles, all the same type — boulder-sized marbles, which are three-quarters to at least an inch in diameter. They were clays, which means they were the least expensive, most common type of marbles." Also found were "lots of clothespins," candle stumps ("they must have been lighting the inside of that cistern for some reason"), a kitchen knife, "two tiny, itty-bitsy bottles," and a Chinese medicine vial.

All of the farm's crops are planted, maintained, and harvested by volunteers. "They are people who are interested in having a little plot of land and working on it. The idea is of a community garden," says Walter. A large number of volunteers, like Stein, are from Germany. "They came to our May Day Festival, which is celebrated very strongly in Germany. Some live in Del Mar and areas where they don't really have land." In the past the farm has produced (for the personal consumption of the volunteers who manage the land) watermelon, tomatoes, peas, artichokes, cabbages, carrots, and potatoes.

Volunteers still mourn the death of the farm's two Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs, Tinkie and Rudy. "The thing about farms is that on a real farm, when you have an animal that gets mature, it's butchered. On our farm, our animals are our pets. We are in the process of looking for small swine again but can't afford to buy them." Walter stresses that the farm is not looking for any other small animals. "We receive chickens, ducks, and bunnies, all sent anonymously as outgrown Easter pets, and

we don't have the room for more. Last year, two rabbits were chucked over the fence. There we were, trying to get ready for May Day, and these two rabbits were there, eating our crops." Walter says that of the six rabbits currently living at the farm, most were "abandoned creatures over the fence."

Some regular volunteers bring their young children, and teenagers can be seen helping out to earn community service credits for high school. Though Walter strives to draw all generations out to the farm, she says she "loves it" when seniors visit, "because old folks have often had a very direct former connection with the type of life that we are trying to recreate."

Visitors from Germany, the Philippines, and Mexico "still have very close associations with farm life," says Walter. "They tell me that they still do this, so they understand about washboard laundry and chamber pots and not having electricity and dealing with animals."

Walter points out that 100 years ago, houses did not contain bathrooms. "Everybody used an outhouse or a chamber pot. Scatological stuff always grabs the kids, so I say, 'Has anybody ever told you to go potty?' and I hold up the chamber pot, because that's the 'potty.' [During one tour of the house], an older fellow who listened to my story told



me that in his family of a dozen children, the family tradition was that the last person out of bed had to clean all [of the chamber pots in the house]."

— Barbarella

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## BAJA

Events that are underlined occur after March 8.

**"Mrs. President,"** Gonzalo Vega takes stage again, Thursday, March 1, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$35 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

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**"Cats,"** directed by Xóchitl Contreras, Sunday, March 4, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**"Elias de Letreando,"** women in universal literature explored by Mayra Luna, Sandra Bello, Patty Blake, Vianka Santana, Esmeralda Ceballos. Event begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

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**Whelan Lake Bird Walk,** see many different species during walk hosted by Buena Vista Audubon Society to scope out avian migrants, Saturday, March 3, starting at 8 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-941-7824. (OCEANSIDE)

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**Full Moon** occurs on the evening of Saturday, March 3. Watch as the amber disk of the moon crawls above the east horizon just as the sun is going down in the west (just before 6 p.m.). Twelve hours later, you can watch the moon sink into the Pacific Ocean while the sun is coming up on the other side of the sky. This out-of-phase, rise-set synchronicity is characteristic of every full moon. The 12-hour difference around this time of year is explained by the fact that both the sun and the moon are near opposing equinoxes in the sky — in other words, both will lie nearly over Earth's equator. Some folk names for the March full moon include "crow moon," "Lenten moon," "moon of winds," "plow moon," "sap moon," and "seed moon."

**California Native Plant Society Walk,** Sunday, March 4, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

**Explore Descanso and Sweetwater River** with Canyoneers on Sunday, March 4. Easy hikes — starting at 9 a.m. and ending at

10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. — promises easy trail in southern corner of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, going through chaparral and stream-side areas. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

**Nature Hike,** mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including March 4, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (JULIAN)

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**Contradance** to music by Old Twine String Band, calling by Steve Barlow, Friday, March 2, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-594-6828. (NORTH PARK)

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**"Beauty and the Beast"** presented by California Ballet to Tchaikovsky score, with choreography by Robert Sund, March 3 and 4, at San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue). With a nod to the Jean Cocteau film, Sund has created "an expanded version of this ballet for California Ballet, with sets and costumes provided by the Eugene Ballet Company." Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Satur-

day, 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$22-\$78 for adults, \$22 for those 12 and younger. 858-560-6741. (DOWNTOWN)

**Ho-Asogli** — ensemble performs traditional drumming and dance of Ghana, west Africa, with authentic costumes and instruments. Recital by Ho-Asogli, Wednesday, March 7, noon, in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

**Chunky Move** presents *Tense Dave*, Thursday, March 8, 8 p.m., for UCSD's ArtPower series at Mandeville Auditorium. Australian company "reveals the stories of five men as they share their conflicted feelings about dancing in public. With dancers crashing, tumbling and darting onstage,

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FILM

**Fourth Annual French and Francophone Film Festival** wraps up on Thursday, March 1. See *Les Temps qui changent* (*Changing Times*, 2006) at 5 p.m. Festival closes with *Nathalie* (2004) at 7 p.m.

All films have English subtitles. Screenings take place in Montezuma Hall of Aztec Center at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-5111. (SDSU)

**“God Grew Tired of Us,”** film follows three Sudanese “Lost Boys” as they escape genocide and adjust to life in U.S., directed by Christopher Quinn and narrated by Nicole Kidman. Screening hosted by Sudanese Refugee Network, Thursday, March 1, 7 p.m., at Landmark Theatre La Jolla Village Cinema (8879 Villa La Jolla Drive). Panel discussion with Lost Boys and author Judy Bernstein (*They Poured Fire from the Sky*) follows. \$35 general. 858-259-7727. (LA JOLLA)

**Alfred Hitchcock’s 1954 Thriller** *Rear Window*, starring Jimmy Stewart and Grace Kelly, screens Thursday, March 1, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

**First Friday Movies**, enjoy a *Grease* singalong on March 2,

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

In the midst of what is regarded as one of America’s hottest and driest deserts, it seems a bit surprising to find a place where mosses, ferns, sycamores, and cottonwoods flourish around a sparkling waterfall. Maidenhair Falls in Hellhole Canyon is such a place, and it lies not far from Borrego Springs and the popular Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitor center. One caveat before you set off: Wear sturdy footwear if you choose to engage in the painstaking scrambling over rocks and brush needed to explore the area around the falls.



Inside Hellhole Canyon

After 1.2 miles, the walls of the canyon begin to close in. You thread your way up the narrowing gorge, generally avoiding the vegetation-choked canyon bottom. Try to avoid encounters with the rosebush-like thorns of the catclaw bushes.

You’ll soon find yourself threading a path near the flowing water — the flow being highly dependent on the amount of rainfall our region gets before your visit. The remnants of trees that litter the canyon are a result of past wildfires. Fan palms — the signature tree of the Anza-Borrego Desert — begin to appear.

About 200 yards past the densest cluster of palms, the canyon walls pinch in really tight. Tucked away in a corner of

Start hiking at the large trailhead parking area on the west side of Montezuma Highway (S-22), 0.7 mile south of Palm Canyon Drive in Borrego Springs. Aim west-southwest on a wide, well-beaten path — formerly a dirt road — across the upper (south) margin of Hellhole Canyon’s broad alluvial fan. The sandy surface of the fan supports a variety of vegetation, stratified according to elevation. Indigo bush, chuparosa, cheesebush, burroweed, creosote bush, desert lavender, and buckhorn cholla are the common plant species of the lower fan. They’re largely replaced by jojoba, brittlebush, ocotillo, and teddy-bear cholla on the upper fan. Here and there jackrabbits flit among the bushes, startled by your approach.

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7 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street). Bring a blanket, chair. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

**Films by, for, and about Women** showcased for Lunafest, Saturday, March 3, at San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center (3909 Centre Street). Program includes nine short films, animation to doc-

umentary. Dessert reception at 6 p.m. (\$15), screening at 7 p.m. (\$10 for films only). 619-692-2077 x111. (HILLCREST)

**The Documentary** *The Mars Underground* (*Pioneers for the Next World*) screens for Mars Society, Monday, March 5, 6 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo Branch Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive).

the canyon bottom, you’ll discover the grotto containing Maidenhair Falls. The falls

higher reaches of the canyon in a long day or weekend. This article contains infor-

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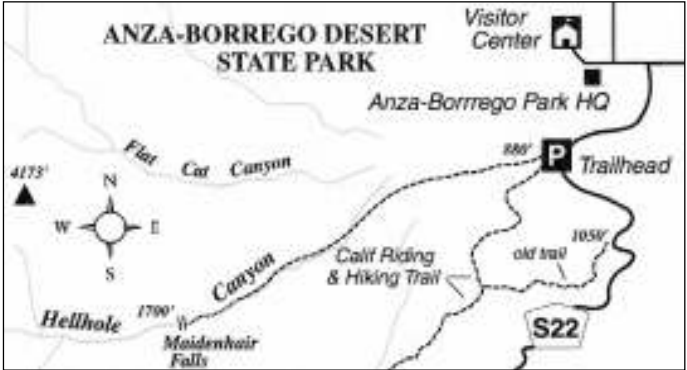
Cool off under the dribbling flow of Maidenhair Falls, in Anza-Borrego’s Hellhole Canyon.

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plunge about 20 feet into a shallow pool. Tiers of maidenhair fern and sopping wet moss adorn the sides of the grotto.

Further travel up-canyon from Maidenhair Falls involves much battle with boulders and underbrush — slow going on a day hike, and slower if you’re backpacking. Ambitious hikers have explored the remote

mation 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.



Film follows “aerospace scientist and visionary Dr. Robert Zubrin and his struggle to get the first human-crewed mission to Mars off the ground.” Free. 619-723-3456. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**The New Zealand Film** *Perfect Strangers*, starring Sam Neill and Rachel Blake, screens for Film Forum on Monday, March 5, 6:30

p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Tortilla Soup”** (2001) screens for First Tuesday Film series exploring “controversial issues,” March 6, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion follows. Free. 760-839-4601. (ESCONDIDO)

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Tickets: \$9 general for screenings, \$5–\$30 for concerts, parties. Showtimes, details: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

**“Blow-Up,”** Michelangelo Antonioni’s first English-language film (1966) screens Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

**Surrealist Luis Buñuel’s** movie *Belle de Jour* (1967), starring Catherine Deneuve as a housewife with a secret life, is presented for winter film series, Thursday, March 8, 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: *Hurricane on the Bayou*, *Coral Reef Adventure*. “Fridays at the Fleet” promises *Alaska* (6 p.m.) and *Antarctica* (7 p.m.) on March 2. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**“The Night of the Ad-Eaters,”** Alliance Française and La Bastide Restaurant present “evening revealing the world’s hippest, funniest, most creative, and surprising television and cinema advertisements from around the world.” Screenings begin at 5 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, in Salomon Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Uncut and uncensored. English subtitles. \$10. 619-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

LECTURES

**“Cradle of a Nation:** A Story of Colonial Virginia” is story of author Diane Johnson’s fifth great-grandfather, William Daingerfield, and Davy, his companion and slave from 1718 to 1759. Johnson discusses her book for Daughters of the American Revolution, Thursday, March 1, 10:30 a.m., at Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse (2400 Admiral Baker Road). \$15 fee includes lunch. Reservations: 858-279-2677. (GRANTVILLE)

**“Climate Change, Dystopia, and the Necessity of Utopia”** presented by literary theorist Fredric Jameson and science fiction writer Kim Stanley Robinson on Thursday, March 1, 4 p.m., in room 155 of UCSD Literature Building. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

**“The Famous Face:** Portraiture in Prints from Dürer to Warhol,” a collection of more than 50 prints of famous historical figures, opens with lecture by guest curator Malcolm Warner on Thursday, March 1, 5 p.m., in new Robert and Karen Hoehn Family Galleries in Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Reception follows. Free. 619-260-4261. (LINDA VISTA)

**A Dialogue between Art Historians** Bram Dijkstra and Susan Weininger examining “The Jewish Roots of Belle Baranceau’s Art” is slated for Thursday, March 1, 6 p.m., at Museum of San Diego History. \$12. 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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**The Major Leftist Party in Mexico** (PRD) was founded by Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano in 1989. Cárdenas presents his views of Mexico's political system, the Left, and the country's future on Thursday, March 1, 6:30 p.m., in Hojel Hall of the Americas Auditorium, Institute of the Americas, UCSD. Free. Requested reservations: 858-453-5560. Lecture delivered in English. (LA JOLLA)

**Curator** Jeffrey Grove plans gallery talk examining "Morris Louis Now: An American Master Revisited," Thursday, March 1, 6:30 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1100 Kettner Boulevard). \$5. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Clairemont Town Council** convenes on Thursday, March 1, to hear speakers from the DART and CAPP programs (CAPP program enforces noise-abatement issues, primarily from "party houses"; DART targets nuisance bars, businesses, homes). Speaker from San Diego Police Department will discuss graffiti issues in Clairemont. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. in cafeteria at Clairemont High School (4150 Ute Dr.). Free. 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

**He Catches a Lot of Colds!** Gregory Thompson, director of forensic services for San Diego Sheriff's Department, created Sheriff's Cold Case Forensic Team to examine unsolved homicides. Thompson — who oversees 60 forensic scientists and field evidence technicians — addresses Sisters in Crime on Thursday, March 1, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1010 University Avenue). \$3. 858-748-6842. (HILLCREST)

**"Can You Come Out to Play?"** The History of Children and Children's Organizations in San Diego and Imperial Counties" is theme for 42nd annual Congress of History conference, Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3. Seventeen speakers explore "everything from the 90th anniversary of Girl Scouting in San Diego, the polio epidemic, and Indian schools to adoption, life in postwar San Diego, and youth baseball." Shotgun Tom Kelly shows episodes of *Words-a-Poppin'*, his quiz show with kid contestants (1974-1979), Saturday at noon.

Conference runs 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at Girl Scouts' Balboa Program Center (1231 Upas Street). \$25 fee includes lunch on Friday. 858-457-9676. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Intimate Strangers: The Cult of Celebrity Photography"** — illustrated lecture by MoPA photography curator Carol McCusker on Friday, March 2, 10 a.m., for docent guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art. Talk is in conjunction with "Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005." \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**2007 Season of Nonviolence** marked with workshop teaching "a simple process to avoid and mediate conflicts" on Friday, March 2, 7 p.m., at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Street). Workshop led by licensed marriage and family therapist Marcelline Brogli. Learn to "express requests and wishes effectively, in oral and written communication, using nonjudgmental language." Free. 760-753-5786 x848. (ENCINITAS)

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## LOCAL EVENTS

**“Cultivating Food Justice: Building a Local Movement”** is conference for discussion and debate on future of food in San Diego County, for “business owners, chefs, educators, farmers, policy advocates, farm workers, and concerned citizens.” Free; events begin on Saturday, March 3, with registration at 8:30 a.m.; keynote speech by Dolores Huerta at 7 p.m., at San Diego City College (1313 Park Boulevard). Registration: 619-641-7510 x244. (DOWNTOWN)

**Commemorate International Women's Day** with conference promising “master women poets, cultural scholars, elders, and community members” discussing “role of women’s poetry in Somali culture in San Diego and the danger that it may become extinct.” Event sponsored by Center for Bridging Communities includes panel discussion on Saturday, March 3, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; poetry recital, “various dance expressions” on Sunday, March 4, 5 p.m. Somali food served. Find conference at Golden Life (7373 University Avenue, suite 101). Free. 619-881-7331. (LA MESA)

**“Climate Change: How Much Warming Can We Expect?”** Dan Cayan presents his view for Anza-Borrego Institute, Saturday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. “The increasing atmospheric concentration of greenhouse gases, resulting from human activities, is changing the climate in ways that pose serious risks to California’s environment.” \$10. 760-767-4063. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

**“Ethnographic Metalsmiths — Anonymous Jewelers”** presented by Robert Liu on Sunday, March 4, 4 p.m., at Mingei International Museum. Carolyn Benesh focuses on “Contemporary Jewelry as Great Art and the Artists That Make It.” These jewelry experts are copublishers of *Ornament Magazine*. \$15. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x404. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Valuing Antiques”** is subject when antiques, art appraiser James D. McDonald speaks for Decorative Arts Lecture Series co-hosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street) on Monday, March 5. McDonald will provide insider tips on how to purchase, sell, establish value of antiques, what to look for when in need of an estate liquidator. Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m. \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**“Collections Care: Baskets”** discussed by Sandra Ramirez for 12 O’Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, March 5. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Mark Twain and Me”** presented by writer, radio commentator, “language guru” Charles Harrington Elster, Monday, March 5, 6 p.m., at newly opened Serra Mesa Library (9005 Aero Drive). Free. 858-573-1397. (SERRA MESA)

**Television News Personality** Carol LeBeau presents “her story of depression and recovery” for Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, Monday, March 5, 7 p.m., in Garren Auditorium, Basic Sciences Building, UCSD Medical School. Free; donations accepted. 619-929-4340. (LA JOLLA)

**“Preserving the Peace Through Force and Belief”** is subject when Mary Ellen O’Connell speaks for International Law Speaker Series, Tuesday, March 6, 4 p.m., in Weaver Center, Institute of the Americas at UCSD (10111 North Torrey Pines Road). O’Connell is professor of law at Notre Dame Law School. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

**“An Insider’s Guide to Paris”** presented by travel experts (and former Parisians) Kevin Brown and Tamara Smith for Hostelling International, Tuesday, March 6,

7 p.m., at Le Travel Store (745 Fourth Avenue). Get skinny on city’s hidden jewels, “must-see places,” accommodations, entertainment. Free. Required reservations: 619-544-0005. (DOWNTOWN)

**“John Q. Public and Citizen Jane: Private Americans in the Political Domain”** explores relationship of individual American citizens to their government at federal and municipal levels, through photographs, videos, and multimedia installations. Exhibition in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University includes lecture by participating artist Martha Rosler, Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., in Arts and Letters 201. Free. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

**“Legends of Broadway and Other Tales”** divulged by Bruno Leone during series continuing Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). The pianist, humorist, storyteller combines “piano artistry, humor, and a wealth of captivating narratives and fascinating anecdotes about the lives and times of America’s leading composers and lyricists.” \$17. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Exercise the Law of Attraction!** “Instant Turning Point” presented by Walter Holtschi, Wednesday, March 7, 6 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Vil-

lage Drive, suite 107). Free. 760-729-2434. (CARLSBAD)

**“Cheese 101 — The Basics of Cheese”** divulged Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m., at Taste Artisan Cheese and Gourmet Shop (1243 1/2 University Avenue). Learn basics on how cheese is made, different milks used, different styles/types of cheese, classic flavor characteristics. Samples! \$35. Reservations: 619-683-2306. (HILLCREST)

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

**“Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer’s Life, 1990-2005”** illuminated by docent Doug Burgess during Insight Gallery talks at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, March 8, 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, 3 p.m. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Jusour wa Kusour: The Work of Doris Bittar, 1989-2007”** illuminated by artist Bittar on Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). Exhibition featuring paintings, photographs expressing Bittar’s reflections on cultural landscape of Middle East and her

family’s history in the region. \$5. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**“Art, Architecture and Ecology: New Collaborations for Changing Environments”** is theme for ongoing “Dialogues in Art and Architecture” series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. Renowned video, installation, performance artist Martha Rosler speaks on Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. Rosler’s work in “public sphere ranges from everyday life — often with an eye to women’s experience — and the media to architecture and the built environment.” Find Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street, 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**“Edward S. Curtis and Horse Capture.”** George Horse Capture — great-grandson of Horse Capture, who was photographed by Edward S. Curtis at beginning of 20th Century — explores “contemporary Native American perspective on the photographer and his methods,” Sunday, March 11, 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Man. \$15. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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**Initial Conditions** jazz trio with David Borgo (saxophone), Duncan Moore (drums), Gunnar Biggs (contrabass) performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, March 1,

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March 15



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**Latin Guitarist** Tony Ybarra y Son Moreno play for First Thursday Concert in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street) on March 1, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mandolin Virtuosos** Mike Marshall and Hamilton de Holanda perform for AcousticMusic-SanDiego, Thursday, March 1 (\$18, \$22). Marshall is master of mandolin, guitar, violin; Brazilian musician de Holanda "transcends cultural frontiers." Samite of Uganda takes stage for concert on Saturday, March 3 (\$15, \$20). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Comedian George Carlin** takes stage on Thursday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76). Tickets: \$60, \$70, \$80, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

**World-Beat Dance and Music**, Damaru is joined by guests Amadou (*kora*) and Damba (vocals) and Sacred Hips bellydance troupe, Thursday, March 1, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

**Stand-Up Comedian** and actor Jimmy Shubert performs for Ocean Beach Comedy, Friday, March 2, 7 p.m., at Winstons Beach Club (1921 Bacon Street). Shubert's film credits include *One-Hour Photo*, *The Italian Job*, *Go*, and he's had special for *Comedy Central Presents*. \$5. 619-222-6822. (OCEAN BEACH)

**"Tales of Polynesia"** presented March 2 and 3, at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (2425 Dusk Drive). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday. \$7. 619-470-0588. (PARADISE HILLS)

**"The Skin of Our Teeth"** — in which playwright Thornton Wilder "condenses the history of the world into three acts" — is next production for 19 theater-arts students at Coronado School of the Arts, Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, 7 p.m. Find campus at 650 D Avenue. Tickets start at \$15. 619-522-8969. (CORONADO)

**West Kerry Musician** Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh performs for World Music Series, Friday, March 2, 7 p.m., at Solana Beach

Library (157 Stevens Avenue). She began by playing music on flute and tin-whistle, singing *sean-nós* (old-style) songs, was a member of band Danú. Free. 858-755-1404. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Harry Chapin: A Celebration in Song:** A Chapin Family Concert" presented Friday, March 2, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Songs of late Harry Chapin — "Taxi," "Cat's in the Cradle," "Circle" — are sung by his original band and family. Tickets: \$27–\$42. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Oleo Vaudeville Variety Show"** presented by 21 cast members of George M. Cohan's one-act play *The Tavern*, following performances March 2–11. Oleo Vaudeville promises "campy singing, can-can dancing, even an ultra-authentic xylophone solo." *Tavern* is described as "pure family fun."

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**"Vagina Monologues"** presented by North County African American Women's Association, Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 760-439-8874. (CARLSBAD)

**X Games Stunt Bike Rider** Dave Mirra greets fans, Saturday, March 3, 3–4 p.m., at Krause Family Bike and Skate Park (3401 Clairemont Drive). Free. 619-279-9254. (CLAIREMONT)

**Library of Congress Comics Historian** (who knew there was one?) Harry Katz discusses his new book, *Cartoon America: Comic Art in the Library of Congress*, Saturday, March 3, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

**"Gong Banquet" and Tibetan Bowl Concert** planned by healer, author Diane Mandle on Saturday, March 3, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street). After "revitalizing" Tibetan bowl concert, try variety of gongs. \$20. 760-944-3441. (ENCINITAS)

**Unravalled Improv Troupe** presents "completely improvised musical theater," Saturday, March 3, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe

(2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Donation. 619-220-8663. (NORTH PARK)

**"Poetic Jazz/Electronic-Infused Monologues"** — enjoy "poetic introspective investigation of the human condition using words and music" when poet Steve Kowit and musician Deborah Smaller present "A Fork in Time" on Saturday, March 3, 8:30 p.m., at Dizzy's (344 Seventh Avenue). Duo followed by Steve Garber, musicians David Curtis, Danny Campbell, guest Gregory Page. \$10. 858-270-7467. (DOWNTOWN)

**Celebrate the New Year** with entertainer Chiang Yu-Heng in concert, Sunday, March 4, 5 p.m., at Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76). Tickets: \$38–\$58, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

**Live Inspirational Music** to yoga, followed by chanting and a concert by Kirtan artist Shantala, Sunday, March 4, 5–8 p.m., at Ginseng Yoga (2985 Beech Street). \$35. 619 435 5067. (SOUTH PARK)

**Hailing from Poland**, Konio Ballet in concert with pop group Ich Troje, Sunday, March 4, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$40. 619-246-2645. (LA JOLLA)

**Sunday Seizure Comedy** stand-up show featuring Carlos Saenz, Jessica Cook, Brad Schecter, Jon Heffley, Jason Bang, March 4, 8 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). Free. 619-702-6010. (DOWNTOWN)

**"BKSoul — The Movement"** is described as "collaboration of dance, spoken word, and music" exploring "modes of active social change — education, community, money, and revolution." Performance begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks



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**The Bladerunners** play for music night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, March 6, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (ESCONDIDO)

**Musical Sex Comedy Inspired by Monty Python** and risqué satirical songs of *South Park*, Tena-cious D, and “musical comedy legend Rusty Warren” are on tap when Toronto’s “sex-positive songsters” the Wet Spots present “singalongs, spankings, and bawdy sex-ed.” Show starts at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, at Diver-sionary Theatre (4545 Park Blvd). \$16. 619-220-0097. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Poetry Unlimited** showcases readings by SDSU instructor Andrew M. Barbolla and “selected students of poetry and music,” Wednesday, March 7, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Hosted by Jean Frank. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

**Jazz in the Park** series continues with concert by Ken Peplowski Quartet on Wednesday, March 7, 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$20. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author** Jane Smiley reads from and signs her latest book, *Ten Days in the*

*Hills*, Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Bulgarika Balkan Band** performs music of Bulgaria, Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Expect “crooked rhythms and smoky melodies of Bulgarian music.” \$15. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

**UCSD’s Jazz** Chamber Ensemble in concert, Wednesday, March 7, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. Free. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

**Editorial Cartoonist** Steve Breen visits Warwick’s Bookstore to read and sign *Stick* during “Jammies and Bedtime Story Night,” Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m. Reading followed by “an adult chat,” bedtime snacks for kids. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**Literary Reading** by Laura Elrick (*Fantasies in Permeable Structures*) and Rodrigo Toscano (*To Leveling Swerve*), Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., in Grand Salon (room 113) of M. Gordon Clarke Field House at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Reading is free, parking is not. 760-750-8077. (SAN MARCOS)

**“American Shaolin”** signed, discussed by author Matthew Polly, Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway, 858-684-3166). Free. (MIRA MESA)

**Gyuto Monks Tibetan Tantric Choir** in concert, Friday, March 9, 8 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 Univer-

## OUT & ABOUT

### MANDOLIN VIRTUOSOS

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sity Avenue). Gyuto monks have been chanting since 1474; each monk sings not a single note but an entire chord. Tickets: \$25, \$30, \$35. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

## SPORTS

**March Madness Miles**, 10k trail runs (7:45 a.m.) and 5k trail runs (8:15 a.m.), as well as two-mile walk-run (8:30 a.m.), munchkin mile (9 a.m.) slated for Sunday, March 4, starting at Rancho Bernardo Park (I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Road, west two blocks, then north two miles on West Bernardo Drive). 760-602-1011. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Bicycle to Ramona via Del Dios** with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Sunday, March 4. Hilly ride starts at 8:45 a.m. in Doyle Park (8175 Re-

gents Road). Bring money for lunch in Ramona. 858-277-7499. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Authentic Lucha Libre!** Rey Misterio Sr., Hijo de Rey Misterio, Septiembre Negro, many other wrestlers perform Sunday, March 4, 5 p.m., at Blanca’s Fiesta Hall (1770 Palm Avenue). Tickets: \$20 adults, free for children. 619-977-4323. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**“Clash at Clairemont,”** PacSun and Mission Valley YMCA unleash new “PSX” vert ramp at Krause Family Bike and Skate Park (3401 Clairemont Drive), Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Donated by ESPN’s X-Games, “PSX” is “largest outdoor vert ramp on West Coast.” Expect to see athletes including Tony Hawk, Mat Hoffman, Andy Macdonald, Jamie Bestwick, Bucky Lasek, Kevin Robinson, others, music by Agent Orange. \$10 admission fee in-

cludes food, demonstrations, entertainment. 619-279-9254. (CLAIREMONT)

## SPECIAL

**“Hidden San Diego”** by native San Diego painter Monique Straub is on view through Friday, March 9, at Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3280. (SAN CARLOS)

**TNT Gets Kitschy!** Enjoy a “showcase of all things postwar American chic” during Thursday Night Thing on March 1, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Dress in vintage attire, take part in “vintage-inspired paint-by-number activities,” see go-go dancers and retro visuals provided by DJs Gage and Sergio, live jazz music by Todd Davidson’s Club 33, more. Donation: \$3. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Understanding Politics in Mexico** today is tackled by P&R Discussion group, Thursday, March 1, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

**ConDor XIV**, science fiction convention runs from noon on Friday, March 2, through 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). Guests of honor include Eric Flint, artist Tim Kirk. Gaming, masquerade, workshop, dealer’s room. Admission: \$50 general for all three days, \$20 for teens; daily rates available. 619-298-0511. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Spring Home/Garden Show** at Del Mar Fairgrounds, March 2–4. Talks on home and garden topics,

over 400 vendor booths, experts to answer questions. Hours: noon–7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. \$6 general, half-price after 3 p.m. 858-350-3738. (DEL MAR)

**Annual Sweetwater Union High School District Art Show** opens with reception for student artists, Friday, March 2, 7 p.m., at South Chula Vista Library (389 Orange Avenue). Exhibition continues through Thursday, March 29. Free. 619-585-5757. (CHULA VISTA)

**59th Annual Ocean Beach Kite Festival** is Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., with kite making, decorating, flying contest for all ages. Vendors, food, entertainment. Kite making (free) or bring your own kite. Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue). 858-274-2016. (OCEAN BEACH)

**District 6 Public Safety Fair**, Councilmember Donna Frye and San Diego Medical Services Enterprise host events on Saturday, March 3. Community members may speak with local police officers, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, community emergency response team (CERT) organizers, representatives of American Red Cross. Demonstrations, vehicle displays. Free fair runs 9 a.m.–noon at Clairemont High School (4150 Ute Drive). 619-533-6469. (CLAIREMONT)

**Second Annual Mexico Travel and Real Estate Expo**, Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Expo features many exhibitors promoting travel and tourism industry, real estate products from throughout Mexico. Tourism seminars on tourism, owning Mexican real estate. \$3 general, free for children under 12. 619-985-4950. (DEL MAR)

**Psychic Fair and Crystals!** Head out for mini-readings, vendor booths, Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association (2975 Washington Circle). Free. 760-745-9176. (ESCONDIDO)

**Cherry Blossom Festival** planned Saturday, March 3, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Handmade crafts and entertainment along cherry blossoms in garden’s expansion site, Gold Gulch Canyon. \$30 fee includes bento lunch, beverage. Wear walking shoes. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

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# Reading

## The IHOP Papers



Ali Liebegott

By Ali Liebegott  
Carroll & Graf, 2007, 256 pages,  
\$14.95

### ABOUT THE BOOK:

Francesca, a disgruntled 19-year-old lesbian, tries desperately to pull together the pieces of her scattered life. This novel opens with Francesca in San Francisco. She has fled her hometown, where she rented her childhood room from the family who moved in when her parents moved out. But Francesca's move to San

Francisco is no mere coincidence. Obsessed with her philosophy teacher, Francesca has followed her professor, Irene, to California, where Irene has relocated to live with her young male lover, a former student.

Once in San Francisco, Francesca is forced to work at the local pancake house. Much to her dismay, she has to wear a ridiculous Heidi of the Alps uniform — which is almost as humiliating as serving the array of speed freaks and other graveyard shift misfits. Suicidal and euphoric, Francesca seeks solace in anything and anyone who might distract her from her unrequited love for Irene.

### WHAT THE REVIEWERS SAY:

*Publishers Weekly:* Liebegott's debut novel is a coming-of-age coming-out in the tradition of Rita Mae Brown's *Rubyfruit Jungle*, but here the portrait of an

artist as punk waitress is more a celebration of sexuality than humanity. The Lambda Literary Award-winning (for her book-length poem *The Beautifully Worthless*) Liebegott offers strikingly lyrical moments in an otherwise frank narrative of a writer teetering between adolescence and adulthood.

### A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Ali Liebegott was sitting in her backyard when I phoned to talk about *The IHOP Papers*. With car noises and an occasional dog barking as backdrop, she shared that San Diego isn't exactly feeling like home these days.

**"Where did you grow up?"**  
"I grew up in Southern California. I lived in San Francisco and in Brooklyn for seven years and in Providence, Rhode Island, for three years."

### "Was it good to get back to California?"

"Well, yes and no. I'm actually really missing Brooklyn. I miss that it's a city. I like the diversity of New York and the energy of New York and the Met. I've been in San Diego for three and a half years now."

### "What drew you here?"

"I keep asking myself that. My girlfriend was from California and we decided to come back. We had a parttime job, but now

I'm wondering why I'm living here."

### "You sound ambivalent."

"Oh, it's worse than that. My girlfriend has a really good job at UCSD. I don't know if we'll leave anytime soon, but it might be the worst place on Earth, San Diego. I live in South San Diego on the border of National City. The weather is really beautiful and, if you get to the beach, it's really beautiful. But, in lots of ways, it's a cultural wasteland. I hate that you have to drive everywhere. It feels like there's no heart to it. I've had a really hard time connecting here."

### "Tell me about *The IHOP*

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"I just wanted to create a queer character coming of age in the period of time in which I grew up."

flower show and bazaar presented by Ohara School of Ikebana, March 3 and 4, 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. More than 60 floral arrangements on display. Flower arranging demonstrations: noon, 1, 2 p.m. Free. 619-683-2432. (BALBOA PARK)

**Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference**, Saturday and

Sunday, March 3 and 4, noon–6 p.m., at Alexandra's Book-Store (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Alexandra Andrews makes "Predictions for 2007 and Beyond" on Sunday. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

**"One Book, One San Diego"** — discussion of Sonia Nazario's book *Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with His Mother* planned in English on Saturday, March 3, 1 p.m., at Beckwourth Library (721 San Pasqual Street). USD Spanish professor Ruben Murillo leads discussion (in Spanish) at library on Saturday,

March 17, 1 p.m. Free. 619-527-3404.

Nazario talks about her research experiences retracing the 12,000-mile expedition on Thursday, March 8, at KPBS Copley Telecommunications Center (5200 Campanile Drive). Nazario joined by Isidro Ortiz from SDSU's Chicana and Chicano studies department and Olivia Ruiz of cultural

and ethnic studies at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte and USD for immigration discussion. Reception at 6:30 p.m., discussion at 7 p.m. Free. 619-594-2106 (LOGAN HEIGHTS, SDSU)

**A Selection from Berkeley's Human Knowledge** is topic for Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, March 3, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference

room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

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# Reading

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## Papers. To what extent is it autobiographical?"

"I waited tables for 15 years of my life. There's some stuff that's autobiographical, but it is a novel."

"I went away feeling like your main character, Francesca, is so loveable. Did you feel that way about her all the way along?"

"That she's loveable? I don't know if I thought about it in those terms, exactly. I just wanted to create a queer character coming of age in the period of time in which I grew up—in which there weren't the same media resources there are for queer people today. I wanted to capture some of that alienation."

## "Did Francesca evolve as your story grew?"

"I worked on the book for seven years and through many drafts. I'm not a very linear writer or person, in general, so it was a hard thing to tell a familiar story. In that way, I feel like I had to make different decisions with Francesca so the storyline connected or was enhanced."

In *The IHOP Papers*, Francesca uses razor blades to cut herself whenever she is emotionally upset.

## "What has been your experience with cutting?"

"I have personal experience

with it. As I've gotten older, there's a lot more light on that subject. When I was growing up there wasn't. Maybe it's just the way media works these days—that it's possible for us to know much more about what other people are doing."

## "People are talking about cutting in books now. That seems like a newer thing in literature, doesn't it?"

"I've met many people who have been cutters. It's really interesting. I didn't know anyone who did that growing up. Where did people get the idea? I guess if you're depressed or lonely and you're there long enough, you get the idea for anything."

"I guess I'm not being very forthcoming. It's hard to talk about because there are parts of the book that are autobiographical, but it is a novel."

I share with Ms. Liebegott that some researchers say cutters injure themselves in order to feel a sense of release.

"I would agree with that. If you think about Francesca's case, it's simultaneously a way to feel and not to feel. It's a way to feel and to change the feeling. If she was upset about Maria or Irene and she cut herself it caused a shift of focus. I'd say cutting is a way to shift focus."

"Then, Francesca is also a drama queen. She believes that the wounded one gets the love. So cutting is also a way, for her, of looking as wounded as possible."

## "Your writing reads so easily. No one would suspect you labored over any part of it."

"It was so brutal, that book. My first book took a long time to write too, but it was more loose and lyrical. It was a book-length poem. It loosely had some of the same elements, but writing a straight-forward novel is so different. I don't know why people write fiction, actually. It seems like the hardest thing in the world."

## "Does this mean we won't

"If she was upset about Maria or Irene and she cut herself it caused a shift of focus. I'd say cutting is a way to shift focus."

## be seeing another novel?"

"The book I'm working on right now is a graphic novel—an illustrated novel, I guess."

"The thought of writing another straight-forward novel seems awful, somehow. It's called *The Crumb People*. It's about a post-September 11 obsessive duck feeder. It's also about being stuck listening to the radio and that kind of every ten-minutes news-report obsession with media after September 11, and then also it's about this relationship that develops at the local pond."

## "Will you be illustrating

## as well as writing?"

"Yes. It's crazy because they aren't a strip, but are full page illustrations—and there are over 150. They are all pen and ink and watercolor, and it's taking forever. I'm thinking after I get back from my book tour, I'll work on it some more."

## "What are your plans for promoting the book?"

"I'm going to be doing a few readings in March, then, during the month of April, I'm going to be on tour. In the late '90s, there was a group of women called Sister Spit. They were this bunch of dykes

San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, March 4, 10 a.m.—2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

**Marine Mammal and Whale-Watching** day trip to Coronado Islands, Sunday, March 4, 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Adventure boasts marine biologist guide, chance to view sea lions, harbor seals, elephant seals, sea birds, dolphins, migrating gray whales. Tickets: \$65 adults, \$55 students, \$50 kids 13 and under, benefiting local marine wildlife conservation campaigns. Reservations: 858-538-8721.

**Craft Club** gathers at Japanese Friendship Garden to create unique items for sale in garden's gift shop, Monday, March 5, 10 a.m. \$5. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Lick of the Irish,"** Second Chance Dachshund Rescue benefits from events on Tuesday, March 6, 5–8 p.m., at La Jolla Brew House (7536 Fay Avenue). Prizes, "lucky charms," other pet people. 858-456-6279. (LA JOLLA)

**"Understanding Islam in Today's World,"** it's topic for P&R Discussion group, Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

**See 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 weekdays, \$30 weekends for adults, \$15 for those 4–12. Registration: 619-234-4111.

## FOR KIDS

**"Pinocchio"** presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, March 4, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *The Three Pigs and Other Funny Tales*, March 7–11, by Weaver's Tales.

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)

**Louis Sachar's** *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* is next production for actors and crew of San Diego Junior Theatre, March 2–18, in Casa del Prado Theater. Expect the unexpected! For all ages.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays; 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on March 17 is

ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$8–\$13. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

**Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!** Celebrate the (late) doctor's birthday with Seuss stories, activities, Friday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

**Oh Boy! Origami!** Class for kids 5–12 years old, Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Participants make items in celebration of Girls' Day in Japan. \$3. Registration: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

**14th Annual Carlsbad Multicultural Arts Festival**, runs March 3–9, at locations around Carlsbad. Dance, music, storytelling, and theater from the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe. Locations: Centro de Información (3333 Harding Street), Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive), Harding Community Center (3096 Harding Street), Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street), and Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. Details: 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)

**Superfoods and Healthy Snacks** created, tasted during "Macy's Kids in the Kitchen" pre-

sented by Janet Burgess, Sunday, March 4, 1 p.m., at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$30. Registration: 888-424-3663. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Space Invaders,"** use work of Héctor Zamora and "do a unique space-changing activity" during family day events on Sunday, March 4, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard). Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Have Tale Will Travel,"** Young Audiences of San Diego performance with storyteller, guitarist, singer Peter McBride on Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Workshop follows performance. Free. 619-282-7599 x114. (ROLANDO)

**Editorial Cartoonist** Steve Breen visits Warwick's Bookstore to read and sign *Stick* during "Jammies and Bedtime Story Night," Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m. Reading followed by "an adult chat," bedtime snacks for kids. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**"Racing to the Rainbow Live!"** The Wiggles hit the stage in

Cox Arena at San Diego State University on Friday, March 9, at 3 and 6:30 p.m. The Wiggling includes Captain Feathersword, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus, Wiggly Dancers, others. Tickets: \$18–\$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SDSU)

**"Pirates Don't Change Diapers,"** author and illustrator David Shannon reads and signs his new book, a companion to *How I Became a Pirate*, Thursday, March 15, 4 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

## 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. (LAKESIDE)

**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

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who got in a van and went across the country and read their work. A couple of them had books, but mostly they were unpublished. It was a very punk-rock do-it-yourself kind of thing. I did that for a couple of years in the '90s.

"One of the founders, Michelle Tea, is starting it up again, and I'm going along for the whole month of April. They're calling this one 'Sister Spit, the Next Generation.'"

**"Where are you going first?"**

"We start in Seattle. The official schedule hasn't been posted yet, but it should be up very soon. The web address is [www.sisterspitnextgen.com](http://www.sisterspitnextgen.com)."

**"Who else will be traveling with you?"**

"Eileen Myles, Michelle Tea, myself, and a bunch of younger emerging writers that were part of the anthology, *Baby Remember My Name*, that Michelle

edited. I've done several tours of the United States, and they were some of the best times I've ever had.

"It's so scary to have a book come out after working with it for so long. It was great and illuminating to be working with an editor and an agent, and I learned so much, but after all that work it's difficult to have it go out there.

"My first book sold four copies, and my mother bought three of them, so this is just such a different experience. *The IHOP Papers* was reviewed in *Entertainment Weekly*. Can you believe it?

"I had an old roommate whose best friend had a book reviewed in *The New York Times Book Review*. It got trashed. I think the first line was, 'Pity the author who doesn't know what he wants to write about.' Then it went downhill from there. But

there were, like, four words in the review – 'Clearly he has talent.' When the guy's agent called, he was all excited about the review, while the author was devastated. The agent said, 'No. Don't you see? Every book you ever publish from now on can have a quote from *The New York Times Book Review* that says, 'Clearly he has talent.' What a crazy business!"

**"I understand you teach writing at UC San Diego. What do you teach?"**

"Well, it's very fun. I've been an adjunct there since 2003, teaching a couple of classes a year. I've taught the novella, short fiction, epic poem, and poetry. Right now, I'm teaching an elegy class – discussing public grief and poetry and the places where they fit together. It's been an interesting class – for me, at least. I don't know if any of the students are enjoying it.

"I also teach every day at an adult school on the border of Mexico and California. I teach basic skills to adult learners – things like basic math and basic reading and writing. I've taught ESL and GED preparation and stuff like that.

"I cohost a monthly performance series with my girlfriend, too. It's funny. All these people will come out, but you don't really know where they are the rest of the time. When I lived in Brooklyn, you'd actually see interesting people walking on the streets – San Francisco, too. Maybe it's the car thing – everyone's always in their car or their house, so you just don't see them here like you do other places."

**"Were you a reader as a little kid or did you come to it later?"**

"No, I wasn't, really. For Christmas my parents would buy us books because they thought

## "I don't remember being crazy about books."

we should read, but I don't remember being crazy about books. I started writing when I was a teen. A lot of the first books I bought were poetry collections because that's what I was writing at the time.

"I just bought Justin Chinn's new book of poetry called *Gutted*. I also love Lynda Barry, Arundhati Roy, and Randall Kenan – he wrote this great book of stories called *Let the Dead Bury the Dead*.

"Usually, when I'm leading a class, I don't have a ton of time to read other stuff because I'm immersed in whatever it is I'm teaching. I've been reading a lot of poems right now because I've

been teaching a lot of poems. I'm also reading a ton of student poems, because I was just one of the judges for a poetry contest."

**"Is San Diego a safe place to be gay?"**

"I guess so. It's very conservative, though. I guess it's as good as any. As far as feeling safe, yes, I guess I feel safe. But as far as queer art and queer culture, I don't think there's a great selection now.

"If I could get a job in Brooklyn tomorrow and move back, I would. On the other hand, I'm sitting in my yard out in the sun right now, and it's so beautiful. I'm trying to remember that."

—Jerry Miller

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**Coronado Museum of History and Art**, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the 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 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

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

**Heritage of the Americas Museum**, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300–2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368–1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.–A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than

2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

**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)

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**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)

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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.

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Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

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# So, What's New?

*Women's bodies, packaged in preserving wrap, look like American-type Venuses.*

I know a writer whose clinical depression paralyzes him when he has to make a decision. He chokes up at butcher counters: chicken or fish? I tried to imagine his response to the 14 large-format prints from "Copia," a photo-essay by Brian Ulrich currently on view at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego. This young Chicago-based artist has been making images in big-box retail stores like Wal-Mart and Target, mostly in the Midwest. Using a medium-format camera (film, not digital) and shooting through a waist-high viewfinder, he sets the viewer on the same plane with the picture's contents and sometimes presses the visual information so close to the front of the image that he sucks out the respiratory resilience that spatial depth provides. He photographs these enormous spaces so that we'll feel suffocated. (Full disclosure: I avoid such stores because they induce panic attacks.) He makes the Disney section of a monster toy store — its ceiling-high shelves crowded with stuffed Mickeys, Pooh Bears, and Eeyores — swell with desirability and promise. The plump look-at-me colors cram the frame so busily that it takes a few beats to notice the real child standing there among the fuzzy hug-ables. She looks lost.

In mood and ambience, Ulrich's photographs may be the chilliest I've ever seen, even when Kelley greens and jumpy reds riot across the image.

We see large-size shoppers pushing large carts down an aisle of some mega-market's freezer compartments. In a store in Kenosha, Wisconsin, we see pallets with orange, red, and purple 12-packs of soda stacked high, like monuments.

Such uniform bounty can intimidate. Ulrich's photographs are reflections on taste and expectations in a capitalist economy where we're constantly bullied by copiousness, color, and packaging. Spread in front of those pallets, looking abandoned and forlorn, is a little archipelago of spilt milk. These pictures don't need to editorialize about American consumer habits or the connection between consumerism and Americanism, whatever that may be. (Ulrich doesn't condescend to his subject matter.) I have my own negative, hyperventilated feelings about certain kinds of American gigantism, but these spaces and organizations of goods are after all designed and patronized and in many cases enjoyed by human beings. In a sense, consumer goods consume us, but we collaborate in the process. One of these photographs did make me wonder if the culture has lost whatever sense of irony it may have once possessed: an ATM/Cash-Out alcove in what looks to be a casino is announced by a huge sign: CASH AND REDEMPTION.

Ulrich is a straight photographer. He shoots what he sees and doesn't manipulate the image

## REVIEW

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Kenosha, WI, 2003, Brian Ulrich

**Brian Ulrich: Copia**  
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street, La Jolla  
Through Sunday, May 13. For additional information, call 858-454-3541.

**Rebels and Revelers: Experimental Decades, 1970s–1980s, Gifts from the Joyce and Ted Strauss Collection**  
Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park  
Through Sunday, April 29. For additional information, call 619-238-7559.

to pull it out of the realm of shared, recognizable realities or craft it into an obviously constructed "statement." The Museum of Photographic Arts

is showing an assortment of very different practices in *Rebels and Revelers*, a sampling of work produced by photographers who were trying to

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## ART

break new ground in the 1970s and 1980s, by which time several of them had not only matriculated through M.F.A. programs but had become professors in them. So in a sense, pulling the standard formula inside out, the innovative was also the academic. Photography certainly began to use a more conceptual vocabulary to talk about itself, one shared with literature, anthropology, history, and other academic disciplines. This scrupulous self-consciousness has made photography more intellectually reflective about its own means and ends, and terms like “constructed identity,” “re-gendering,” and “fetish commodification” have snaked their way into the ongoing conversation about what’s happening.

Cerebral armoring sometimes weighs heavily on an image. The American Thomas Barrow, working after the manner of earlier experimental image-makers like Man Ray and Lázló Maholy-Nagy, specializes in the photogram, which involves exposing to light solid or translucent objects laid on light-sensitized paper: the paper around the object darkens depending on the exposure, the paper under it brightens according to the object’s density. Photograms create finely layered imagery and suggest the filmy overlays of memory. In a picture like *Struggle for Identity*

2, though, which plies sheeted images of airplanes, a café booth, a negative of Manet’s painting *Le Déjeuner sur l’herbe*, and other things that have a personal resonance for him, Barrow “finishes” these fine textures by stenciling over them (in spray-painted car lacquer) the photograph’s title, as if the



Women's Flimsy Things/Sheer Nylons,  
Barbara Haughton, 1976

contents didn’t already, in their nuanced way, create a field of meaning about his identity as an artist.

More subtle, while still getting in its conceptual licks, is Roger Martin’s series “Plastic Dream Love,” where he lays cellophane over female nudes, creating opaque, oscillating surfaces. Women’s bodies, packaged in that all-purpose preserving wrap, look like American-type Venuses, draped and shimmering, with brief shocks of exposed flesh. His prints are literally surfaces for reflection. We are (they suggest) what we see and *how* we see. Barbara De Genevieve, an American born in 1947, who like some other women photographers took grief for

making stark, inquiring pictures of male nudes, wants her work not so much to be an art object as to make trouble: “I’m much more interested in the conversation/argument/debate that my photographs have the potential to create.” Her tactics are usually comic and directed at herself. She can only take herself and her work seriously if she doesn’t take it — or seem to take it — too seriously.

One of Walker Evans’s most famous images, his 1936 *Penny Picture Display*, which shows a photography studio window filled with wallet-sized portraits of ordinary folks, has become a model for a long stream of photographic practice that takes its form from the family album, the photo-booth film strip, or passport photo sheet. Rick Hock, for an amusing and rather melancholy album-style picture titled *Big Frank*, rephotographed vintage images on Polaroid film, transferred the wet-paper negatives to heavy printing paper, and arranged them as a grid. It’s an antic mix of the kind of essential debris we all carry around in our brains. Hock’s important mental icons include Albert Einstein, the Venus Hottentot, Popeye, Andy Warhol, a page from a “signing” instruction manual, James Joyce, and *Frankenstein*. He says he wanted the picture to be his own Frankenstein’s monster.

The photographic medium devours the surfaces of things, but the x-ray effects of photograms let photography also see through things. Barbara Houghton, an American born

in 1947, has produced a series of photograms titled “Women’s Flimsy Things” that are spooky enchantments. She photographs women’s intimate apparel — included in the exhibition are *Bed Jacket* and *Sheer Nylons* — as ghostly fluorescent whites popping and wiggling and staining out from sheeted translucent blues laid on a nocturnal cobalt black. The subject matter is fraught with mighty subjects about voyeurism, costume as constructed identity, and more from the shopping list I mentioned earlier, but the subject matter is, so to say, worn very lightly. The visual information is communicated slantingly, ethereally, and the conceptual content is realized very sensuously. The stockings and lingerie phase in and out of realist representation. Now you see them (as things), now you don’t (because they’ve veiled themselves into abstractions).



Man at Table, Jo Ann Callis, 1977

As we become aware of looking at something emptied out, the emptiness itself marvelously resolves into a form as solid and articulated as the electrodes in Frankenstein’s monster’s neck. ■

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## GALLERIES

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**“The Famous Face: Portraiture** in Prints from Dürer to Warhol,” a collection of more than 50 prints of famous historical figures, opens with lecture by guest curator Malcolm Warner on Thursday, March 1, 5 p.m., in new Robert and Karen Hoehn Family Galleries in Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Reception follows. 619-260-4261. Exhibition closes on Sunday, May 27. (LINDA VISTA)

**“Marching to a Different Drummer”** is theme for exhibition continuing through March in San Diego Watercolor Society’s new Showcase Gallery at NTC Promenade (2825 Dewey Road, suite 105). Juried show includes approximately 90 water-media paintings. Meet artists during reception on Friday, March 2, 5 p.m. 619-794-0240. (POINT LOMA)

**“2 Degrees East, 3 Degrees West: The Rest of the World”** — exhibition of selected travel images by Roger Camp recording artist’s travels since 1971 opens with reception on Friday, March 2, 6 p.m., in Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G

Street). Opening reception for Camp is Friday, March 2, 6 p.m. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Gentle on My Mind,”** work of San Francisco-based artists Alexander Cheves and Walter Logue “informed by Western landscape, architecture, and state of mind” opens with reception on Saturday, March 3, 6 p.m., at R3 Gallery (2421 India Street). Closes Saturday, April 7. 619-654-4332. (LITTLE ITALY)

## ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts Museum,** “Translucent Visions: Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker — A Retrospective in Watercolor” examines, “through a selection of more than 130 watercolors, the variety of subjects these artists explored over the years.” Paintings include landscapes, cityscapes, animal studies, figurative genre, fruit and floral still-lives, Mexico.

“Personal Connections: An Intimate Portrait of Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker” boasts “selection of personal photographs taken from the collection of Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker,” documenting life and times of these American watercolor artists.

Printmaking is a creative process known for its abundance of materials, processes available creating a wide range of effects; it is “in a constant state of renewal, experimentation, and innovation.” Select artists from San Diego & North County Printmakers have work on view in “Following the Paper Trail: Exploring the Art of Contemporary Printmaking,” highlighting different techniques, styles. On view: collection of lithography, monoprints, etchings, collographs, intaglios, aquatints, linocuts, and woodblock prints.

“Mi Corazon Escondido (My Hidden Heart)” by David Avalos focuses on life in contemporary Escondido. Avalos worked in collaboration with county artists, poets, activists, and residents to transform everyday objects into art works suitable for chapels, flea markets, museum galleries.

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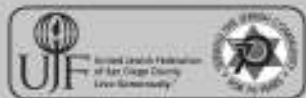
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**Mingei International Museum,** “Eva Zeisel — Extraordinary Designer Craftsman at 100,” draws on two large private California collections to chronicle the artist’s 75-year career. By Zeisel’s accounting, she’s designed more than 100,000 objects for 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.

“Of Gold and Grass — 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 22.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

**Mingei International Museum — North County,** “Paper Transformed,” exhibition made up of “Crowning Glory — From Paper Bag Hats by Moses” and “Origami — The Art of Paper Folding” from Mingei’s permanent collection continues through Saturday, July 21. For “Crowning Glory,” Moses created more than 250 hats from paper bags contributed by merchants in his Hawaiian neighborhood. “Origami” boasts nearly 100 examples of traditional and contemporary paper folding; exhibition honors acclaimed local paper folder, author, teacher Florence Temko. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,** “Morris Louis Now: An American Master Revisited” offers a “critical re-examination of this influential painter’s legacy.” Exhibit boasts 27 canvases produced from 1951–1962, with examples from three significant bodies of Louis’s work. Artist is said to have “played an essential role in shaping postwar American art.” Closes Sunday, May 6.

Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto exhibits his largest and most intricate installation to date. 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.

“Cerca Series: Héctor Zamora,” on view through Sunday, May 6, includes site-specific installation by Mexico City–based artist. Zamora’s piece, entitled *Specular Reflexions*, consists of “application of two layers of two-way mirror film on all 16 gallery windows, creating a surface that functions both inside the Museum as well as outside the gallery.”

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.

Find the museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla,** 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 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,” continuing through Sunday, May 13. Exhibition of work by Tracey Mof-fat, Gavin Hipkins, Pipo Nguyen-Duy, Polixeni Papapastrou, 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 De-Genevieve, 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.

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

**Oceanside Museum of Art,** “Jusour wa Kusour: The Work of Doris Bittar, 1989-2007” continues through Sunday, April 1. The title translates as “A Bridge and a Chasm” — solo exhibition featuring paintings, photographs expressing Bittar’s reflections on cultural landscape of Middle East and her family’s history in the region. She was born in Baghdad to Lebanese parents, and she spent her childhood in outskirts of Beirut. Find 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.

“Tastes in Asian Art,” continuing through Sunday, May 20, introduces new and rarely exhibited works, exploring “diverse tastes of different social groups” — the imperial ruling class, scholars, warriors, common people, features separate section devoted to religious art, section dedicated to Persian art.

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**Symphonic Orchestra Concerto Competition Finals** hosted by San Diego Youth Symphony planned Friday, March 2, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Advanced students perform while “seeking the honor of soloing with the full symphonic orchestra.” Free. 619-233-3232. (LA JOLLA)

**Mozart's “Concerto for Flute and Harp”** is on tap when flutist Clay Ellerbrook and harpist Elena Mashkovtseva join 40-member New City Sinfonia for Spring Concert, Friday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Program includes pieces by Beethoven, Prokofiev, Gluck. Free. 619-527-4457. (HILLCREST)

**American Pianist** Jonathan Biss performs Mozart’s “Piano Sonata in F Major” for Piano Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Friday, March 2, 8 p.m., Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25, \$55, \$75. Pre-concert talk by Bryan Verhoye at 7 p.m. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

**The Arditti String Quartet** presents world premiere of winner of UCSD’s “Graduate Music Composition Competition” during Art-Power concert on Friday, March 2, 8 p.m., UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. Also on tap: Beethoven’s “Fugue for String Quartet in B-Flat Major (Grosse Fugue),” “Moments Musicaux” by György Kurtág, Pascal Dusapin’s “String Quartet No. 5,” and “Quartet No. 3, Grido” by Helmut Lachenmann. Tickets: \$30, \$34, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

**Music of Bach and Zelenka** presented by Bach Collegium San Diego, a choir and period-instrument ensemble directed by Ruben Valenzuela. Three well-known cantatas by J.S. Bach may be heard on Saturday, March 3, 8 p.m., in Founders Chapel of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

**Civic Organist Emeritus** Robert Plimpton performs in Spreckels

Organ Pavilion on Sunday, March 4, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Chopin for Everyone,”** Wayne McEvilly performs for winter/spring concert series at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Sunday, March 4, 2:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

**UCSD Symphony Orchestra,** directed by Geoffrey Gartner, presents Respighi’s “Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No. 2” and Shostakovich’s suite from film score for *The Gadfly*, Sunday, March 4, 3 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

**National Philharmonic of Russia** takes stage on Sunday, March 4, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Program boasts Shostakovich’s “Festival Overture,” Rachmaninoff’s “Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini” and Tchaikovsky’s “Symphony No. 5.” Tickets: \$50–\$65. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**“2 Pianos, 4 Hands:** Dual Pianos in Concert,” brothers Christopher and Johnathon Smith present two-piano concert of classical and sacred music, Sunday, March 4, 7 p.m., at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

**Eighteen-Year-Old Organist** Nathan Laube plans solo concert including a transcription of “William Tell Overture” by Rossini, compositions by Jongen, Widor, Bach on Sunday, March 4, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Laube studies at Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, is assistant organist at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Offering. 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

**Powerful Vocal Duets** promised when Bella Sorella takes stage in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza for mini-concert at noon on Monday, March 5. Free. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872.

Busy on Monday? The ensemble — with sopranos Susanna and Nova Jimenez and pianist Shinobu Kameyama — also performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, March 8, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (DOWNTOWN, SAN MARCOS)

**Indian Music** played by students of Kartik Seshadri, Monday, March 5, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium, UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

**Third-Year Composition Forum,** Jason Rosenberg conducts U.S. premiere of his composition “The Crimson Dawn,” which he describes as “a reflection on sudden loss and its powerful psychological repercussions,” Tuesday, March 6, 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Recital Hall. Free. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

**Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Space** San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra performs Mozart’s “Magic Flute Overture,” “Jupiter” from “The Planets” by Holst, “Symphony No. 5” by Tchaikovsky, and “Serenade for Strings” by Dvořák. Concerts offered on Sunday, March 18, 4 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Road). Offering. 619-235-8067. (BAY PARK, LA MESA)

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## THEATER

### THEATER LISTINGS

*Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.*

#### Altar Boyz

A touring production of the popular Off-Broadway musical, about a “heavenly guy-group,” comes to the Civic for a one week run. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY, MARCH 6, THROUGH MARCH 11; TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

#### Brooklyn Boy

Eric Weiss got his wish. His novel made #11 on the bestseller list. Yet everything else in his crumbling world proves the old adage: be careful what you wish for. Unlike the famous Erich “Houdini” Weiss, Eric’s no escape artist. He can’t flee his Brooklyn neighborhood and Jewish roots any more than he can escape finding his authentic voice. You can anticipate *Brooklyn Boy*’s click-your-heels-three-times ending practically from the get-go. But Donald Margulies’s comedy-drama is more about the journey than the destination. And in six richly crafted, temperamentally different scenes, Margulies turns what could be stereotyped characters into living, suffering, and at times funny human beings. More often than not, the San Diego Rep’s actors accomplish the task. By the end of scene two, for example, Matthew Henerson has taken Eric’s childhood friend Ira through the zodiac of emotions. Deborah Van Valkenburgh does the cycle with two women: Eric’s depressed ex-wife Nina and ersatz Hollywood producer Melanie (who wants to take the Jewish ethnicity out of Eric’s script). On opening night, James Newcomb got a lot of Eric, but there was much more to inhabit (especially the through-line, from passive/reactive to assertive). As Tyler Shaw, allegedly shallow Hollywood star, Andrew Kennedy does a neat Margulies flip: when he plays the fictional Eric, Tyler becomes real. Christy Yael does another one as first-time groupie Alison. In a play that excels with mature dramaturgy, Alison confidently claims that “fiction is, like, so over.”

#### Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MARCH 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

#### Crimes of the Heart

Think you’ve got a lock on suffering? Think no one can scale your pinnacle of pain? Meet the McGraths. A permanent cloud, maybe even a hurricane, storms on their every move. They, in turn, hold nothing back. A pop culture injunction of the early ‘80s (*Crimes* won the Pulitzer Prize in 1981) was “get in touch with your feelings.”

And the sisters do: with *all* of them, no matter how giddy or grotesque. Beth Henley’s comedy-drama comes at you like waves, in sets of three. For New Village Arts, director Dana Case and a top-notch cast turn the play’s quirky rhythms and sudden, Chekhovian silences into plusses: you watch life — sometimes zany, sometimes tragic, often funny — just brim over. As the three McGraths, Kristiane Kurner, Jessica John, and Amanda Sitton craft completely different women, who are sisters nonetheless. Kurner’s Lenny is an abandoned ship. Meg, whom John expertly keeps just this side of a whirlwind, tells Lenny to be her own woman: “Have some parties. Go out with strange men.” Sitton’s impressive as young Babe, as innocent as she is gothic (Babe shot her husband, Zachary, because she didn’t like his looks). Performing on a humble, lived-in set, wearing appropriately drab costumes, and aided by a solid supporting cast, the trio builds arias of feeling. The McGrath sisters are hemmed in from all sides. And though they won’t get all their wishes — there are no pies in that Hazlehurst, Mississippi, sky — they may be graced with what Robert Frost called “a momentary stay against confusion.”

#### Critic’s pick.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, STUDIO SPACE AT JAZZERCIZE, 2460 IMPALA DRIVE, CARLSBAD, THROUGH MARCH 18 (NOTE: *CRIMES OF THE HEART* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH ANTON CHEKHOV’S *THREE SISTERS*); THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-433-3245.

#### The Farnsworth Invention

La Jolla Playhouse’s Page to Stage New Play Development Program presents a workshop production of

Aaron Sorkin’s drama about Philo T. Farnsworth, the invention of television, and the legal battle between Farnsworth and David Sarnoff of RCA (“one of the great tragic examples of legal and industrial force combining to crush a rightful patent owner”). Des McNuff directed. POTIKER THEATRE, LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, UCSD THEATRE DISTRICT, THROUGH MARCH 25; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

#### Fiddler on the Roof

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical about tradition and Tevye, a dairyman in the Russian village of Anatevka. 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.

#### The Four of Us

A sketchy tale told in a jazzy manner. David and Ben were aspiring writers. Then Ben’s novel wins the lottery: agape reviews, foreign translations, film rights. Success doesn’t change him; it changes David. A lot. Playwright Itamar Moses borrows from Tom Stoppard’s play *The Real Thing* (some scenes are “real,” but which ones?) and from Harold Pinter’s *Betrayal*, which moves backward in time. In nonlinear leaps, Moses displays a technical virtuosity that shows why he’s been hailed as one of America’s top young authors. Were the story told in a more straightforward manner, however, and if the actors at the Cassius Carter weren’t so watchable, interest might wane. Performing on a black floor with a



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patent-leather shine, and aided by two scene changers (who watch the proceedings and might be the early Ben and David), Sean Dugan and Gideon Banner resemble a savvy comedy team, or halves of the same psyche. Dugan's David is scattered, lacking confidence, always overflowing (and a mite over-the-top at that). Banner's self-contained Ben veers toward inscrutability (*serious* inscrutability: it would have helped to know what his novel was about, since both Ben and David often function more as rhetorical figures, as parts of a pattern, than characters). Under Pam MacKinnon's smart, unfussy direction, the duo deftly combines different acting styles: Banner suggests; Dugan italicizes.

### Worth a try.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MARCH 11; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

### Glangary Glen Ross

Willy Loman wouldn't last ten seconds with this crowd. The real estate salesmen in David Mamet's comedy-drama don't die, like Willy, and maybe that's their curse. They exist in a Darwinian pressure-cooker and are so desensitized that savage, four-letter slurs just bounce off them, as if the words were understated truths they've known all along. 6th@Penn's production has some suspect choices: the weaker

characters are just that but should be fighting for something too. Nonetheless, this is one of the company's best efforts in years. Jonathan Dunn-Rankin's Shelly "the Machine" Levine and Jonathan Sachs's Ricky Roma bookend the piece as the once and current Alpha Male: Levine desperately crawling from the slime into the light; slick Roma certain of his MVP status. And Dale Morris excels as Dave Moss, a frothing pit bull who chews up and spits out the two-locale set Morris designed. Uncredited period costumes define status by shirt color, or the lack. Another smart choice: 6th@Penn brought former San Diegan Bryan Bevell back to dramaturge (would he were here to stay). The salesmen's motto is ABC, "always be closing." At one point *Glangarry* will sell you a bill of goods, and you'll buy, proving one of Mamet's key points: sales pitches come in all kinds, and don't think you're immune.

### Critic's pick.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH MARCH 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

### Life Is a Dream

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Nilo Cruz's new adaptation of Pedro Calderón de la Barca's 17th-Century reverie about a banished prince and enigmas within enigmas. Kate Whoriskey directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, FOLINO THEATRE CENTER, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH MARCH 11; SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

### The Matchmaker

Cygnnet Theatre stages Thornton Wilder's comedy about love, mistaken identities, and near misses in 19th Century New York. Sean Murray directed. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, THROUGH APRIL 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3.

### Mud

Ion Theatre opens its second full season with Maria Irene Fornes's drama about a young, impoverished woman yearning for a fuller life. Claudio Raygoza directed. ACADEMY OF THE PERFORMING ARTS, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, MISSION VALLEY, FRIDAY, MARCH 9, THROUGH MARCH 25; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-374-6894.

### The Odd Couple

Vista's Broadway Theatre opens its 2007 season with the popular Neil Simon comedy about bipolar apartment-mates. Randall Hickman directed. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY (DIRECTLY BEHIND THE AVO PLAYHOUSE), VISTA, THROUGH MARCH 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

### Readings of August

#### Wilson's Plays: Joe Turner's Come and Gone

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what "Grass-roots 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 per-

formed 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 Cygnnet 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, 6, AND 13 (SPACE TBA) 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.

### The Secret Garden

There's "something wrong inside" Misselthwaite Manor, where the midnight wind goes "wuthering." Everything, not just Master Archibald's large garden, is walled off. Nothing dares to bloom. Francis Hodgson Burnett's 1911 novel joins a survivor, young Mary Lennox, with imaginary invalid Colin; they circumvent the rules of their elders and banish gloom. Lamb's Players' production, of the musical adaptation, begins and ends with Deborah Gilmour Smyth's bell-clear singing voice, like a radiant candle in darkness, inviting us to "Come to My Garden." Smyth sets a tone of enchantment that makes it easier to overlook a somewhat lumpy book (and what feels like four "11th hour" numbers when the climax beckons). Strong voices run throughout the cast: David S. Humphrey's hunchbacked Archibald, Randall Dodge's quasi-villainous Neville, and Mike Buckley's Albert. That's the same Mike Buckley who designs sets for Lamb's and has done a beautiful job here — pointed gothic windows, roseate, see-

through screens (which allow the play's chorus of "Dreamers," who may be ghosts, to waft in and out). As has Nathan Pierson's evanescent, gobo-rich lighting, Jeanne Reith's costumes, and a sharp five-piece band. Director Robert Smyth gives the evening a gentle flow (having scene-changers often exit down steps centerstage is a brilliant idea; like the ghosts, they just disappear). Smyth also had the smarts to encourage a leavening effect: to prevent the evening from becoming *too* breathless, young performers Allie Trimm (Mary) and Austyn Myers (Colin) play bickering brats. **Worth a try.**

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MARCH 11; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

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### The Tavern


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## The Three Sisters

New Village Arts' opening night performance of Anton Chekhov's masterpiece had a "maybe in a week or two" feel about it. Some parts — especially the trio of sisters, played by Kristianne Kurner (Olga), Jessica John (Masha), and Amanda Sitton (Irina) — were outstanding. But the production, and much of the acting, lacked nuance and dimension, and at times verged on shrill: Wendy Waddell's Natasha — who restores order on the Prozorov estate, although it's the *wrong* order — shouldn't be just a one-note shrew; John Garcia's Solyony and Tom Zohar's Andrei both too monotonal; other roles cling to a single trait. Francis Gercke's direction adds imaginative touches, as when everyone suddenly breaks into song around the piano, but lacks fluidity. Brian Friel's translation is lively, but he built it around long confessional monologues that lag the pace of scenes. Characters talk as if they took a class in Existentialism ("absurd," "essence vs. existence"); they explain feelings — even subtexts — rather than show them, and italicize the obvious: "stultifying,"

"hemorrhaging." The three-hour production has an appealing look: turn-of-the-century costumes and uniforms (John), richly detailed set (Kurner), faux-candlelight effects (Eric Lotze), and boasts a splendid cameo by Ron Choularton: Doctor Chebutykin, drunk, lambastes his inadequacies. *Worth a try.*

STUDIO SPACE AT JAZZERCISE INC., 2460 IMPALA DRIVE, CARLSBAD, THROUGH MARCH 18. (NOTE: *THE THREE SISTERS* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *CRIMES OF THE HEART*; FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES, CALL 760-433-3245.)

### 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 ad-

mit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) *Worth a try.*

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

### Two for the Seesaw

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages William Gibson's tale of lonely souls who meet in 1950s Manhattan: an "uptight Midwesterner"


and "an impulsive product of the Bronx." LEGLER BENBOUGH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH MARCH 10; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

### The Uneasy Chair

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Evan Smith's comedy about an "illogical" 19th century relationship. Brendon Fox directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MARCH 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.


### 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.


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### Move Over, Big Dogs

Mike Soul, a local DJ who has appeared at and/or organized events at Olé Madrid, On Broadway, and Aubergine,

never felt comfortable here. [Gaslamp bar owners] don't understand them or even want to understand them. [Clubs] are staying safe because they just want to stay afloat; no one wants to take a risk."

Soul, the new general manager of Heat (a 275-capacity club on Fifth

español or Latin pop hits."

(Crocce's offers Latin jazz bands three or four times a month. Olé Madrid hosts flamenco dancing that includes a Spanish guitarist during dinnertimes.)

— Ken Leighton

**Let's Narc** Local performers whose MySpace sites include references to illegal drug use:

Cheez and Mac Jabronie from El Cajon post songs with titles such as "Big Phat Bluntz" ("Grab the fire and burn one down"), "Stoner Party" ("Smokin' that shit is what I need"), and "Cocaine in the Membrane" ("White soft powder up the nose, suck it through a plastic hose").

The page for the Electric Waste Band features images

times.

Dank (likely named after a potent marijuana) post a song called "One Spliff a Day" ("it keep the evil away").

The page header for the Hormigas from National City reads "me gusta marijuana, me gustas tu" ("I like marijuana, I like you").

The Swollen Monkeys CD *Cannabis Patience* features a pot leaf on the cover; posted songs include "Pot Brownie OD" and "Kine Budz/Medicine Back" ("Hey, officer, give me my medicine, I've got my prescription").

The Smokes describe themselves as "Four stoners from Bonita" who have "forged a strong friendship over pot." They're currently running a "Get Smoked Out

**Dirtier, Rougher** "We recorded the whole thing straight to tape," says Vinyl Radio front man Matt Binder. "This is how the Beatles and the Stones did it."

Two years ago, however,

*Dream* had, like, over 100 guitar tracks. It's a colossal disappointment when you see them live and you don't see a hundred guitars....

"When digital came out, it made things a lot more

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the inside track

points out that 2005 census figures indicate 30 percent of San Diegans are Hispanic.

"There are 50 venues



PHOTOGRAPH BY DEREK PLANK

HEAT'S GOT SOUL

downtown, and only 1 offers Latin music [Café Sevilla]; that's 2 percent. Either there's a bit of racism, or the owners and managers [of Gaslamp nightspots] aren't making the smartest business decisions. It's obvious [Hispanics] have never felt welcomed downtown. They've just

Avenue), says he will feature Latin dance music every Friday and Saturday beginning March 16.

When it opened in January '06, Soul says Heat had an initial surge in business.

"Like the new girl on the block, everyone wants to date you. But after a few months it was, like, 'been there, done that.' People want to move on to something new.... [DJs at Heat were] doing cookie-cutter hip-hop and house music. But it is too hard to try and take on the big dogs like the Stingaree, On Broadway, and Belo with the same music....

"Everybody now is into mash-ups, where they collide rock and hip-hop. But it just doesn't sound that good. It has no vibe.

"Most people assume Latin is salsa or music that promotes cowboy hats and boots. But there is so much style and grace...like, house music with Spanish lyrics and congas. We'll also do *rock en*



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CHEEZ AND MAC JABRONIE...YEAH, THEY'RE JOKING

of anthropomorphic M&Ms surrounded by marijuana, Homer Simpson jamming on guitar with Phish beneath a pot banner, and a bleary-eyed Yoda taking a bong hit.

Atop the page for 80 Thou' Beats is a photo of Bob Marley smoking (presumably) a joint, and their song "Smokin' Zone" has been played around 1360

with the Smokes" offer on their page. "Find us a place to play and buy us beer...anyone and everyone can be a winner." The prize? "One of the Smokes will bum you a Parliament Light cigarette, and you could be packed a bowl of delicious, Smokes-approved ragweed pot."

— Jay Allen Sanford



PHOTOGRAPH FROM MYSPACE/VINYL RECORDS

VINYL RADIO CAN DO WITHOUT THE SHINY

two-inch studio recording tape was not being manufactured.

"There was a bit of a scare," says Mike Kamoo, who produced and recorded Vinyl Radio's new CD at his Earthling Studios in Santee. "Tape was out of production for about six months. I had about 25 reels stockpiled." Though Earthling is equipped to record digitally, Kamoo says, "In the last three years I seem to get a lot of bands who want to record analog. It's a dirtier, rougher, rawer sound."

Other local bands who have recently recorded on tape: the Heartaches, Society, the Spots, Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, Silver Sunshine, Alta Voz, the Glossines, Rookie Card, and Kamoo's band, the Stereotypes.

"Digital sounds glossy and overproduced and really shiny," says Vinyl Radio guitarist Keith Hilton. "The Smashing Pumpkins' *Siamese*

efficient; it made it super easy to overdub and fix every little thing. Every time you rerecord over a tape, the quality diminishes a little; it gives you more of a sense of urgency. With digital you can go back a thousand times. [Rocket From the Crypt singer/producer] John Reis has a three-take rule; he says it should never take more than three takes to do a song. I subscribe to that."

According to Kamoo, local studios such as Pineapple, Big Fish, and Signature Sound offer analog recording facilities.

Vinyl Radio appears at the Casbah on Tuesday for their CD-release party.

— Ken Leighton

**Undercovers** "We manage to sneak some humorous covers in, even if people rarely notice," says Paper Moon guitarist Daniel Dever. "The theme from *Borat* works great in a Gypsy jazz format, and nobody in

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the crowd has picked up on it yet. I'm also working out a fingerstyle acoustic version of the *Family Guy* theme, and [in concert] I give out a free CD to the first person who calls out what it is.

"We do a light-jazz version of 'Message in a Bottle' by the Police," says the German-born Dever. "We started a cover of Madonna's 'Like a Virgin' arranged for swing guitar, and it was pretty funny from our standpoint, but it didn't really work as a performance piece. I arranged a version of 'Believe It or Not (Walking on Air),' the theme from the *Greatest American Hero* TV show, and that didn't go over at all."

Paper Moon recently landed a weekly gig at the U.S. Grant hotel.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**No Bagpipes** "I wanted to get out of Brick By Brick [because of problems with] one of the partners," says former Brick co-owner Chris Heaney. "He wouldn't let us buy him out, plus we always had to keep the place packed, the overhead was so high.... There were a lot of bands we had to book whose music I wasn't particularly into."

For the past four years, Heaney has run Kadan in Kensington. He says crowds are growing for "Bring Your

Own Music Mondays" (launched in January), when patrons provide tunes for the DJ to spin.

"Mostly, people bring what they like, though bands can also bring their own stuff to play. We haven't had to start screening ahead of time yet, but hopefully nobody brings bagpipe music or something objectionable."

On Tuesdays, Heaney's bar holds a Guitar Hero competition, utilizing Sony's PlayStation 2 game.

"We have the special guitar with buttons on the neck that makes different sounds depending on what you do and how you hold it, and you compete to certain



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ALMOST ANYTHING GOES AT KADAN

tunes. We get around 35 players.... People who already play it at home usually win, and I know a few people have gone out and bought the game after seeing or playing it here."

Heaney says he hasn't looked into licensing permission from Sony.

"Hopefully, they'll consider what we do free publicity for the game and not come after us for it."

— Jay Allen Sanford

## OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: HARD ROCK CAFE

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**Skewed Toward Hell-Raising**

Mojo Nixon quit KGB/101.5 two years ago to work for Sirius satellite radio. (His weekday-afternoon country-rock show, *Outlaw Country*, originates from his home studio in Coronado.) With the planned merger of XM satellite radio with Sirius, where does that leave Nixon?

"I got an e-mail from Mel [Karmazin, Sirius CEO] that nothing is going to change until next year.... I just re-upped for two more years."

But XM has a similar channel called "Cross Country." What if only one channel survives an XM/Sirius merger?

"There was talk that some of what was redundant might go away. But I'm not redundant." He says "Cross Country" is geared for "...sensitive, singer-songwriter, Americana [artists]. We skew towards hell-raising, beer-drinking, and monster trucks; there is no need for me to worry."

"[The] 'outlaw country' [genre] is not being serviced by terrestrial radio; nobody else is playing David Allan Coe, Steve Earle, and Dave Alvin."

If the FCC blocks the

merger (as is expected), won't the two companies struggle to survive separately?

"They ain't going out of business; this is the future of radio. Once you watch a movie on HBO, who wants to go back and watch a movie on TV with commercials? I'm sure the cable industry looked



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

DOES NIXON LOOK WORRIED?

shaky at first. It's terrestrial radio that plays 22 minutes of commercials an hour that should be worried. And they are. People talk about iPods [lessening radio's importance], but music was not meant to be listened to on little tiny headphones; you're supposed to listen to it

in a room, in the car, or in the concert hall."

Carlsbad skate mogul Tony Hawk hosts the *Demolition Radio* program on Sirius's "Faction" channel; he interviews action-sports athletes and plays music by Slayer, CKY, and Atreyu.

— Ken Leighton

**Beyond Teenage Wasteland**

When the Who plays ipayOne Center tonight, Roger Daltrey's private dressing room requires six bottles of tonic water, a bottle of Belvedere vodka, a jar of honey, two packs of Throat Coat lozenges, and a "small supply of vanilla ice cream."

Pete Townshend's requirements include two large bottles of orange juice, six bottles each of Evian and Perrier water, six cans of Coke, six cocktail cups ("glass"), and a chamomile tea setup ("with milk, not half and half"). (From *thesmokinggun.com*)

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Echinacea in a Bottle, Bay-beh**

When Christina Aguilera appears at ipayOne Center tomorrow, March 2, her dressing room should have an assortment of Power Bars, Cliff Bars, and Balance Bars, a half-pint of fat-free small-curd cottage cheese

("Knudsen or Clover only"), and a platter of "assorted gums and mints." Drinks: a six-pack of Coke ("not Pepsi"), a

liter of "full fat" vanilla soy milk ("must not contain Canola oil, barley, oats or malt of any kind"), and four packs of Carnation Instant Breakfast ("original malt").

In addition, she wants a container of Nesquik ("chocolate"), a package of Soya Kaas soy cheese, a bottle of echinacea capsules, and a bottle of Flintstones vitamins ("with extra vitamin C"). (From *thesmokinggun.com*)

— Jay Allen Sanford

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# Timing Is Everything

*"Dimebag is my favorite guitarist of all time. I cried when he died."*

The song that played during 19-year-old snowboarder Hannah Teter's gold-winning halfpipe run at the 2006 Winter Olympics — "Communicate" — is by local band Strive Roots. Singer/guitarist Eli Lieberman is Hannah's boyfriend.

"We got 150,000 hits on the website within a few hours of the Olympics," says Lieberman, "and could have sold a ton of down-loads, but the record just wasn't ready in time. We're not business guys, we're musicians, and we just didn't have the money to pull it off, so the record wasn't pressed until a few weeks later."

He says iTunes was able to post the track for sale online two weeks after the Olympic exposure. "It's a kick in the ass that we didn't have anything on the website, not even credit card, when all those people were looking for [the song]."

Lieberman says the band's name was originally just Strive, but "a couple of Christian rock bands took the name after we did. We're self-managed and self-produced, so instead of making a big legal deal about it, we just changed our name to Strive Roots."

The group recently played several gigs at L.A.'s infamous Viper Room. "It's really dinky and there's no backstage — the backstage is the sidewalk — but it's cool to play there. They're weird about letting bands take cameras in... they charge \$250, and you can only have one person taking photos. It's some celebrity thing, because they

have such cool people there."

## WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Eli Lieberman, vocals/guitar

1. Bob Marley and the Wailers, *Uprising* ("It's all about the message.")
2. Primus, *Frizzle Fry* ("Takes groove to a whole new level.")
3. Pantera, *Far Beyond Driven* ("Dimebag is my favorite guitarist of all time. I cried when he died.")
4. John Brown's Body, *This Day* ("Some of the most righteous new reggae on the scene.")

Michael Mae, turntables

1. Horse the Band, *The Mechanical Hand* ("Hard, fast, and great live.")
2. The Presets, *Beam* ("Very innovative.")
3. The Deftones, *Saturday Night Wrist* ("Chino Moreno has a great voice.")
4. Atmosphere, *You Can't Imagine How Much Fun We're Having* ("Great lyricist, great beats.")

Chris Pollock, drummer

1. Live ("Because I like the snare drum.")
2. NOFX, *War on Errorism* ("Drum tones are killer, guitar tones are interesting, and the whole album is exciting to the ears.")
3. Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention, *Weasels Ripped My Flesh* ("Not everyone likes Zappa; it depends on your conceptual continuity.")

Mike McBride, bass/vocals

"Incubus, Tool, NOFX, and Sublime, simply be-

## LISTS

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



Strive Roots

cause these are bands with CDs that I don't get sick of, even after several years of playback."

## DESERT ISLAND DVDs?

Mae

1. *Natural Born Killers* ("Great satire on the media if you get it; lots of blood and mess if you don't.")
2. *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* ("Ultimate road-trip movie.")
3. The *Godfather* saga ("First two films only; the third reeks.")

Pollock

1. *Scarface*
2. *Does Humor Belong in Music?* Frank Zappa Live

3. *A Clockwork Orange*

4. *History of the World: Part 1*

McBride

"Duets, Hero, Moulin Rouge, and Tenacious D: The Pick of Destiny, because they take the audience through several emotions and have totally bitchin' soundtracks."

## WORST GIG?

Lieberman: "At the Derby in Hollywood. It was a holiday, and everybody in L.A. was out of town so not a single person came. We felt like quitting the business."

McBride: "In Breckenridge, Colorado, at Sherpa and Yeti's, I was too wasted to play, and the band

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## MUSIC SCENE

was so mad at me that they left me at the club."

### FAVORITE TV SHOWS?

**Lieberman:** "I don't watch that crap, unless it's *Sex in the City*, *South Park*, Jon Stewart [in] *The Daily Show*, *Dave Chapelle*, or *The Simpsons*."

**Mae**

1. *The Simpsons* ("Classic, although it has fallen off lately.")
2. *Family Guy* ("The new Simpsons. I hope it lasts as long.")
3. *The Office* ("British or American version — both are great.")
4. *Aqua Teen Hunger Force* ("What does it all mean?")

**Mcbride:** "*South Park* and *The Simpsons*, because their jokes are based on reality but in totally unrealistic situations."

### WORST MUSIC EVER?

**Lieberman:** "I like all music and try not to judge, but Justin Timberlake really makes me uncomfortable."

**Mae**

1. "Butterfly," Crazy Town ("Nice job ripping off that Red Hot Chili Peppers riff.")
2. "Courtesy of the Red White and Blue," Toby Keith ("A blatant attempt to capitalize on the American-flag-sticker-buying conservatives, post 9/11.")
3. "Rollin'," Limp Bizkit ("These fuckers made it hard to put turntables in a band and sound credible.")

**Pollock:** "Anything by Kiss."

### BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

**Lieberman:** "I believe our government should use our money and technology to make everything good. Oh yeah, and trees and rivers and blue skies are really nice. Love the planet, don't bomb it."

**Mae:** "The Iraq war. Bring home our brothers and sisters. How are you gonna fix other countries when you haven't fixed home first?"

**Pollock:** "Right-wing nut jobs who try to govern their neighbors with a book they hold sacred. Ever heard of freedom?"

**Mcbride:** "America's concern for the rest of the world and their actions. Leave them alone, and they will leave us alone."

### FAVORITE LOCAL EATERY?

**Lieberman:** "Beach City Burritos in Cardiff, because it's a burrito and it's by the beach."

**Mae:** "Lot 81 next to Brick by Brick on West Morena Boulevard. Their \$15 ahi tuna is unbelievable."

**Pollock:** "The May Day Cafe in El Cajon has a good hot pas-trami sandwich for \$5."

**Mcbride:** "The Gaslamp Strip Club, where you cook your own steaks."

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**Mae:** "...pissed. Who watches *Star Trek*?" ■

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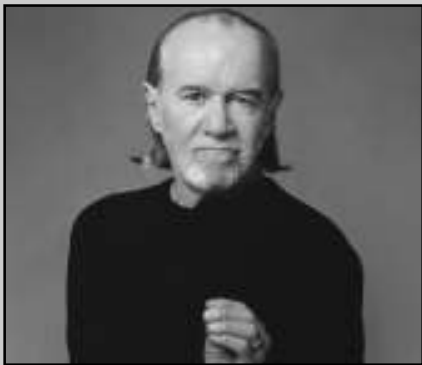
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#### SATURDAY

**Snow Patrol:** Open Air Theatre, Saturday, March 3, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

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#### MONDAY

**The Dropkick Murphys:** House of Blues, Monday, March 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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**Ky-Mani Marley:** Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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#### MARCH

**Ozomatli:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Robert Randolph:** House of Blues, Saturday, March 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Razorlight:** The Casbah, Saturday, March 10, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

**Willy Porter:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, March 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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**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.

**Kris Delmhorst:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Wednesday, March 21, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Kenny Wayne Shepherd:** Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Thursday, March 22, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**Killswitch Engage:** Soma, Friday, March 23, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**The Whispers:** Spreckels Theatre, Friday, March 23, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

**Rod Stewart:** Cox Arena, Saturday, March 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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**Relient K:** House of Blues, Wednesday, April 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Toots & the Maytals:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 12, and Friday, April 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Fu Manchu:** The Casbah, Friday, April 13, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

**The Mother Hips:** Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Montgomery Gentry:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, April 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**Boz Scaggs:** Pala Events Center, Saturday, April 14, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Chicago:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, April 15, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**Moenia:** House of Blues, Wednesday, April 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Huey Lewis & the News:** Pala Events Center, Friday, April 20, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Five for Fighting:** 4th & B, Friday, April 20, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Jet:** House of Blues, Friday, April 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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**Engelbert Humperdinck:** Pala Events Center, Sunday, April 22, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Ricky Martin:** ipayOne Center, Sunday, April 22, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**ZZ Top:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, April 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**Brian McKnight:** Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, April 24, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

**Sean Lennon:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Stephen Marley:** House of Blues, Wednesday, April 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Mute Math:** House of Blues, Thursday, April 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Arcade Fire:** Spreckels Theatre, Thursday, April 26, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

**David Wilcox:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, April 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Blonde Redhead:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 27, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Fall Out Boy and +44:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**ZZ Top:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, April 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Ghostface Killah:** Belly Up Tavern, Monday, April 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

## MAY

**Damien Rice:** Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, May 1, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

**Melissa Ferrick:** The Casbah, Thursday, May 3, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

**Richard Marx:** Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, May 4, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**The Yonder Mountain String Band:** House of Blues, Friday, May 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Taylor Hicks:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, May 6, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Vienna Teng:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, May 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**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

**The Charlie Daniels Band:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, June 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Keith Urban:** ipayOne Center, Sunday, June 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Hot Tuna:** House of Blues, Monday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

## AUGUST

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**Air Conditioned:** Wednesdays, *RockBoxx*, '70s and '80s rock. Thursdays, *College Night*, old-skool hip-hop, '80s, and funk with DJ 1979. Fridays, old-skool disco, funk, and '80s with DJ Junior. Saturdays, *Juicy*, classic booty-shakin' music with Mike Czech. Sundays, guest DJ night. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

**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. Sundays, first floor, *Club Retro*, nu wave, synth-pop, and new romantic; second floor, *Underworld*, industrial, gothic, and darkwave. 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 Walkkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Second Saturday of the month, classic and underground hip-hop, funk, and breaks with DJs Frantik, Thumbprint, and Pnutz. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

**Hot Monkey Love Cafe:** Saturdays, *Candy Shop Young Adult Nightclub*, DJ'd

hip-hop, R&B, dirty South, and live music. 8 p.m. 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-469-4113.

**Inferno Young Adult Nightclub:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 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 house with DJ Sean Wilson. 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

**Kadan:** Wednesdays, *Darkwave Garden*, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Stern, and Grimderella. 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*, 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.

**Riley's Sports Bar:** First Friday of the month, *Sin Factory*, fetish, gothic, and industrial. 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

**San Diego Sports Club:** Wednesdays, *Club Pussy Galore*, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electropop, and '80s. 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. Third Saturday of the month, *Club de Sade*, gothic, industrial, and fetish with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

**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.

**South Park Bar & Grill:** Fridays, disco, funk, and electro with DJs Riddles and Rudy Palos. 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. 1946 Fern Street, South Park. 619-696—0096.

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Years ago a friend and I went to see **Deerhoof** at a small club in the band's hometown of San Francisco. After a couple of songs of clattering drums, weird guitars, and the child-like, Japanese-accented vocals of **Satomi Matsuzaki**, my friend turned to me and said, "Blonde Redhead rip-off." I thought that was a weird thing to say, especially because at the time I (mistakenly, I later learned) thought of Blonde Redhead as a Sonic Youth rip-off. But I knew where my friend was coming from. She was thinking about Blonde Redhead's accented vocals.

There are a lot of things going on in any

given Deerhoof song — even their shortest numbers go through so many changes you'd think you had pushed "seek" on your radio instead of the play button. Even so, the first thing that you'll notice and the last thing that will stick in your mind is Matsuzaki. On the band's new album, *Friend Opportunity*, drummer **Greg Saunier** sings one song, and suddenly it sounds like a different band.

Anyway, Deerhoof has been around for well over a decade now, has toured with Radiohead, the Flaming Lips, and the Roots, and long ago left behind the days when it could credibly be called a rip-off of anyone else in indie rock. Instead, think of Deerhoof as a progressive rock band that frightens off the King Crimson fans by being too goofy. But who needs King Crimson fans anyway? Last year a group of schoolkids in



DEERHOOF

Maine staged an original ballet based on Deerhoof's 2004 album *Milk Man*. Some people hear Matsuzaki and think, "Weird." Maybe the schoolkids heard her and thought, "She's one of us."

**DEERHOOF, Epicentre, Friday, March 2. 858-271-4000.**

**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.

## CLUBS BY AREA

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## BEACHES

**Bahia Resort Hotel,** 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international/pop standards.

**Bar Leucadian,** 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, *Nude BBQ*, rock. Saturday, *Red-Handed*, classic rock.

**The Calypso Cafe,** 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live blues/jazz/reggae nightly. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

**'Canes,** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Terra Incognita*, the *Atlas of Id*, *Fuzz Huzzi*, and *Grin's Edge*, rock. Friday, *the Big Provider*, *Four Minutes Till Midnight*, and *Good Intentions*. Saturday, live bands.

**Ché Café,** UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, 8 p.m., *Colossus of Roads*, *This Flood Covers the Earth*, *Seven Ate Nine*, and *Malady*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Atoms*, *the Powerchords*, and *the Pop Machine*. Sunday, 6:30 p.m., *the Loved Ones*, *Dead to Me*, and *Misled Citizen*. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *the Doers*, *Collapsing Opposites*, *Halyconaires*, and *the Artist*.

**Clay's,** atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Live jazz.

**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. Music is rock/alternative/metal. Friday, 4 p.m., *Flatline*, *Discord*, *One Theory*, *Aghori*, *Dead Serial Killers*, and *Briegade*.

Saturday, 4 p.m., *The Lott*, and *Apes in English*.

**E Street Cafe,** 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Kyle Whitcomb*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Compass Rose*. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Rob Mehl*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Frank Leong*.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB),** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, Irish folk.

**The Kraken,** 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Saturday *the Blues Invaders*, blues. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam.

**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*.

**Ortega's Tamaleria,** 4993 Niagara Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tajolla and Friends*, variety.

**Pasquale on Prospect,** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron*, *Mark Fulton*, *James East*, and *PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guilino*, *Dave Scott*, and the *Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Mario Oliveras* and *Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

**710 Beach Club,** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Yesterday's Papers*, *Slower*, and *Kemistry*. Friday, *Pink Floyd*. Saturday, *the Cured* and *Still Ill*. Monday, *Mitch Budd*. Wednesday, *Demasiado*, *the Material*, *Hallow Point*, and *Spades and Blades*.

**Tiki House,** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, *Julie Mack*.

**Tower Two Beach Cafe,** 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., live music.

**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, *Particle*, rock. Friday, *Kush* and *Jah Blood Fiyah Angels*, reggae. Saturday, *Elijah Emanuel* and *the Revelations*, reggae. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Six Reasons*, rock.

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## DOWNTOWN

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

**Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)**, 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Asono*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Teflon*.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Midlake*, *Ester Drang*, and *Minipop*. Friday, *Spell Toronto*, *Firstwavehello*, *Crash Encore*, and *the Modern Rifles*. Saturday, *French Kiss*, *Goodbye Blue Monday*, and *Scissors for Lefty*. Sunday, *Aqueduct*, *the Annuals*, and *Inberst*. Monday, *Snowden*, *Malajube*, *Fifty on Their Heels*, and *the Fascination*. Tuesday, *the Ringers*, *the Blackout Party*, and *Vinyl Radio*. Wednesday, *Transfer*, *Birdmonster*, and *the Roman Spring*.

**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, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Blue Rockit*, blues/rock. Friday, 8 p.m., *Private Domain*. Saturday and Sunday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *Dregs of Sada*. Wednesday, *Private Domain*, unplugged.

**Dizzy's**, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *John Jorgenson and His Quintet*, Gypsy jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *ESP*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., live jazz. Sunday, *Ellen Johhson*, *Rick Helzer*, *Gunnar Biggs*, and *Jeanette Kangas*, jazz.

**Dublin Square**, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music.

**4th & B**, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *Lila Downs*, Latin/folk/jam band. Wednesday, *the Spazmatics*, rock/comedy.

**Gaslamp Tavern**, 868 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-3339. Tuesday, *Fishbait*, country. Wednesday, *Mark Fisher*, classic 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.

**Henry's Pub**, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Groove Sessions*. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

**Jimmy Love's**, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *Diva Soul*, disco/dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Pop Rocks*, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, dance/Top 40.

**Martini Ranch**, 528 F Street, live band. 619-235-6100. Thursday, live band.

**Patrick's II**, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Blue Four*. Friday, *Michele Lundeen*. Saturday, *Aunt Kizzy's Boyz*. Sunday and Monday, *the Texas Twisters*. Tuesday, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. 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, *Salsa Caliente*. Tuesday, *Orquesta Guarare*.

**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*.

## SAN DIEGO

**AcousticMusicSanDiego**, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Mike Marshall* and *Hamilton de Holanda*, acoustic. Saturday, *Samite*, African music.

**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.

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

African folk singer **Samite** would conquer the ills of his motherland with a marching band made up of children generally considered hopeless — glue addicts and street thugs, many of them orphaned at a young age by the deaths of their parents to AIDS or tuberculosis or malaria. Samite heads a foundation called Musicians for World Harmony. "One of the orphanages we visited," he says, "they're asking for musical instruments there. With instruments, these orphans could learn to play like a marching band. It would give them self-esteem. And when a marching band goes to an area, people follow it. And that gives them a platform to talk about how to save yourself from AIDS. And so it's,

like, 'Wow! That's really nice.' That's like music, but using music to motivate the whole village to get together and teach them how to protect themselves from AIDS and how you get AIDS. It's not witchcraft. It's not a curse. You get it from having sex."

As Samite speaks, images of Maurice White and his own 1970s-'80s war on the inner-city plight of African-Americans come to mind. White favored the kalimba, the tiny African thumb piano that is central to Samite's music as well. He made it the locus of a bootstrapping kind of empowerment that his own band Earth, Wind, and Fire would broadcast.

Comparisons stop there. Culturally, Samite is far off from the polish of soul and R&B. His is a world music that is authentic, simple as a lullaby, yet driven by a cross-current of complex rhythms and sounds. "When you bring music to [the children], they really open up. They're able to share some of their pain." Samite says they're also able to share their dreams



SAMITE

of the future. "There's so much going on that is totally positive. People think there's no hope in Africa."

**SAMITE, AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, March 3. 619-303-8176. \$15 or \$20.**

**The Beauty Bar**, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Rinse*, pop rock.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, 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., *Steven Ybarra*, acoustic folk.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is heavy rock/metal/punk/rockabilly. Thursday, *Idlemine* and *Disalto*. Friday, *Awaiting Samsara*, *Back from Ashes*, *Fracture Point*, and *Etched in Red*. Saturday, *FM Revolver*, *Rev*, *DanteUs Boneyard*, and *the Four Kings*. Sunday, *the Small Hours*.

**Chasers Cocktails**, 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-280-9379. Saturday, 10 p.m., *Wall of Tom*, alternative rock/pop rock.

**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. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Building Rome in a Day*, *the City's Finest*, and *the New Addiction*. Friday, 6:30 p.m., *Barbie Albamis*, *Mindstress*, *Playsafe*, and *Sugarchaos*.

**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, *the Fall Guys*, rock.

**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*.

**Humphrey's**, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Detroit Underground*, Motown/soul. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the New Breed Band*, jazz/pop. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Trade Winds*, Jimmy Buffet tribute band. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Len Rainey and the Midnight Players*, Chicago blues. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Soul Persuaders*, sweet soul.

**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 Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Live rock/alternative/metal music.

**The Lafayette Hotel**, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-2101. L Bar and Grill: Thursday, 5 p.m.

to 8 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, *Brandon Stanley*, *Cotton Fever*, and *Jeremy Geltman*. Friday, *Gregory Page*. Saturday, *John West* and *Trevor Davis*. Sunday, *Cheeky* and *Tim Mudd*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Blue Meridian* and *Pete Stewart*.

**Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom**, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Friday, 9 p.m., *Orquesta Rico Tumbao*, salsa. 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.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub**, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *the Citizen Band*, *the Coyote Problem*, *Barbara Nesbitt*, *Podunk Nowhere* and *Will Edwards*, rock/acoustic/folk. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Screamin' Yeehaws* and *Wonk Unit*, rock/punk/country. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Behind the Wagon* and *the First Wave*, rock/punk. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the Blackout Party*, rock/garage.

**The Ould Sod**, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Sara Petite*, folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

**The Prado Restaurant**, 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Raggle Taggle*, Celtic/Irish.

**Redfox Steakhouse**, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *the Ed Repisi Duo*. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m., *Shawline Expression*.

**Rosie O'Grady's**, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

**San Diego Sports Club**, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Live rock/indie/alternative rock.

**Scolari's Office**, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative.

**Second Wind**, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

**Sham Rocks Shack**, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday and Saturday, live bands.

**Sogno Di Vino**, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

**Soma**, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Friday, *the Blackletter Days*, *Victory Within*, *Magnuson*, *Down from the Gallows*, and *Sic Waiting*. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Moneen*, *Pistolita*, *Damiera*, and *Weatherbox*.



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**Belly Up Tavern**, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Pato Banton, the Mystic*

**Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)**, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Asono*, folk.

**Coyote Bar and Grill**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jeff Moore* and the *Witchdoctors*, blues. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, rock/reggae. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Steamers*, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie*




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**Del Dios Bar and Grill**, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, *the Clachan Boys*, folk/country. Saturday, *Peter Sprague*, jazz.

**Game Time Tavern**, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

**Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)**, 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *the Stone Senses*, classic rock. Saturday, live 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. Music is rock/alternative/metal unless otherwise noted. Thursday, live bands. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Motus, Landon, WFO*, and *Fight the Fear*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Irieside, Inberst, Hellion, Noiz*, and *Piracy*. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Overview, Backseat Goodbye, Kelly, DeCapulet*, and *Evangeline*. Monday, 7:45 p.m., *Hallow Point, Spades and Blades*, and *the Night Fell Silent*. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., *the Exies, A Dead Giveaway*, and *Chasing Shadows*. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., *the Urbanomics*.

**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, *Lizard Fish*, 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. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing. Wednesday, open mike, blues.

**Pounders**, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Stone Wolf*, classic rock.

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**Artist:** General Lee

**Label:** self-released

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**Band:** David Myers (guitar, vocals), Fred Lawson (bass), Norm Bisson (guitar), Mike Welch (drums)

**Website:** [generalleeband.com](http://generalleeband.com)

**Extra info:** General Lee is scheduled to play the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club on March 9 at 11 p.m.

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caps, and you'd swear their occupation was drinking beer. I respect both philosophies, but if you're a music nerd, read no further. If you have grease under your fingernails or, ladies, if you own a tube top, General Lee is your band.

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Monday, March 5  
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Wednesday, March 7  
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**Alight from Ashes:** Brick By Brick

**Back from Ashes:** Brick By Brick

**The Big Provider:** 'Canes

**The Black Letter Days:** Soma

**Building Rome in a Day:** Epicentre

**Cheeky:** Lestat's Coffee House

**The City's Finest:** Epicentre

**Collapsing Opposites:** Ché Café

**The Colossus of Roads:** Ché Café

**Compass Rose:** E Street Cafe

**Damiera:** Soma

**Dawn Over Zero:** Dreamstreet

**DeCapulet:** The Jumping Turtle

**Dead to Me:** Ché Café

**Demaiado:** 710 Beach Club

**Disalto:** Brick By Brick

**The Doers:** Ché Café

**Down from the Gallows:** Soma

**Ester Drang:** The Casbah

**Etched in Red:** Brick By Brick

**Evangeline:** The Jumping Turtle

**The Fascination:** The Casbah

**Fifty on Their Heels:** The Kensington Club, The Casbah

**Fight the Fear:** The Jumping Turtle

**The First Wave:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Firstwavehello:** The Casbah

**Flight to Athena:** Dreamstreet

**Four Minutes Till Midnight:** 'Canes

**Get Your Death On:** The Kensington Club

**The Halyconaires:** Ché Café

**Idlemine:** Brick By Brick

**Inberst:** The Jumping Turtle, The Casbah

**Kemistry:** 710 Beach Club

**The Loved Ones:** Ché Café

**Magnuson:** Soma

**Malady:** Ché Café

**Malajube:** The Casbah

**The Material:** 710 Beach Club

**Midlake:** The Casbah

**Mindstress:** Epicentre

**Minipop:** The Casbah

**Misled Citizen:** Ché Café

**Moneen:** Soma

**The Mooney Suzuki:** Belly Up Tavern

**The New Addiction:** Epicentre

**The Night Fell Silent:** The Jumping Turtle

**Paybreak Ends:** Dreamstreet

**Pistolita:** Soma

**Playsafe:** Epicentre

**The Pop Machine:** Ché Café

**The Powerchords:** Ché Café

**The Ringers:** The Casbah

**Scissors for Lefty:** The Casbah

**Seven Ate Nine:** Ché Café

**Sic Waiting:** Soma

**Silence Betrayed:** Dreamstreet

**Slower:** 710 Beach Club

**Snowden:** The Casbah

**Sugarchaos:** Epicentre

**Teflon:** Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

**This Flood Covers the Earth:** Ché Café

**Ultra High Frequency:** Dreamstreet

**Victory Within:** Soma

**Vinyl Radio:** The Casbah

**Wall of Tom:** Chasers Cocktails

**Weatherbox:** Soma

# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Dee Ray**

Song: **"Some Dreams"** (from the CD *Still Dreaming*)

Heard By: **Joey Nelson**, Golden Hill



Joey

It's odd because I don't listen to a lot of bands with female [singers]...but Danielle Lo Presti and the Masses [comes to mind]. I hate to say this, but there are so many bands [like this] out there that it seems very "stock rock." First off, I'm a percussionist, and there was absolutely no variation in the drumming. It was kind of upsetting, actually. The lyrics really weren't that memorable. It all depends on what you're going for, too. They might be going for a quick record deal and that might be what they want and you know what? More power to them.

Artist: **Starcrossed**

Song: **"I Tried"** (from the CD *Waves*)

Heard By: **Jared Montoya**, Serra Mesa



Jared

I thought it was like a lighter version of Moonspell and a heavier version of U2. After listening to the lyrics, I kind of understood the whole feel of the song. [The singer] was talking about [how] "he cried a lot" and "she cried a little," so it sounded like a relationship issue. Towards the end of the song I was kind of reminiscing myself, so it's definitely one of those songs you just want to chill to on a lazy day.

Artist: **The Pheromones**

Song: **"Pining for Return"** (from their self-titled CD)

Heard By: **Tiffany Schrade**, Pacific Beach



Tiffany

I started thinking about the Fray when I initially started listening to them. They kind of sound like they'd be in the background of *Grey's Anatomy*; it's a little drab. I think they're good musicians, but there was nothing that seemed really distinct. There was nothing [in the lyrics] that really stuck in my mind where I was, like, "I'm going to sit down and ponder that." I'm a huge fan of Tool and Incubus and mostly because their lyrics are so applicable or you can sit down and research it and try to attach meaning to it.

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**Backseat Goodbye:** The Jumping Turtle

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**Birdmonster:** The Casbah

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**Brain Buckit:** Tiki House

**The Brat Pack:** Henry's Pub

**Briegade:** Dreamstreet

**Mitch Budd:** 710 Beach Club

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**The Modern Rifles:** The Casbah  
**Motus:** The Jumping Turtle  
**Nemesis:** Second Wind (San Carlos)  
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**Noiz:** The Jumping Turtle  
**Nude BBQ:** Bar Leucadian  
**Otherwise:** Brick By Brick  
**Overview:** The Jumping Turtle  
**Particle:** Winstons

**The Pine Mountain Logs:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Piracy:** The Jumping Turtle  
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**Silverside:** Dreamstreet  
**Gone9:** Second Wind (Santee)  
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**The Spazmatics:** 4th & B  
**Spell Toronto:** The Casbah  
**The Stilettos:** Henry's Pub  
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**Terra Incognita:** 'Canes  
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**Uptown Groove:** Dirk's Niteclub

**West of 5:** Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

**WFO:** The Jumping Turtle

**The Widows:** Tower Bar

**Wire Monkey:** Surf N'Saddle

**Wonk Unit:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

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**Jesse Davis:** Buon Giorno Restaurant

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**James East:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Mark Fulton:** Pasquale on Prospect

**The Good Times:** Henry's Pub

**Jimmy Lavello:** Dakota Grill and Spirits

**The Love Rangers:** The Alley

**Rick Lyon:** The Imperial House

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**Tom Bishop:** Rancho Bernardo Inn

**Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado

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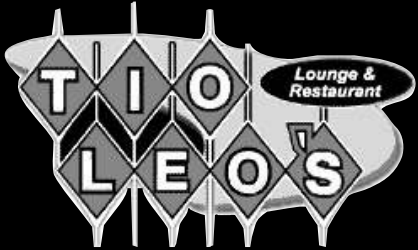
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by Josh Board

**I** can't say I have women figured out, but one aspect of them I understand. I got invited to a party to which I had the perfect outfit to wear. I ran to my closet to look for it. The party's theme was "Golf Pros and Tennis Ho's." I once accompanied a golfer friend to a golf shop. I don't golf and had no intention of making a purchase, but I liked a green shirt that was on sale. It wasn't until I got the shirt home that I realized it had golfers embroidered around the buttons of the collar. I've never had occasion to wear it — until now. That shirt and a pair of ugly checkered pants I received as a gift would make the perfect ensemble. I put on one of my racquetball gloves to complete the outfit.

Alanna hosted the party at her Uncle Joe's house in Encinitas. I walked into the back yard where a band was setting up their equipment. With the houses so close to each other, I figured the music wouldn't last long. After setting up, the band was relaxing near the Jacuzzi. I approached them in my goofy plaid pants; they wore ripped



jeans and rock T-shirts. They told me that their name was Social Green. One of the guys told me about a recent show they did at Quail Botanical Gardens. I didn't even know bands played there. As I walked away, one guy in the band joked, "Don't write that we were over here doing cocaine." I glanced back to see if they were.

**"Warning: No pregnant women or people sensitive to caffeine."**

They only had cigarettes.

But one guy sitting out at a table in the grass did have cocaine — a can of the beverage Cocaine. I said, "Oh, I read about



Top left: Women dressed as golfers; Top right: At a tennis-and-golf-themed party, head bands and visors are very popular; Bottom left: You can see, it's actually a badminton racket in her hand; Bottom right: Alanna on the right

that. It was controversial that the company called it that." He asked me if I wanted to try it. As I read the label, he told me what he knew about it. His brother

said, "It's the worst. It tastes like...Pixy Stix in liquid form." I said, "That sounds good to me." It was an 8 oz. can of pink liquid. I tried to remember what

the article I read said about this. I didn't want to trust guys at a party. I thought it had the amount of caffeine that equaled three cups of coffee. I tried a can. I liked the taste. The label on it read, "Warning: No pregnant women or people sensitive to caffeine." I did think it was lame that they picked the name "Cocaine," because I think if younger people get used to the name, it might one day make it easier for them to try the drug. Another guy at the party said,

"Yeah, and all the bad press this drink is getting, the company probably loves it. Even bad press gets their name out there."

I saw a guy walk in through the back gate with a sweater tied around his neck. I realized this was a theme party that most people can dress for. One woman reminded me of Olivia Newton-John back in the '80s. Another guy brought his golf clubs. When he left one in the grass, a woman accidentally stepped on it, and the club almost smacked her in the face. One guy with a golf club told me, "I actually have an injury, so this is serving as a cane for me."

One person showed up wearing a green blazer, like the ones presented to the winners of the Masters' golf tournament. I thought he must have been burning up — it was a hot, sunny afternoon.

Several times I overheard, "Do you play tennis?"

"No, but I have before." I wondered if the guys were using this as an opening to talk to women.

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over, one woman would smack them with her racquet.

One lady had a bad-minton racquet. She said, "It's the closest thing I had."

An hour later, the band was still hanging out by the Jacuzzi. I asked them when they would start playing. They just shrugged their shoulders. One of them said, "We might start playing when more people show up." I asked one of the guys in the band about his pump-

kin tattoo. "I love jack-o'-lanterns, dude." I asked him if he was born on Halloween. "No, but my brother was. I was born on December 24th. I have a quarter Jesus in me." Another guy in the band added, "Hey, I was born on December 23rd." They hit their fists together and said they were both Sagittarians. I asked, "Do you guys get screwed on birthday gifts?" They both nodded, and one said, "All the time, bro."

Someone was collecting

\$10 per person for the band. Another person followed close behind with Jell-O shots. She said, "I slaved all night making these. I made 98." I asked, "How do you know the exact amount?" "I bought 100 lids and 2 were left over."

A few girls were making toasts with them. I overheard a woman who had had a few say into her cell phone, "Yeah, I'm completely hammered, and it's only 3 o'clock in the afternoon."

Another, more sensible woman talking on her phone said, "No. This party includes drinking, and I have to work tonight."

A guy who was on his phone got excited when he was the tenth caller to a radio-station contest. I had to laugh because there was no radio on. Uncle Joe was playing CDs on a car stereo he had built into a grill in the back yard. It was an elaborate setup. I asked him if he was worried about the weather damaging anything.

"I just got a cover for it all. It will be fine."

I wish the same could be said for the CDs, which skipped a few times. When a Creedence Clearwater CD came on, I said to Joe, "I don't know if a bunch of 20-year-olds are going to care for CCR the way we do."

When it started skipping, they really didn't care for it. One guy who saw me stand-

ing near the stereo said, "Hey, party crasher, put a different CD in! When music skips like this, that's a real party crasher!" ■

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# A Night in Provence

Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood. It's located in a new upscale suburb in the former wilds southwest of Rancho Bernardo and northeast of Del Mar, with the usual component of chain stores and chain restaurants in homogenized strip malls. But when you step through Cavaillon's door, you're transported to the mythic small-town heart of France, where housewives flirt with their butchers to get the best piece of meat and sniff and thump on every melon at the farmstand. The comfortable, medium-small restaurant could even be a bistro in the Provençal market-village of Cavaillon — hometown of chef-owner Philippe Verpiand, who was the sous-chef at La Jolla's renowned Tapenade for seven years before striking out on his own.

The decor is pure Gallic nostalgia for preindustrial days: Polished tables of dark wood are set with heavy white linen napkins and brass chargers but no tablecloths. The wooden chairs are comfortable during a long meal. Art Nouveau light sconces, shaped like ecru calla lilies with gracefully curved stems, alternate on the walls with sepia photographs and vintage black-and-white postcards portraying the town of Cavaillon at the turn of the last century.

The menu offers several options for how you want to play dinner. You can enjoy a delicious, modestly priced meal at the Monday night prix fixe dinner (\$32 for three courses). You can have a slightly more expensive meal from the regular menu, especially if you shut your ears to the siren songs of the evening's specials. (On the other hand, you're not going to live forever.) Or you can rush to the restaurant before March 15 to take advantage of an outpouring of black truffles fresh from Provence — a menu available à la carte or as a full tasting dinner for \$79.

Moi? I did it all, you-all. That's (heh heh) my job.

The Lynnester's charming mom, Mary Ann, had just arrived to escape the frigid winter in northern Michigan. Like daughter, like mother — Mary Ann had already done her research and singled out Cavaillon as a destination, even if it meant driving north with Samurai Jim a few hours after her plane landed.

We thought we were coming for the Monday night prix fixe. But then we discovered the "Black



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Truffle Celebration" in a one-page menu inset. We mixed and matched two prix fixe dinners with à la carte choices from the regular menu and the truffle dishes. I returned a few nights later, determined to try more of the regular menu's dishes — but succumbed again (partly) to the temptations of truffles and specials.

Whatever you choose, your life will be a happier one if you start with a mini-appetizer of *panisse* (\$5), a specialty of Provence. It's misleadingly described as "chickpea cakes," but don't think falafel — think deep-fried satin. What you get are four puffy, golden-brown rectangles (like steak fries), crisp outside, light and soft inside — essentially custard with fine-milled garbanzo flour as a binder. This proves to be a superb, sugarless substitute for the toasted marshmallows of childhood campfires, rivaling deep-fried tofu in texture. The flavor is subtle and clean, and the thick aioli dip does not stint on garlic. (The myth is that Provençal girls never get mosquito bites because their flesh is so imbued with garlic. Did the story originally feature Dracula instead of *aedes*?)

Cavaillon is not the sort of restaurant where

they stick you with the "cheap" dishes on the Monday prix fixe menu. Here, the choices are every bit as tasty as the more expensive entrées, with most drawn from the regular menu. The soup du jour was a creamy potato-leek purée sprinkled with finely minced chives. It was rich, subtle, comforting, a caress to the soul. Tartiflette, arriving in a small baking dish, was a gooey gratin of potatoes with leeks, bacon, and mild melted Roucoulons cheese. Jim loved it, as did the rest of us, but all three women found it rich for a starter. "I'd prefer this as a side dish with an entrée," said svelte Mary Ann.

Coq au vin consisted of two plump thighs robed in a thick, soul-soothing reduced-wine sauce sweetened by cooked-down carrots and onions. You'd never guess that peasants invented this dish to wring the last bit of nutrition from retired laying hens and bruised roosters beaten on the alpha-male battlefield. The hens at our table gossiped about Julia Child. "Her recipe for coq au vin isn't nearly this good," Mary Ann said. "Coming to think of it," I added, "the coq au vin I ate in Burgundy wasn't this good either." "Are you actually

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### Cavaillon

★★★★ (Excellent)

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**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Seasonal, classic multiregional French dishes emphasizing Provence. Intelligent international wine list featuring French bottlings with much lower than average markups, nothing exorbitant, and "bargains" on the reserve list. Fine choices by the glass. Corkage \$20 for up to two bottles, \$35 for more.

**PICK HITS:** Panisse (chickpea "cake" appetizer); coq au vin; slow-baked salmon; duck confit; black truffle dishes; specials.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Black Truffle Celebration with special dishes through March 15. Economical prix fixe three-course dinners Monday nights. Door is up short flight of stairs, wheelchair ramp from back parking lot behind the building. Well-soundproofed room can still get loud when full. "Neighborhood" ambience (in upscale neighborhood), nice casual to dressy. Dining patio in good weather. Reservations recommended, especially Mondays and weekends. A few dishes for lactovegetarians, but risotti may include chicken broth, so inquire.

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saying this is the best coq au vin you've ever eaten?" asked Jim. Yes, it was.

Slow-braised salmon proved a prodigy, too, the flavorful fish, clearly wild catch, so gently cooked that it was as velvety through the narrow strip as it was in the thicker part. It came with a lighthearted mixture of diced apples, leeks, and rutabaga.

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From the truffle menu I zeroed in on duck foie gras “*au torchon*.” The *torchon* treatment (wrapping, slow-poaching, and then chilling) creates a deluxe cousin to *pâté*, with a texture like semifirm butter. The generous cylinder included plenty of delicious black truffle shavings running through the center. It came with a madeleine-shaped oval of black Mission fig mousse and toasted brioche slices to spread the manna on. The ethereal mousse is only slightly sweet, an elegant alternative to the usual syrupy fruit explosions.

Maine diver scallops are an entrée on the truffle menu, but the staff graciously accommodated my plea to have a half-portion served as an appetizer. The interiors of the tremblingly supple scallops were the nacreous tint of a pink pearl. They were scattered with a king’s ransom of coins of black truffle, all embedded in an asparagus risotto so rich with Italian Parmesan that it might be difficult to do it justice were it a main course.

At the return dinner, I spotted somebody at another table with a truffled artichoke risotto, and it sidetracked my resolve to start with escargots or onion soup. The dish arrives in a small covered glass jar, and the waiter instructs you to bend close and shroud your face with your napkin when you open it, deeply inhaling the initial aroma. This brings a blast of concentrated truffle scent (the earthy essence the Japanese call *umami*). The rest of the risotto is fascinating, too. On top is a black layer of thin truffle coins, mingling with the red of tomatoes. Below comes a white heap of rice, diced artichoke hearts, and grated Parmesan. At bottom is a creamy coral liquid — the juices of all the other ingredients mingling with mascarpone cheese.

The grand poo-bah of the truffle menu is beef tenderloin Rossini. This is one of the great old haute cuisine dishes that you rarely see anymore. Who could resist? (Not I.) Arriving rare as ordered, the top-class beef was as tender as a baby’s butt, capped with chunks of foie gras and disks of truffle, snuggling up joyfully to more truffles in the port wine sauce. Alongside came soft puréed spinach and a crisp domino of porcini polenta.

At the return visit, the evening’s soup was a lobster bisque with a distinctive personality. Made in the style of Breton lobstermen (or their wives), its cream component is modest, and its flavor and aroma are pure sea life. (If you should luck into this bisque, you might want to try a really dry white to drink with it — perhaps a French Chablis or a New Zealand sauvignon blanc — to match its relative leanness.)

The duck confit from the regular, everyday menu is no quotidian quacker. In fact, it’s spectacular — which is how it’s

supposed to be but seldom is. For confit, duck legs are slowly braised in the duck’s own fat, then rapidly fried in the same fat to crisp the skin. If you’ve ever tasted a dried-out duck confit and wondered why those frogs swear by the stuff, you’ll finally learn the answer. For one thing, Cavaillon buys Moulardes — the foie gras duck, a busty, plump, and well-fatted species created by crossing the hefty Pekin and the flavorful Muscovy breeds. (At my visit, the menu misspelled it as Mallard, which is a smaller, much leaner wild duck; the typo should be corrected by now.) The confit arrives with skin as light and crackly as the best Peking duck, over rich, fall-apart meat set atop a port wine demiglaze, and comes with savoy cabbage mixed with diced carrots and a dollop of creamy butternut squash purée.

The first evening’s entrée special was Australian barramundi (in the sea bass family). I’d recently chawed on the same species, overcooked, at Bondi in the Gaslamp (more about that next week). Here, it was done swiftly and properly, grilled on the skin (making it crisp and easy to slip off) and accompanied by a *très provençale* sauce of tomatoes, fennel, and French black olives. Butternut squash again added sweetness to the plate.

The second dinner’s irresistible special offered two cuts of free-range Brandt Farms veal with morel mushrooms. Rosy noisettes of veal tenderloin (the prettier sister) were quickly grilled and paired with a small hunk of slow-braised flat iron (shoulder) — two very different routes to tender meat. Unlike its pallid formula-fed cousins, the veal tasted as if the calf had enjoyed its short life — here a sip of milk from mom, there a nice bite of grass (hence the reddish color). The morels, wild mushrooms with a delightful crenellated texture, embodied a flavor so deep and rich it rivals that of truffles. Spinach and butternut squash purée reappeared on the side. (This is, after all, a bistro, not some exorbitant shrine of cuisine.)

Desserts range from simple to perhaps overelaborate, a.k.a. frou-frou. Profiteroles were fascinating, baked crisp and firm rather than the more typical soft and fluffy rendition. They were stuffed with pistachio ice cream and whole pistachios and drizzled all over with bittersweet chocolate syrup. It’s a chocoholic’s dream dessert. Samurai Jim is a chocoholic, ergo.... Cheesecake parfait arrived in a large milk glass. Topped with diced pineapple and passion fruit, it held more cream flavor than cheese flavor, so Lynne and I (cheesecake-aholics) were disappointed.

Tangerine confit presents a whole clementine poached and steeped in syrup until even the peel is edible. It’s intense. Next to it is a madeleine that begs to be dipped in the syrup. Further down the long rectangular plate is a pouf of thick, sweet chocolate ganache and then a tangerine sorbet. The chocolate added a sweetness

that many will welcome, but the austere sorbet (which I loved) was the smart skinny kid bullied by its platemates. A warm chocolate tart is something like a small soufflé but with a dense, fudgy interior instead of an airy one. It comes with a scoop of bashful coconut ice cream (not as blatantly coconutty as I prefer) over a mound of diced tropical fruit with a passion fruit coulis. If you still have wine and appetite, you can choose a cheese plate of three fine French *fromages*, which includes nothing truly stinky or scary.

At long last the starving masses of Scripps Ranch, Sabre Springs, and Rancho Peñasquitos have a serious nearby alternative to chains, pubs, and mom’n’pops. But even downtowners have a new destination to savor. As the *Michelin Guide* says of its two-star (out of three possible) recommended restaurants, Cavaillon is “worth a detour.”

#### ABOUT THE CHEF

“My father used to own a butcher shop in France, and I was going to do that, but he told me, ‘No, do something else, because it’s gonna be really rough in 20 years.’ And he was right. So I decided to be a cook, because since I was young, I was always cooking and baking,” says Philippe Verpiand.

“I began cooking when I was 16, and I went to a culinary school in France for two years. When I was 18 and graduated, I began to work all around the country. I tried to do one year each in different restaurants, in all the regions of France. I worked in a lot of restaurants and resorts rated two stars in the *Michelin Guide* — each year for ten years I worked in a different one. Some of them were Café de Paris in Biarritz, and La Poularde near Lyons, next door to Troisgros [three-star destination], Le Bateau D’Ivire in the Alps. In the French Riviera, I worked in a two-star hotel where Alain Ducasse began his career.

“But I was tired of paying a lot of income tax in France. One of my friends, Patrick Ponsaty [currently of Bernard O’s in Rancho Bernardo], used to work for Jean-Michel Diot in New York, and he connected me with Jean-Michel, who was opening a restaurant in San Diego, Tape-nade. It worked out, and I stayed seven and a half years at Tape-nade before I decided to open my own place. I am 36 years old right now, and it was time.

“I don’t know exactly why I picked Santaluz; when I came and looked at this space, there was nothing here — but it’s a growing area, and in three, four months they’re going to open a highway, and we’re going to be connected to Crosby Ranch, and Rancho Bernardo will be about ten minutes away. In this area there is no good restaurant around, and people want one. So I hope I will succeed. The first few months were very slow, but now more people are coming and we are just beginning to do well.” ■



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It's one of those sunny, breezy cool days. Lunchtime, top of India Street. Hmm. Notice a clump of people on the little V-shaped pedestrian island where India starts to divide. They're on a patio, chatting, eating Mexican-looking stuff under bright red-and-white metal umbrellas.

"JOHN, 396, BURRITOS. JOHN?"

A loudspeaker blasts out from the roof of a white stucco building across India from the patio. Of course. This is El Indio, one of the oldest Mexican restaurants in town.

"JAMIE, 393, JAMIE?"

Can't resist plopping down at one of the red-painted concrete tables. Couple of other guys do, too, only they're laden with a ginormous bag of tortilla chips and four pots of red and green salsa.

"Always start with the chips," says the bearded guy. "Crowds they have in there, you're going to have a wait. Maybe 20 minutes. Plus, they make their own chips. The best."

I'm remembering more about El Indio now. Politicians come here. They've cooked for presidents, and they invented *taquitos* — little rolled tacos. I should give it a try, wait or no wait.

Inside, I join a line. It's a low place with orange tile floors, plum-colored skirting, cream walls, earthy orange ceiling. It buzzes with people, kids, parents, granddaddies.

"I flew Navy for 14 years," Henry says. He's in front of me, waiting for his "to go" order. "But I used to come here in high school. I graduated in '66. Loved those taquitos. Cheap, less messy

than tacos, and, well, they threw real well. We used to take them up to the presidio at lunchtime..."

Huh — little missiles? Unrolled, flying saucer-style? No, that wouldn't work. Whatever... the

menu over the counter lists an array of "Sonora-style" dishes, combination plates like cheese enchilada and beef tamale with rice, beans, and chips (\$7.90), carne asada plate (\$8.15), or chile relleno and cheese enchilada (\$7.95). That's all high end. Shredded-beef

tacos cost \$2.35, bean-and-cheese burritos are \$3.00. More interesting burritos include the "California" (carne asada, fries, and cheddar, \$5.30); the "San Diego," which is appealing 'cause it has grilled chicken in there, with guacamole, sour cream, and cheddar (\$5.30); and in the vegetarian section, a potato burrito, \$3.55, and "Burrito Indio," a wheat tortilla stuffed with zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato that goes for \$4.70.

Shuffle shuffle. Now we're standing under pics of Aztec gods. Ehecatl, god of the wind, Xipe Totec, the god of spring, Tlaloc, the god of rain. Finally, make it to the counter. Can't help noticing a monster machine. "That's our tortilla maker," José the order-taker says. "It works in the mornings."

To get things going, I pick out a packet of their tortilla chips (\$1.60) and a pot of *salsa ranchera* (\$1.99). I order a taquito (80 cents) just to find out what it's like, and a fish taco (\$2.70).

But then I think, well heck, gotta work with Señor Hank this afternoon. Laying down a car-

pet in his mom's living room. May as well pick him up something. So I add a Burrito Indio for him and potato burrito for me.

I take my chips and salsa out to the tables on the island across the road. Chips taste great. *Muy* salty, and spicy-hot, with the salsa, but so much fuller flavored than your supermarket variety.

"ED, 451, TAQUITO, FISH TACO, TWO BURRITOS? ED?"

Thar she blows. I come in and grab my tray and this time head for the sit-up counter inside. Just because there's so much buzz in here. I grab a stool next to Pat and Clark. Both musicians, turns out. "I'm here once a week," says Pat. "Rehearse with the San Diego Symphony till 12:30, then straight up here."

The fish taco's at least as good as at Rubio's. My taquito's tight-rolled, deep-fried, with shredded lettuce and plenty of chicken inside. Clark says it's the only place in town you'll find chicken taquitos. As usual, I have regrets. Pat says El Indio's also famous for its *mordiditas* (\$5.75). "Little kickbacks?" No, *mordida* first meant "bite," correcto? So we've got "little bites," chopped-up taquitos covered with nacho cheese and slices of jalapeños. Dang. Should have ordered that.

I chomp into my potato burrito. Mmm. So satisfyingly squelchy inside. So well marinated. Uh, maybe too well. It's a little salty for my taste. Maybe if I, like, cut this part off and seal the end,

I can bequeath it to Hank? And do the same with the Indio burrito? Like, take half for me. It just looks too good.

The Burrito Indio comes with a salad, and all the veggies are wrapped inside a big whole-wheat tortilla. I chomp in. And yeah, baby. This is a lot more interesting. The zucchini, corn, and the marinade, along with that wheat tortilla, go well together. Now: I'll just make a neat cut across the halfway mark, fold it up...

"My father started this in 1940 further down India Street, at Grape," says Ralph Pesqueira Jr. He works behind the counter like everybody else, but he's the man. He runs the place. "It was a tortilla factory. Then customers started asking him to make lunch items. That's when he came up with the *taquito*, 'little taco.' And it's been our number-one item ever since. After the war, he invented his own tortilla-making machine. Pretty much like this one. He moved here in 1947. I grew up in this place."

I'm about to head for the door when I spot the desserts. Rice pudding (\$1.10), buñuelo chips (\$1.30), flan (\$1.65), fruit burrito (\$2.35).

Fruit burrito? "Flour tortilla filled with apple, cherry, or peach, deep fried and sprinkled with cinnamon sugar."

Oh man. Got \$2.50 left. So it's fruit burrito or trolley. I invest 50 cents. On a pay phone. "Hank: Got this food. For you, man! Except you'll have to come and get it." ■

**The Place:** El Indio Mexican Restaurant, 3695 India Street (at Winder), 619-299-0333

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*"Flavor, in terms of wine quality, is secondary. It is important, but it is secondary."*

On February 5, the San Diego chapter of the American Institute of Wine & Food hosted an evening with Jeff Morgan at the San Diego Art Institute; I was eager to attend. Morgan has had a remarkable run in the wine industry — after working as both a writer and editor for *Wine Spectator*, he jumped the fence and went into production. Currently, he makes wine with Daniel Moore under the SoloRosa and ZMOR labels and works in partnership with Leslie Rudd to produce Covenant Cabernet Sauvignon. With Moore, he runs a wine-consulting company, M Squared, and on his own, he writes books and teaches at the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley. A man worth hearing, for many reasons — but I'll admit that what hooked me was the presentation's title: "Taste Like a Pro: What's It Like to Be a Taster for *Wine Spectator*?" Ah — the curtain drawn back, the secret inner workings revealed...

"What makes a great wine better than a good wine better than a bad wine?" asked Morgan at the evening's outset. "It's more than just 'Because I like it.' I think that as a wine professional — and that would be a sommelier or a winemaker or a wine writer — it's not really about what you like. It's about understanding what is applicable in terms of a quality paradigm." Coming out

swinging on behalf of objective standards — my interest was piqued.

And then he moved on to the fun stuff, the inside story. "I have a couple of secrets to my so-called success as a professional wine taster.

First of all, the most important word to me in the world of food and wine is not flavor. Flavor, in terms of wine quality, is very secondary. It's not irrelevant, it is important, but it is secondary."

For backup on this point, he cited perhaps the biggest authority in the wine-rating game. "I had

the good fortune of sitting down with Robert Parker when he tasted my Cabernet... Bob said to me, 'The most important element of quality in a wine is texture.' What does it feel like in your mouth? What about balance? What about body? What about acidity? It's not whether it's got gobs of cherry-berry or whatever. It's about texture." Morgan placed these questions under the heading of Style. "The most important thing to think about in tasting wine — for me — is style. Style is about personality... characteristics. When I taste a wine, I really have to compartmentalize. The first thing I think about, very often, is body."

Time for a little audience participation. "What is body?" he asked.

"Richness," someone called out.

"That's good — richness can be an indicator

of body."

"Mouthfeel."

"Mouthfeel will definitely be affected by body."

"Weight."

Bingo. "Weight. It's just like my body — I'm a medium-bodied kind of guy. And what gives a wine weight? Alcohol. Higher-alcohol wines tend to be more full-bodied. The wines of California, where we get very ripe grapes with high sugar content, tend to be more full-bodied, because that sugar is converted to alcohol." He warned against "huge, overripe wines with over 16, 17 percent alcohol" but also cautioned against dismissing wines based on the alcohol content. "You can have very high-alcohol wines, and they can be balanced. It's not about what it says on the label; it's about what it tastes like."

Next, said Morgan, "I want to talk about acidity. Acidity is extremely important for white wines; a white wine needs an internal backbone of acidity to keep from falling apart on the palate. They don't have tannin, because the tannins are in the skins and seeds of the grapes, and white wine has very little skin contact. In red wine, the tannins tend to form an exoskeleton, a structure around the wine."

Third factor: Parker's all-important texture. "Acidity is bright on the palate — tangy, zippy. For reds, 'smooth,' 'round,' and 'lush' are good terms to use." Body, Acidity, and Texture make BAT — "that's my secret word for determining



*"The most important tool of any wine professional."*

wine quality, and we haven't talked about flavor at all. That's how you're going to judge it, first and foremost — though we still have to smell it and we still have to taste it. In addition to body, texture, and acidity, we have aroma, flavor, and finish." Morgan gave a brief account of the flavor compounds (esters and turpines) that concentrate in grapes as in no other fruit, "which is why we make wine out of grapes," and noted that alcohol serves as a flavor vector, "to bring the beauty of the grape to your palate and into your olfactory passages." He finished with finish: "Wines with a short finish don't seem to be great wines. It has to stay on your palate long after you have swallowed it."

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tasting like wine pros tonight, so I want you to spit — at least in the first half of the class.” He held up a plastic spit cup. “This is the most important tool of any wine professional. If you spit, that’s when you taste the finish. That’s when a wine can’t lie. If you swallow it, it’s not as clear. I spit when I’m analyzing, and I drink when I’m drinking.”

Further, said Morgan, a taster’s sip ought to mean “a little more wine in my mouth than I normally sip. It’s not about the way I would drink wine; it’s about the way I want to taste wine. You want to take a reasonable sip and chew it up. And as you do, you open your mouth a little bit. While you’re opening your mouth, draw air over your palate. That will allow you to aerate the wine and bring aromas through your rear nasal passages. You’re going to get it front and back, which is a very good thing when you’re tasting wine.”

But what is first in importance is not always first in sequence. Before the sipping, before the assessment of Body, Acidity, and Texture, there was the nose to attend to — the “front” in “front and back.” Morgan suggested three quick sniffs to form an initial impression — “that’s when I’m

the most sensitive” — and then the swirl.

“Why are we swirling the wine in the glass?”

“We’re aerating it,” someone suggested.

“We’re aerating it, but do you know what we’re really doing? We’re putting wine on the sides of the glass, which increases the surface area of the wine in relation to your nose. Now, you’re not only getting wine aromas coming up from the bottom of your glass, but from the sides as well.”

Next week: the preliminaries out of the way, we start tasting. ■

## RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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### NORTH COASTAL

**A Little Moore Coffee Shop** 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with

its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: “The Billy” is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). “The Cindy” is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is “The Pablo.” It’s standard but generous fare, a formula that’s kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

**Charlie’s by the Sea** 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it’s light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen’s good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively “Bayou Burger” with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it’s not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

**Kim’s Restaurant** 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn’t necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enor-

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mous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/01)*

**Le Bambou** Del Mar Village, 2634 Del Mar Heights Road (turn north on Mango), Del Mar Heights, 858-259-8138. No mere “pho joint,” this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners’ daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of “ground shrimp on sugar cane” so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and “Star of the Sea” curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam’s own “33” brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — *N.W. (6/05)*

**Meritage** 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick ticks are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure

Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them. It’s a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesday; Monday and Wednesday all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

**Nobu Japanese Restaurant** 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn’t the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you’re in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It’s all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Wednesday through Sunday nights. Lunch and dinner daily, with a break between the meals; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

**101 Cafe** 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li’l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its “secret sauce,” chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

**Samurai Japanese Restaurant** Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn’t neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There’s also a spirit of “something extra” — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

**Sbicca American Bistro** 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an “American Bistro,” Chef Susan Sbicca (“speeka”) also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a “wine room” upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$4 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesday. Crowded during racing season. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *B.D. (5/05)*

**Swami’s Cafe** 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it’s near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager’s 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

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**The French Market Grille** 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (11/03)

**Hernandez' Hide-Away** 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (7/04)

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**Mille Fleurs** 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

**Onami Japanese Restaurant** 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then

there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M. (8/04)

## LA JOLLA

**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 Cafe** Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is 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

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**Roppongi** 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative *bento* boxes as well as sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations a must at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

**Roy's** 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

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## RESTAURANTS

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 goreng* (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)

**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 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, 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)

**Island Prime** 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant 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)

**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)

**M2M Seacoast Bistro** 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you’ll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything,

including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (6/04)

**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

**Antique Row Cafe** 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove.) Antique-land’s favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you’re into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include “The Works” omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. “Philly Steak Heaven” (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

**Asia Cafe** 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. Maybe Asian San Diego’s best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu’s Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai*

(chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

**Magnolias** Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you’re looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie’s Garret) is back in business, and mouths are re-joining. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you’ll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (2/05)

**Mama’s Bakery and Lebanese Deli** 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You’ll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It’s a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajji*. It’s a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajji*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush (“sweet daddy” eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you’ve had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/05)

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**Sang Dao** 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Open 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

**Tioli's Crazy Burger** 4201 30th Street (at Howard, across from Vons), North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/06)*

**Vagabond Kitchen** 2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 619-255-1035. Seasonal "world food" filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually SRO, so dinner

reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/06)*

## EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

**Brothers Family Restaurant** 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/04)*

**Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs** 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B. (12/01)*

**Fix Me a Plate Cafe** 9168 Fletcher Parkway (next to Souplantation), La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Cafe, and now he's got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po' boy is (as France's Michelin Guide might say) "worth a detour," as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouffés are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skimpy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through

Sunday (with break between on week-ends). Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (2/06)*

**4.0 Deli** Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark, student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt south-western dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

**Jasmine Bistro** Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convo. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, a frenzied crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for week-end dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — *N.W. (5/04)*

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**La Casa Del Zorro** Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory** The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Arrividerci Italian Restaurant** 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and

yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes), "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (7/04)*

**Berta's Latin American Restaurant** 3928 Twigg Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry

from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

**California Cuisine** 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel's outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

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## RESTAURANTS

**Chilango's Mexico City Grill** 142 University Avenue (near Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-8646. This bright, cheerful café offers authentic cooking from Central Mexico. You know it's real because there are no "combo plates" on the dinner menu. Instead, enjoy rarely found dishes cooked with creative twists — for instance, the delectable *chiles en nogada* features poblano chiles with an exuberantly fruity ground-sirloin stuffing topped with a walnut-cream gravy scattered with strawberries. The "Yucatan salad" with mole-sauced pork is refreshing, and pork with *chile pasilla* sauce is dark, deep, and delicious. Lunches include various tortilla wraps with a choice of six regional sauces. Mexican and European beers, tasty margaritas made from agave "wine." Short but carefully chosen, affordable international wine list includes bottlings from Baja. Patio seating. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate, entrées half-price on Monday. — *N.W. (9/05)*

**Crest Cafe** 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans,

long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**Indian Princess** 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprinciply sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — *E.B. (1/06)*

**Kazumi Sushi** 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/00)*

**The Mission** 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

**Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro** 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on local spiny lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W. (8/05)*

**Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom** 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight

blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

**Whole Foods Market** 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the green chili and cheese polenta, the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and especially the *farofa* salad — it's like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

## DOWNTOWN

**Anthony's Fishette** 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand battered treasures," like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during summer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/06)*

**Buon Appetito** 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousin-

restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

**Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar** 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W. (7/03)*

**Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine** 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unumuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch week-

days, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/05)*

**City Pizzeria** 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war going on here. "City" has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yacking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the "Ranch Chicken" pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever consider serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are eleven other "specialty pies" every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

**Confidential** 901 Fourth Avenue (at E), Gaslamp, 619-696-8888. Chris Walsh, whose "small plates" many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Cafe, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultramodern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the menu an adventure in flavors and textures. This is truly eating for fun. Wide-ranging wine list with something for everyone; pricey creative cocktails. Eat early (or upstairs) if you prefer quiet; music (and patrons) grow louder later as "sceney" crowd comes in to drink. Many dishes on the sweet side. Reservations strongly advised for weekends and to ensure handicapped-accessible seating. Kitchen open Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (bar until about 2 a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — *N.W. (6/06)*

**Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar** 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with



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**Crudo Restaurant** 1953 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-398-2974. *Crudo* refers to the Italian version of sushi, but that’s not on the menu at this flashy eatery-cum-nightclub, a partnership between Italian restaurateur Joe Busalacchi and disco maven Mike Viscuso. Nope, the raw fish here is Japanese-fusion sushi and sashimi, with some excellent, creative “party rolls” (like the Green Hornet and the Crudo roll) and a delightful, shareable sashimi “plateau” — a mini-encyclopedia of fish and garnishes. Fusiony appetizers, noodle or rice bowls, and baroque, high-end entrées fill out the list. Having a bite before the disco opens buys free entry to the lounge. Short wine list at high markups; numerous sakes (mainly by-the-bottle only) at high-to-ridiculous markups; full bar. Want quiet? The dining patio in front is sheltered and serene. Disco Wednesday through Saturday night. Dinner nightly. “Bowls” and simple sushi inexpensive, otherwise very expensive. — *N.W. (4/06)*

**Dussini Mediterranean Bistro** 275 Fifth Avenue (at K), Gaslamp, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It’s still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to

night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguica and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (3/06)*

**House Of Blues Restaurant** 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-299-2583. Best thing HOB did was *not* tear down Woolworth’s old sidewalk canopy. Now it shelters their streetside café, where you can just do coffee and people watch, or get into their Southern-inspired cuisine. This is a classy joint, with heavy flatware, big white cloth napkins, and solid china plates and cups. Can a fellow on a tight budget afford to eat here? Yes and no. Meaning, for a song you will find great chicken gumbo mixing it up with andouille (Cajun) sausage and okra in traditional brown roux with French bread, or skillet-baked rosemary cornbread with maple butter, or their delicious sweet potato fries. But you’ll need bigger notes to finance the all-beef Blues Burger with cheese and fries or the luscious baby back ribs with mashed sweet potatoes. Value dessert? The white chocolate-banana bread pudding with Jack Daniel’s crème anglaise, whipped cream, and a “caramel halo” will have you singing with the angels — not the blues. Open daily, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (11/05)*

**LG’s Prime Steakhouse** 789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), downtown, 619-239-7899. The atmosphere at this

chain steakhouse is a little less “old boys’ club” than most of its kind — it’s quiet and luxurious, but not especially formal. All the beef is aged on the premises, and the star cut is the superb dry-aged “Jewel in the Crown” Porterhouse, with much beefier flavor than wet-aged meat. Meats are heavily salted unless you request otherwise; sauces taste a little pre-fab. The Caesar salad is made at the table to your tastes. “Escargots alfredo” is fun as an indulgent starter. Everything’s à la carte, with good creamed spinach among the sides. Great, if pricey, wine list, but the top reds are barely over retail prices. Full bar. Valet parking at Fifth and F. Reservations recommended. Open for dinner 365 days a year. Very expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

**McCormick & Schmick’s** Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team’s in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar, with \$2 pub grub menu during weeknight happy hour, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/05)*

**Patty’s Fruitland** 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan,

619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guajalato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. “Why can’t we sell fruit drinks in America?” she wondered. Now they’ve opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster’s beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They’ve expanded to non-fruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

**Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine** 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it’s all Rafa’s friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he’s got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B. (12/01)*

**RA Sushi** 474 Broadway (at Fifth), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder “Oriental” decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food’s a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy

*edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it’s fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

**Red Pearl Kitchen** 440 J Street (between Fourth and Fifth), Gaslamp, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it’s in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — *N.W. (4/06)*

**Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano** 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant’s fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete’s Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant’s hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you’ll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk

patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**The Barbecue Pit** 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

**Bino’s European Coffees and Crepes** 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it’s a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino’s wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday

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through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Point-Point Joint** 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare*

(yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

**Primavera Ristorante** 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers.

The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are out-sourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambiance early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

**El Rincón del Oso** Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

**El Taurino Steak House** Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-

line surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabreria* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalapeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabreria* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (9/04)*

**La Petite Café** Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

**Salón Azteca** Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet

other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salón Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**Saverio's Restaurant Mediter-ráneo** Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (8/04)*

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## Poco respeto

América Barceló

Diario San Diego

Un nuevo caso de un detenido del Centro de Detenciones de Inmigración (CCA) en Otay deja al descubierto las negligencias con que opera este centro penitenciario.

Martín Hernández Banderas está a punto de perder la pierna derecha después de que autoridades del CCA no le dieron el tratamiento médico adecuado cuando en noviembre se lastimó un pie en un accidente dentro del penal.

Por más de dos meses Hernández padeció fuertes dolores y su herida se fue agravando debido a que los médicos de CCA no lo atendieron a tiempo.

Autoridades del penal no tomaron en cuenta la gravedad del interno hasta que reos de su dormitorio se pusieron en huelga de hambre para obligar a que se le diera el tratamiento médico.

Hernández Banderas fue detenido el 25 de octubre acusado de 'pollero', cargos del que fue absuelto por un juez federal.

deportes



## Pisa San Diego

Hugo Sánchez no convocó a los jugadores que participan en el fútbol europeo para el duelo que la selección mexicana de fútbol enfrentó el miércoles en el estadio Qualcomm de San Diego.

A pesar de esto el recibimiento de la afición en el aeropuerto internacional de esta ciudad fue multitudinario por la presencia del director técnico del equipo Tricolor.

Sánchez dijo a su lle-

gada que en su era como estratega de la selección mexicana buscará hacer un conjunto agresivo al ataque y sólido en la defensa.

"Quiero un equipo que se defiende bien, con mucha agresividad; que juegue en bloque y que cuando vayamos al ataque sea dinámico, vertical, atrevido", expresó Hugo, el ex goleador del Real Madrid y ahora jefe de la selección de México.

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## Olé por Del Toro

El realizador alemán Florian Henckel Von Donnersmarck, que se impuso con su película "La vida de los otros" sobre el film que parecía favorito, la producción ibero-mexicana "El laberinto del fauno", aseguró que el realizador rival, Guillermo del Toro, "se lo merece todo".

"Todo lo que dicen de él es cierto. Guillermo se lo merece todo. Es un genio", dijo cariñosamente el cineasta alemán al referirse al director derrotado.

"Muchos lo ven como el

monstruo de sus películas pero yo lo veo con mucho amor", añadió el director alemán en referencia a su ya amigo y compañero de festivales.

Del Toro y Henckel Von Donnersmarck han coincidido en numerosas entregas de premios en los últimos meses, galas que en las que en su mayor parte ha triunfado el mexicano.

De ahí que en esta ocasión, el realizador alemán se mostró agradecido y sorprendido.

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## En la mira

Modernas cámaras vigilan las principales calles de National City para reducir la prostitución y la criminalidad que impera en esa ciudad del Sur del Condado.

El gobierno local puso en marcha un proyecto de seguridad pública colocando cuatro cámaras a lo largo de la Avenida Roosevelt entre las calles Cuarta y Octava.

El proyecto, con un costo de 76 mil dólares, fue cristalizado después de dos años de planeación.

Las cámaras comenzaron a operar el pasado martes 20 de febrero cuando fueron colocadas en una ceremonia con autoridades de la ciudad.

El alcalde Ron Morrison y el jefe de la Policía,

Adolfo González, señalaron que el propósito de este nuevo proyecto es incrementar las herramientas para combatir el crimen en esa ciudad.

Tal como Diario San Diego lo ha informado, en los últimos meses los índices de prostitución se incrementaron en National City.

Sobre todo en los alrededores de las avenidas Roosevelt y National City Boulevard, entre las calles Octava y Division.

Las cuatro cámaras son modernos equipos digitales con capacidad de rotación de 360 grados, montadas en postes de luz, que permite vigilar a larga distancia los delitos que se cometen en la vía pública.



## Hay seguro

A pesar de los esfuerzos de los consulados mexicanos en Estados Unidos, muchos inmigrantes desconocen un programa que les permite comprar, a bajo costo, un seguro de salud para que sus familiares puedan recibir cuidado médico en México.

Este seguro entró en vigor en 1990, en respuesta a las peticiones hechas por trabajadores agrícolas mexicanos en California, muchos de sus compatriotas en Estados Unidos desconocen su existencia.

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## Arranca suspiros

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Considerada la Reina del Pasito Duranguense, Diana Reyes, se encuentra en plena promoción de su nuevo disco "Te voy a mostrar", una compilación de covers interpretados con este estilo musical.

Con una voz agradable y una súper figura, la cantante originaria de La Paz, Baja California Sur, está disfrutando los éxitos que le ha dado su primer sencillo "Cuando baje la marea", canción que hiciera famosa la veracruzana Yuri.

Y a pesar de que ya tiene algunos años en este género del Pasito Duranguense, no descarta incursionar en otros

géneros como la balada pop o la balada rock.

Con innumerables premios que ha obtenido durante su carrera, la artista considera que en este momento se encuentra contenta con lo que está haciendo.

Como cantante de este género, disfruta el ambiente y le encantan los bailes gruperos.

Sin embargo, Diana considera que posee una voz medio roquera, rebelde y que si algún día se atreviera a cantar algo sería como rock balada.

"Estamos por sacar la canción "Cuando baje la marea" en un estilo en rock balada. Es una canción que se puede adaptar a cualquier género", apuntó.

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# Chained Malady

*There's no need to ask why a black man of that generation would not immediately call the police.*

Just a hair too late for Black History Month, and just as well, *Black Snake Moan* wriggles at the far edge of the socially acceptable. It does so with some of the fearlessness of the exploitation films of the Sixties and Seventies: the title itself distinctly echoes *Blacksnake*, the contribution of Russ Meyer, "King of the Nudies," to the racial discourse. Except that today the fearlessness faces tougher scrutiny, not the friendly reception of a specialized audience in a fragmented market, at the corner of the public eye, but right out in plain view, smack in the middle of the mainstream, next door to *Norbit* at the multiplex. That would seem to demand an even greater fearlessness, if the filmmaker didn't exercise some self-restraint, draw back from the edge, hedge his bets. The filmmaker in question, Craig Brewer, who so happens to be white, earned himself a lot of rope, if not free rein, with his breakout film of a couple of years back, *Hustle and Flow*. I myself could not see what was the big deal about that one, a clump of pimp-and-pusher clichés set to a hip-

hop beat, a virtual coalition of clichés. This one's a bigger deal. A fresher deal. A spicier deal. A racier deal.

The central image of the film (and, in a demurer version, its poster) is that of a battered and bruised young white woman in crop top and cotton bikini panties, chained at the waist on

a thirty-foot tether, in the cabin of an old Southern black man. But please don't misunderstand. It's for her own good: "I aim to cure you of your wickedness." The film takes its own sweet time to show how she ended up, in her clad-only condition, bloody eye, bloody nose, bloody lip, at the side of the road in front of that cabin; and it doesn't blanch at the seamy details in the life of this desanitized Daisy Mae, this archetypal Town Slut (a scrawny Christina Ricci, throwing herself into the part, or what's left of herself, with reckless abandon), running wild in the first hours after her fiancé (Justin Timberlake, a credible Joe Six-Pack where he has never been a credible Sex Symbol) has shipped out into the service, sashaying around the streets



*Black Snake Moan*

in shorty-short jean cutoffs and Dale Evans cowboy boots, showing off at various times to various eyes the various tattoos on her lower back, shoulder blade, abdomen, right breast, fueling a nasty cough with an endless cigarette, generally conducting herself with all the wantonness of the average porn heroine. "Easy" isn't the half of it.

"Sickness" is the black man's diagnosis. An ex-bluesman with gold teeth and the dome of Disney's Uncle Remus (Samuel L. Jackson, forceful as usual, but with more than usual to be forceful about), he has his own miseries, living the life of his musical repertoire, watching his younger wife run off with his own brother, then driv-

ing his tractor through the patch of Rose's Roses to obliterate her memory, sweeping her possessions into plastic garbage bags, drinking himself blind, waking up to find this broken sparrow of a woman dumped at his doorstep.

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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.

● (GASLAMP 15)

**Amazing Grace** — Reviewed this issue. With Ioan Gruffudd, Romola Garai, Michael Gambon, Rufus Sewell, Albert Finney, and Benedict Cumberbatch; directed by Michael Apted.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18)

**The Astronaut Farmer** — Even if you knew nothing else about it, the title alone would prevent you from getting sucked in by the film’s opening image, a silhouette of a horseback rider on the crest of a hill at sunrise, an evocation of a complete screen mythology and a prompt of happy moviegoing memories. The full light of day, alas, reveals an absurdist vision of a mounted spaceman, a “space cowboy” as he will mandatorily be labelled on the television news, or more prosaically a Texas rancher named Farmer, who has clung to his dream of space travel long after he dropped out of the NASA training program — “If we don’t have our dreams, we have nothing” — and accordingly has hocked the ranch in order to build a private rocket ship in the barn. Though his family unconcernedly humors him, and his neighbors shake their heads (“He’s more of an astro-*nut* if you ask me”), and the feds finally step in to trample the dream, the character is clearly intended to be an inspiration rather than a caution, a neo-Capra Little Man played with holy-fool earnestness by Billy Bob Thornton, albeit without the personal magnetism of a Jimmy Stewart or a Gary Cooper, in fact with a reptilian repulsion distinctly his own. That notwithstanding, he’s a much squarer creation — he, and the movie around him — than we’ve grown accustomed to expect from the filmmaking team of the twin Polish brothers, Michael and Mark, of *Twin Falls Idaho* and *Jackpot* and *Northfork*. The mainstream insistently beckons. And these certified oddballs, while ostensibly lionizing an oddball, do so in suits and ties. Virginia Madsen, Tim Blake Nelson, Bruce Dern, J.K. Simmons. 2007.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

**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



The Astronaut Farmer

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 cir-

cle. 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-

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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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Because I Said So** — Relationship comedy, high-strung, low-stopping. As a meddlesome mother determined to marry off her third daughter, Diane Keaton is required to be both irritating and irresistible. She half succeeds. First half of the equation only. Although not without a certain slouching charm, Mandy Moore (“Actually, I love to sing”) comes in more for pity than sympathy. With Gabriel Macht, Tom Everett Scott, Lauren Graham, Piper Perabo, and Stephen Collins; directed by Michael Lehmann. 2007.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

**Belle de Jour** — One can easily get lost

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## MOVIES

in the tricky business of signposting the episodes as “real” or “fantasy” in Buñuel’s account of a frigid bourgeois housewife’s moonlighting at a swank Parisian brothel. (Sunlighting, actually: she’s not Belle de Nuit.) The subtitlist for the original U.S. distributor came to his own dubious decisions, and switched to italics whenever he felt he was in the fantasy realm. The voices, of course, provide no such guidance. And nor, in any other way, does Buñuel, directing in his most unflappable and understated manner, and bundling up cozily in the luxurious color images of Sacha Vierny. In a sense, whether “real” or “fantasy” hardly matters; it is wholly a Buñuel movie, and there are some marvelous moments in his fetishistic, underclothes-sniffing vein. The narrative becomes rather too facile, and too like the anecdotalism of gristmill “nudies,” when it capers from one screwball client to another at the brothel; but the total effect is nonetheless slippery, teasing, insinuating. With Catherine Deneuve, Genevieve Page, Jean Sorel, Pierre Clementi, Francisco Rabal. 1967.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SAN DIEGO, 3/8, 7 P.M.)

**Black Snake Moan** — Reviewed this issue. With Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci, and Justin Timberlake; written and directed by Craig Brewer.

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**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 engagé 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 unsubtle elbow-in-the-ribs to the moviegoer.) Behind the op-ed posturing, the film roughly resembles a



Ghost Rider

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Breach** — With his follow-up to *Shattered*

*Glass*, director Billy Ray has made a good start on a pet theme, the human, or peculiarly American, proclivity for deceit. The first, you will recall, told the factual story of the fabricating journalist, Stephen Glass, of *The New Republic*. This second tells the factual story of the dissembling FBI double agent, Robert Hanssen, the bureau’s self-styled expert on the Soviets and secret bed-fellow of them, the architect of “the worst breach in the history of U.S. intelligence,” in the intemperate words of the colleague commissioned to seal the breach. The factuality cuts two ways. It curbs the extravagances of the James Bond branch of espionage capers, but it also curbs the excitement, the thrills. With the traitor’s arrest a foregone conclusion (a preludial clip of John Ashcroft on television provides reassurance rather than, more usually for a member of the Bush administration, an invitation to hiss), the film becomes more a character study than a cloak-and-dagger operation; and because of the nature of the character — a devout and ostentatious Catholic (lapsed Lutheran), a vigilante paranoid, a humorless megalomaniac, a pompous pontificator, a private pervert — it devolves into an accumulation of oddities and crotchets, inescapably more mirthful than suspenseful. We can never really understand the man, but we can revel in him. Chris Cooper, Ryan Phillippe, Laura Linney, Kathleen Quinlan, Gary Cole, Dennis Haysbert. 2007.

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**Bridge to Terabithia** — The children’s story by Katherine Paterson brings together two junior-high pariahs, a picked-on “artistic” farmboy, solitary brother of four sisters, and a new girl next door, imaginative daughter of two novelists, and sends them off into a woodsy fantasyland of their own making, across the creek on a rope swing. Happily — just as a change from the likes of *Pan’s Labyrinth* and *The Chronicles of Narnia* — it’s always clear that the fantasyland is only a fantasy, but that won’t protect it from unsightly computer-generated giant trolls, jumbo flying squirrels, armored dragonflies, etc. And even though these are pretty well contained — in time as well as space — the sandpapery surface of the image is a constant irritant. (Director Gabor Csupo, an animation man whose credits run from early Simpsons to feature-length Rugrats, is making his live-action debut.) All of this is almost worth putting up with for the brave bit of struggle, late in the day, with issues of male infidelity (sure, the boy knows who his best friend is, but he

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nonetheless cannot harness a crush on his comely music teacher, Zoëy Deschanel), guilt, loss, remorse. The struggle doesn't last long, but it's painful. Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb, Robert Patrick. 2007. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**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. ★★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

**Days of Glory** — French war film, directed by Rachid Bouchareb, about North African enlistees in the war against the Nazis. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/2)

**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 unforgotten 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. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

**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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Ghost Rider** — Yet another Marvel Comic turned unmarvelous movie, about an Evel Knievel motorcycle daredevil (Nicolas Cage, with a black divot of a hairpiece) who has sold his soul to Mephistopheles (a bouffant Peter Fonda), though he flees his responsibilities as "the Devil's bounty hunter" and continues to pursue his chosen vocation. One of his stunts has him jumping the length of a football field over churning helicopter blades, "from field goal to field goal." No fewer than three different people employ that expression — "from field goal to field goal" — and you can only wonder why none of these actors, or else, in consideration of the collaborative nature of the medium, one of the producers, or the assistant director, or the script girl, or the best boy, or *somebody*, couldn't have spoken up to the writer and director, Mark Steven Johnson, and said, "Mark Steven, I'm not the writer here, but you know, they're really not called field goals, they're called goalposts." Not that that would have fixed the movie. It starts off with one of those patience-taxing prologues which keeps you waiting twenty minutes for the star to appear, and which offers in his place a youthful incarnation that looks nothing like him. (At least the love interest is given a mole on her cheek to match that of Eva Mendes.) Even after that, the star tends to disappear whenever the action, so to speak, heats up, his head to be replaced at such times by a flaming skull (oohhh!). And the action itself is of course not only cartoonish but a literal cartoon. The general effect is soporific — despite the fact that the Son of Satan (Wes Bentley), whose touch turns men to ash, is out to conquer the world — and the only counter to that effect is the ticklesome effect of the lame-brained dialogue. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**God Grew Tired of Us** — Christopher Quinn's documentary on four young Sudanese immigrants making their way in America. (KEN, 3/2 THROUGH 8)

## SEEN ON DVD

### LINDSAY FLATAUER

Senior publicist, Allied Advertising and Public Relations

Watching *Beerfest* at home with your friends makes the movie that much better! It's all about two brothers who travel to Germany for Oktoberfest and discover a super secret international beer-drinking contest. From the Broken Lizard comedy team that made *Super Troopers*.

I watched *Thank You for Smoking* for the first time on DVD, and I loved it. Based on Christopher Buckley's best-seller, the film stars Aaron Eckhart as Big Tobacco's silver-tongued master of spin. Every character was unique and hilarious.

*BEERFEST* (USA) 2006, Warner  
List price: \$19.98

*THANK YOU FOR SMOKING* (USA) 2006, Twentieth Century Fox  
List price: \$29.99

**Hannibal Rising** — Soft on cannibalism. But after all, Hannibal Lecter has made a lot of money for Hollywood, a powerful argument for clemency. Mostly boring and senseless, the prequel to *The Silence of the Lambs* (and *Hannibal* and *Red Dragon*) busies itself with mitigating circumstances. Surely any reasonable man can understand why another man — a WWII orphan grown up — would want to eat the men who ate his little sister, especially if they were Nazi collaborators at the time and white slavers now. The French actor Gaspard Ulliel makes a poor substitute for Anthony Hopkins, though he just might make the grade as a sub for Crispin Glover. With Gong Li, Rhys Ifans, and Dominic West; directed by Peter Webber. 2007.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

**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

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*Little Miss Sunshine*, about a dysfunctional family hitting the road in a yellow VW bus in order to bring ten-year-old Olive to a junior miss beauty contest, is my favorite from last year. It's witty, funny, sweet, and wrong all at the same time. And the bright yellow packaging — love it!

*Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* is a worthy sequel to the 2003 film based on the Disney ride. Not only is the movie one you can watch over and over, the five hours of bonus material make it worth purchasing. Five extra hours of Johnny Depp's Captain Jack!

I had a weekend marathon with *Lost: Season Two*. The series plays out like one long movie; hour after hour, you just can't stop watching. It's a great one to own on DVD so you can watch it all at once and not in hourlong weekly installments.

*LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE* (USA) 2006, Twentieth Century Fox  
List price: \$29.99

*PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST* (USA) 2006, Walt Disney  
List price: \$34.99 (two discs)

*LOST: SEASON TWO* (USA) 2005, Buena Vista  
List price: \$59.99 (six discs)

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.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15)

**The Last King of Scotland** — The self-conferred title of Ugandan strongman, and madman, Idi Amin Dada, a facile role for Forest Whitaker, who pitches into it with gusto. The true central character, however, is a fictitious young Scottish doctor (James McAvoy), the President's personal physician, "closest advisor," illicit lover of Wife Number Three, and all-around trivial distraction. With Kerry Washington, Gillian Anderson, Simon McBurney; directed by Kevin Macdonald. 2006.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Letters from Iwo Jima** — The second part of Clint Eastwood's Second World War diptych, the Japanese-language, Japanese-perspective counterpart to *Flags of Our Fathers*, an 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. For an American production to attempt to view an American war through the eyes of the

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My favorite film in my DVD library could easily be considered one of the strangest movies around. The film is called *Strings* and, like the title suggests, the cast is composed entirely of marionettes. The real kicker here is that the puppets are not intended to pass as humans at all. Instead, the marionettes are very well aware that they have strings attached to their limbs. For example, to cut off one's "head string" is the equivalent of murder. The plot is reminiscent of a Shakespearean tragedy, sharing many elements with *Hamlet* and *Macbeth*. Oddly, the puppet element never detracts from the quality of drama. The film is a Nordic export (I had to order this from Amazon.com) but since the marionettes' mouths do not move, the English dubbing works perfectly. If nothing else, *Strings* will be one of the most different films you'll ever see.

*STRINGS* (Denmark) 2004, Fox Lorber  
LIST PRICE: \$24.98

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 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. It 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. Too, 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 over the course of two



movies), the risk proves to have been a risk worth taking, a risk rewarded. Ken Watanabe, Kazunari Ninomiya, Tsuyoshi Ihara, Ryo Kase, Shidou Nakamura. 2006. ★★★★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

**The Lives of Others** — The bad old days of the Berlin Wall and the Big Brother tactics of the GDR secret police, the Stasi. The case in point: a Party pooh-bah has the hots for a celebrated stage actress and, to clear the way, orders some dirt dug up on her playwright boyfriend, an apparently loyal socialist of spotless reputation despite his openly subversive friends and despite, too, his openly snooty manner. Ulrich Tukur, so memorable as the conscience-stricken Nazi of *Amen*, is good again in the less complex and less sympathetic role of the bureaucratic brownnoser who heads up the investigation. But the better role and better performance belong to another Ulrich, last name Mühe, coincidentally the conscienceless Doctor Mengele of *Amen*, now playing the relentless bullet-headed interrogator charged to carry out the dirty work, taking it all in (including the indiscretions of the higher-ups), giving nothing away, keeping his opinions to himself, eventually keeping his findings to himself as well, crawling a long way out on a limb. Martina Gedeck and Sebastian Koch as actress and playwright have some complexity, too, to complement and compromise their outward artiness. Watching it all unfold is more than passably interesting, if not particularly to look at (nauseously green), and even though the run-on epilogue is rather cum-



Norbit

bersome. The new-name filmmaker bears a name befitting the monocle-brandishing antagonist in a Viennese operetta, Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck. 2006. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/2; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**The Messengers** — Hollywood directorial debut of the Hong Kong twin brothers, Danny and Oxide Pang. Routine haunted-

house hijinks, unrelenting and indiscriminating, at a “run-down” farmhouse (to say the least) in North Dakota, with a flock of crows flown in from Bodega Bay out of Hitchcock’s *The Birds*. Kristen Stewart, Dylan McDermott, Penelope Ann Miller, John Corbett. 2007. ● (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

**Music and Lyrics** — Enough laughs in the first few minutes to sustain two or three average screen comedies: a music-video parody of the signature tune of a British bubblegum group of the Eighties — “Pop Goes My Heart” by Pop!, from beginning to end — with Hugh Grant shimmying, shaking, and pogosticking in a long-hair wig. Cut to the present, when he’s “a happy has-been,” finished with songwriting (“It’s

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

## CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

**Town Square 14**  
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)  
**The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:40) 5:15, 7:45, 10:25 Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:30 Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:35, 7:05, 9:25; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:25) 4:40, 7:20, 9:35; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:10, 7:55, 10:15 Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:45, 10:00; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:20) 4:25, 7:10, 9:30; **Pan’s Labyrinth** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00) 4:55, 9:55; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:50) 5:00, 7:50, 10:00; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:35) 5:25, 7:30, 9:50; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 12:30, 2:00, 2:55) 4:15, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:20 Sun. (11:45, 12:30, 2:00, 2:55) 4:15, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 3:00) 6:55, 10:10 Sun. (12:45) 4:10, 8:15

## DOWNTOWN

**Gaslamp 15**  
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)  
**The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:50, 10:10; **Babel** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 5:30, 8:40; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 1:55, 2:55) 4:45, 5:45, 7:35, 8:35, 10:25; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 5:30, 8:40; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 1:35, 2:50, 3:55) 5:15, 6:20, 7:40, 8:45, 10:05; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 5:35, 8:30; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:10, 3:15) 4:50, 5:55, 7:30, 8:35, 10:10; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 2:30) 4:30, 6:10, 8:00, 9:40

**Horton Plaza 14**  
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)  
**Amazing Grace** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:40) 6:45, 9:30; **The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:30) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; **Daddy’s Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:35) 6:40, 9:25; **Letters from Iwo Jima** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 6:50, 10:05; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:20, 4:35) 7:05, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:35, 7:05, 9:20; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:15, 5:35) 8:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri. (12:20, 1:05, 2:25, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30) 7:00, 7:35, 9:05, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 1:05, 2:25, 3:10) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 7:35, 9:05, 9:40; **Smokin’ Aces** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:05, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05 Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 4:50) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05

## LA JOLLA

**La Jolla 12**  
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)  
**Amazing Grace** (PG); **The Astronaut Farmer** (PG); **Black Snake Moan** (R); **Breach** (PG-13); **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG); **Dreamgirls** (PG-13); **Ghost Rider** (PG-13); **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13); **The Number 23** (R); **Pan’s Labyrinth** (R); **Reno 911!: Miami** (R); **Wild Hogs** (PG-13); **Zodiac** (R)

**La Jolla Village**  
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)  
**Days of Glory** (Not Rated); **The Last King of Scotland** (R); **The Lives of Others** (R); **The Painted Veil** (PG-13); **The Queen** (PG-13)

## MIRA MESA

**Mira Mesa 18**  
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)  
**Amazing Grace** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 2:05, 4:55) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:55, 7:45, 10:30; **The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:20, 4:50) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:50, 7:15, 9:50; **Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:00, 4:25) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:15, 5:15) 7:55,

10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:15, 7:55, 10:35; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 7:00, 9:45; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 1:55, 4:15) 6:50, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:15, 6:50, 9:20; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 3:45, 5:20) 7:10, 8:00, 9:55, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25, 3:45) 5:20, 7:10, 8:00, 9:55, 10:40; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40a.m.); **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05a.m.) Fri. (2:45, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05 Sat. (12:05) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05 Sat. (2:45p.m.) Sun. (2:45) 5:05, 10:05 Sun. (12:05) 7:40; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; **The Number 23** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:35, 5:10) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:10, 7:35, 10:10; **Pan’s Labyrinth** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:20) 6:40, 9:25; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri. (12:35, 2:50, 5:30) 7:20, 8:15, 9:30, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 2:50) 5:30, 7:20, 8:15, 9:30, 10:25; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:55, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00) 6:00, 7:30, 8:20, 10:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:55, 2:30, 3:30) 5:00, 6:00, 7:30, 8:20, 10:00, 10:45; **Zodiac** (R) Fri. (11:45, 1:10, 3:15, 4:45) 6:55, 8:35, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 1:10, 3:15) 4:45, 6:55, 8:35, 10:20

## MISSION VALLEY

**Fashion Valley 18**  
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)  
**Amazing Grace** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 1:05, 3:55, 6:45, 9:30; **The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:15, 6:55, 9:25; **Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **Children of Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; **Daddy’s Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 4:20, 9:35; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 3:40, 6:25, 9:20; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05 Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:25, 6:50; **Letters from Iwo Jima** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:30p.m.; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 2:20, 5:05, 8:00, 10:40 Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, 10:15; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 12:00, 1:55, 2:35, 4:30, 5:10, 7:05, 7:45,

9:45, 10:25; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 11:55) 2:25, 3:25, 6:05, 7:00, 9:40, 10:35 Sun. (10:50, 11:55) 2:25, 3:25, 6:05, 7:00, 9:40

**Mission Valley 7**  
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)  
**Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:15; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00

**Mission Valley 20**  
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)  
**The Abandoned** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 5:30, 10:55 Sun. 12:05, 5:30, 10:40; **The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:35, 3:45, 6:55, 9:55; **Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:05, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:40, 1:30, 3:50, 4:35, 7:15, 7:50, 11:00 Sun. 12:40, 1:30, 3:50, 4:35, 7:15, 7:50, 10:25; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:35, 4:20, 7:25, 10:35; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 2:30, 4:10, 5:10, 6:50, 9:35; **Daddy’s Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:45, 10:20; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 1:25, 2:15, 4:05, 5:00, 7:10, 7:55, 10:00, 10:45 Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 2:15, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45 Sun. (11:20) 1:25, 2:15, 4:05, 5:00, 7:10, 7:55, 10:00 Sun. (11:20) 2:15, 5:00, 7:55; **Hannibal Rising** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:30, 10:50 Sun. 4:30, 10:45; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 7:40; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:45, 8:15; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 2:25, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35 Sun. 2:25, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 12:50, 2:10, 3:15, 4:40, 5:45, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:15) 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:40) 2:20, 3:20, 6:05, 7:00, 9:50, 10:40 Sun. (11:00, 11:40) 2:20, 3:20, 6:05, 7:00, 9:50

so time-consuming”), content to re-do the oldies for class reunions, amusement parks, whoever will have him. But then the world’s hottest female soloist (a dimpled blond newcomer named Haley Bennett), a Madonna-esque amalgam of Eastern religions and Western decadence, commissions him to write her a song on spec — she’s indebted to Pop! for helping her through her parents’ split at age seven — and he begins an impromptu collaboration, and romance, with his temporary plant-waterer, Drew Barrymore. These are two actors with polished acts, and they both seem to be playing up to their own fan clubs rather than each other. The energy falls off right around the midpoint, but writer-director Marc Lawrence has his own sort of polish, and the image maintains a constant sheen. With Brad Garrett, Campbell Scott. 2007. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**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

## STATE UNIVERSITY

**Cinerama 6**  
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)  
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**Ken**  
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**God Grew Tired of Us** (PG) Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30

## UPTOWN

**Hillcrest Cinemas**  
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**The Lives of Others** (R); **Notes on a Scandal** (R); **Pan’s Labyrinth** (R); **The Queen** (PG-13); **Volver** (R)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**  
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)  
**Alaska: Spirit of the Wild** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Antarctica** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. 10:00a.m.; **Hurricane on the Bayou** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00

**San Diego Natural History Museum**  
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)  
**An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:00; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 12:00

## EAST COUNTY

### EL CAJON

**Parkway Plaza 18**  
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)  
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## LA MESA

**Grossmont Center**  
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)  
**The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:15, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 1:50) 4:30, 7:15, 9:55; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri. (2:05) 4:55, 8:00, 10:40 Sat. (11:35, 2:05) 4:55, 8:00, 10:40 Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri. (2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 9:40; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:20, 10:00 Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:05, 9:35; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35) 5:15, 7:40, 10:20 Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:15, 7:40, 10:20 Sun. (12:10,

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 over-sees 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 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 retire-

ment (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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Norbit** — Screamingly unfunny comedy

featuring Eddie Murphy in a dual role as a lispng four-eyed nerd and his fat brow-beating wife, wearing walrus-weight latex. Eek! With Thandie Newton, Eddie Griffin, Terry Crews, Marlon Wayans, and Cuba Gooding, Jr.; directed by Brian Rob-bins. 2007. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-

2:35) 5:15, 7:25, 10:20; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri. (2:25) 4:50, 7:50, 10:25 Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:50, 10:05; **The Number 23** (R) Fri. (2:20) 4:45, 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:45, 7:45, 10:15; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:15) 5:40, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:55, 3:15) 5:40, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:40, 7:55, 9:50; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; **Zodiac** (R) Fri. (2:55) 7:00, 10:35 Sat. (11:55, 3:30) 7:00, 10:35 Sun. (11:55, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15

## RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Rancho San Diego 15**  
*2951 Jamacha Road*  
**The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:05, 4:45) 7:15, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:45, 7:15, 9:55; **Because I Said So** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 5:10) 7:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 5:10, 7:40; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri. (12:10, 4:10) 7:10, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:45, 5:25) 8:05, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 10:50; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Daddy’s Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:55, 10:35; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 12:35, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15) 7:05, 8:10, 9:50, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 12:35, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 8:10, 9:50, 10:50; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:25, 5:05) Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 5:05; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 10:10; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 10:05; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 4:20) 7:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:15) 4:20, 7:45, 10:20; **The Number 23** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:40; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:50, 5:30) 8:00, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Zo-diac** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 3:00) 7:00, 10:30

## SANTEE

**Santee Drive In**  
*10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)*  
**Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun.; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

**Chula Vista 10**  
*Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)*  
**The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Daddy’s Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 6:00, 10:30; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 3:45) 8:15; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30

**Palm Promenade 24**  
*770 Denny Road (858-558-2262)*  
**The Abandoned** (R); **Amazing Grace** (PG); **The Astronaut Farmer** (PG); **Because I Said So** (PG-13); **Black Snake Moan** (R); **Breach** (PG-13); **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG); **Daddy’s Little Girls** (PG-13); **Ghost Rider** (PG-13); **Hannibal Rising** (R); **The Messengers** (PG-13); **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13); **Norbit** (PG-13); **The Number 23** (R); **Pan’s Labyrinth** (R); **Reno 911!: Miami** (R); **Wild Hogs** (PG-13); **Zodiac** (R)

**Rancho Del Rey 16**  
*East H Street (619-216-4707)*  
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### IMPERIAL BEACH

**South Bay Drive-In**  
*2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)*  
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## NORTH INLAND

### CARMEL MOUNTAIN

**Carmel Mountain**  
*11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)*  
**The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10 Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. (12:25) 4:45, 7:35; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40) 4:35, 7:20, 10:00 Sun. (12:40) 4:35, 7:20; **Bridge to Ter-abithia** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50 Sun. (12:20) 4:30, 7:15; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 8:00, 10:25 Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 8:00; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05 Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:55) 5:05, 7:10, 9:45 Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:05, 7:10; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. (12:30,

3:00) 5:30, 7:55; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:30) 6:45, 10:00 Sun. (12:15, 3:30) 6:45

### ESCONDIDO

**Escondido 16**  
*350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)*  
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### FALLBROOK

**Galaxy 6**  
*5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)*  
**Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **Strawberry Shortcake: The Sweet Dreams Movie** (NR) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

### POWAY

**Poway 10**  
*13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)*  
**The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:30; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:15; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00

### SAN MARCOS

**San Marcos 18**  
*1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)*  
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### VISTA

**Vista Village**  
*Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)*  
**The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:35) 7:30, 10:00; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:45; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:25) 6:50, 9:30; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 12:00, 1:45, 2:40, 4:25, 5:20) 7:10, 8:05, 9:50, 10:40; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:50) 7:15, 9:45; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:05; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:15, 1:05, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30) 7:50, 9:15, 10:15; **Screamers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 7:00; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:20) 7:05, 8:00, 9:35, 10:30; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 12:10, 2:50, 3:50) 6:40, 7:20, 10:10, 10:45 Sun. (11:10, 12:10, 2:50, 3:50) 6:40, 7:20, 10:10

## NORTH COASTAL

### CARLSBAD

**Plaza Camino Real**  
*2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)*  
**Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:10, 4:40) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:45, 2:10, 4:40) 7:15; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:50 Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 3:35) 7:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:10, 3:35) 7:00

### DEL MAR

**Del Mar Highlands 8**  
*El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)*  
**The Astronaut Farmer** (PG); **Breach** (PG-13); **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG); **Ghost Rider** (PG-13); **Happy Feet** (PG); **Letters from Iwo Jima** (R); **Reno 911!: Miami** (R); **Wild Hogs** (PG-13); **Zodiac** (R)

**Flower Hill 4**  
*2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)*  
**The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15) 5:15, 10:15 Sun. (12:15) 5:15; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30; **Venus** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 3:00) 8:00; **Volver** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00

### ENCINITAS

**La Paloma**  
*471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)*  
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### LA COSTA

**La Costa 6**  
*6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)*  
**Breach** (PG-13); **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG); **Ghost Rider** (PG-13); **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13); **Reno 911!: Miami** (R); **Wild Hogs** (PG-13)

### OCEANSIDE

**Mission Marketplace 13**  
*College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)*  
**The Abandoned** (R); **The Astronaut Farmer** (PG); **Black Snake Moan** (R); **Bridge to Ter-abithia** (PG); **Daddy’s Little Girls** (PG-13); **Ghost Rider** (PG-13); **Norbit** (PG-13); **The Number 23** (R); **The Queen** (PG-13); **Reno 911!: Miami** (R); **Wild Hogs** (PG-13); **Zo-diac** (R)

**Oceanside 16**  
*401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)*  
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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)

**The Number 23** — Numerological thriller puts a lot of ingenuity into ferreting out that combination of digits. It begins on February 3 (i.e., 2/3), flashes back to December 23, points out elsewhere that the numerals in 9/11/2001 add up to twenty-three (you might get fourteen or 2021, but try again), and on and on. A full-blown obsession along these lines gets going when a chance chain of events leads the protagonist to a novel that bears the same name as the movie, a slender, self-published softback in pica type. Reading it, he begins to notice strange parallels between his own life and the plot of the novel, a pastiche of the hard-boiled crime thriller, re-enacted on screen in lurid installments, the protagonist of the movie doubling as the protagonist of the novel, enveloped in desaturated colors, computerized landscapes, every known device of heightening the artificiality. The hero's obsession, aside from any display of bad taste on his part, takes him irreversibly down a path of increasing ridiculousness (he determines the novelist is a real-life murderer and that he himself is the man to bring him to justice), and director Joel Schumacher fails to achieve a sufficiently persuasive tone to cover for it. Not the least of his problems is his lead actor, Jim Carrey, the Plastic Man whose ability to "stretch" himself has proven to be strictly physical. Which is to say, he shows more



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elasticity in an Ace Ventura comedy than in *The Truman Show* or *The Majestic* or *Man on the Moon* or *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. With Virginia Madsen, Logan Lerman, Danny Huston. 2007. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The 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 — the better known of which is one of the lesser Garbo vehicles — and, for all its location shooting and its air of "independence," it's

still stiff and stuffy. Much of that is intrinsic to the original author, and some of it's imported through the stogy British accents of the stars. With Liev Schreiber, Toby Jones, and Diana Rigg. 2006. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Pan's Labyrinth** — Guillermo del Toro, the migrant Mexican filmmaker, returns to the place and time of his Spanish Civil War ghost story, *The Devil's Backbone*, more precisely post-Civil War, mid-WWII. He centers on a preadolescent girl (wide-eyed, plump-lipped Ivana Baquero) chided by her nine-months-pregnant mother (Ariadna Gil, very intense) as too old to be still filling her head with the "nonsense" of fairy tales, especially since she has moved beneath the roof of her wicked stepfather (Sergi López, campily over the top), a Francoist martinet busily stamping out rebels in the woods, who has little tolerance for a child of another bloodline but is eager to get his leather-sheathed hands on his biological baby in his wife's womb. Much more welcoming of the little girl is the mythological faun (real or imagined?), the guardian of the off-limits garden, who identifies the newcomer straight off as the prodigal daughter of the King of the Underworld (what are the odds?). Del Toro, almost in spite of himself, is not altogether guiltless of conventional, parental, puritanical strictures against fairy tales. In his scrupulous, perhaps overscrupulous, balance of dark fantasy and brutal history, tilted (politically, diplomatically) a little toward the latter, he leaves nothing to chance. He establishes the Importance of his theme through the unassailable realm of Fascists and freedom fighters, and he connects that world to the parallel universe of fairy tales in a way that can best be termed didactic, academic, studied, possibly stifling. He makes a case. He does not make magic. Far more than *The Devil's Backbone*, the film that keeps coming to mind, always to this one's disadvantage, is Victor Erice's *Spirit of the Beehive*, 1973. That one, having in common a post-Civil War backdrop and a gullible little girl, made very much the same points, together with others, and made them more subtly, more ambiguously, more poetically; made them, moreover, while Franco was still in power; and made them without recourse to special effects beyond a Halloween get-up of Frankenstein's monster. Del Toro never lets his special effects here, some of them pretty tacky and icky, take over to the same extent as in his comic-book Hollywood movies (*Blade II*, *Hellboy*), but a mere black-gloved sadist, even with an open gash on his cheek, has a hard time holding his own against an arboreal goat-god, an insectile pixie, a featureless humanoid with eyes in the palms of his hands, an obscene giant toad, a Tim Burton-esque airless sunless tangled landscape,

and so forth. 2006. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Reno 911!: Miami** — Big-screen blowup of Comedy Central's latter-day Keystone Kops, in an ill-fitting mockumentary format. The cheap, bleached, digital image is fully worthy of the crude humor. With Robert Ben Garant, Thomas Lennon, Kerri Kenney-Silver, Wendi McLendon-Covey, Niecy Nash, Cedric Yarbrough, Carlos Alazraqui, Mary Birdsong, Nick Swardson, Paul Rudd, and an unbilled cameo by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson; directed by Garant. 2007. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 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)

**Smokin' Aces** — Callous and smartypants action thriller in the Tarantino mode, or better, Tarantinissimo, revolving around a horde of free-lance bounty hunters and hit persons (a lavishly pierced and tattooed heavy-metal trio, a couple of black lesbians, a scar-faced master of disguise in *Mission: Impossible* latex, among others) in competition to cut out the heart of a Mob-connected Vegas headliner, Buddy "Aces" Israel, now under the safeguard of the feds. Writer and director Joe Carnahan, easing up on the heel-grinding naturalism of *Narc*, though not on the finger-snapping tempo,

is serious only about that most frivolous thing, tricking the audience at the end, and about that most mindless thing, spraying the audience with bullets and blood. The large cast includes Jeremy Piven, Ryan Reynolds, Ray Liotta, Andy Garcia, Ben Affleck, Peter Berg, Martin Campbell, Matthew Fox, and Alicia Keys, of whom none has so much as a snowball's chance. 2007. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Venus** — An abortive Pygmalion tale, written by Hanif Kureishi and directed by Roger Michell, about a septuagenarian one-time matinee idol ("You're famous?" "A little bit") who takes an interest in the hopeless would-be model and, in the meantime, ill-natured caregiver for her gay great-uncle, an old thespian crony of our Pygmalion figure. Some of the senescent sexuality has some interest in it for us, too, as we might expect from the indelicate writer of *My Beautiful Laundrette*, *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*, *My Son the Fanatic*, and (also directed by Michell) *The Mother*. And yet, for all the outward thorniness, the film is a ball of mush at heart. Peter O'Toole, as the dried-up ham, gives a wearily bluffing performance that nevertheless seems to have won over the critics. Always prone to a heavy stress and a lurching cadence in his delivery of lines, a kind of vocal galumph, he is now more ponderous and harder-breathing by half, going for the Henry Fonda Oscar — i.e., the sympathy vote — and even, around the nipped-and-tucked hollowed-out eyes especially, looking a bit like late Fonda, a shadow of his former self (a "gorgeous" glamour shot from his salad days will remind us) or more accurately a cruel caricature of his former self. It is good to note that Vanessa Redgrave as his ex-wife continues to age beautifully, without taking extreme measures, and that she has still got a spark, a mere five years younger than O'Toole. Jodie Whittaker, in her screen debut as the Galatea figure, makes a pebble-sized splash. 2006. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4)

**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. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Wild Hogs** — Road comedy with Tim Allen, John Travolta, Martin Lawrence, and William H. Macy, directed by Walt Becker. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/2)

**Zodiac** — Director David Fincher resurrects the San Francisco serial killer, with Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey, Jr., and Chloë Sevigny. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/2)

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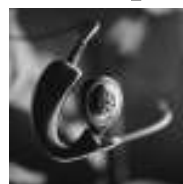
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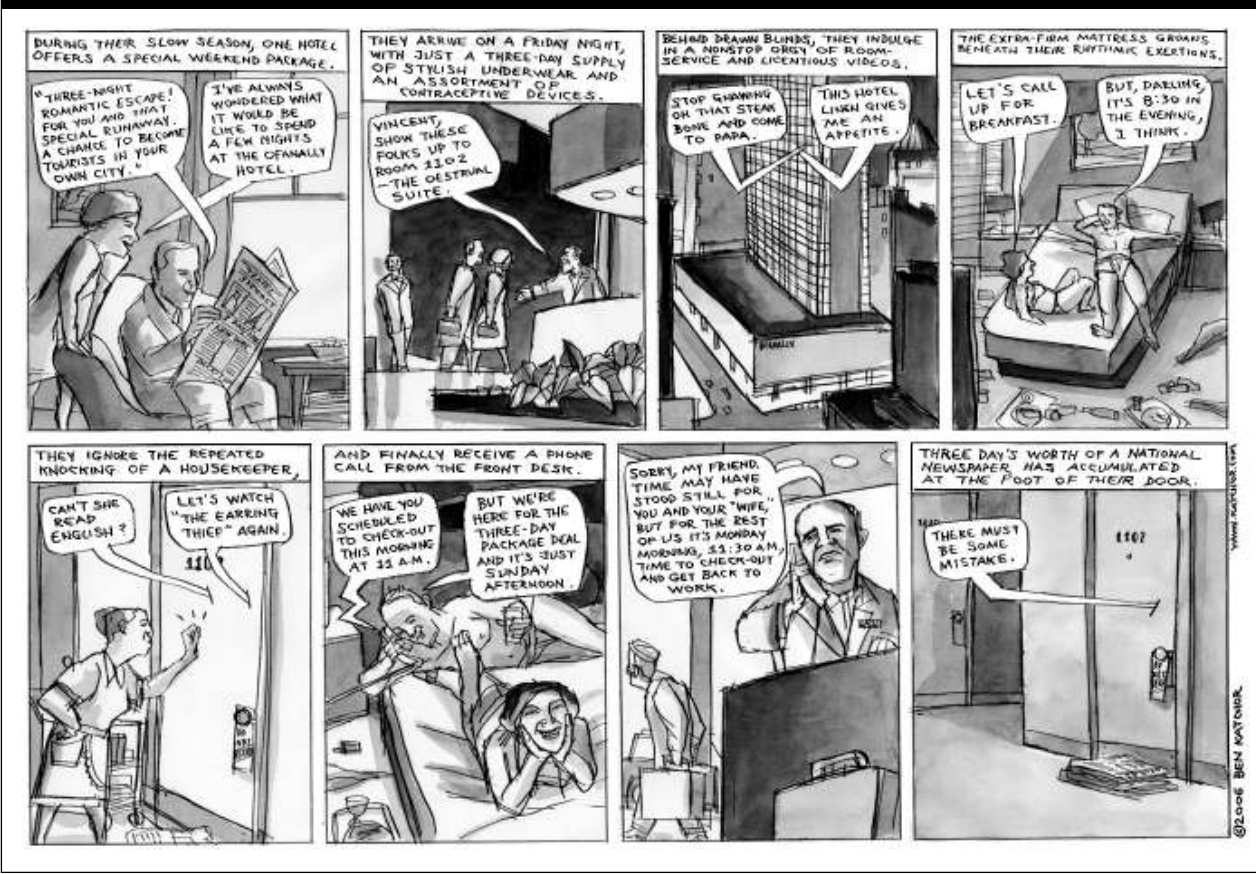
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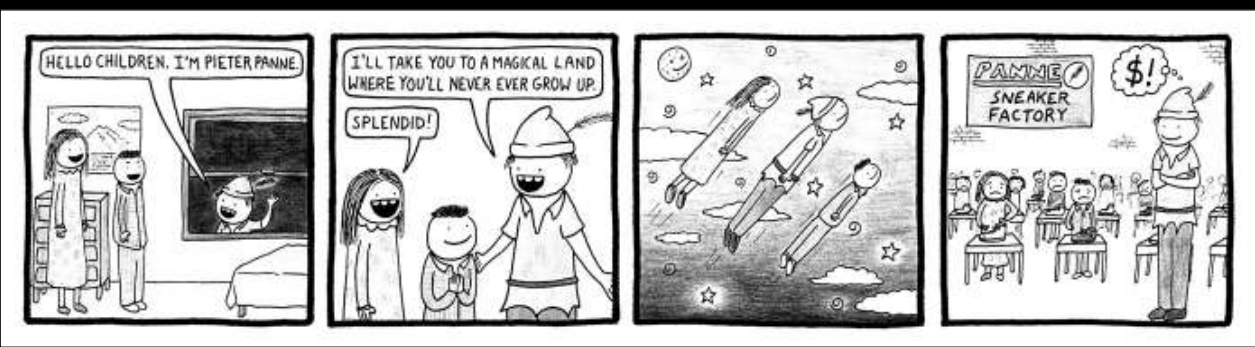
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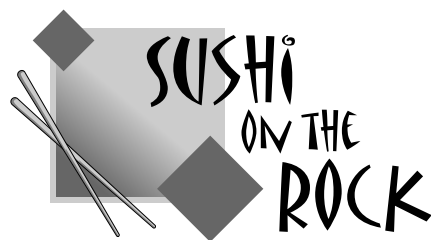
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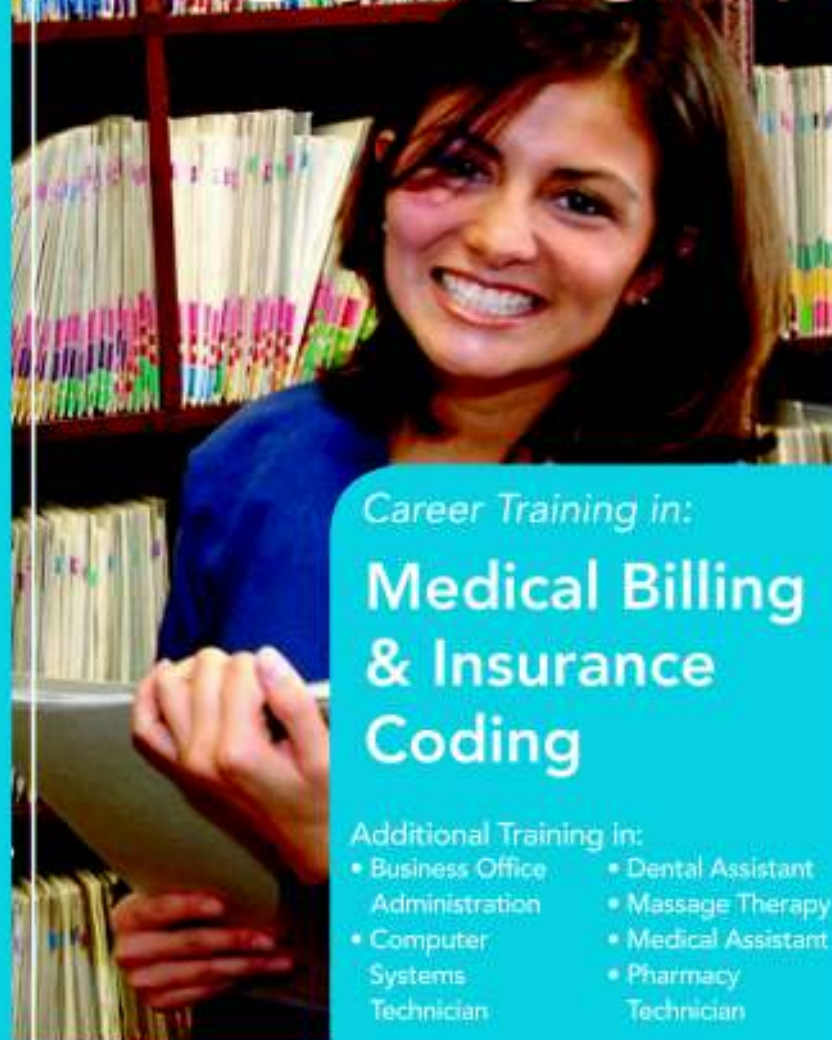
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### Across

- Torre or LaRussa: Abbr.
- Elephant of kiddie lit
- Panache
- First name in Notre Dame football
- Rhine tributary
- "A League of \_\_\_\_ Own"
- Belief sys.
- Imitated a crow
- Elfman of "Dharma & Greg"
- Bugler's evening call
- Sheep cries
- Desert refuges
- With 53-Across, an answer to the question "How can you tell this crossword puzzle is tired?"
- Orphan taken in by Daddy Warbucks
- Waikiki wingding
- Pitchfork-shaped letters
- NPR host Hansen and others
- Take the wrong way?
- HBO rival
- Went first
- O, Us or GQ
- Record producer Brian
- Org. whose Web site features a "Your Air Quality" map
- Pro
- Building extensions
- Spouse's turndown
- "\_\_\_\_ all in this together"
- 2005 role for Charlize
- \_\_\_\_ Bournes (classic card game)
- See 24-Across
- "Chaplin" actress Kelly
- Make reference to
- One of the Three Bears
- 1983 Michael Keaton comedy
- Much of suburbia
- Opposite of FF
- Bolt together?
- Band together
- It's in the genes
- Comedienne Wanda
- Modern injections
- Site of sloppy work?

### Down

- Emergency declaration
- Drew Barrymore, to Ethel and Lionel
- Winner of 2.7% of the 2000 presidential vote
- Ballpoint brand
- Easy \_\_\_\_
- Mourn
- It may be underfoot
- McCarthy era phenomenon

- Missouri city, briefly
- Henchman of Daddy Warbucks
- Cravings
- "Do you believe in love at first sight, or should I walk by again?," e.g.
- Notable times
- 1940s-50s All Star pitcher Johnny
- Terse note from a teacher
- Greg Evans comic strip
- Weight measuring tools
- Condition no one wants to get stuck with
- Spooks
- Leaves for lunch?
- Prosperous periods
- Singing group
- Baseball's Alfonso
- Carpe \_\_\_\_
- Continent south of the Barents Sea
- Peabrain
- Handles, so to speak
- Fifty minutes past the hour
- Parisian ladies: Abbr.
- Parisian airport
- "No harm done"
- "\_\_\_\_ and the City"

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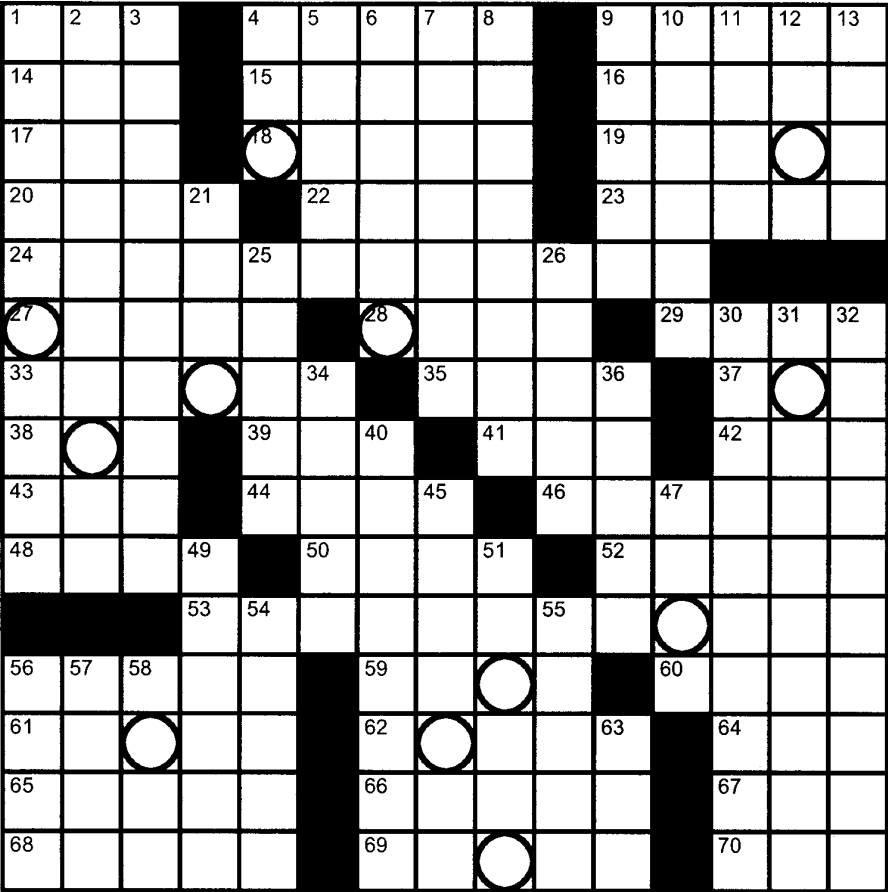
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*School bus driver*  
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Chris George  
*Military*  
*Point Loma*

That's easy; a sports broadcaster. I'm a sports junkie. I have a wealth of knowledge. I wouldn't care what city I worked in. I'm from Rochester, New York, so I wouldn't mind the cold if they sent me there. I would prefer TV over radio.



Ian Joseph  
*Military*  
*Mission Valley*

Record label representative. Or something with artist development. I would like to find new bands. There was a show on VH1 that dealt with that. I would love to listen to demos or go into bars and clubs and find something marketable or work with bands. I love music and would love to have an influence on music and work with bands in any capacity.



Donna Harte  
*Real Estate*  
*Santa Clarita*

A singer/songwriter. It's good therapy. I currently sing karaoke, when I have the courage. I made a demo, but I didn't do anything with it. I sing country and alternative. But, sure, if I could do that for a career, the way someone like Sarah McLachlan does, that would be a great way to make a living.



A.J. Hewison  
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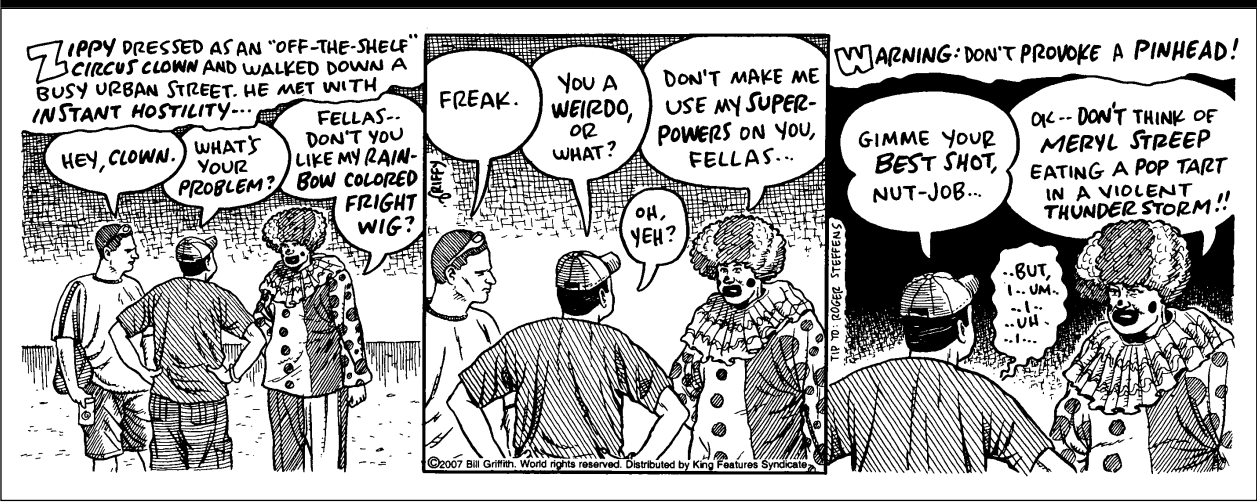
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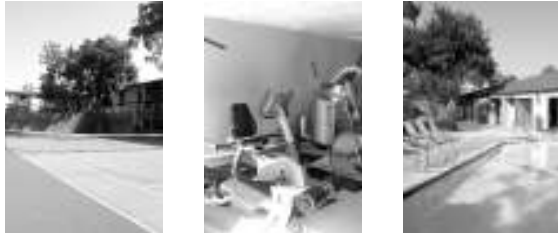


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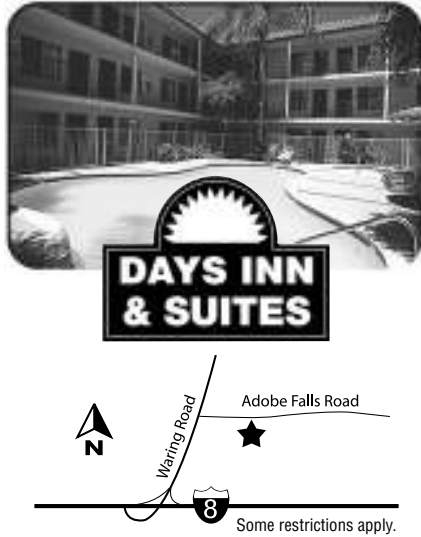
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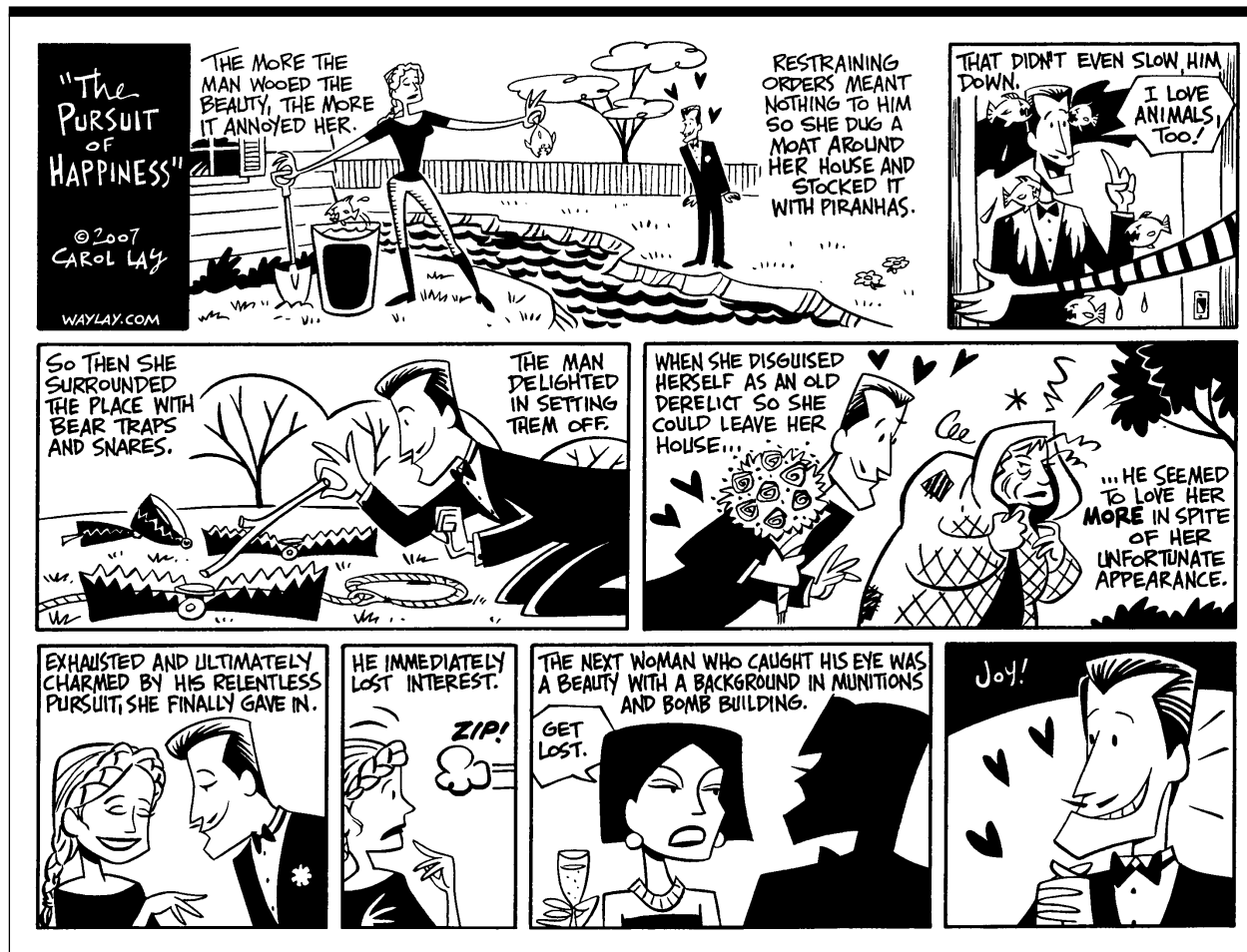


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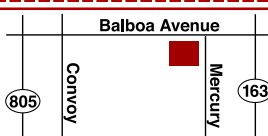
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#### CHOOSING BAIT

We met on an Internet dating site. He sent many pictures of himself having fun. He called me "princess" and "angel eyes." I'm not easily won over with the sweet-name thing, but it was honey-covered manna when he said it. I put my girlfriend on the phone to hear his playful voice. She gave him a thumbs up. She said she'd give anything to hear her husband call her something like that, just once. I don't know, my take is men will use divine names to draw in their prey like a juicy worm on a hook. I ignored my red flag for her green one. Go.

#### DRAGGING THE LURE

Properly wooed and drawn in, I prepared myself for our first date. He promised to make dinner at his beachfront home — lemon-thyme chicken and champagne for his birthday. I toyed with the lure. I hemmed and hawed. I chased the lure.

#### TAKING THE BAIT

I drove for almost an hour for the date. That

## The Champagne Flute Might Be Plastic

didn't sit right with me, but I waved it off since he wanted to show me a beautiful time, and it was his birthday. The location was, as he called it, paradise, and I was an angel in his paradise. It was beautiful. He opened a bottle of champagne. I did not watch him remove the cork. He poured champagne into flutes.

#### REELING IN — HIS TURN

After we toasted his health and happiness, I looked around — nice remodel, nice furniture, crystal collection everywhere. We chatted. I asked him to show me his office so I could see his Ph.D. diploma. (Another friend had warned me to see the diploma, not to believe anything I read on the dating profile.) He said he was sad that I didn't trust him. We returned to the living room where he lit a cozy fire in the fireplace. He told me about all the renovations he had made with his "own two hands." He opened a book that contained the works of many poets, including his. He chose a poem he wanted me to

read. He told me that this was good champagne, and these were Lenox crystal flutes. He said he collected crystal from his world travels.

#### REELING OUT — MY TURN

With my next sip, I felt dizzy. Alexander asked me if I was drunk. I told him that I wasn't, that I couldn't be drunk on two glasses of champagne. I pinged the rim of my flute. It was plastic. I had a hard time controlling my thoughts. Head spinning, I began to really notice the cheesy blown-glass collection he had, everywhere. I'm sure it wasn't cheap glass, probably was crystal because he said so, but I was not impressed with the clutter, a collection gone awry. Why did the crystal flute feel like plastic? Why was my head spinning? Why was he slipping his hand down my top?

#### INTO THE FRYING PAN

I struggled. I said I was sick. I went into the bathroom and vomited into the toilet. I needed to lie down; I was weak. From the bed I

heard Alexander pile dishes in the sink. Then I felt him climbing in next to me, breathing hard in my ear — not sexy but like an old man. By 3 a.m. my head was back. I got dressed and told him I was going home. He said he was tired, and I had ruined his night.

#### THE FISHING LESSON

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— President Yahya Jammeh of Gambia (Africa’s smallest country) has long believed he has mystic powers, but he said a vision received on Jan. 18 makes it possible for him to personally cure AIDS and asthma, though only on certain days and for a limited number of people. The vision gave him recipes based on seven herbs mentioned in the Quran but authorized him to treat no more than 10 AIDS sufferers on Thursdays and Mondays and not more than 100 asthma patients on Fridays and Saturdays. (The government reports success.) Jammeh’s previous visions included making Gambia rich by exporting oil, but so far no deposits have been found.

**Great Art!**

— Chilean artist Marco Evaristti, serving dinner to friends at a gallery in Santiago in January, presented a dish of meatballs that he said had been cooked using liposuctioned fat from his own body. “The question of whether or not to eat human flesh is more important than the result,” he said. “You are not a cannibal if you eat art.” (Evaristti is the artist who once put live fish in a blender at a gallery and invited guests to push the button.)

— The Atlantic Theater in the Jacksonville, Fla., suburb of Atlantic Beach planned to stage several dramas this winter, including Eve Ensler’s *The Vagina Monologues*, but following an undisclosed number of complaints from parents who said they were uncomfortable seeing that title, management changed its marquee to “The Hoohaa Monologues.” (The change lasted one day, until management realized it was barred by contract from calling the play by another name.)

**Government in Action**

— Nathaniel Abraham was convicted of murder in 1998 and incarcerated, but only until he turned 21, which was in January, at which time he was moved into a rent-free apartment in Bay

City, Mich., and enrolled tuition-free in Delta College, in a program sponsored by Michigan Rehabilitation Services. Though some criticized such lavish treatment of a murderer, Abraham seemed ready to start his new life, arriving in Oakland Circuit Court for his formal release wearing “a black fur coat, ivory fedora hat, and an ivory and hot-pink pinstriped suit with matching pink tie and shoes,” according to a *Detroit News* reporter.

— Government Decisions: (1) At the recommendation of the Unipart consulting firm, bureaucrats at the British Revenue and Customs office in Longbenton had strips of black tape applied to their desktops to mark off where certain items should be placed for better organization, according to a January report in London’s *Daily Telegraph*. (2) A 73-year-old man died of a heart attack in North London in January, perhaps partially due to a delay by the London Ambulance Service. According to *The Sun*, the nearest crew could not be called because European Union labor rules prevent disturbing the crew for any reason during the first 20 minutes of their half-hour break.

**Police Blotter**

— Questionable Judgments: During an eight-day period around New Year’s in the Chicago area, thieves stole tractor-trailers filled with broccoli and asparagus.

— Tacky: (1) U.K. soccer player Glen Johnson, who reportedly earns the equivalent of about \$58,000 a week, was arrested at a B&Q store in Dartford after a security guard said he spotted Johnson placing a high-priced toilet seat into the box of a lower-priced seat. (2) Des Moines, Iowa, police detained James Clay in December after a convenience store clerk accused him of putting two hot dogs inside a bun and covering them with enough condiments that the clerk would think he was buying only one dog.

— More Tacky Crimes: (1) In November, Robert Hanna, 42, of Meadville, Pa., reported that he had

just shot a deer and was about to come down from his tree stand when three armed men happened along and deer-jacked him, knocking him to the ground and stealing his bounty. (2) County-jail inmate Brian Bruggeman, 38, was arrested in North Platte, Neb., in December and charged with felony assault after allegedly passing gas repeatedly in front of his cellmate (leading to a fight). The “victim,” inmate Jesse Dorris, said he had made numerous attempts to stay away from Bruggeman but that Bruggeman purposefully sought him out in a dinner line and let him have it once more.

— Testifying in January against a San Bernardino, Calif., strip club accused of promoting prostitution, licensed private investigator Duane Minard (who was working on contract for the police) admitted that he went too far in gathering evidence. He said he had paid a woman \$300 for a legitimate dance in a private room, but by the time she had “finished,” he owed her \$500 more for “additional” services. He testified that he knew he wasn’t supposed to go all the way, but “I didn’t have the time to clear my head,” he said. “I was aroused. I was waiting for the cavalry to come over the hill.”

**Least Competent Criminals**

— Police in Lilburn, Ga., were called to the cemetery adjacent to Luxomni Baptist Church at 2:40 a.m. one morning in January to investigate reports of a man screaming for about two hours. They found Ezekiel Dejesus-Rodriguez, 24, pinned under a gravestone (with a bloody, broken leg) and said he had apparently been knocking over headstones for fun until one fell on him.

— Bright Ideas: (1) Kurt Husfeldt, 46, and two others were arrested in Lindenhurst, N.Y., in January in possession of 14 stolen electronic devices that they apparently assumed were cell phones. However, they were global positioning devices from a nearby municipal facility, and police had followed their signals to Husfeldt’s home. (2) Patrick Burr, 36, and his wife Heather,

33, were arrested in Provo, Utah, in December and charged with conspiracy to rob the Utah Community Credit Union. The informant said the Burrs had planned to make their getaway by floating on inner tubes down the Provo River, but that plan collapsed after their car (containing the inner tubes) was impounded.

**The Weirdo-American Community**

— For two years now, Estrella Benevides, 46, has been painting messages on her house in San Mateo, Calif. Her activity has escalated to the point where all outside surfaces (including the roof) are covered with cryptic references to the Bible, conspiracy theories, and episodes from her own life. A community board gave her a February deadline to remove the writing or pay a fine of \$50 a day. Benevides has said she can’t remove the messages because they come from God and expose a worldwide mind-control cabal that uses witchcraft and technology, and that this is the only way she knows to warn people. According to court documents cited by *InsideBayArea.com*, her life has spiraled downward since she lost custody of a young son.

**Uniting for Peace and Brotherhood**

— (1) In December in Jerusalem, Israel’s Green Leaf Party organized the first joint Israeli-Arab conference promoting the legalization of marijuana, which a party spokesman said would create a “common [cultural] identity” that could lead to peace. (2) In January, India’s largest political party, the Bharatva Janata Party, sponsored compulsory yoga classes in public schools, but opposition was strong, with the All India Muslim Personal Law Board working side by side with various Christian organizations such as the Catholic Church of Madhya Pradesh.

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### Thirty Years Ago

[S]ome 15 years ago, I appeared in a San Diego courtroom as witness for Lawrence and Geraldine McGilvery, on trial for selling obscene material, Miller's *Tropic of Cancer*.

Prior to my appearance, the entire book had been read aloud to the jurors, who submitted to a rather ingenious test of their objectivity by the prosecuting attorney, Martin Gutfleisch.

In May of 1975, as restaurant reviewer for the *Reader*, I received a phone call from a public relations man, who asked me to visit a Mexican restaurant, Si Señor, in La Mesa. I softened when he told me that the restaurant was owned by an attorney, Martin Gutfleisch. Could this be the same man who had taunted and goaded me and done his best to unnerve me in the *Tropic* trial?

—“ANOTHER MILLER'S TALE,” Eleanor Widmer,  
March 3, 1977

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

Some places up on University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard get hit a lot. Usually places set back from the street a little, and with an alley in back. Robbers love a nice alley where

they can hide the car.

—“NOBODY DISTURBS MY PEACE,” Joe Applegate,  
March 4, 1982

### Twenty Years Ago

The America's Cup has something for everyone: a book contract for Dennis Conner; an Australian junket for San Diego politicians; a million dollars' worth of free publicity for Cup sponsor Home Federal Savings and Loan. And KGTV Channel 10 commentator Michael Tuck may score a five-point Nielsen ratings bonus.

Tuck laid into Conner with a February 10 “Perspective” segment that branded the yachtsman as “rude, arrogant, and boorish.” The following night, Tuck explained his refusal to apologize for those critical comments.

—THE INSIDE STORY, Paul Krueger, March 5, 1987

### Fifteen Years Ago

I robbed my first bank out of fear. But once I walked in with my gun, the fear was gone, and I knew who I was. It started in the Encinitas drug scene, where I was a local. Moved out there from the Chicago drug scene after high school. I was fully involved. I'd been buying eightballs and quarter ounces of coke from

this loser and going out to La Costa to purchase from this mobster guy I'll call Carlo. And the loser was duffing my shit up, which I wanted stopped.

—“AUNT PUDGE AND THE BANK ROBBER,” Richard Mitchell and Linton Robinson, March 5, 1992

### Ten Years Ago

Anybody who's had a book published and isn't famous and isn't rich and isn't a name known worldwide for supple, exciting prose will know how I feel these days. My book *Never Eat Your Heart Out*, with its pretty pink cover, started showing up in bookstores in late January.

I was excited and happy when Elisabeth Sifton at Farrar, Straus & Giroux called me up 18 months ago and said to my answering machine, “We'd like to make you an offer.” I lay on the living room carpet and hugged the dachshund and played Mrs. Sifton's message, again and again. I even rolled a bit on the carpet. I called everybody I knew. I crowed.

—READING: “NEVER EAT YOUR HEART OUT,”

Judith Moore, February 27, 1997

### Five Years Ago

Hey, Matt:

Even though I know it is not safe to ingest



San Diego Reader, March 3, 1977

bleach, I was wondering if pure bleach would harm your teeth.

We went straight to the American Dental Association with this one and apparently struck a nerve — like a collective root canal, I guess. They freaked. The party line: DO NOT PUT BLEACH IN YOUR MOUTH! Their science guys refused to tell us if bleach will whiten your teeth or if it will damage tooth enamel, melt your molars, or anything else. They won't even consider the question because YOU SHOULDN'T PUT BLEACH IN YOUR MOUTH!

—STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, Matthew Alice,  
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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

New Zealand supermarkets are devoid of the range of TV dinners and pasta sauces that are the staples of their British counterparts. I didn't know this until my husband Warren and I sold everything and moved our lives halfway around the world from the familiar shores of Britain to the rural idyll that is New Zealand's South Island. Here you shop by the season, harking back to the days when you literally looked forward to the time of year when you could have leeks and yearned for winter to bring asparagus.

Making meals from scratch is the norm here. I have heard of fellow ex-pats who have had to resort to asking friends back home to scan and e-mail the list of ingredients from pre-cooked dinner packaging so their dinners taste "authentic" — albeit authentically Kraft or Tesco. I can only assume that said ex-pats have a small chemistry lab for a kitchen and wear safety goggles as they mix together phosphated starch phosphate, monosodium glutamate, and brilliant scarlet 4B to make their authentic Italian lasagna.

But apparently there *is* life after pasta sauce and microwaving. It's called preserving. A quaint old rural pastime that I felt I must incorporate into my new regime, although I refuse to wear the apron (thanks, mum), but since when have I worn anything remotely floral?

I decided upon a quintessential plum jam recipe from the New Zealand cookery bible, Edmonds's *Sure to Rise*, which should be given to immigrants as part of their immigration settlement pack. The 90-year-old book can be found in most Kiwi kitchens and is the biggest selling book (not just cookery book) in New Zealand.

I proceeded with caution, armed with a new wooden spoon, a NASA approved designer nonstick pan, and state-of-the-art chrome gas stove. How hard could it be? The ingredients were minimal and the method was simple, although I have had to add in a few notes.

First, handpick 2 kg of plums from a far-flung corner of your lifestyle block. Be at least 90 percent sure they are plums,

or ask a neighbor. Note to self — shaking the tree violently results in a shower of bugs, not plums.

Wash plums and then halve and stone them. Note to self two — get stoned and halve them; it's way more fun. Next, put plums in one-and-a-half cups of water and bring to boil. Weigh out seven cups of sugar. Ring health insurance company to check you're covered for dental work. Chuck sugar in pan and boil rapidly. Smile contentedly and watch in amazement as the contents of the pan bubble and foam — religiously skim off foam. Smile nervously and watch in amazement as the pan contents bubble and foam and double in size — religiously skim off foam.

Scream, swear, and panic as the contents of the pan rapidly quadruple in size and overflow onto brand new brushed-chrome designer hob, and watch in amazement as it burns and smokes. Jump out of skin as smoke detector blares to life. Scrape and chip off burnt sugar and jam from hob for approximately two hours before decanting remaining liquid into a considerably larger pan.

Put on apron. Cautiously bring liquid back to boil.

After much longer than any recipe book suggests, the jam will reach "setting point"

(a new term that you can use with abandon), and you can now pour the jam into a set of designer jars and seal.

After three to four months, throw away eight moldy jars of jam and revisit chapter on sterilizing. Go to local supermarket and buy Pam's plum jam. Plan to make scones.

In an effort to save the kitchen from burning down



and to untie myself from the kitchen sink, I turned my attention to growing vegetables. Real vegetables, not sulphite enhanced, super-scrubbed sterile specimens suffocated in plastic. Spuds with mud, broccoli with bugs, carrots with cracks, and a plant that you're not sure *what* it is until it produces something recognizable. Veggies just aren't what you'd expect in their growing stage.

Having lovingly planted my little seedlings in my new veggie patch, I would go out each day and immerse the plants, and myself, in clouds

of derris dust, an organic insecticide. They grew and grew. I watered and weeded. They grew and grew.

Like a proud mother-to-be, I visited my horticultural neighbor to discuss the growing brood. She took me round her nursery and we cooed at her carrots and marvelled at the marrows.

When I used to buy my veggies, they were invariably cut to size, washed, trimmed, and neatly dressed in cellophane. No mud or bugs or endless months feeding and weeding and stressing and fending off predators. I was totally unprepared for the obsessive hoeing and weeding and hatred of anything found hovering in the vicinity of the patch.

Thankfully, the crèche that is the fruit-and-vegetable aisle of the supermarkets here in New Zealand is crammed with wholesome, home-grown produce, which begs not to be smothered in shelf-life-prolonging wax and that grew with the aid of the elements and without a whiff of DDT. It absolutely refuses to be morphed into some stereotypical version of a foreign offering — as do the inhabitants of this green and wholesome land.

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POST TITLE: Friday Night in San Diego  
Here are my thoughts on Stingaree: kind of overwhelming, truth be told. Stingaree bears a familial resemblance to the supper clubs of Europe, but that's a strained comparison. Actually feels more like a club in Las Vegas, or, for that matter, Moscow.

At Stingaree, there are lines inside as well as on the outside; the establishment of social hierarchy is integral to the supper-club concept. After all, you are asking people to spend a lot of money, and people who spend a lot of money want to feel "exclusive." In an economic sense, comparing Stingaree to Beauty Bar San Diego is like comparing the United States to Peru. In other words, no comparison. Stingaree is a finely tuned, well-lubed, revenue-generating machine.

Say what you like about the social milieu of Stingaree, but the fact is that it has one of the best sound systems I've ever heard. Anywhere. In the world. Last night, Switch was awesome (Switch headlined at Check Yo Ponytail in Los Angeles this Tuesday with Acid Girls). He had a similar setup to Salinger of Acid Girls — laptop and then a little modulator board with dials and switches for "rave" effects. The set was more identifiable as techno — cutting-edge techno.

I have to believe that the crowd, while appreciative, was largely

ignorant about the back-story to the music they were hearing. It was mostly the type of people one would expect to find at Stingaree. I found myself less annoyed, overall, than I was expecting to be — but there were still some cringe-inducing moments, like the guy who was trying to get his buddy's drink order over his cell phone at the bar. News-flash: text messaging was DESIGNED for that situation, asshole. The dance floor was a "no fly" zone — way, way, way too crowded with the typical crowd. The roof of the club was crowded despite the fact that they don't pipe the music up there — that was a sure indication that the crowd was made up of "punters," as they say in the U.K.

I'd have to say that the inclination is to try to push Barry Weaver to book more Southern California electro acts, like Guns 'n' Bombs and Acid Girls, say. It would be kind of awesome to unwittingly expose the Stingaree crowd to all these cool acts — and judging from the 30-person turnout at Beauty

Bar, cool San Diego doesn't give a fuck, so why should the DJs suffer? The Stingaree crowd will show up, \$20 in hand, no matter what — but Stingaree can build a national reputation easily by bringing in quality talent. California has the DJ talent



to do residencies and stuff like that, the way it's operated for years in Britain.

POST DATE: February 15, 2007  
POST TITLE: Let's Talk About Barry Weaver

As far as I know, Barry Weaver was like the original electro-clash DJ in San Diego. I remember going to events of his at Rich's(!) in 2001,

2002. That was when we called it "electro-clash," but it always has been indie dance nation. You have to identify Barry Weaver as the indie dance nation godfather in the San Diego market, yes? Barry Weaver is now doing Dos Tres

Thursday nights at Modus, and since Powder Room is closing shop after their Guns 'n' Bombs big finale (still waiting for an explanation on that one), you'd have to say that Modus will pretty much be the Thursday night go-to after that.

So, for the benefit of my readers in the cultural journalism arena, I would like to present a little discussion of the trends in electronic music

over the past several years in Southern California. OK, so in the beginning, there was rave music, and then there was "electronica," and kind of alongside electronica — and separate from rave-style stuff — there were indie/Brit pop nights — which were more like "80s nights" — and then "rave nights." And then what happened is the indie/Brit pop

nights kind of adopted some of the pieces of "electronica" and combined them with some of the Brit pop/indie bands, and that was "indie dance nation."

When indie dance nation started, everyone called it electro-clash, which was the wrong term for it. Barry Weaver was running electro-clash back in the day. It's actually kind of an anomaly from a global perspective, where the indie bands drop out of the mix and people do stuff like dance all night and party in abandoned power stations in East Berlin. One of the big trends that is neglected by indie dance nation is minimal house/techno, which is prevalent in German markets, like Berlin and Cologne, and in London and Scotland and France and Italy. That's why it's so cool that Dos Tres is bringing in the right kind of international DJ talent. As early as Friday, February 16, Weaver is bringing in Dave Taylor (Switch) to Stingaree with a relaxed dress code.

Re: Stingaree relaxed dress code: in Europe, the "dress code" or door policy works AGAINST dudes in expensive suits and dolled-up club babes. It's the normal-looking people that they prefer — jeans and T-shirts. It's unfortunate in the United States that bouncers do not have good taste in patrons. At the Weekend Fun Club in Berlin, the dudes in suits have to bribe their way in. Tip to Stingaree: make the rich douche bags pay more to get in...let the cool people in for free.

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**WHAT I AM NOT IS A LOUD ASS IN THE MORNING.** I am a morning person. When most people are slapping their alarm clocks and begging God to let them sleep, I'm cartwheeling to the shower.

While you are covering your head with a pillow and thinking, "Ugh, I have to get up and go to work," I'm thinking, "WOOHOO!"

It's irritating, I know. Morning people irritate even me — a specific subtype of morning person. Most of us are quiet. We know that morning is a quiet time. But out of a group of ten morning people, there are always two loud asses. The other eight of us can only glance at each other and roll our eyes while the loud ones carry on at their operatic range in an otherwise quiet coffee shop.

"Did you see the Oscars last night?!" one old loud-ass woman with frazzled salt-and-pepper hair asks no one in particular.

"I didn't even know they were on," the sweet college kid behind the counter says in a softer voice, an attempt to quiet the squawking dingbat.

"Oh, they were great! Just great!"

The barista nods to her. A nicer gesture than the one I'm performing behind the shouting gypsy's back.

I sit down with my cup and flip through the paper. The rattling old can's male counterpart steps into the café. You've all seen him: gray ponytail, beat-up leather jacket, and — strapped to his back, the worst offense of all — the guitar.

I pull out my notebook and start scribbling, "Don't start playing that damn thing. Don't start playing that damn thing. Don't start playing that damn thing."

The "musician" takes a seat and sets his coffee and scone in front of him and thrums out some horrid B-side to a lost album of a crappy band nobody's heard of.

"You guys remember this one? You remember this one?" he's asking over his own acoustic assault.

The rattling can is still going on about the Oscars, "Did you see them? Weren't they just marvelous?"

Me, writing in my journal, "I wish you two would shut up. Nobody cares about the damn Oscars, and no, nobody's heard of that terrible song. Look around, the rest of us are under 200. How could we remember it? Just shut up, the both of you! Shut up!"

The Oscar lady comes over to my table, smiles and asks, "Whatcha writing?"

Proudly, I hand over my book.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

**THURSDAY, MARCH 1**  
**AMERICAN IDOL**  
**FOX 8:00 P.M.**  
I'm sad and embarrassed for everyone involved. My initial reaction of rage has metamorphosed into melancholic ennui. As I sit here and thumb my thesaurus, I'm...aggrieved at the state of my once beautiful empire. How I long for those stimulating days of *Alf*, *Small Wonder*, and *Out of this World*. Sing me back, Evie and Mrs. Ochmoneck. Sing me back to those reposeful days of bright television.

**ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 5TH GRADER?**  
**FOX 9:00 P.M.**  
That last capsule was weird. I played on my own pretentious faux intellect and juxtaposed

it with the inanity of past and current TV shows. Yes, I still have my thesaurus out. Some-one, please take this devil's book from me!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2**  
**38TH NAACP IMAGE AWARDS**  
**FOX 8:00 P.M.**  
Bill Cosby gets a Lifetime of Boring the Pants Off People Award and they'll probably drag out LL Cool J. That's not what I want to watch. Women dressed as hookers and men dressed as if they're little kids who've borrowed their fathers' pants for the evening and can't quite keep the beltline above the hips, now that's entertainment. Also, if I'm going to devote an hour and a half to this, there better be a body-guard shooting.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**  
**CAKE**  
**CBS 9:00 A.M.**  
The Hostess snack-cake company used an anthropomorphized cartoon treat to promote one of their chocolate confections. The cartoon's name was King Ding Dong. I'm not making this up. Another little known fact is that my real last name is Ding Dong, and through extensive genealogical searching I have found that I am heir to the Ding Dong throne. I shall be called Ding Dong, Prince of North Park until my ascension as rightful ruler of the Ding Dong kingdom. Carry on. CARRY ON!

**BUILDING A DREAM: THE OPRAH WINFREY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**  
**ABC 8:00 P.M.**  
This show will be boring. What I want to see is *Building a Nightmare: The Britney Spears Failing Rehabilitation and Hoo-ha Flashing on the Web Academy*.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4**  
**GREASE: YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I WANT**  
**NBC 8:00 P.M.**  
Isn't this over yet? Haven't they crowned a winner? How is it I can't make it through one week without this extra large bucket of bad underwear darkening my cable box? Bring more of it on, I say. What I want is a two-hour special of this ruinous armpit stink. More, I say! Now with extra dipping sauce!

**MONDAY, MARCH 5**  
**HEROES**  
**NBC 9:00 P.M.**  
I have a terrible stomach cramp. It might be from bad milk or it might be from the injection of orangutan DNA I've administered to make myself superhuman. Oh, sure, "*Injection of orangutan DNA*," I get it. It's very funny. Laugh it up, but I can already feel my forearms lengthening and the back of my hands have grown a covering of red fur overnight. Oh, yeah. "Hairy palms." Would you kindly pipe down before I fling something unpleasant at you? I don't think you're taking this in the serious manner in which it was intended.



Pussycat Dolls Present: The Search for the Next Doll

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6**  
**THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF ORANGE COUNTY**  
**BRAVO 7:00 P.M.**  
I've seen ten minutes of this, and I've already had an ass full. These frigid cougars are each on their last leg of hotness, and they're desperately trying to nail down some schmo with more cash than he has self-esteem. And they all have horrid brats who "deserve a new car." That's it. End of summary. It's as entertaining as a box of hair. I want my ten minutes back.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7**  
**PUSSYCAT DOLLS PRESENT: THE SEARCH FOR THE NEXT DOLL**  
**WB 9:00 P.M.**  
I feel like a wounded combat soldier. I want the team to triumph in victory, and I know I'll be dragging the platoon down because I have no legs. I lay here, blood mingling with tears on my cheek. I can only say, "Finish me. Finish me, Sarge. Make it quick. Make the hurting stop." And out of compassion he sticks two more morphine shots in my leg. "The suffering'll be over soon, son. The suffering'll be over soon."

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8**  
**DR. CHRISTIANE NORTHRUP: MENOPAUSE AND BEYOND — NEW WISDOM FOR WOMEN**  
**PBS 8:00 P.M.**  
You can't see me, but I've collapsed to the floor. I've pulled my computer down, and I'm pecking this out with the last finger I can still move. I can't bear it. I can't bear the thought of it. It's too much. PBS. Old women. Talking about menopause. Maybe, if I gouge my eyes out now, I can end this horrific image in my mind. Excuse me. I'll end this article politely. I have to crawl to the kitchen for my corkscrews and grapefruit spoons.

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# T.G.I.F.

## Am I bumming people out? Am I taking myself too seriously?

By John Brizzolara

This is a rare occasion; it really is. I am sitting at my desk, where I have produced tens of thousands of words in just a few months since I bought the desk; I'm staring at the accusatory little blinking cursor, and I'm blank. This is about as close as I get to writer's block, a malady I don't understand unless you're talking about a period of time no longer than five minutes. These "moments" for me are just that, five minutes tops. I'm not bragging; in fact, there are those who might suggest I take a few years and really think about what it is I'm writing instead of actually writing. There is a whole industry that caters to people who do just that; they will sell you subscriptions to *Writer's Digest*, and get you to sign on for six weeks of a workshop in San Miguel de Allende. I can't afford any of it; I can barely afford the five minutes drawing a blank (which I filled by writing this paragraph).

While I was doing that, I ran through a checklist of possible subjects: books, movies, music, my childhood, my health. I've done them all to death, I hear, and I also hear a voice in my ear. It is that of my friend Mark, a microbiology professor in Tacoma, Washington, who reads this column via Internet just about every week and sends me brief electronic commentary. His imaginary voice tells me: "You sound a little down, this column," or "Pretty weighty stuff," or, lately

anyway, things along those lines. He assures me he enjoys reading the things, but it gives me pause. Am I bumming people out? Am I taking myself too seriously?

Another friend, Dave, recently handed me a CD saying, "Here, listen to this. You can't sit around feeling too sorry for yourself for too long with this on." This was out of nowhere. Jeez, am I really creating the impression that I'm sitting around in an orgy of self-pity?

The CD is a ten-year-old George Carlin album called *Brain Droppings*. I love Carlin and I wasted no time putting it on between the first and second paragraph. This will give me a little motivation, I think. Something funny, that's the ticket. And I hear...

"What's all this stuff about motivation? I say if you need motivation, you probably need more than motivation. You probably need chemical intervention or brain surgery. If you ask me, this country could use a little less motivation. The people who cause all the trouble seem highly motivated to me: serial killers, stock swindlers, drug dealers, Christian Republicans. I'm not sure motivation is always a good thing. You show me a lazy prick who's lying in bed all day watching TV and only occasionally getting up to piss and I'll show you a guy who is not causing any trouble."

This is good, of course. I love it and I agree maybe more than I should. But then I reach around for some tobacco and...big mistake, a pipe. I never smoke the thing in public because it seems insufferably pretentious, but I truly enjoy the sensation of smoking an entire pack of Camels at the same time. Carlin nails me with riffs about holding a controlled fire in front of your face as a weird barrier between you and the world and some kind of flag indicating that you're smarter than everyone else. Yeah, true, I have to agree, I suppose, that's how it looks. But I want George to like me and...

What am I, out of my mind? Carlin's a comedian, it's a routine, and what do I care anyway if George doesn't like my pipe? I'm in trouble here. I need to fall back on "professionalism." That's it. I write for a newspaper here. "Did it ever occur to you," I ask myself, "to write something timely? It's March first and, let's see, that's Saint David's Day, some Welsh churchman," I think. Not that, but something up to the minute. Think relevance, the here-and-now; "In today's news. I suppose Carlin does a bit of shtick called "Professionalism." Not exactly, and for a minute I think George is on my side as I light up and type: In the news today...



The author and George Carlin (photo illustration)

George is complaining.

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Dave was right. I'm laughing so hard I'm blowing sparking tobacco, like Pop-eye. It's raining onto my crotch. Self-pity does not have a chance.

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