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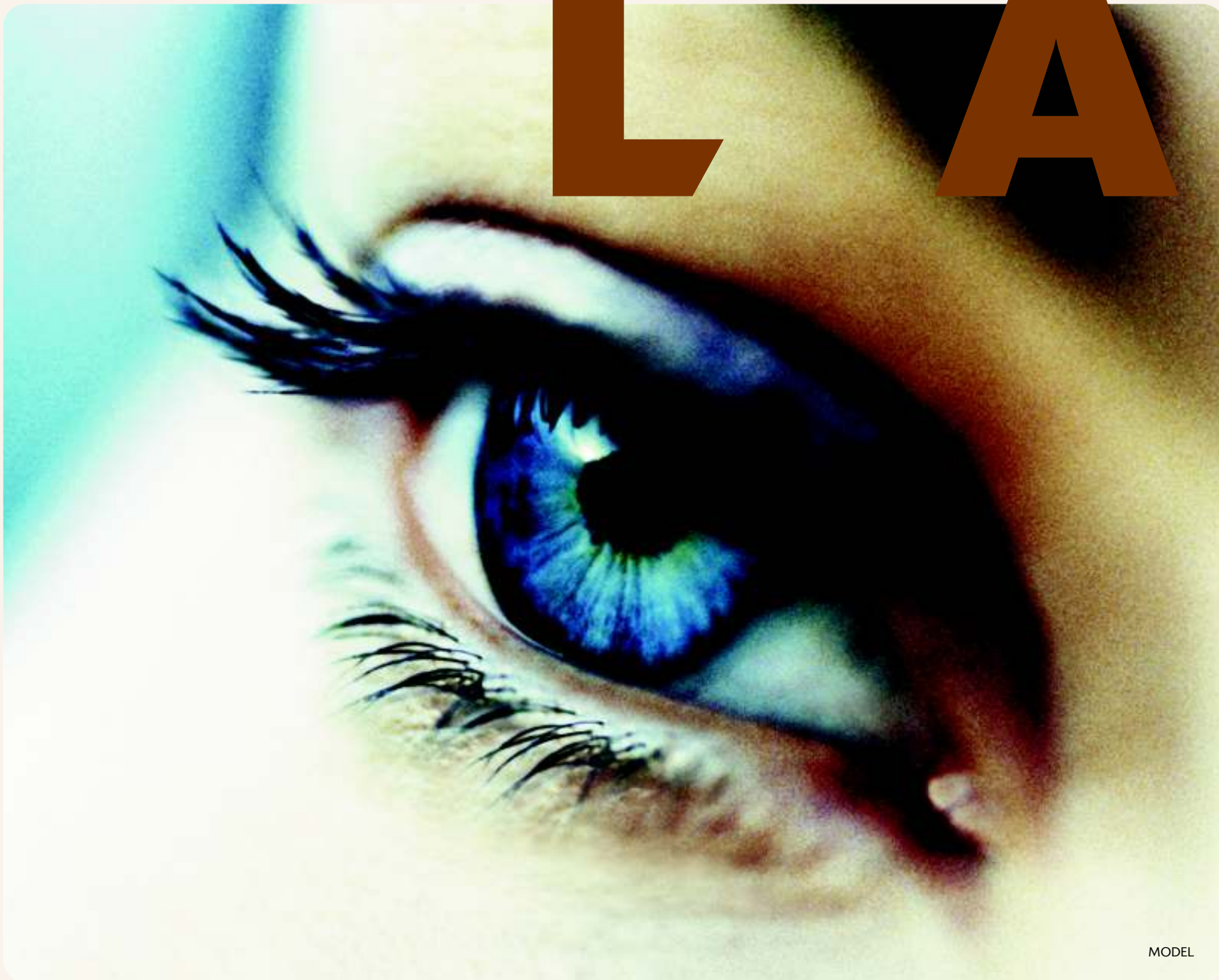
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— Mischa Shirazi, San Diego, CA

Q: Is the surgery painful or difficult?

"I had no pain during the procedure and no discomfort or pain afterward. Best of all, I can see without my glasses or contacts. It feels great."

— Greg Schwenk, San Diego, CA

Q: How soon after the process can I begin normal daily activities again?

"When I came out of the surgery room I could see the hands of the clock – I was doing normal things the next day...amazing immediate results!"

— Glenna T. Casey, Chula Vista, CA

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— T.P. Fortin, San Diego, CA

Q: Do the effects of LASIK wear off over time?

"I had the surgery done over 8 years ago and my sight is still a perfect 20/20."

— Sandra Macias, San Diego, CA

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— Darush Mohyi, M.D., La Jolla, CA



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Naked politics When **Jay Goldby** announced back in January 2004 he had decided not to seek a third term on the Poway City Council, the then-63-year-old grandfather said that he and his second wife, **Sherrie Anne Bagley**, executive director of the Poway Senior Center, whom he had married the month before, were “embarking on some new areas.... I’ve done everything and more than I expected to do, and there’s other things in life besides this for me.” Goldby, a financial planner and ex-life insurance salesman, told reporters that his new occupation would entail consulting on public works projects and substance-abuse prevention. A year later, Bagley left her post at the senior center after the Poway City Council received a report about alleged management problems during her tenure.

Now Goldby has turned over yet another leaf. He’s become general manager of the Sun Island Resort, a nudist getaway founded in 1954



Jay Goldby (left)

and fondly known to thousands of aging San Diego hippies as the Swallows. The new Sun Island, however, is nothing like the funky sun-dried hangout of old, which largely burned down in the Cedar fire in October 2003. In a newsletter posted on the resort’s website, Goldby writes, “We have many plans for the upcoming year, and among them are the sales of the houses, the condoizing of the residential areas, the new entrance, paving of the roadways, installation of Cox Cable, and improving the Café just to name a few. We will be doing some aggressive marketing to increase membership, sell houses, and enliven our activities even more.”

According to the website, the remodeled resort offers a Jacuzzi and sauna, swimming pool, tennis, volleyball, basketball, ping-pong and shuffleboard, and karaoke. Two- and three-bedroom mobile homes are for sale for between \$130,000 and \$140,000 each, according to the site. Reached by phone this week, a spokeswoman for Sun Island said it was off-season and that both Goldby and resort owner **James Shafer** were on vacation and wouldn’t be back for a few weeks.... Tourists and locals alike wondering about the ultimate fate of Anthony’s Star of the Sea room, the locally famous restaurant next to the *Star of India* on Harbor Drive, will just have to keep wondering, at least for a while. That’s the word from **Beverly Mascari**, a member of the Ghio family, who owns the place. Last summer, months after the upscale eatery had closed down, it was announced that it would be transformed into Ghio’s Seafood and Steaks and reopened by late September with a trendy new menu designed to lure diners a bit younger than the sixty- and seventysomething average of years past. But that plan didn’t work out, says Mascari, and the family is sorting out its options, including the possibility of subletting to another operator.

Ball four **Steve Peace**, the ex-legislator now working for Padres owner **John Moores**,



Steve Peace

has been doing more than just making the rounds of legislative offices in Sacramento and working the rubber chicken circuit on behalf of Moores’s plan to remake the waterfront. He’s also listed as a member of the Padres board of directors, a largely ceremonial post said to entitle the holder to a raft of freebies at Petco Park. Moores is chairman; **Glenn Doshay**, an investor from Rancho Santa Fe and longtime Moores pal, is vice chairman. Other members include ex-Democratic state senator **Dede Alpert**; Father **Joe Carroll**; brew distributor **Ron Fowler**; **C. Hugh Friedman**, onetime aide to **C. Arnholt Smith** and husband of former Democratic congresswoman **Lynn Schenk**; Sempra exec **Jessie Knight**; ex-city manager **Jack McGrory**; and Moores’s daughter **Jennifer**.

Snowballs in hell San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** may have his Charter Revision Commission stacked with big-money establishment favorites, like ex-city schools superintendent **Alan Bersin** and GOP lawyer and political insider **John Davies**, but local libertarians are happy to have a one-man charter reformer of their own in **Dick Rider**. While the Sanders group is expected to rubber-stamp the mayor’s continued stronghold



Alan Bersin



Dick Rider

on city hall, the outspoken Rider has come out with his own “wish list” of measures he’d take to clean up the chronic mess downtown. First up, “Require 2/3 vote on ALL bonds that obligate taxpayers. Currently loopholes allow the city (and county) to issue bonds using fake agencies that nominally are the bond issuer (stadium authority, for instance) — without any taxpayer vote at all! It would include ‘pension obligation bonds.’” Rider also calls for “an across the board, 25% reduction in employee pay (police would be an exception, as too many would pension out and/or leave). We WANT most of the other employees to leave — including the firemen. Tough love, and tough sell.” Other less-than-mainstream ideas from the onetime mayoral candidate: a ban on pro sports subsidies; the end of plans to build a new downtown library; and legalization of gambling. “As it now stands, we miss out on a huge tourist industry, and the Casino Indians are well on the way to owning every politician in the county. We MUST undermine their growing power that is based solely on their gambling monopoly. (We should NOT prohibit such Indian casinos — they just should face competition).”

— Matt Potter

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I Vote “Aye” For My Raise

By Don Bauder

The City is going to sell a slug of land. What’s to keep a councilmember from buying some at a cheap price and later dumping it at a fat profit? Well, there’s financial interest in any contract made by them in their official capacities.



Mike Aguirre



Casey Gwinn



Jim Madaffer



Scott Peters



Christine Kehoe



Bill Lockyer

lic officials at state, county, city, and other levels from having a direct or indirect

Unfortunately, “in the history of 1090, the only community in which it has not

Waring Nets Bundle, Partner Destroyed

By Don Bauder

Okay, so California Government Code section 1090 bans government officials from developing, negotiating, or executing a contract in which they have a financial interest. It’s an obvious conflict; someone violating 1090 deserves to be punished. But what about the private-sector entrepreneur who goes into a partnership with a government official who then uses his government influence to benefit their business? The public employee may be charged with a 1090 violation, but what happens to the entrepreneur, who is not with the government? Probably nothing.

Take the case of attorney James Waring, the City of San Diego’s czar over real estate, land use, and development policies. Two decades ago in Riverside County, he and several other speculators formed Murrieta 40, a partnership hold-



Jim Waring

of the deal. The district couldn’t provide water and sewer hookups to the land. Well, no problem. One person holding a 25 percent interest was Stanley Thomas Mills, an attorney who was also general man-

been strictly enforced is San Diego,” says Mike Aguirre, city attorney. Happily, there are some exceptions: for example, the district attorney is using 1090 to prosecute former members of the pension board who voted themselves fat retirement emoluments.

Although the law is clear-cut, it has been interpreted loosely in San Diego, making way for some shenanigans. For example, on September 12, 2000, then-mayor Susan Golding and the council voted themselves juicy pension benefits, including a reduction of the eligibility age from 60 to 55. Daniel M. Beeman, a former candidate for city council, challenged the move in court. Then-city attorney Casey Gwinn spent the city’s money to defend these self-dealt benefits. Hardly surprisingly in San Diego, the suit got nowhere. A year later, the enhanced benefits were extended to Gwinn.

On August 7, 2003, Gwinn’s office issued a paper declaring that the mayor and council could vote on measures regarding the San Diego City Employees’ Retirement Sys-

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ager of the Rancho California Water District.

Mills successfully pushed to have the Murrieta 40 acreage transferred to the Rancho California Water District, over the strong opposition of the Murrieta district. The hookups were made. Mills “used his position as the general manager of the Water District to influence the [Rancho California] Board’s decision,” said the State Bar of California.

From January 1, 1988, through October 1, 1988, Mills “concealed the fact that he had a contingent interest” in the partnership, said the bar. On January 1, 1988, Mills said he was selling his interest. But he continued to make secret installment payments. In late 1988, the 40 acres were sold for \$2.4 million. Mills made \$388,000 of that. He had paid \$113,000 for his portion of the partnership.

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Castaways' Fishy Tale

By Joe Deegan

Some writers are so suspicious. In the January issue of *Men's Journal*, writer Mike Guy raised new doubts about a story several Mexican fishermen told last summer of being lost in the Pacific Ocean for more than nine months. The men said they embarked on October 28, 2005, from San Blas, a village off the west coast of Mexico, for three days of shark fishing. According to Guy's

Guy quotes another fisherman from San Blas: "I think these *perdidos* (lost ones) spent some time out there, a month or two maybe, [the villager] says, pointing toward the sea. 'But I think maybe they were on land for much of the time, in Costa Rica or Colombia,

9, 2006, in an open boat close to Baker Island, near the equator. Their apparent good health provoked Mexican journalists in the first days afterward to ask the men pointed questions. And the trip that began with five on board ended with three. One surly fellow, who eventually died, was not a fisherman and seemed out of place. "In short," wrote Guy, "common sense and human physiology dictate that their amazing journey likely didn't happen the way they said it did. The truth is, if they were really shark fishing, they were likely the only shark boat in Mexico capable of keeping up with the narco-traffickers on

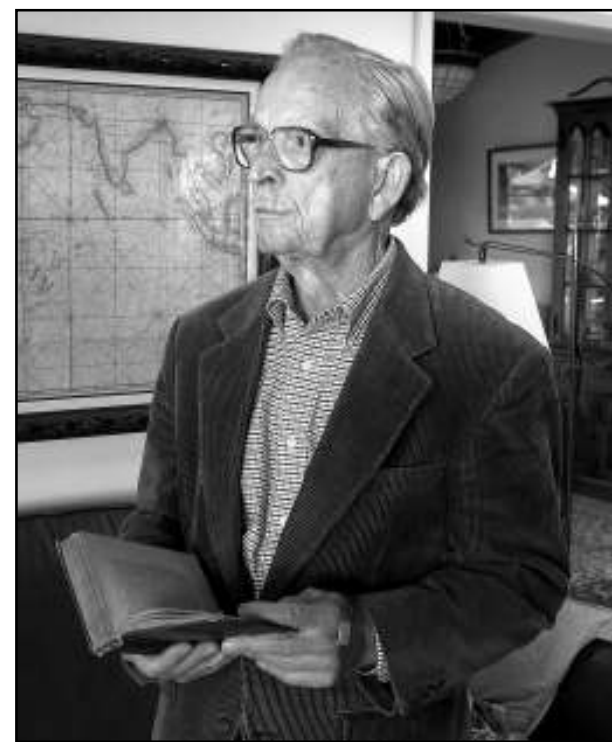
miles across the Pacific in nine months and lived."

To clinch this journalistic conviction, Guy called a San Diego witness. "For one thing," wrote Guy, "the prevailing wind and current patterns make [the *perdidos*] 20-mile-a-day journey highly unlikely, according to Joseph L. Reid, professor emeritus of physical oceanography at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego and an expert in Pacific currents. There are actually two westward-flowing currents: a relatively weak one at about 12 degrees north (San Blas is about 22 degrees north), and a much stronger one, just below the equator. In between, however, runs an easterly countercurrent that the fishermen would have had to cross en route to their rescue spot.

"The fact that they crossed the countercurrent makes it very strange," Reid says. "Then there are the doldrums, which are a little north of the equator. There would have been days on end when there was no wind at all."

"Reid estimates that if they had really started near San Blas, the fishermen would have averaged between 12 and 15 miles a day, which means that their journey should have taken closer to a year. Far to the south of San Blas, however, the winds and currents are more consistent. If the fishermen had started drifting at the latitude of, say, Panama or Colombia, they would have zipped along at close to 28 miles a day, says Reid. Their journey would have taken more like 200 days instead of 285."

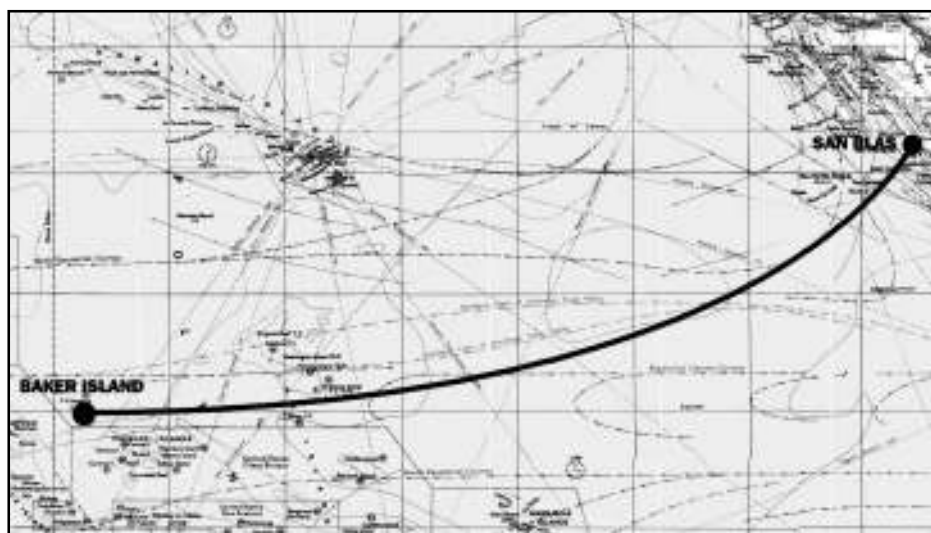
However, it looks as though Guy and Reid may not have understood each other. I discover as much during an interview with Reid at the Scripps Institution. It first hits me when he pulls out a calculator to compute again the average miles per day the fishermen had to cover if their story is true. "Let's see," Reid mutters into the calculator, "4400 nautical miles divided by 285 days is 15.4 nautical miles per day." Of course! The oceanographer Reid, who first came to Scripps as a student in 1948, routinely thinks in nautical (or sea) miles, which are calculated by reference to points of longitude and latitude. So



Joseph Reid

that's one reason, I tell myself, that before my arrival Reid asked me to bring coordinates both for where the fishermen first got lost (approximately 22 degrees N, 106 degrees W)

No wonder, then, that Guy thought Reid said the Mexican castaways' story was "highly unlikely," that the journey should have taken closer to a year than nine months. As I



article, entitled "The Impossible Journey," the men's harrowing escapade began when their boat ran out of fuel in waters known as much for drug trafficking as fishing.

or even Panama,' where the smuggling operations are based."

Guy was not the first skeptic. A large fishing trawler found the *perdidos* on August

open water. They probably at least tried to eat their dead comrades." Guy felt it "extremely difficult to accept that three men in a 27-foot lancha could have drifted 5500



Two of the castaway fishermen and the boat



Three of the fishermen (foreground) after rescue

and where they were rescued (approximately 1 degree N, 176 degrees W). Writer Mike Guy must have failed in their interview to specify that the 5500 he was quoting were "statute" (or landlubber) miles. (One nautical mile is equal to approximately 1.15 statute miles.) And where did the figure 5500 miles come from in the first place? Five thousand miles is more like it. That's the distance cited last summer in the first excited news flashes about the fishermen's rescue.

interview him, Reid is saying that "with wind on top of the ocean currents, the 4400 [nautical] miles seems like a reasonable estimate of what they could have made in 285 days." Reid, who now denies that he ever called the trip unlikely, thinks that Guy found him for their short phone conversation by calling Scripps Institution and asking for an expert.

Reid has taken me into a map room that looks down on Scripps Pier, jutting into

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Neal Obermeyer



Vote "aye" for raise

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tem, even though they could benefit greatly from their votes. The reasoning was tortured: neither a councilmember's salary nor the right to a pension can be called "income," said Gwinn's office. Moreover, the so-called rule of necessity let councilmembers off the hook. This concept, which evolved out of common law, permits public officials to take actions if any disqualification would make it impossible for the body to fulfill its public functions.

This was clearly self-serving sophistry, because there is a legal way for legislators to consider such matters: they can vote on the salaries and benefits of their successors, not themselves. But that's too easy and honest for ethically challenged San Diego.

In spring of 2005, word got around that the new city attorney, Aguirre, was going to reverse the Gwinn ratio-

nization and make councilmembers follow 1090. In April, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, aided by Sheriff Bill Kolender and Police Chief William Lansdowne, went to the city council and argued that the city attorney's ability to prosecute misdemeanors should be taken away. It was a naked attempt to shut off his investigation of the pension mess and forestall any attempt to force councilmembers to follow 1090.

On May 17, 2005, Aguirre told councilmembers not to rely on the old Gwinn advice; they should retain their own counsel on 1090 matters. On May 24, Councilmember Scott Peters wrote a panic letter to then-attorney general Bill Lockyer seeking his intervention. The next day, he told Councilmember Jim Madaffer that "Kehoe is writing." Sure enough, that very day, state senator Christine Kehoe wrote to Lockyer, enclosing Peters's letter. She took Peters's position, saying that councilmembers "are being placed

in a precarious legal position" and need legal advice.

As a councilmember, Kehoe had voted for the enhanced benefits on September 12, 2000, and had also voted for Managers Proposal I, the 1996 measure permitting the City to siphon money from the pension fund and appease labor unions by raising future benefits — thus opening the door to horrendous deficits.

On June 3, Lockyer's office wrote back and said it would not intervene. On June 8, Peters wrote again, begging for a reversal. Sure enough, on June 9, Kehoe again wrote to Lockyer, taking up the cudgels a second time for Peters. "As responsible public servants, [members of city council] want to make sure that they are complying with the law, and they cannot wait for the resolution of matters before the court which will not directly respond to these questions," she wrote.

On June 22, Lockyer's office wrote an identical letter to both Peters and Kehoe: sorry,

the answer is still "no."

So why did Peters enlist Kehoe to carry his water? The attorney general will respond only to the governor or members of the legislature, says Peters. "Senator Kehoe is my senator, and she understands the need for councilmembers to have reliable legal advice," says he.

And why did Kehoe use her muscle to argue for Peters's case? Says she, "This is a courtesy that I would extend to any elected official or constituent in my district." Oh? She was not just passing on a letter. She was strongly taking Peters's position. Following her logic, if you write the state lottery demanding a winning ticket, she will tell the lottery officials you deserve to be a winner. ■

Waring

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In March 1990, Mills was indicted on one felony count of perjury for stating that he had disposed of his share of the property, which he clearly had not. He was indicted on ten felony counts of 1090 violations and three misdemeanor counts of violating section 87100 of the government code, for using "his official position to influence a governmental

decision, in which he knew or had reason to know that he had a financial interest," according to the indictment by the Riverside County district attorney.

Eventually, Mills pleaded guilty to three violations of 87100 and, in a plea bargain, got three years of probation plus a \$30,000 fine and \$10,000 payment to the district attorney's office. In addition, he was required to participate in a substance abuse program. (He was a heavy drinker.)

The bar decided that Mills's behavior did not involve moral turpitude but was "inconsistent with the truth and likely to mislead those to whom he owed a duty of full disclosure." The bar placed him on probation for three years and suspended him from practice for one year. He was required to pass legal courses and file probationary reports.

He then resigned from the bar and went to Alaska, where he died.

As I studied this deal, I knew the district attorney couldn't nail Waring, who was not a government employee, on a 1090 charge. But did the prosecutors have other questions about the participants? Alas, neither the former deputy D.A. nor the former D.A. would

respond to my questions. Two others did, but they couldn't remember anything about Waring. "I was an elected director of the Rancho California Water District at the time of the incident," says Jeffrey Minkler. "I can remember being terribly embarrassed that this and other unethical behavior by Stan Mills could have occurred without being discovered by the board of directors."

Arthur G. Kidman, who at the time was attorney for the Rancho California Water District, points out that one of the Murrieta 40 partners did consulting work for the district. "To the extent that the two of them had private business that was at all shady, I was the last one they wanted to catch wind of it," says Kidman.

Waring made a bundle of money on the deal. One of his partners was destroyed, and another, although not a government employee, was cast in an ugly light. Waring came out fine. He has a spotless record with the bar. He went on to head a trust of longtime Las Vegas gangster Morris (Moe) Dalitz and helped Dalitz's daughter sort out financial matters after her father's death. Now Waring is

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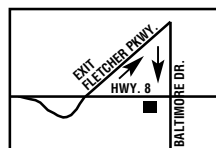
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one of the most powerful officials in San Diego government. He did not respond to requests for comment. ■

Fishy Tale

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the ocean. To discover current speeds on the route the fishermen drifted, Reid pored over the tallest and widest book I have ever seen. It is called the *Atlas of Surface Currents, Northwest Pacific Ocean*, and it has recorded mariners' observations over many years. Those include observations from the old days, Reid tells me, "when they used to take their positions from the stars being visible at both daybreak and twilight every day.

"The one thing that does bother me about the fishermen's trip," Reid continues, "is how they got south as close to the equator as they did. They would have had to cross

a strong countercurrent [the same one mentioned in the *Men's Journal* article]." Last April, at the Scripps Birch Aquarium, Reid gave a lecture entitled "Winds, Currents, and the Voyages of Discovery." With a sly look, he says he told his audience that night "that, once people began to look, the major discoveries were downwind." And so now Reid is consulting wind currents in another huge volume, the *Pilot Chart of the Pacific and Indian Oceans*. The average speeds he sees there convince him that although "the countercurrent would have sent the fishermen back a little, I guess they got blown across it. In other words, they're going west for the most part, but the winds are pushing them south."

On another map Reid seems to detect how much traffic the fishermen might have encountered on their voyage. "Not much," he says, "and it's going north and south." I tell Reid that the men reported seeing ships off in

the distance and airplanes in the sky, but only one ship ever saw them. Its crew apparently thought they were working and sailed on.

Reid agrees with *Men's Journal* that, had the fishermen started drifting from the coasts of Panama or Colombia, they would have encountered stronger currents just below the equator. "Then," Reid tells me, "one might expect their speeds to have been higher, and the trip would have taken less time." The journey still would have been astonishing, however. A Central American sojourn would have allowed the fishermen to spend time on land, perhaps picking up drugs, before starting out and eventually drifting straight westward. But in the absence of evidence, Mexican authorities never prosecuted them.

I ask Reid if any of the great voyages of discovery approximated the Mexican fishermen's trip. "I suppose the first one to have sailed that route was Magellan," he says, "who first came through the Straits of

Magellan and up the coast of South America. I don't know how far he came north before he turned west. But he did go on a course not very far from the equator, eventually north of it, all the way over to the Philippines. That was, I guess, the first European voyage in that area."

Did Magellan keep records? "To some extent, yes," Reid tells me. "At that time, though, they could not determine their longitude, only their latitude." (Determining longitude required the invention of a seaworthy timepiece, which occurred about 200 years after Magellan's voyage.)

Today, do mariners use global positioning devices like those found in cars? Says Reid, "Ships were the first to use global positioning. Once people discovered how cheap it was they began putting it in automobiles."

Since Mike Guy's January article, two others about the fishermen's ordeal have appeared. In its February 19 issue, the *New Yorker* ran a story by Mark Singer called "The Castaways." Singer, with 11,000 words, provides a much

more sympathetic account than Mike Guy's, using great detail from the fishermen's own words. He writes, for instance, that midway through the trip, when the castaways surmised how far they had traveled, they hoisted a sail made from blankets to travel even faster. They believed that by doing so they might reach China. Singer also gives a riveting account of the men collecting rainwater to drink and eating raw fish, sea turtles, and sea birds. According to the survivors, the two men who died could not bring themselves to eat the raw meat, retching every time they tried it.

On February 11, Christopher Goodwin wrote in *TimesOnline* an article called "The Men Who Came Back from the Dead." Goodwin's account emphasizes the religious belief of Salvador, the oldest and most resourceful of the lost men. Salvador's faith became more intense after their small boat survived during bad weather in December 2005.

After the castaways got back to San Blas, Joe Kissack, who

works for a small book publisher in Atlanta, went to Mexico and acquired the movie rights to their story. Immediately he gave each of the men \$10,000 and promised them much more after the movie comes out. But Salvador and Lucio, one of the other men, began using the money to drink heavily. "He says he drinks so much," Goodwin reports Lucio's grandmother as saying, "because he suffered a lot and he can't forget what happened."

Goodwin, who downplays the possibility that the fishermen were drug runners, then quotes Kissack: "It is a story about faith and hope and survival, a story that can inspire millions, and bring them to God." But Goodwin thinks that the fishermen are now experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder. "The tragedy of the three Mexican fishermen is not what happened on their terrible voyage," he writes. "It is that those who have been most involved with them since their return — such as the voracious Mexican media — have ignored the men's suffering for their own ends." ■

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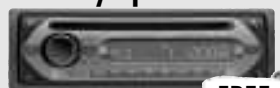
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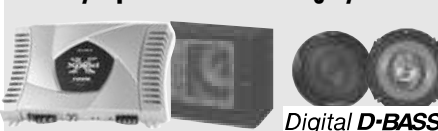
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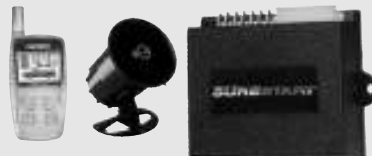
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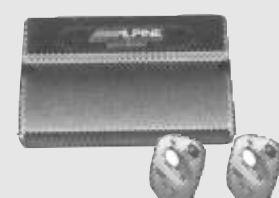


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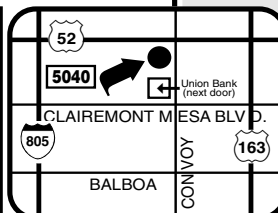


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Cover Story Published March 21

Posted by basilisk on 03/23/07, 1:28 a.m.
 Thank you Matt Porter. This is a great view into the workings of the research establishments. Not only in San Diego, but all over the country. I have a couple of questions about the phone survey that was conducted: 1. \$18000, did you leave out a zero? 2. 502 county residents, did they really present this as an overwhelming mandate? 3. Were those really the questions they asked? If so, they were designed for a forgone conclusion. Again thanks and keep up the good work.

Crasher Published March 21

Posted by Artsy Fartsy on 03/22/07, 1:34 p.m.
 The pic of Annie Liebovitz was great! And, you got the story about Clinton correct, unlike the UT who said it was Bush, Sr. Nice work!! Shay's art does look cool, and Dali like, but there is no reason for a stuck up prick to make pretentious Dali comments. Get a life, Mr. Pretentious. Great column, Josh Board. The variety of parties you attend is wonderful and sounds so exciting. You have the best job!

Posted by Nacho Daddy on 03/25/07, 1:21 p.m.
 Nice job disarming the douchebag! I thought that stuff only happened in movies. Really liked all the background notes. This is one of my favorite articles, second only to your meeting Annabelle. By the way, if you want to put your mother at ease about your drinking, stand next to me at the bar. Then, she'll understand how good you're

being. You gonna finish that drink?

T.G.I.F. Published March 21

Posted by Mark Martin on 03/21/07, 1:40 p.m.
 Good column, John. Do you remember the neighbors many years ago who complained about your guitar work? You told me you were going to crank up the amp to eleven, stand on the roof, and do that "I AM THE GOD OF HELLFIRE AND I AM HERE TO BRING YOU...FIRE!" bit. I have forgotten the band that did that, but they are probably drinking as much Metamucil as I am these days. T.S. Eliot wrote about eating peaches and thinning hair, but watching your fiber (before and after ingestion) is far less dignified. Hope you are doing well.

Posted by Elton McBean on 03/21/07, 3:05 p.m.
 What exactly was the purpose of this column? I'm not trying to be a negative wiseguy, but I don't get it. Come to think of it, I've never gotten any of John's pieces.

John Brizzolara replies:
 Thank you, I think, for sharing your inability to "get" any of my pieces including the current one and neither do I intend to be a wiseguy or clever when I say I genuinely do not see the purpose of your making a point to say so.

Posted by Mark Martin on 03/21/07, 3:41 p.m.
 I would never presume to speak for Johnny B., but I would relate the following. I was once in a bar with John and some other people, maybe fifteen years ago. John had just had a piece published in the local newspaper. One of the people at the bar squinted at John and asked "what that article was about." John blew out a stream of cigaret smoke like a wise dragon, smiled, and replied "It was about two hundred and fifty bucks." I don't mean to argue, Mr. McBean, but when searching like Diogenes for meaning in a newspaper column, John's work is much better than, say, Joel Stein's work in the LA TIMES. Except that Stein gets paid waaaaaay too much money. I like John's writing, and always have. Your mileage may

vary, of course.

Posted by Mark Martin on 03/22/07, 7:43 a.m.

Hi John! I just can't imagine someone in a pub asking James Joyce what Ulysses was about. Or T.E. Eliot with Prufrock. Now, I am not comparing your columns directly, but I do think that all writing is a reflection of how the writer feels and perceives the world. That is why I find it interesting. Your columns, as I see them, are a window into how you see and think about your own life and experiences. As for writing for money, the average paid author gets, what, 5,000 bucks a year? And that includes King and Clancy and Turow. So most people don't write for money. They write because they have to write. Have you seen "300" yet? Since I'll bet you have also seen the 1962 movie, "The 300 Spartans" (which admittedly sounds a bit softcore), I look forward to your thoughts on classicism and modern culture. Such as it is. Your friend, Mark.

Movie Review Published March 14

Posted by Charles on 03/19/07, 9:14 a.m.

I agree for the most part with your review of '300.' Regarding the "Come back with your shield, or on it" quote, however, it should be recognized that it was a real, common, and historical thing said by Spartan women to their husbands and sons. Losing or breaking the shield had nothing to do with the saying; as greek hoplite shields were very large, bulky, and heavy, retreating greek forces would drop their shields and leave them behind so as to increase their chances of escape (one can move a good deal faster without a large bulky shield than with one). "Come back with your shield, or on it" commands those to whom it is told to 'never retreat or flee from battle.' Losing or breaking the shield doesn't even enter the picture. It is a shame that the film glosses over the ~5000 other Greeks who fought for the first days along with the Spartans, and shows the 1000 Thespians abandoning the Spartans, when in history they stayed alongside and fought

to the last man.

Posted by Ted Burke on 03/22/07, 7:09 a.m.

The excess masculinity and historical inaccuracy didn't bother me, precisely because the film is adapted from a graphic novel. Director Snyder, I think, has found the right pitch for the movie version and has, in effect, created something better than Frank Miller's original fantasy. The political aspects, though, are troubling, and for all the head scratching and close readings one does to extract an allegorical criticism of Bush's war in Iraq, the film preaches less that Imperialism is Bad than than it instructs that Unswerving Militarism is good. It's doubtless Yukio Mishima would have liked this movie for the amount of time the camera spends scanning the length of one sculpted body after another. "300", however, did not bore. Snyder seems something of craftsman when doling out the excess and the unneeded here; he knows when to stop and move on. He deserves credit for keeping the narrative brisk.

Straight From the Hip Published March 14

Posted by Dan on 03/19/07, 11:41 a.m.

Being embarassed stops hiccups. Sounds weird, but I saw it work. Unfortunately you can't do it to yourself, but if your friend is hiccuping try to embarrass them and the hiccups will stop.

City Lights, by Joe Deegan Published March 14

Posted by an outraged Linda Vista resident on 03/21/07, 6:16 p.m.

Thank you to Joe Deegan for his March 15 comprehensive article about the irregularities that followed the approval of the Mesa College parking structure. I say, "Shame on Donna Frye and her colleagues who voted for the parking garage." Mesa College has several suitable on-site alternatives. It was unnecessary for the college to spend \$1 million of bond monies to acquire three parcels, thus, vacating a portion of Mesa College Drive, bulldozing part of Kearny Mesa Park lands, and desecrating

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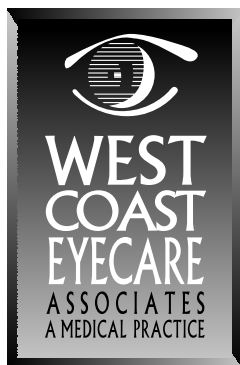
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Heymatt:

One of my friends got an ant farm. Surprise, surprise, no queen in the little tube. They live in this gel stuff they dig and supposedly eat. It was the popular opinion in the dorm suite that they wouldn't survive without the queen. My friend doesn't want his precious little babies to die. I assume that of course ant-colony producers don't send a queen because they wouldn't want you breeding your own instead of buying from them. This way the little guys will die soon and your poor, crying, snot-nosed kid (in this case, a 19-year-old pothead) will beg and kick and scream to have new ones. So, my question is, what kind of ants does he have, can I get him a queen, and without the queen are they just going to kick the bucket? It's kind of cool to watch them digging. I don't exactly want them to die either.

— Mara, Arcata, CA

Reminds me of the weekend the research elves decided to make an elf farm in Grandma's picture window. By the time we found the secret plans, they'd sketched out a wine cellar, a dungeon, a game room big enough for foosball, and a tunnel that went under the neighbors' fence and came up next to their pool. We think the scheme had something to do with attracting any girls that walked by. You're lucky your dormmates only have ants.

While we appreciate your concern for the buglets, their fate was sealed long ago. What your friend has is an ant hospice, and there's not much you can do about it. It's a little like *Survivor: Ant Farm*, where the producers know everybody will be voted off and there's no big prize at the end, but they hope the audience will be sufficiently amused before they find that out.

You don't say what brand of ant toy your friend has, but we'll guess it's the very popular Gel Farm model made by Uncle Milton Industries. In Milton's 51-year history, he's shipped 20 million farms and more than a billion ants. Andrew, one of Uncle Milton's spokesnephews, tunneled through his mound of facts and dug up this: Your ants-under-glass are Western Harvesters (*Pogonomyrmex occidentalis*, if you want extra credit in biology). They're selected because they're big (ez to see, can't escape the habitat); active during prime viewing time (most ant species don't like light very much); and they're fairly mellow (related to fire ants, but without the sociopathic personality disorder).

And while your ants are doomed, it's not because they lack a queen. The queen supplies nothing but offspring. She doesn't take time out to perk up the ants around her. You eventually will be antless because, at best, any worker Harvester will live two to six months, queen or no queen. If your farm had a queen, she would replenish the colony but at a rate that would rapidly outgrow your puny jellyscape. Unless your friend is planning a career in ant husbandry, he doesn't really want a queen. If he insists, have him make a little crown for one of the workers and pretend. Aside from the overpopulation problem, the main reason there was no queen in the tube is that the U.S. Department of Agriculture forbids mailing ant queens to anyone without an ant-queen-handling license. We tried to find out more about that but gave up when we finally lost interest.

As you probably know, you can reorder a new flock of ants once yours crap out. As you probably don't know, Ant Farm (copyright registration thingy) is a registered trademark of Uncle Milton himself. His attorneys would appreciate it if, when your friend writes Mom a thank-you note for the thoughtful gift, he capitalizes Ant Farm. Reminds me of the stern letter we got from the Kitty Litter lawyers.

Ant habitats were invented in 1930 by a professor of electrical engineering at Dartmouth. The Austin Ant House. Did it have little light bulbs in it? Cool.

Matt:

The wetlands intersected by I-5 just south of Via de la Valle, looks like a major construction project is underway. Isn't that environmentally protected real estate?

— Keith W. Turner, Encinitas

Hey, Matt:

Settle an argument. My friend and I have noticed the construction equipment at the wetlands near Del Mar Racetrack. He claims it's a wetlands reclamation project. I say some developers bought that land and are about to put a home there.

— Damon, via e-mail

Damon's my kind of clear-eyed realist. The damn construction weasels won another round, right? Wrong, actually. All the hubbub is a wetland reclamation project. Or a wetland rebuilding project, more like it. A 440-acre piece of the San Dieguito Lagoon is being rehabbed to create a tidal salt marsh. They'll also be shoving around a lot of boulders and dirt to create a flood-control levee. Backhoes can't replicate nature, but the hope is that by 2009 it will provide some new marshland for coastal plants and animals. The project is funded by SDG&E — in one of those “mess up place A and compensate by restoring place B” deals the state permits. This is for fish and fish-egg loss at San Onofre.

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By Patrick Daugherty

5 Star and Level 4

I wanted to know, so I asked, “Was there something about it that grabbed you? That made you say, *‘This is fun!’*”

Jennifer Kleck, owner of Aqua Adventures, a kayak emporium on Mission Bay that sells, rents, gives lessons, and conducts tours using said watercentric vehicle, says, “Yeah. When I was young, there were kayaks, canoes, and a little rowboat at the lakehouse. I’d sneak off by myself in a canoe or rowboat. I loved the feeling of floating on the water. I loved being able to get behind the reeds and watch the birds.

Kleck attended graduate school at the University of Minnesota and moved to San Diego in 1995. She got a job working in the aforementioned store and ten years later bought out the owner. “I never meant to own a kayak shop, but here I am.”

I’m talking to Kleck on the phone while reading a blurb about her on the Acqua Adventures website: “...British Canoe Union 5 Star and Level 4 Coach. She is only the second woman in North America to achieve this ranking in the BCU.” I ask, “What’s a British Canoe Union?”

“Probably the most highly respected governing body for kayaking instruction,” Kleck says. “You have to go to the United Kingdom, prove your ability to handle very rough conditions: winds and waves and tidal currents.”

“What’s the difference between river kayaking and ocean kayaking?”

“The river environment is more predictable. Rapids all over the world are more or less the same. There is a rating scale for them from I to VI. So, no matter where you are, a Class IV river is more or less the same as another Class IV river.

“Whereas, the ocean is unpredictable; every day the tide changes. The time of the high tide and low tide and the magnitude of the high and low tide is different every day. The weather is different every day. And the currents are different every day. If the wind is blowing against the current, it makes things much rougher than if the wind is blowing with the current. The weather can change in a heartbeat. And, of course, the ocean swell changes hourly.”

I go for a sip of coffee, bong my front teeth with the cup, spill scalding liquid on my shirt. This is not as unusual as it should be. “Have you ever had students lie to you? Something along the lines of, ‘Yeah, I’m pretty good,’ and then he gets in the kayak and doesn’t know

how to paddle.”

“Yeah,” Kleck laughs. “That has happened. People have a tendency to overestimate their abilities. Part of the skill of a good guide is being able to judge your clients, not take their word for it. You can go to a place where there are no rapids and watch them paddle around. An experienced guide will pick up very quickly; you don’t have to see them in rapids to have a good sense of what their ability level is. You might change the itinerary if they’re not up to the kinds of conditions that are presenting themselves.”

“When I think about kayaking I picture whitewater and rivers. When I consider kayaking in the ocean, I think, *Where’s the fun in that?*”

“Yeah,” Kleck says. “That’s a common misconception. It’s easy to have that misconception because it’s so beautiful here day after day. The weather forecast, 90 percent of the time, is mostly sunny, winds less than five knots. We don’t have tidal currents to speak of, so it’s harder to get yourself into trouble here. But there are places in Europe and in the Pacific Northwest and the Northeast, places with nearby islands, and when the tide flows in and out between those islands you get serious currents and very, very large waves that are just like enormous river rapids except the scale is 100 times or 1000 times as big as the biggest river you can imagine.”

“But, you’re in San Diego and so are most of your clients. How do they get that kind of a thrill on the ocean around here?”

“A lot of people who sea kayak aren’t looking for those kinds of thrills,” Kleck says. “They’re looking to relax; it’s a meditative kind of thing in calm conditions. You’re floating on the water. You’re part of the environment — you’re not looking at the environment, you’re part of it. You’re often paddling next to dolphins and seals and sea lions and gray whales when they’re migrating. If you want an adrenalin thrill in sea-kayaking, they’re there to be had; you just have to become skilled and travel a little bit.”

Kleck will be at the Southwest Kayaks Symposium on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There’ll be classes, kid’s classes, lots of vendors, and kayaks. Hie thee to www.southwestkayak.com for particulars or stop by www.aqua-adventures.com/

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Founded locally: the result of two churches that merged in 1995
Senior pastor: Dr. Chris Lenocker
Congregation size: 250
Staff size: 1 full-time pastor, 8 others
Sunday school enrollment: about 40
Annual budget: \$525,000
Weekly giving: about \$8100
Singles program: no
Dress: semiformal
Diversity: mostly Caucasian
Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Website: www.faithpresbyterianchurch.org

From the outset, a mix of old and new marked the service in Faith Presbyterian's mid-century-modern church. The old standby "What Wondrous Love Is This" served as the prelude, but the organ arrangement mixed in synth elements that lent it a moody vibe before settling into a more conventional combination of tones and chords. (The church itself reflected the blend: a traditional shape and a traditional altar, but plenty of unadorned wood paneling, a stylized copper and bronze cross, and a huge swath of tinted windows looking out on the College Area businesses. No stained glass here.)

After the old-school handbell choir rang out its song, Reverend Tom Simpson's call to worship hit a more contemporary, personal note regarding the old-fashioned observance of Lent. "The season rolls around again — deep calls to deep," he announced, mixing the casual and profound in a single sentence.

"Settle down," answered the congregation. "Look within. Be quiet. Listen."

"Now is a time to reflect and pray. Now is the season for silence and giving."

"Thank God for Lent. Thank God we journey not alone."

What seemed like a quarter of the congregation stepped onto the Sanctuary stairs and formed the choir, busting out a jazzy praise hymn: "From heaven to earth/ To show the way/ From the earth to the cross/ My debt to pay/ From the cross to the grave/ From the grave to the sky/ Lord I lift your name on high...." But they followed that with a controlled and complex (and decidedly old-fashioned) response to Pastor Chris Lenocker's Prayer of Adoration: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases/ His mercies never come to an end/ They are new every morning, new every morning/ Great is your faithfulness, O Lord...."

The Prayer of Confession kept up the duality, full of traditional self-abasement expressed in modern language: "Forgive us...our pretensions of self-sufficiency, and our unacknowledged dependency...our refusal to let go and trust...and our fear of being cared for." The Assurance of Pardon reminded us that "God comes to us in a

smile or in a song.... God comes to us right here and now powerfully in the declaration of our forgiveness."

"Praise be to God!" cried the congregation. "We have been forgiven!" (Other prayers, such as the *Gloria Patri* and the Our Father, received perfectly straightforward treatment.)

Before the reading from Scripture, Lenocker offered a preacher's prayer for humility: "May we trust that same Spirit to guide us...that as the Scriptures are read and the word is preached, may we listen, not to human words, but to the words that your Spirit places within us, that we might receive from you — individually and corporately — what you would have us hear."

Reverend Simpson read a passage from Paul in which he listed his impeccable credentials as a devout Jew, then he cast them aside as so much rubbish compared to the grace of Christ; he followed with the passage from John in which Mary anoints the feet of Jesus with expensive ointment, despite Judas's protest that the money should have gone to feed the poor.

Here, tradition held sway. Paul, said Lenocker, "is setting people up...to understand how...things in his life have changed. The values have shifted. The Lenten season is a uniquely Christian season.... I don't think Hallmark will ever make a lot of money on Lent; it's ours. The reason...is that it speaks a deep truth that is not popular." The message: "Paul is willing to set all of the accolades aside" for "knowledge of and belief in Jesus Christ — a relationship with someone who has died...and it isn't a relationship that is always happy. Paul goes into great detail about the fact that he wants to share in Jesus' crucifixion so that he can share in His resurrection. The life that Paul has set aside has been replaced by something that, ultimately, leads to suffering. The Lenten season challenges us to look at our own lives.... What do we

lift up as most important? How do we proclaim the value of Jesus Christ?" He pointed to Mary's "extravagant and outrageous" action. "We need to be as extravagant in our loving of Jesus Christ as Jesus Christ was in the extravagance of His sacrifice on the cross.... There's something powerful about a relationship with Jesus Christ that sometimes causes us to do crazy things."

He closed the service with an exhortation: "As we leave this place to enter the world, may we take with us that which God has put in us — that it may not stay within the walls of this church, but go down the street and around the corner, and its efficacy be felt throughout God's planet Earth."

What happens when we die?

"Our tradition believes that we are resurrected with Christ," said Lenocker, "and we all will be part of the Kingdom of God and the glorious feast."

— Matthew Lickona



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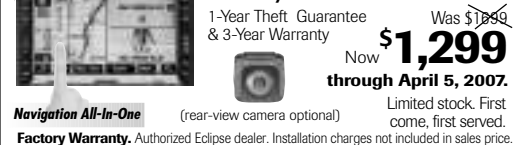
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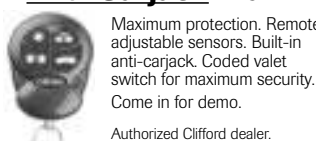


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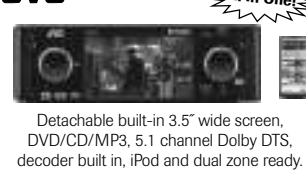


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—EVE KELLY

My first memories of California are of salt air, sun, and speed: the wind whipping past my face as I rode with my brother Bill on his motorcycle. I had come to visit him at college — he wanted me to join him there. Bill picked me up at the tiny Santa Barbara airport, and in minutes, we were zipping along the coast, palm trees flying past faster than I cared to think about. Bill always was a thrill-seeker. That is, until he traded in the motorcycle for a wife and family. Suddenly, the risks didn't seem worth it.

So when I heard he was coming to visit me in California for the first time in 15 years, I tried to think of a way to give him something of that old feeling — speed, the wind in his face. David at Seaforth Boat Rentals (888-834-2628, locations in Mission Bay, Coronado, and downtown) had a suggestion: jet skis. "You've got the wind blowing on your face; it's an exciting, exhilarating experience." And sized almost like a motorcycle — perfect.

Jet skis, said David, are generally more popular with the younger generation, "so we need to check that at least one person in a party is at least 18. That's how old you have to be to operate the jet ski. If parents come in with small children, the child must be at least five years old. Our jet skis can carry up to three passengers, but there's a 450-pound weight limit, so if you've got three, one of the passengers must be a child."

The rental involves a bit of paperwork — first a contract that "basically says, 'You break it, you buy it.'" Then, two waivers, one from Yamaha (the manufacturer) and one from Seaforth. "It's called the PWC renter orientation checklist — PWC stands for Personal Water Craft." The checklist lays out the safety stuff. "First, you must wear your life jacket at all times. Second, there's a kill switch — a lanyard goes from the left wrist of the rider into the ignition. If the driver falls off, it throws the kill switch, and the jet ski will come to a full stop."

Rental jet skis are not allowed on the ocean. "Here, we go over a map of Mission Bay. And once people are down on the dock, the dockhands orient them, show them where the buoys are. The buoys mark the 5-mile-per-hour zones, the restricted zones, and the open-speed zones. Some people take their cell phones in a couple of Ziploc baggies; that way they can stop in the water — away from all boat traffic — and call us if they have any questions."

There's no brake on a jet ski; if you want to slow down, you let off the throttle. "Our jet skis are Yamaha VX110s; they can top out at 60 to 65 miles per hour. If you're at full throttle and you let it off completely, it still takes more than a football field's distance to come to a complete stop. One way to slow down quickly is by turning. You give

"It still takes more than a football field's distance to come to a complete stop."

it a little bit of throttle as you do it — otherwise, the jet ski won't turn — and that causes you to lose speed very quickly."

David stressed "the importance of operating the jet ski defensively. You need to scan the water constantly. Because you are the smallest and most maneuverable vessel, you need to let everyone have right-of-way. You're going to see a 25-foot powerboat, but they may not see you. So you want to keep a safe distance from other boats, swimmers, objects, and the shore. We have a 100-foot rule. Nine times out of ten, the way jet skis get damaged is when buddies want to talk while they're on the jet skis. They don't obey the 100-foot rule, and they forget the jet ski doesn't brake like a car. So they hit each other."

Damage — even cosmetic body damage — carries a price. "We charge \$100 for every inch of damage, so a foot-long scratch would be a \$1200 charge. That's because, not only do we have to pay to fix it, we also lose revenue while it's out of the water."

Seaforth Boat Rentals requires a \$500 security deposit per jet ski. Rentals start at \$90 for the first hour, less for each hour after that. "We don't have any set time limits for the customer to come back. People usually sign up for an hour, but they almost always end up out there for two [\$165]. An hour just flies by."

I knew Bill would be tempted by the thought of serious speed, but I also knew he could be funny about water. California Water Sports, located on Agua Hedionda Lagoon in Carlsbad (760-434-3089), seemed like it might be a good spot for a first-timer. "The lagoon is split into three sections," said manager Cody. "The bigger part is for boats, the back is for kayaks, and the area right in front of our beach is for wave runners (jet skis). It's nice — you don't have the boats to worry about. There's a big circle of buoys, with a really big ball right in the middle. Everyone moves counterclockwise around the circle, with the ball on their left. It really reduces the chances of collision, and we have a speed limit of 45 miles per hour." And while a busy weekend (15 or so jet skis on the water) might make for rougher water, a slow weekday can make for smooth skiing. Cost: \$95/hour with \$300 security deposit. Must be at least 16 to ride alone and 18 to ride with a passenger.

Other places around town: Action Sport Rentals, 858-581-5939. Locations in Mission Bay and Coronado. Cost: \$95/hour plus \$500 security deposit. Must be 18 and up to drive and over 36 inches tall to be a passenger.

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by Barbarella

Enchanted Evening

Friends are generally of the same sex, for when men and women agree, it is only in the conclusions; their reasons are always different.

— George Santayana

I knew they'd say yes. No woman in her right mind would turn down wine, chocolate, or cheese, and I was offering all three intoxicating pleasures along with a bonus fourth — stimulating discourse with like-minded

"I can appreciate a good rant, but it was really nice to have an evening of discussion without anyone stinking up the air with their dirty laundry or foul sentiments."

ladies. The Evite I'd received indicated this event was for "women and brave men." To suit my motives, however, I insisted that each invitee leave her courageous counterpart at home. The five of us had never been together sans men, and I was curious to test the dynamic. If things went as I thought they might, I would have myself a bona fide coterie that — as a metropolitan woman — I craved.

I'm finicky about females. This may have

something to do with the fact that I grew up with three sisters and no brothers — boys were a novelty, to be collected and examined, while all girls suffered my comparison to the standards of blind loyalty and biting humor set by my siblings.

People who like themselves have no need for pretenses, and women who are content in their own lives lack the competitive urge to be catty. Each of the women invited out on this momentous Wednesday was satisfied in her job, happy with her man, and confident in her opinions. Our only poverty, I believe, was the dearth of a positive experience with a group of other women. I used to think that girls, with all of their insecurities and com-

petitiveness, made bad friends. But that's only because, as a young woman, I was insecure and competitive. Before I figured out who I was and what I wanted, I was incapable of fostering real friendship, and I have the relationship carnage to show for it.

The tasting event was called PMS Wednesday (opportunistically timed for me), put on by the female-owned Tango Wine Company. There's no underestimating the comfort of being around fellow members of the fairer sex when one is bloated and crampy. Men, for all their sympathy and reverence, just can't relate to the trials and tribulations of tampons. But this outing wasn't about my hormones and temporary anemia; it was about feminine camaraderie and forging friendships.

Bringing together a group of people who barely know each other is like baking a cake with uncommon ingredients — you're unsure how each part might react when mixed and heated. And I had exotic, strong flavors to blend with.

Jen, my horror-movie partner, is a dirt-bike-riding redhead who works in a machine shop. She's shy and quiet in a crowd, but unrestrained and outrageously irreverent once it thins out. Rosa, black-haired and red-lipped, is as elegant and handsome as the flower for which she is named and possesses in her stem the same sharp defenses. She is soft-spoken, poised, and always glamorous in huge bangle jewel-

ry and solids accented by very pointy, spiked heels. Janet's shiny straight hair is auburn with light-blonde streaks, representing her varied passion for art, reading, politics, and entertaining. Authentic, thoughtful, solid, and forthright, Janet makes no attempt to veil her opinions. Both Rosa and Janet are executives for major corporations. Amy is aesthetically suited for her career in outside sales. This petite blonde bombshell's closet is a feminine river of soft and satiny silk. Amy is a dedicated foodie and doesn't hesitate to travel by plane for the sole purpose of dining at a nice restaurant about which she's read.

Then there's me. I could be flattering, but we all know Barbarella is the control freak — the active ingredient in this bowl, the yeast that makes the dough rise, the salt that draws out the flavors. I had to be careful; I know from experience that it's easy to add too much salt and that once you do, the dish is ruined. In this case, it turned out that a dash was all that was needed.

Jen and I arrived promptly at 5 o'clock and grabbed the first two glasses of wine and nibbles of chocolate before the rest of the chairs had even been set out. We watched as the place filled up with gals in office clothing and the occasional guy in a tie. Janet, Amy, and Rosa appeared in quick succession.

Conversations flowed in and out, minus the awkward deluges and droughts that plague many first meetings. Like the

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string section in an orchestra, a few of us would seamlessly break off to form sidebars and then slip back into the greater harmony right before the next crescendo.

"I feel like an idiot," I said, after returning to the group from a lone excursion to fetch cheese. In answer to their puzzled expressions, I explained how I'd seen someone I thought I knew and called her name several times to no avail. I finally poked her on the shoulder and said, "Erin? Hey. Don't you know my sister?" The girl had paused to stare blankly before shaking her head and saying sorry. "I hate when that happens, I should have just kept to myself," I complained to my friend. "I feel stupid."

"Don't," snapped Janet. "It's her fault. I mean, she shouldn't be walking around with such a common face."

"Yeah, fuck her, that *common face*," said Jen. The air grew quiet. Amy and Rosa waited and watched, as though gauging the air for any hint of tension. Janet and Jen's comments were absurd, some might even say offensive. In the next second, all five of us burst into laughter. The underlying message was clear: "No matter how irrational I have to be, I've got your back."

The noise in the store had grown loud, so we advanced to a more intimate establishment for dinner. As we waited for our food, Janet described how, during meetings with arrogant older men, she regains the upper hand by reminding herself that sometimes "they fail to recognize my large mental penis." The laughter continued. At some point in the evening, each woman at the table professed her satisfaction and glee for her seat there.

"Usually, when you first meet people, you put filters up," Janet told me later. "You don't want to say something for fear it might offend someone or sound stupid. But that night, I felt like I didn't need any filters. I could just say what was on my mind. When I went home,

I told Andrew, 'Either I'm funnier than I think I am or these people get me.'"

I knew what she meant. Something had felt *easy* about the evening. When I got home that night, I recounted my adventure to David as excitedly as my niece would describe meeting Ariel the mermaid in the flesh. "There was nothing negative. I mean, I can appreciate a good rant, but it was really nice to have an evening of discussion without anyone stinking up the air with their dirty laundry or foul sentiments."

"I told the woman who was cutting my hair about how cool it was to be around a bunch of women where no one's trying to get the most attention," Jen later told me. "Conversation came naturally without anybody

pushing it. So often, women get together and bitch about stuff, but everyone there was so happy, stoked about what they do for a living, and in healthy relationships." When I asked Jen what she thought of another woman we had met at the event,

she indicated that she didn't think the woman was quite ready for the rest of us. Responding sagely, she said, "I don't think she's found a comfortable *her* yet."

Basking in the post-conjugal bliss of our night out, I wondered if this

schoolgirl crush we all seemed to have on each other would fade, and then I dismissed the notion as I began rooting through my DVDs and thinking about which wines to pull. This Friday, I've got a hot date to watch *The Color Purple*. ■

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Dear Dad,

Do you remember the first time we walked along the Pacific Ocean?

It was in Carmel in the summer of 1965, our first vacation in California. That was during your two-year stint as a salesman in St. Louis, before we moved back to New York City. Right now I'm holding a picture Mom took of you, Ken, and me on the beach that day, the three of us with our pants rolled up a few inches, the surf gently lapping up behind us, you wearing a black, Kennedy-era cardigan, your hands on each of our shoulders. You told me later it was that trip that made you decide you wanted to move to California. California was the place for the good life.

More than 40 years later, I was reminded of the day my father, my older brother, and I first dipped our toes into the Pacific. This time, I strolled across San Diego's only private beach, a small strip located on the grounds of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. If La Jolla translated as "the Jewel," then surely the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club was a prized diamond, a beachside hotel-resort and private club that resembled a Spanish-style hacienda, adorned with brown, adobe-textured exteriors, red-tile walkways, and low-slung canopy roofs. These 14 acres were the embodiment of the California good life. And please, as members emphatically advised, just call it "the beach club."

For me, the beach held less interest than the tennis. The club's 12 courts were hosting a tour-

namment, one that made me think of my father: the National Father-Son and National Grandfather-Grandson Hardcourt Championships. Since its inception in 1935, the beach club has placed a premium on hosting distinctive tennis events. Great players stretching across the last century — from '20s star Bill Tilden to San Diego's legendary Maureen Connolly to Andre Agassi — have played on the club's courts. Many of the San Diego area's finest players — 1962 Wimbledon champion Karen Hantze Susman, pros Janet Newberry, Terry Holladay, John Holladay, and Chico Hagey — cut their teeth here as junior members. There probably aren't more than three private tennis clubs west of Chicago with such a pedigree.

Until the early '70s, tennis was a sport dominated by private clubs. There were other worthy

venues — San Diego's Morley Field was one of the nation's hotbeds of competition — but in the sport's feudalistic, exclusionary era, the clubs were the castles, fountainheads of quality tennis, power, elegance and, yes, the aspirations and status that accompanied a sport attractive to the upwardly mobile. In Los Angeles, that spirit of ascent was embodied in the Los Angeles Tennis Club. Opened in 1920, the club saw its primary mission as the creation of world-class players, wed to Los Angeles to become the West Coast personification of an East Coast center of commerce and glory.

The La Jolla beach club took another path. Residents earned their wealth elsewhere. This was a community where "lifestyle" was crucial long before the term existed. Exceptionally isolated before the University of California at San Diego grew into a full-fledged UC campus in the early '60s, bucolic La Jolla shunned boosterism and embraced comfortable family living. To this day, the club remains in the hands of its founding family, the



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La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club

Kelloggs. When I spoke to Bill Kellogg, employed at the club since 1979 and its president since 1989, he estimated that currently there are 100 Kellogg-related members. For more than 50 years, William Bond and his namesake son were the club's manager and primary teaching pro. It was a notable rite of passage ritual when a child came of age and could take his or her own membership. Families from all over the country returned regularly for seasonal stays.

Well into the '60s, the club netted

barely a nickel. Prior to 1973, there was no waiting list to join the club, but as recently as 1980, the initiation fee was \$1500, with monthly dues of \$100 and a five-year waiting list. Said Kellogg, "the club was more of a hobby" for a family that earlier in the century made considerable money in the newspaper business in the Kansas City area. After relocating to the Los Angeles suburb of Altadena, F.W. Kellogg and his wife, Florence Scripps, viewed La Jolla as a summer vacation destination and sought

to build an appropriate leisure spot.

Originally opened in 1927 as the La Jolla Beach & Yacht Club, within a decade the yachting notion proved untenable due to costs, decreased membership because of the hardships of the Depression and, worst of all, the winter tides that each year overran the cove. In 1935, Kellogg purchased the property from the original group of investing partners and shifted the emphasis to tennis. His son, William Scripps Kellogg, had played the game at Stanford.

All my life I knew there
was one notion you
found absolutely
insupportable: the stage
parent, the overbearing
paterfamilias who
invokes his progeny's
desires and achieve-
ments as rationale for
his rudeness.

Upon F.W.'s death in 1940, William took charge — in his own paternal, whimsical way.

Kellogg was a gentle pied piper, an heir to a fortune who preferred pleasure to business. Legend had it that when a member complained to him about the noise of children in the swimming pool, Kellogg told the adult he was welcome to immediately terminate his membership.

Kellogg drove a 1915 Packard Twin Six, a 12-cylinder car with a self-starter

and a crank that had been delivered from Detroit to La Jolla via the Panama Canal. The noise of the horn earned it the nickname "the Old Black Goose." Kellogg created "the Old Black Goose Club." Children — whether as members or hotel guests — were encouraged to pick up litter. "You made a solemn pledge," recalled Bill more than 50 years later, "and soon you were given a badge marking your membership." At last count, more than 10,000 badges had been distributed.

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My father died in 1992. But he accomplished his goal. It was a twisted route — St. Louis, New York, Connecticut, another go in St. Louis — but five years after that day in Carmel, we moved to Los Angeles.

You and Mom assumed that since it was sunny year-round that everyone in California played tennis. We started to play on public



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La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club

courts. My friend Steve was a member of a private club. The night I came home after playing there for the first time, you made that old movie mogul joke about the path Jews like us had taken: "from Poland to polo."

Carlsbad resident, honorary beach club member, and tennis Hall of Famer Pancho Segura migrated

to the U.S. from Ecuador in 1940, a penniless five-foot-six teen with a wobbly walk caused by a childhood case of rickets. He made himself into one of the best players in the world, touring the globe well into his 40s, going toe-to-toe with such greats as Pancho Gonzales, Jack Kramer, Rod Laver, and Ken Rose-

wall. In 1970, Segura commenced a quarter-century tenure as tennis director at La Costa Spa and Resort. During this time, he also coached such stars as Jimmy Connors and Agassi. Tennis was such a passion for Segura that it didn't matter if he were watching a Wimbledon final or two guys at the local park. On

a crisp Sunday morning, Segura, 85 years old now, was at the club, inspecting the playing styles of various fathers, sons, and grandsons, flirting with their women, and reflecting on a sport that took him from poverty to a suburban home with a Mercedes in the garage.

He waved his arms at

the beach club's lush flowers, uncluttered swimming pool, and other ornamental trappings. "People think this game is all about nice clubs and nice places. But that's not what it is at all. Tennis? Tennis is democracy, right here and right now, buddy. It's two guys in an arena, trying to figure it out, trying to hurt each other. And guess what? It doesn't matter once you're on the court where you went to school, or who your daddy is, or how much money you have. Just two guys. Me and you. Very fair."

Here was the secret that drew so many of us to tennis: Elegant surroundings belie the sport's raw essence. On the court, outsiders like Segura could turn the tables on insiders. Fathers and sons, grandfathers and grandsons from all corners of the country flocked to La Jolla each year for the tournament. Sixty-four teams were entered in the 2006 father-son event, 11 in the

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grandfather-grandson. There were the Newmans, father Neil and son Cole, from Columbus, Ohio. Protecting himself from the sun with warm-up pants and a French foreign legion hat, Neil, a crafty lefthander, was nicknamed "the Mummy." There were the Collazos from Little Rock, Arkansas; the Perkoviches from Schererville, Indiana; and the Morse-Karzens from Wilmette, Illinois. There was Richard Azera, a lanky French business consultant now living in Orange County, partnered with his nine-year-old son Adrien for the first time. There was 75-year-old Larry Huebner from Fresno, a former NCAA doubles champion at UCLA who had overcome a major tragedy so that he could compete that week with his grandson Chase. There was Jim Settles from Glendale, who'd been coming to the beach club to play this event since 1943 and at 79 looked as exuberant as if he'd just been discharged from the Navy.

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I came home one day laughing because Marvin Levine called Glendale "Goydale." You told me that wasn't a very nice joke.

Within six months of moving to Los Angeles in 1970, we visited San Diego. We drove through La Jolla, staring at houses that seemed to have drive-in mailboxes. Don't get me wrong. I grew up in a comfortable pocket of west Los Angeles. But we were aware that there were places like La Jolla, where the lawns seemed bigger and cleaner, where kids I encountered in junior tennis tournaments wielded tiny golf pencils to sign for their Cokes, burgers, and ice cream cones — and where other families had gotten a jump start on the California good life while my father was riding the subway from the Bronx to Manhattan. Years later, as a student at Berkeley, I came home enthused about F. Scott Fitzgerald and his

descriptions of American ambition, privilege, and the subtleties that separated social classes. Said Fitzgerald, "The rich are different from you and me." When I told this to my mother, she countered, "Did you ever hear what

Hemingway said? 'They have more money.' "

To be Jewish was to possess a Talmudic predilection for proffering truth in the form of a bone-cutting quip. All too often, the comment was simultaneously humor-

ous, hostile, even divisive — *Goydale*. No one admitted that to some degree the snappy retorts issued in parks and kitchens, delis and drive-ways, cloaked the pain of a history of exclusion. For decades, La Jolla realtors

had explicitly barred Jews from buying homes, even going so far as to mark applications with a Star of David to discreetly signify an undesirable potential homebuyer. The beach club marched in lockstep with this gestalt. Over breakfast

one morning at the club, current member Bill Eigner, also a Jew, politely informed me, "This is the place where Groucho Marx was told the swimming pool was off-limits to Jews. He said, 'My daughter's only half-Jewish, so can she wade in

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up to her knees?’ ”

Though much has changed over the last 50 years — according to the United Jewish Federation, La Jolla's 12,000 Jews make up the largest enclave of San Diego's Jewish community — there is no changing history, and what took place in my parents' lifetime has flavored my attitude toward all old-line tennis clubs. Yes, many Jews are now beach club members, but not too long ago, the clubs wanted no part of me. Then again, my family wanted nothing to do with all-Jewish clubs either. California was the new start. So where did I fit in?

The answer was a tennis court. Unlike other sports I'd played — football and baseball — in tennis, no one was relegated to blocking or playing right field. A tennis player could touch the ball on every play. Destiny, right in my hands. I understood this from the moment I first held a racquet. Even better for a loner immigrant

like me, you didn't need to know too many people to play. But understanding why Jews were excluded from swanky clubs — the red-hot center of the sport in all its glory — was something I was never quite able to accept.

How Jewish were we anyway? Was this notion of “how Jewish” even relevant? Was it quantifiable?

Those first two years we lived in California, I think you worked every Saturday. When I was 11, knowing I loved playing sports on Saturday morning, you let me choose not to have a Bar Mitzvah. Hebrew school was confined and parochial, filled with weary tales of the old country and dreary cerebral tasks like memorizing a funny backward language that was useless. The teacher despised sports, said it was for philistines.

But sports were the California good life incarnate — sunny, expressive, healthy, an experience that for at least a few hours a week could take a book-



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ish boy out of his head. Why had the Hebrew school teacher polarized it? Wasn't the whole message of the Olympics that sports transcended ideology? Until, that is, that

night in September 1972 when my family sat in our living room and watched what happened during the Summer Games. Athletes from Israel — a land we had little intention of ever

visiting — were taken at gunpoint, in, of all places, Germany.

Working the Olympics for ABC was Howard Cosell. Like my dad, and so many of that generation, Cosell was an ambitious New York Jew eager to assimilate into America. But on that horrific day, he was suddenly aware that sports could be personal. At 3:17 a.m. on the morning of September 6, a Reuters story revealed that the matter was resolved. Cosell had begged to come on the air but had been rebuked. Instead, the man on-air for 16 hours was the affable Gentile Jim McKay. Finally receiving word on what had happened, McKay spoke: “They’ve now said there were 11 hostages. Two were killed in their room this — ah, yesterday morning. Nine were killed at the airport tonight.” And then, following a slight pause, “They’re all gone.”

Said Cosell after the events of that evening, “I

had never felt so intensely Jewish.” Fancy that: Howard Cosell, a guy who changed his name and married a Gentile woman, could make us feel more aware of being Jewish than any rabbi. He raised our ethnic consciousness by talking about, of all things, sports.

So was my own history a burden or an asset? Sports like tennis were theoretically liberating, but there was also a subtext, a nasty backstory that cluttered even the sweaty, robust, and collegial democracy of sports. Munich had validated that old joke my father told me: If you ever forget you're a Jew, a Gentile will remind you.

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I'd lived in California for 36 years, scarcely ever been exposed to anti-Semitism, and was sleeping at the beach club in a room with three views of the ocean. What dared intrude? A Berkeley professor of mine,

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seeking to teach me the fine points of the prominent poet Ezra Pound (an overt anti-Semite who broadcasted commentaries for the Axis during World War II), pointed out to me the dangers of succumbing to the same flaw that plagued the New York-based Jewish intellectuals of the '30s and '40s: a tendency to regard politics as literature and literature as politics. Wrote Sigmund Freud in *Moses and Monotheism*: "We found that the man Moses created their character by giving to [Jews] a religion which heightened their self-confidence to such a degree that they believed themselves to be superior to all other peoples. They survived by keeping aloof from the others."

Was that distancing quality baggage from the Old World? The California good life stood for something entirely different. "We go 'down South,' or 'back East,' wrote Wilson Carey McWilliams in "California: Notes of a Native Son" (anthologized in *The California Dream*), "but we move 'out West,' a phrase which invokes not only the great spaces but also the idea of escape from confinement of the old regions." The old model was the ritualistic Sunday meal with relatives, an indoor fete on a chilly day, looking backwards on past generations and clannish history. In California, one was free to choose, free to spend the day playing tennis and wear a warm-up suit to dinner. My parents had escaped their urban shtetl, a continental migration lacking the drama their elders had taken across the Atlantic but one nonetheless toward a New World. Yet there was also for so long a sense in my family that we'd arrived long after the party started. Even cocooned by privilege and sunshine, in California, in my mind I retained the outsider sensibility of an immigrant.

I was told that, since I'd started at age 12, it was too late for me to become a significant tennis player. And you, Dad, you were 45, so while we could enjoy the game like most recreational players, we were never going to be good enough to com-

pete in an event like the National Father-Son. That wasn't the point anyway. The point was that this was a lot more fun than shoveling snow off the driveway. There'd once been a time when I wouldn't have been permitted to join the

beach club, but now there is a small piece of the club resting on my mantel, an icon front and center at just about every tournament all over the world: the tennis trophy. Examine it and you'll see a player in a classic service motion,

his arms raised aloft. The man who posed for this was the beach club's pro from 1941 to '65, Les Stoeffen. Stoeffen had been a top player in the 1930s, winner of the Wimbledon doubles' title in '34. He was a movie-star version

of a tennis pro, a languid six-foot-five hunk who, having played in the days of white flannel pants, segued effortlessly into shorts and a Hawaiian shirt. Stoeffen's signature shot, the serve, personified the beach club's man-

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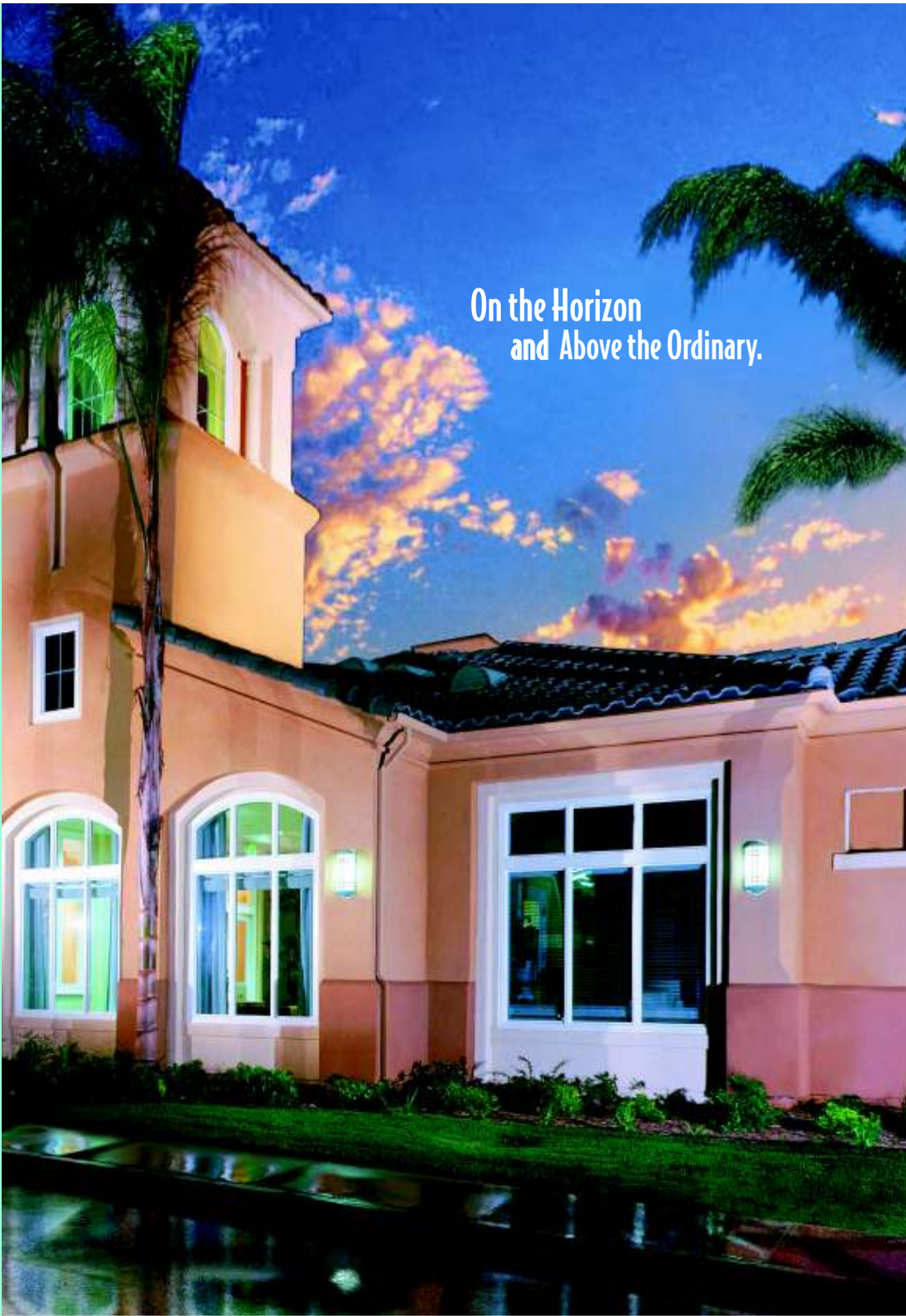
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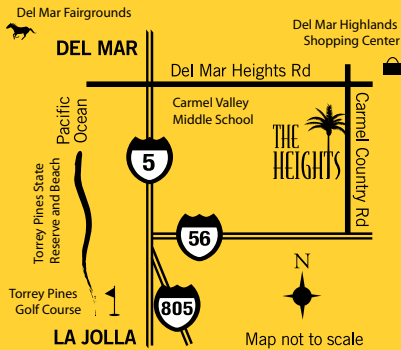
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ner. "The whole idea," Chico Hagey told me, "was that you were relaxed and let your wrist be the 'trigger' that gave your serve all its power." That simple, as supple and fluid as a stroll down the club's peaceful beachfront. There was no place better to master one of tennis's fundamental principles: Don't fight the ball. Let it come to you. Move your feet, relax, take a swing, and let it go. Hagey mastered this so well he went on to be an All-American at Stanford and one of the top 100 players in the world.

There were dozens of photos of Stofen in the beach club's scrapbooks, his thick head of hair, long legs, and beautiful smile meshing perfectly with the tennis notables who brought luster to the beach club.

The photos revealed how the club conducted itself in a contradictory manner. On the one hand, the prevailing voice was one of understatement.

Throughout its history, there was no active effort to solicit members, no desire on the Kellogg family's part to aggressively market the club or, for many years, to turn it into a profit center. As recently as the 1960s, hotel guests were given a supply of linens and left alone for the duration of their stay. As one member told me, "This was one of those clubs all across America that are for people in the know, a recreational Masonic order."

The beach club was the West Coast branch of a patrician order occupied by the likes of the Bush family of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Kennebunkport, Maine (always good to list two residences). George Bush Sr. initially picked up a tennis racket with his left hand. But his mother Dorothy told him that was unacceptable and forced him to play with his right hand. This was a world of obedience, an insider culture where play-



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ful nicknames spoke to the informal coziness of it all. Say the name "Chico Hagey" and you might be surprised to learn Hagey is not Hispanic but a 6'4" blond, hazel-eyed man

named James who can trace his roots back to the Salem Witch Trials of 1692.

Tennis was a gentleman's sport, governed by a supreme amateur code that viewed money as a

corrupting force, didn't make excuses, and maintained a stiff upper lip in defeat or victory. E. Digby Baltzell was a University of Pennsylvania sociologist-historian who coined the term WASP. In his book *Sporting Gentlemen*, a history of men's tennis, Baltzell wrote that "The Anglo-American's code was an ethical ideal which guided the gentleman's total way of life, on the sporting field as well as in the courtroom or boardroom, on Wall Street or in the City, in Congress or in Parliament, on Park Avenue or Mayfair, indeed, through the British gentleman's empire from Port of Spain to Singapore or New Delhi. The amateur sporting code, in short, was an aspect of a class code of honor which was uniquely characteristic of the Anglo-American social systems roughly in the years between the American Civil War and World War II."

In the 2006 film *The Good Shepherd*, a social

history of the CIA, an Italian mobster played by Joe Pesci queries the WASP spy played by Matt Damon. Pesci says, "You know, we Italians have our families and the church, the Irish have the homeland, the Jews their tradition, the niggers their music. What do you guys have?" The Yale-educated character played by Damon responds, "We have the United States of America. The rest of you are just visiting."

The men who'd founded the CIA descended from the same gentlemen who voluntarily let others enter the lifeboats on the *Titanic*. Baltzell pointed out that many on the disastrous ocean journey were Jewish.

In my family's home, two books stood side-to-side on one of the shelves. The first was *Our Crowd*, the tale of those German Jews who would do distinctly goyish things like name their kids "Junior." These were the gentlemen Baltzell was referring to.

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Lots of those Germans, my father told me, didn't think Hitler was referring to them until it was too late.

The other book on the shelf was *The Rest of Us*, about Eastern European Jews who knew precisely what Hitler was talking about and who continued to keep score in their heads as to who was likely to welcome us and who wasn't. The Jewish gentlemen of German heritage had forgotten their past and cozied up, thinking they were insiders when they were, and always would be, outsiders. My father never let me forget how costly that naïveté could be.

So the ghosts of Berlin and Warsaw, of apartments where families had been dragged out by the Gestapo, danced in my head alongside dreams of the California good life.

And make no mistake — as Bill Kellogg told me — the beach club was distinctly Californian. East Coast clubs often required members to wear jackets and ties in the dining room, but the Kelloggs wanted their club to match the spirit of another wealthy newspaper publisher, William Randolph Hearst. The tour guides at Hearst Castle in San Simeon noted that Mr. Hearst's dinner table featured simple cloth napkins and plain ketchup bottles. Never mind that he was rumored to have spent \$50,000 a day while building the castle. "W.R." was just another Golden State resident stepping out of the pages of *Sunset* magazine. At the beach club, it was not uncommon for a man to emerge from the surf, don a T-shirt, play a quick match in his swimsuit, and then wear the same clothes over lunch.

Informal as this was, it was still quite different from the public park where I'd played in west Los Angeles in the '70s, when Marvin Levine and Sid Young (né Shlomo Yalowitz) would peel off their street clothes alongside the court, throw on a pair of gym shorts, and often disdain

wearing a shirt. "What the hell is that?" someone once asked. "That," said Sid, "is this" — at which point he yanked down his shorts and revealed what he called "my big, hairy white tuchas." In contrast, etched on a green sign in white letters

on a fence surrounding Court Two at the beach club: "Custom and tradition require shirts be worn for play on all courts."

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We visited Coronado. I'd hoped we'd stay at the Del

and get to play on its fabled courts. But that wasn't your style. We stayed at a small motel and went out to Glorietta Bay Park. You said, "A court is a court is a court."

But a court wasn't a court to Kellogg the elder. He didn't want his club to

go unnoticed. Born into a publishing family, he wanted to generate headlines, not for revenue but for status. Just like an upstart Jewish movie mogul, a scion of a WASP family was also seeking acceptance, importance, and per-

haps most important to Californians, legitimacy and credibility. "The distinctive genius of the West and of California in particular," wrote McWilliams, "has not been freedom or openness. It has been social creativity."

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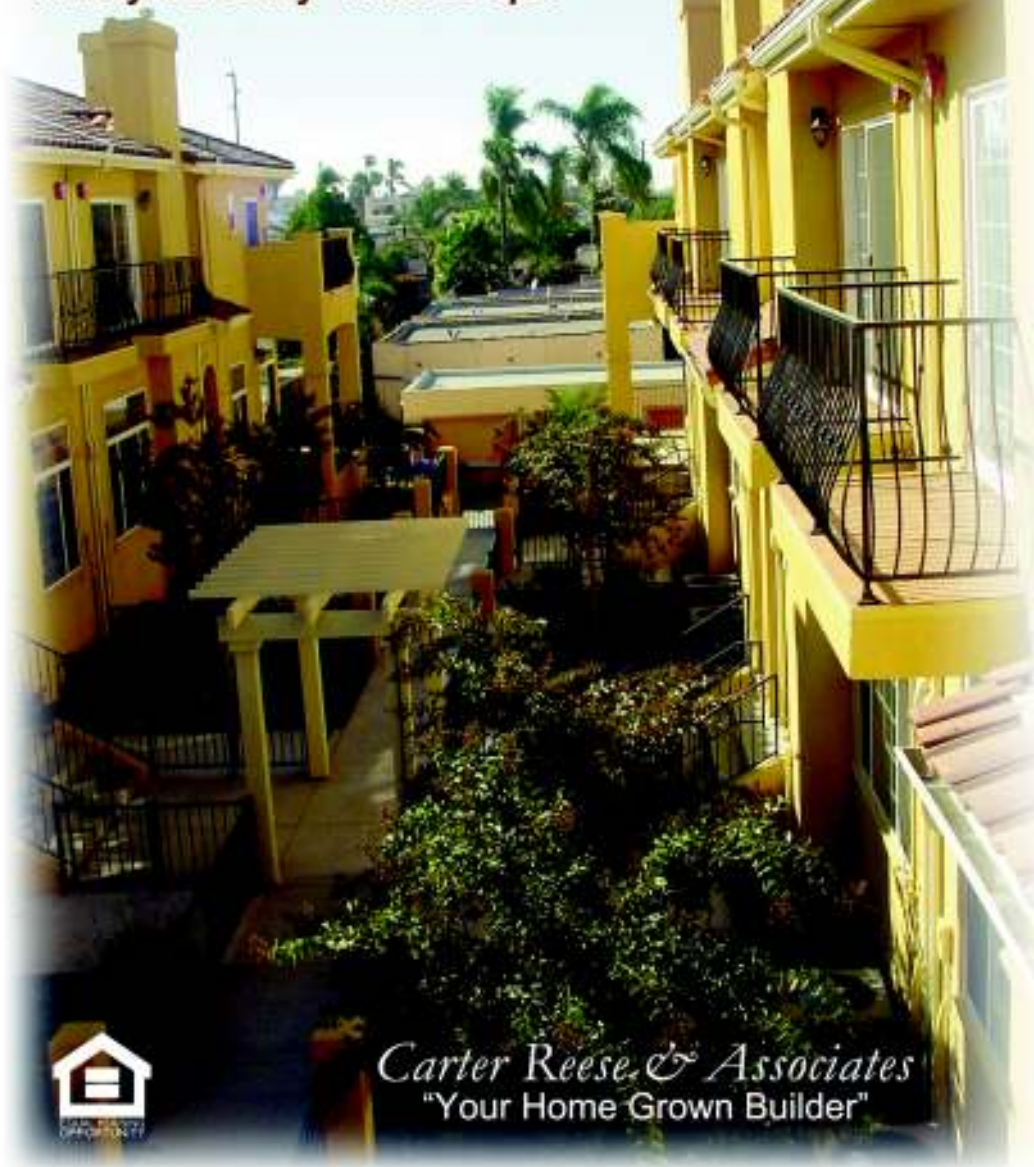
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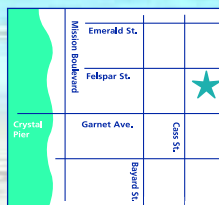


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Maybe all of us seeking to enjoy the California good life occupied more common ground than I dared imagine. Maybe the good life was something you had to will into existence. Maybe, despite East Coast perceptions of California as a laid-back nation unto itself, there was a strong drive beneath the sunshine.

Tennis was exquisitely deceptive too. A friend of mine who'd played basketball all his life decided one week that he'd had enough of hurting his body. He'd buy a tennis racket and start playing the game. I laughed. He had no idea that this was a sport of skill, where, as I'd learned firsthand, it took considerable effort and sacrifice just to not stink.

Beginning in 1940, Kellogg's idea for putting the beach club on the map was to hold special tennis events, inviting the game's star players to compete in various singles and doubles exhibitions and tourna-

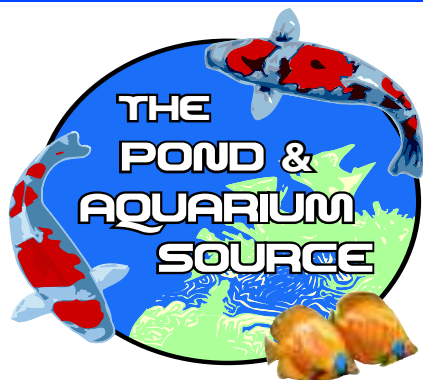
ments. Since the lion's share of America's best players were already located in Southern California, it was easy for Kellogg to rustle up talent and build relationships with other tennis power brokers such as the Los Angeles Tennis Club's Perry Jones.

The club's scrapbooks showcased a glorious cavalcade of tennis history. A youthful Jack Kramer, in plain white T-shirt. The cheeky Bobby Riggs, decades before taking on Billie Jean King in the "Battle of the Sexes," likely planning a side bet on his next match. The eternal Dorothy "Dodo" Cheney, who'd first come to the club in the '30s from her home in Santa Monica and even now, at 90, as a La Jolla resident, continues to compete, earning more than 350 national titles. There was the pint-sized Connolly, nicknamed "Little Mo" (an homage to the Navy's *Big Mo* warship), who when standing next to Stofen resembled a char-

acter in a Diane Arbus photo. Connolly had also been the first woman to win all four of tennis's prestigious Grand Slam titles in a single calendar year, a feat that made her not just the greatest player in San Diego history but to this day one of the all-time top ten.

These black-and-white photos were an enchanting portrait of tennis's bygone era, a time of athletic feudalism set against sunny skies. Through the '40s and '50s, on into the '60s, the game's amateur code barred prize money, its powers-that-be rewarding players with minimal sums dubbed "expenses." Lords such as Kellogg, Jones, and other promoters were also known to surreptitiously reward marquee stars with a few hundred discreetly slipped into the hand or left in the player's shoes. Tired of the pretense and caprice of what was dubbed "shamateurism," such top players as Kramer, Riggs, and

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Segura opted to become professionals. The price of freedom was that they were barred from prestigious events such as Wimbledon, Forest Hills, and even the beach club. Instead, these pros trekked across the world, nomads competing in arenas, gyms, skating rinks, or even cow dung.

Whether as amateurs or pros, tennis players then were traveling minstrels. But in 1968, the game became an open sport. Prize money was permitted at all levels, paving the way to today's multimillion-dollar tournament circuit. Open tennis also ended the feudalistic paternalism that kept the sport's amateurs in cozy clubs like La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. Pro tennis headed toward bigger arenas and new, larger facilities — places of new money and action, like La Costa (where Hollywood types gambled on tennis matches and where promoters poured hundreds of thousands of

dollars into big-time tournaments). Meanwhile, the beach club continued to host high-quality amateur events. Said Kellogg, "The people who play tournaments like the National Father-Son are here strictly because they love tennis. None of them make money from it. They just love to play."

As I sat alongside the courts looking at the scrapbooks, sitting near the pool while sipping lemonade, it was easy to get lost in the photos, tumble into the past, when the beach club was a never-ending

parade of dinner dances by night, athletic elegance by day, the players a-twinning in their pretty whites, the women resembling Katharine Hepburn, Stiefen an American Cary Grant, the visiting stars like Kramer, Riggs, and Segura all humble boys gently wielding their wood rackets and politely thanking Mr. Kellogg for the accommodations, a nice week of fine tennis, a quick wink for the extra C-note. It all seemed so tranquil.

My daydreaming was interrupted by a yell, tennis's present reality intrud-

ing on its mythical past. "What are you doing? Don't talk during the point," 14-year-old Zachary Leslie of San Diego barked to a group of six spectators. He and his father Eric were making a comeback in the second set of their match against Jay and Jon Nistad of New Jersey. One fascinating aspect of father-son play was the disparity in ages, playing styles, levels of expertise, and even wardrobe. The oldest man on the court was often dressed in classic tennis clothes. The youngest wore baggy shorts, T-shirts, and

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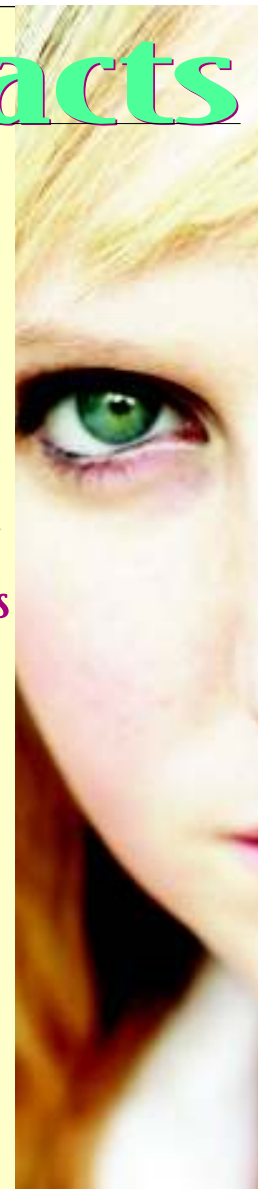
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a hat turned backwards. Dress code wasn't the only difference. In most doubles' matches, all four players are of relatively similar skill. But in father-son, there might be four distinct player journeys. In his teens, Zach Leslie

was ascending rapidly but still rough around the edges. So long as he lived under his parents' roof, he could throw himself into tennis. His father was a crafty player, young enough to cover the court well but not likely to improve sig-

nificantly. Said Charlie Hoeveler, a Northern California player who has won many father-son titles, "One day you're changing the kid's diapers, then you're the one encouraging him to play well, then the next thing you know he's the better player and you don't want to let *him* down."

Jay Nistad was in his late 20s. While, for Zach, improvement over the next three years would come in giant steps, Jay was entering the incremental phase of his tennis life. With the need to focus on work and family, tennis no longer dominated his days and nights as it had a decade earlier, when he'd become good enough to play college tennis. Improvement for Jay would come in inches from here. Meanwhile, his father was the oldest man on the court,

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and while experience could carry him far — in this tournament, a father's lob could be a silver bullet — he knew Zach was gunning for him.

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All my life I knew there was one notion you found

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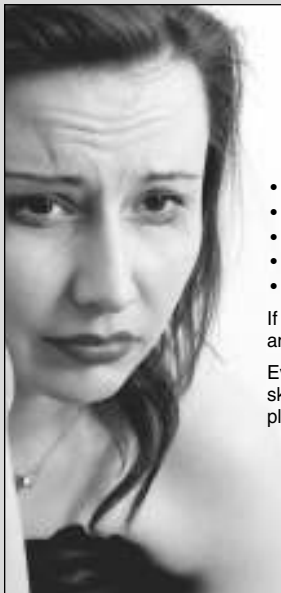
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Klein and his son Robert played at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club, which was heavily populated by Jews, many with entertainment-industry ties who had been barred entry to the Los Angeles Tennis Club. There once was a Jew who by dint of being a world-class player earned a junior membership at the Los Angeles club and once asked a Gen-

tile friend of his if indeed these clubs practiced a discreet form of anti-Semitism. Said the friend: "Of course. You Jews are different. You talk too much."

Klein revealed that we had a mutual friend, a former Beverly Hills club teaching pro, who, said Klein, "thinks we'd have a war of a singles' match."

Now I was downright pissed off. I was hardly a player of renowned proficiency, but competition had proved to me that, at age 46, the only players 65 or over who could beat me were those ranked in the country's top 25. Klein was not one of these. What was the teaching pro doing selling me down the river? Why was this guy who'd never seen me hit a ball throwing down the gaunt-

let? Let's go out there right now. Make my day.

I asked if he'd ever played a former Beverly Hills club member named John. "He's a very good player," said Klein. "I tried but couldn't beat him." I said that I'd beaten John both times we played. Feel lucky, punk?

As I talked with Klein, I recognized aspects of myself that were unattractive and downright peevish. There I was, rising to the bait. What a schmuck. Why was there all this talk about who could beat whom in tennis? What did it matter? Why were we Jews always so quick to make everything some sort of verbal vendetta? Forget the idea of politics as literature and literature as politics. Cross Freud with Muhammad Ali — psychology as sport and sport as psychology.

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was not talk but action. It wasn't conjecture but performance — win, lose and, most of all, make the effort without making a big deal out of it, without a story that could easily become an excuse and so invalidate the victor while propping up the loser. I knew this would happen if I played Klein — and I hated it. As Segura had told me, you shut up, strapped on your boots, and got down to business. Your racket did the talking. I prided myself on the fact that, as much as I'd talk off the court, during a match I said scarcely a word.

Klein prattled on about how he'd won a small regional junior tournament in a Midwestern city 50 years ago (disturbingly provincial, considering that the city was a distant tennis constellation and that we were on the grounds of such a fabled club), how the juniors of his time had included all-time great Rod Laver (what about the other 50 Klein hadn't beaten?), and how his son, a sweet-enough young man who played fine tennis and taught high school, was "a truly extraordinary human being."

You told me about the term "nachas" — the pleasure Jewish fathers and mothers took in their children's success. "Those kids are cute," went the joke. "How old are they?" Says the parent. "The lawyer is two and the doctor is three." There rapidly came a point when nachas curdled into narcissism, where what the father was saying was, "Look at me. If my kid's great, it must be all because of me."

Here I was, in flight from my own tribe. I'd grown up a 15-minute drive from the Beverly Hills Tennis Club. Klein was a man kind enough to tell me that he'd actually read and enjoyed my book. When he wasn't talking up his son as if the Nobel Prize committee was listening, Klein was overtly affectionate with him in a sweet, endearing way. Though I'd never met him before, I recognized him in spirit.

Klein was alert, with the kind of verbal agility I'd been around my whole life, which helped me grow into an animated kibitzer — which helped me become a writer and create a distinctive livelihood. But I

didn't feel this was a tribe I wanted to embrace. Said Mike Kreiss, a man who'd been a Beverly Hills club member as a child and now had joined the beach club, "That Beverly Hills environment was a war zone.

This, this is so nice, so friendly." He conceded, though, that the combative nature of his childhood had accelerated his growth as a tennis player. As Allen Fox (a BHTC member who became a top-ten Ameri-

can) once told me, "When you've got people talking and bickering and questioning in this way, it can toughen you up."

So while I wasn't enamored of my fellow Jews, I wasn't entirely a fit

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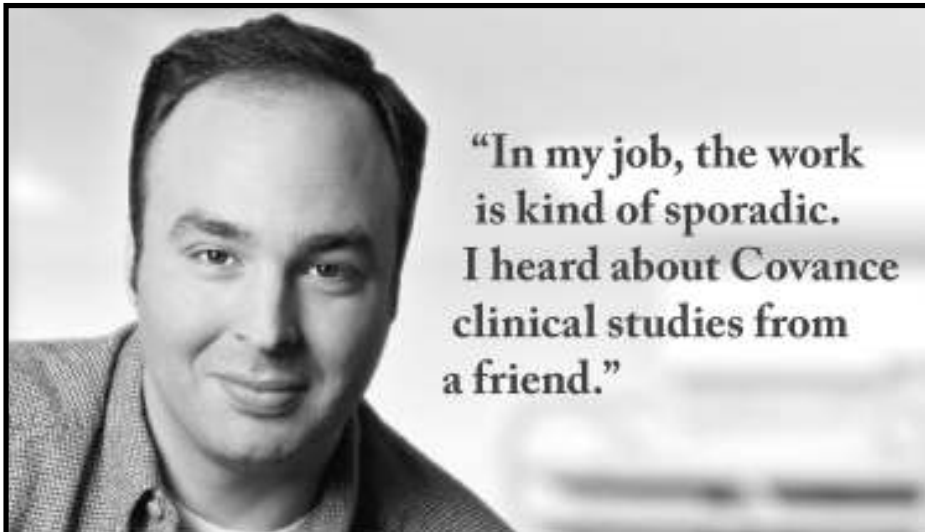
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members I'd met had been exceptionally low-key, reminding me of tales of African Americans who'd attempted to "pass" in the white world. What was the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club all about? The Father-Son and Grandfather-Grandson event was but one occasion when the club opened its doors. What went on here the other 51 weeks a year?

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Amy Von Buskirk wanted to educate me. Now in her 50s, she grew up at the beach club. We met inside the club's small bar, a tidy

rectangle of a room with six circular tables and five or six stools pushed up near the serving counter. On the wall were photos of past tennis notables, as well as one of young men out on the sandy beach, dated August 1948. The caption read: "The Way It Was." Said one of Amy's friends, "Isn't that great about this place? The way it was. How it once was and how it will always be, boys turning into men, on the beach."

Von Buskirk is an advertising executive, the daughter of a salesman (hey, like my dad!) who'd been a friend of former

vice president Spiro Agnew (OK, not like my dad). She spoke with the crisp diction and confidence of a radio newscaster. Von Buskirk loves the beach club with her heart and soul, cherished how it taught her so many life lessons through the many jobs she had, from earning 25 cents an hour fetching balls for Stoefer during his lessons to doubling her salary as a babysitter for hotel guests to teaching swimming, working the front desk, helping her mother Jane on various tennis events ("the Racquetters"), and taking part

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in the annual Jewel Ball, a charity event held on the grounds of the club. There were so many warm and friendly days, flowing into subdued, classy evenings. Von Buskirk recalled how fun it had been to zip around in her MG and take part in San Diego society. "If this place had stables, I suppose I'd have learned about horses," she said. "But instead it had tennis, and that in its way was the means to learn about the value of a dollar and the value of good manners. When I grew up, you were taught to be seen and not heard."

Jewish kids were encouraged to speak their minds. You and Mom loved to tell the story of me at age three babbling on, you telling me to calm down and me loudly declaring, "I've got to talk!" But polarizing Jews and Gentiles wasn't quite accurate either. Hadn't old man Kellogg encouraged kids to make all the noise

they wanted?

But it wasn't Amy Von Buskirk who made that evening at the bar memorable — and rather beguiling. She insisted I meet others involved with the club. A spectrum of her girlfriends flocked around the bar. They ranged from new members, to applicants, to past members, to those who enjoyed soaking in the beach club's atmosphere. Annette, a nonmember from North County who described herself as a one-time hippie, whispered in my ear, "Go ahead, ask how many of these people are members because of their parents' money. Go ahead."

Jolene, a non-legacy member about to end her time on the waiting list, said one of the club's finest attributes was that "I like that I don't have to use public restrooms. But face it, this club is about community. People want it whether they

admit it or not."

Ellen laughed about what got her into the club: "My ex doesn't even play tennis, but he'd come here as a child and vowed one day he'd be a member."

Repeatedly, I was told about the value of safety. The beach club was a refuge from San Diego's urban clutter. Other members justified the club's current \$60,000 initiation fee as the added-on cost of a backyard. (A 2006 Coldwell Banker study listed the average price of a home in La Jolla as \$1.76 million.)

"This place is amazing," said one of the maidens. "You should write a book about it."

"What's so interesting?"

"The beach parties are so neat."

"I'm not so sure I can write a book about beach parties."

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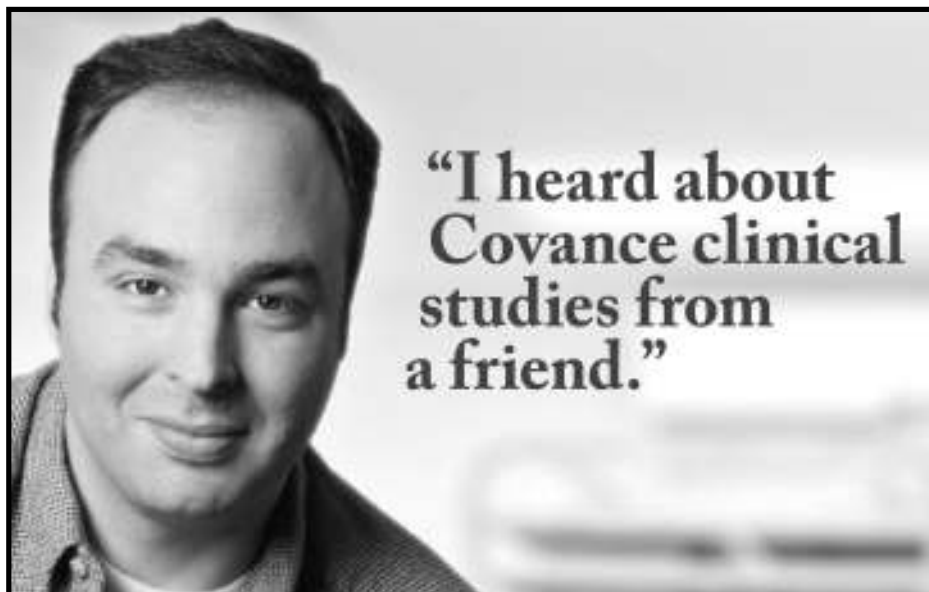
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substance abuse, affairs."

I handed the aspiring Deep Throat my card and dared her to call me. I was here to write about tennis, but if there was more, all the better.

Annette, Jolene, and Ellen said little about tennis. But one interloper did. Charles Murphy — adding "the third" when he introduced himself — seemed aware that he was rakish and cynical, precisely the brand of arch, friendly n'er-do-well a journalist might expect to find at the bar of an affluent leisure spot. Call it Midnight in the Garden of Tennis. "This place," he said of La Jolla, "is where people made their money and they're comfortable with it. They don't need to show off what they've made."

But Murphy was no beach club member, just here to see his mother, a lifelong tennis lover who worked as a volunteer for the tournament. Pander-

ing to my desire to cast him as the decayed WASP, he jokingly called her "Mumsy." Murphy confessed that he despised tennis. The sport, he scoffed, "had been drummed into me and right out of me." Murphy (Murph? Chaz?) favored football, squash, and lacrosse. I asked if he had any repressed anger. With a grin, he responded, "What do you think?"

Then spoke Dana. Like Amy, she had grown up at the club. But while Amy learned enough about money to pony up the dough eventually for her own membership, Dana was not an adult member. Moreover, she was angry at how the club's hotel division had of late become much more focused on generating revenue. "Staying in some of those rooms used to require a sponsor," she said. "Now they'll just let any Merrill Lynch broker stay there."

Down at the end of

the bar, Annette said, "See? They all say they love this place but don't have what it takes to join it. Maybe I can afford it, but I don't want to be at a club like this. I like it better in North County."

The waiter would come to our table and ask, "Any-one care for cocktails before ordering dinner?" He might as well have been talking in Sanskrit. Not once in my life did I ever hear you or Mom say "yes" to this question. You used to joke, "They'll drink themselves to death. We'll eat ourselves to death."

Amy told me the beach club was all about one word: tradition. Hey, wait a second, I thought, wasn't that what we Jews were all about, at least according to *Fiddler on the Roof*—tradition? But what was tradition to these people — \$60,000 for a private strip of beach? That is what California has come to, a great escape from the world?

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The next morning at 7:45 a.m. it was 45 degrees. Racket bags littered the grounds near the courts. A slate of matches was getting underway. The smell of liniment cut through the chill. The sounds of fathers, sons, grandchildren and grandfathers filled

the air.

"Grandpa, wait up."

"What?"

"Maybe you should swing through that forehand a bit more."

"It's going to be very sunny on that other side this morning, so make sure to lob a lot."

"Let's hit a few."

"Maybe we should stretch first."

Beach club member Chico Hagey had won the tournament with his father Ted in 1970 and '71. He'd been an NCAA singles' finalist, competed at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, but could recall nothing that matched the pressure of partnering with his father. Said Hagey, "By then I was in my late teens, and it was no longer my dad who was the one carrying me. The pro here, Bill Bond, told me how it worked: 'If there's any ball you can touch and you don't go for it, you might as well cut your throat.'"

Paul Settles said, "The emotional attachment is so powerful. The wins and losses with the family go into the family folklore, and there's also the whole aspect of the passing of the baton." Settles recalled vividly how he and his father Jim once lost two championship points. "I didn't do enough with the volley," he said, "and, well, that was just enough."

Strolling past the courts, I was again struck by the genetic and emotional links bonding these teams. They were all skilled, even the Kleins (who I found myself rooting against, perhaps making me a self-hating Jew). It made me think of how it might have gone had my father and I been good enough to compete in an event like this. But my father never interfered with my tennis, probably watching fewer than five of my matches. Through much of my teens, he and my

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mother played at a venue in Culver City that was nominally a club — a utilitarian set of courts sandwiched in between two apartment buildings, with not a single trace of the beach club's history or sensuality.

I hardly ever played there, but one weekend they had a junior tournament, which I won. This, of course, proved to me how shallow the level of

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months to the day after the heart attack, Huebner and his grandson took the court. His daughter Karin, former captain of the UCLA women's team, broke into tears at seeing her father in action again. Gretchen, who'd met Larry when she was a pep girl at UCLA, waved a blue-and-gold pom-pom and recalled that one of their first dates had been at the beach club. Having learned to play in an era of fast courts and attacking tennis, Larry's game was custom-made for doubles. At 75, he could still strike deft volleys and touch shots into the court's nooks and crannies. He and Chase easily won two matches to reach the finals. Though they carried Chase Helpingstine and Ronald Keiger to three sets, they ended up losing. It hardly mattered. Larry was so happy you'd think he'd won the lottery. Said Gretchen, "To have been where he was, where we

all were, this is just unbelievable."

Bill Kellogg, a friend of the Huebners' his entire life, was exultant too. "This is what it's all about," he said after he'd handed out the awards to the winners and runners-up. "Families together, enjoying tennis, enjoying this great weather, playing this game their whole life." Before he could talk more with the Huebners, Kellogg spotted three used bags of potato chips and two empty water bottles on the ground ten feet from the court. He gathered it in his hands and dispatched the pile into a trash can.

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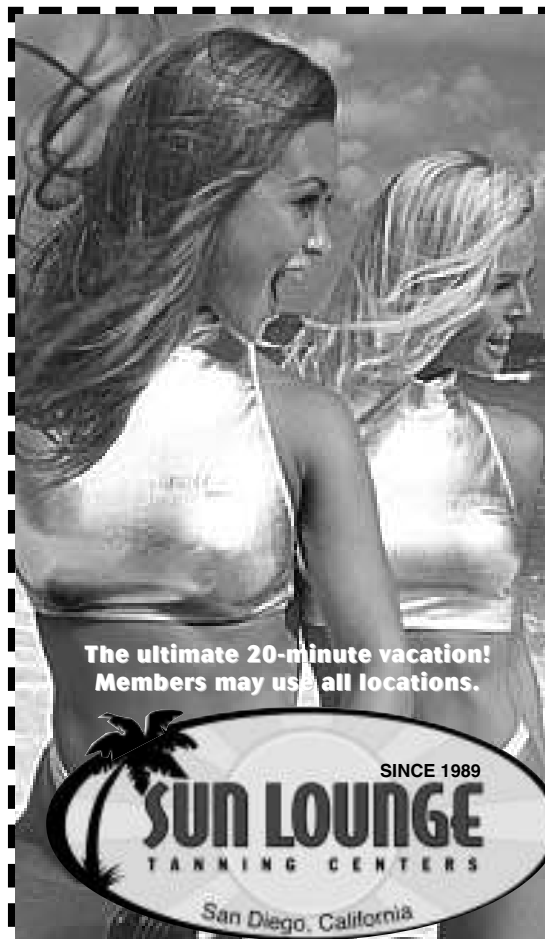
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lenge match Klein had suggested, just a nice form of exercise. There was no need for me or John or Hannah to discuss who was better, who could beat whom, or our tennis résumés. As we hit ground strokes and volleys and played a few points, we said little.

It was an odd contrast, the status and importance the maidens attached to the club, and the austerity of playing tennis. Not once did I see Amy or her friends watching the tournament's matches. Was there a fable afoot, wherein the maidens would age but the tennis players would remain forever young? Larry Huebner and, yes, even Arthur Klein possessed more vitality and authenticity than anyone I'd spoken to that night at the bar.

It staggered me to think that someone would cough up \$60,000 (the price of a home my parents had purchased in 1973) to

join a place like this, not to play tennis but to gain social esteem or to occupy an isolated stretch of sand and water. The member who'd suggested I explore the club's seamy underside did not return my two phone calls, though she'd written this prophecy in my notebook: "Life-changing story."

The days I watched the Huebners, the conversations I had with Terry Holladay, and Kellogg, and the Newmans, and the Settleses, and so many others, answered my quest to find a time and place where I belonged. Never was this clearer than when I played with John Holladay. As balls flew across the net — he smooth as silk, I making every effort not to miss and not to waste his time — Holladay said matter-of-factly, "Nice '70s backhand." With those words, a simple nod to a single shot, Holladay anchored me and wel-

comed me in, stamping my citizenship papers. There was another quip that said you could shun Judaism as a religion, but the excuse meant nothing when the Gestapo showed up at your door at two in the morning.

Even if I never set foot again in a synagogue, I'll always be a Jew, puzzling, questioning, turning myself back on myself and looking for ways to cogitate as the outsider, when of course I ache to act as the insider. That dichotomy, that kind of sociological language, I've learned, is only useful to a point. The bigger point is that so long as I can swing a racket (and occasionally shut up), La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club will be but one of my many homes. On a good day in California, with the sun shining and the feet moving, the past is similar to the swing of a racket toward a ball. Let it go. ■

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I am one of the lucky few. I do not study, have never studied much, and do not need to study. Currently, my GPA is a 4.0, and I have never dropped below a 3.83. Sure, I get the occasional B on an assignment, and I need to work a little harder now that I'm in high school, but midterms just came and went, I studied for about 30 minutes total, and got As in all my classes.

If I did study, I could probably get higher As in my classes, but I'm happy with a 92.3 percent in Mr. Walker's Bio 1 Honors class (one of the hardest classes at CHS, the seniors say). Oh, yes, I take honors classes: Honors Bio, Geometry, and English. The grades I received last semester put me in French 2 Honors and AP European History for next year as well.

My ability can lead to some funny occasions; one involving a science teacher whom I disliked comes to mind.... This teacher and I never hit it off; I corrected her and debated her (successfully) on many issues, but I always had the best grade in the class. On one test I got a 115 percent, and after a tedious lecture on study habits, she asked how long I studied.

I should have said, "Oh, I don't remember..." or something like that, but, well, I didn't like her, and there were only two minutes left of class, so I said nonchalantly, "I never study. Especially for this class." The class laughed, the bell rang, and I bowed on the way out the door.

I've tried to study in my more ambitious moods, but I always end up picking up a magazine or picking out a song on my guitar. At that point, I would realize the futility of my attempts (and how unneeded they were) and stop trying.

I recognize how fortunate I am to possess this ability, and I am really thankful.

— Kyle Landau,
Carlsbad H.S.

I often organize my studying time according to whether or not I have to prepare for a quiz, test, or presentation. I usually study for an hour maximum for either Honors Precalculus or Honors Chemistry, since they tend to be the most rigorous subjects. Studying for quizzes generally takes about 20 minutes, and preparing for tests takes about 40

minutes. The most relaxing place to get ready for an exam is at the desk in my room. It is especially soothing when the window is slightly open and a delicate spring breeze comes through the screen. The location increases my ability to focus on my work.

Before I begin studying, I leave for my daily walk around the neighborhood, down Mission Gorge Road; this helps clear my mind. After returning, I take a quick shower and begin studying at around 3:30 p.m.

Although I do not often study with others (to avoid distractions), I listen to my iPod. What I find to be the most compelling and motivating music to listen to while studying is classic rock: the Beatles, the Who, Jimi Hendrix, and Fleetwood Mac. Music helps me to read and review the material better, while eating chips and chocolate and drinking soda seems to be a disruption.

I rarely answer the telephone while preparing for exams or quizzes. Ironically, my friends from school usually are the ones who call for a quick study session over the phone.

I always make sure my assignments are finished and I have reviewed thoroughly for my exams; my parents have never served as my reminders. Yet, I am inclined to procrastinate once in a while. Come to think of it, who doesn't?

— Nichole Naoum,
West Hills H.S.

I have trouble focusing on my studies. Usually I do my homework while lying on my bed, stomach down. I'll grab a clipboard and find the perfect pen and lay out all of my assignments. This helps me gauge how much work I have. I then put my assignments in order, from easiest to most difficult. I check to make sure my pen has enough ink, that my paper is not crinkled, and then



I go on to MySpace.

It's really difficult to work on homework when there might be a MySpace bulletin that I have not yet read. Then I'll notice that nobody has posted a bulletin in a while, so then I'll post one myself.

After a couple of hours of MySpace surfing, I go and get something to eat. It's impossible to do work on an empty stomach. So, what I do is I'll use food as motivation: I promise myself a Dorito for every math problem I complete. But we usually have only Ruffles, and I can't do math with Ruffles so I end up having to go to Vons.

By the time I get home, it's 7:00 and I have to eat dinner. And by the time I'm done eating, it's 8:00 and prime-time TV has begun. Then, once my shows are finished at 11:00, it's time to check MySpace again.

After another hour of the Internet, I realize I've still got homework. But, more importantly, I have a Reader assignment I'm supposed to write. So, I decide to write the assignment first and set my alarm for 4:00 a.m. and promise myself I'll do my homework in the morning.

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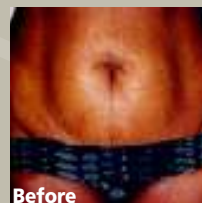
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I can do homework anywhere — in front of the TV, at work, in my room with music blaring while I chat with people online, at the dinner table — you name it. When it comes to buckling down and studying for tests and lecture material and fun junk like that, my behavior is the opposite.

For example, when I'm reading a book for English or reading my political science textbook, I must be in my own room — either on my bed or at my desk — and with no music, sounds, or distractions whatsoever. However, I'm easily distracted. If a friend signs on to AOL Instant Messenger and IMs me, I'll no doubt start a conversation. It's not so much that I focus poorly, but that I want to be distracted from the book I'm reading. I look for any excuse to be distracted: food, parents coming home from work, a phone call — it doesn't matter to me, so long as I can get away.

I get all my studying and

homework done. I'm not one of those people who waits until the last minute to do everything, even though I do procrastinate. I like to be satisfied with my work and confident in my knowledge, so studying the night before is not an option for me.

Because I usually do my work ahead of time, it fits in with some of my friends' study habits. I can help those who do it last minute, and I can help those who like to study with other people. Unfortunately, studying with other people doesn't always help me.

— *Laurel Popplewell, Madison H.S.*

I am one of those high school students who postpones studying every night. I find no support from my parents in changing this, as my parents differ from most. Unlike typical parents, mine tell me to study less. They ask me, "Don't you need a bag of M&Ms to help you study?" Although they probably intend

for this tactic to teach me to discipline myself, right now it just gives me an excuse to indulge in my procrastination.

Before I study, I have a preparation ritual. I have to clean my room, finish all my other homework, check my Facebook comments, call friends to see if they have started their homework yet, and then get food; in other words, avoid beginning to study until I cannot find another way to postpone my study session. When I finally sit down, I begin praying my phone will ring so I have an excuse to take a break.

Once I get started studying, I'm okay... for five minutes, when I find something extremely important that I simply must do first, such as text-message my best friend or check my e-mail.

When I study, I have a reward system. After I finish a topic, I get to eat an M&M. Five problems later, I realize how challenging the material is (not to mention how much I am salivating), so I decide to eat an M&M after every problem instead of just when I complete an assignment. Twenty problems later, I take yet another break — this time with legitimate reason — to find Tums because I have given myself a stomachache!

When I can no longer absorb any more information and finally call it a day, the clock says I have spent an evening studying even though less than one hour was dedicated to the course material.

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State police



Victor Clark



Municipal jail

Fidel Sánchez Jaimes, 17
Cashier at a tortilla shop
Accused of stealing money
Offices of the State Judicial Police,
Río Tijuana District
January 15, 1990

“They apprehended me at work and handcuffed me. They took me in an old gray van with, I think, blue license plates — maybe I didn’t see them well. The inside of the van was really scratched up, and there was a dirty white mattress in back. And they started to kick me in the stomach and climbed on top of me and slapped me hard, twice. From there they took me to the offices [of the State Judicial Police] and put me in a small room, five by two and a half meters, more or less. There was an old coffee table and a couple of beat-up old chairs. The walls were cement block. There were a couple of electric lights — I don’t remember very well.

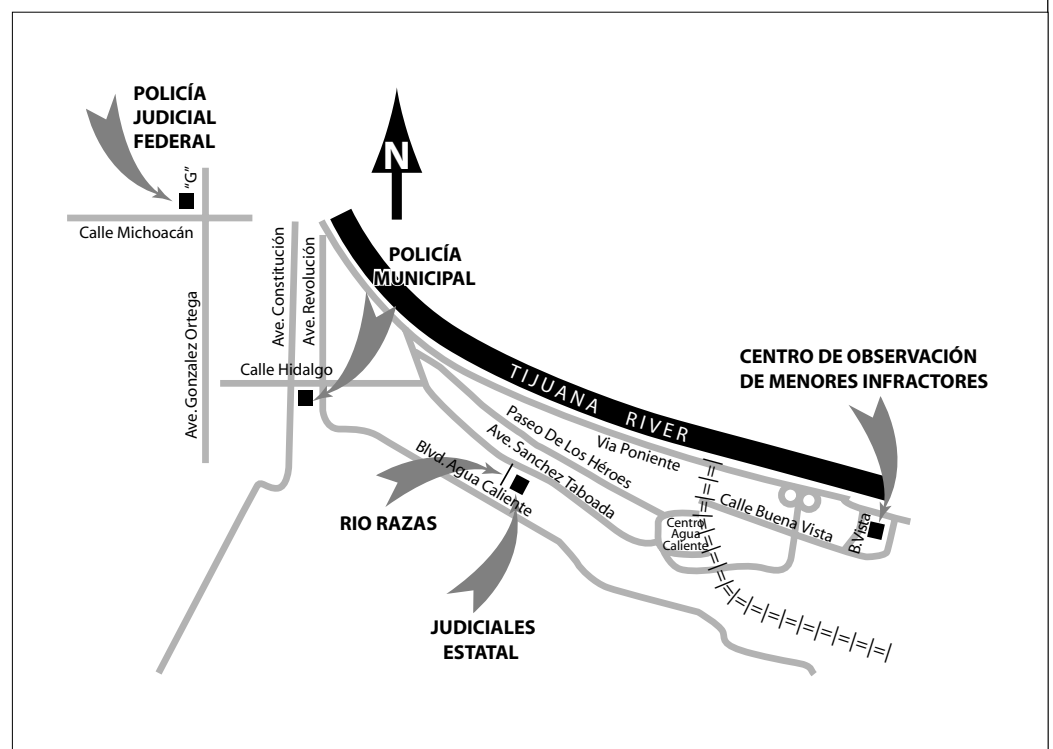
“[In the room] they started to slap me and kick me in the stomach. After that they beat me on the back with two old belts that they then used to tie my feet very tightly to the chair. Then they handcuffed me again, real tight, and said, ‘Take off your shirt.’ And I took it off, so I was left in my T-shirt. Then they grabbed me by the hair and told me to open my

mouth, so I opened real wide. They shoved my shirt in my mouth so I wouldn’t scream very loud, and I was tied really tight to the chair so I couldn’t move.... They attached electrical cables to me — one on my little finger and one to each

“They took me to a little room with yellow walls, a large desk, and an old chair. There were two brown wood doors. A light. No windows. And stairs off to one side. And then they started saying, ‘Tell me all that you’ve stolen.’ ”

foot — and then they switched on the electricity. A man sat in the other chair, and he grabbed the cables and touched [the cables] together, again and again. Each time he put them together I felt a shock. Then he left them together for a while. I tried to scream, but I couldn’t be heard because [of the shirt in my mouth]. I couldn’t scream very loud.

“So they had me like this for a long time, shocking me. And when they saw I wasn’t going to confess, they shocked



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me very hard for a long time. The cables were making sparks like they were shorting out. They left me like this for five minutes.... After this was over, they kicked and slapped me and told me I still hadn't cleared myself. They dragged me up to a cell and put me down. Then someone said my name and said, 'You are the guilty one.' And I said, 'No, I'm not.' He said, 'Yes, you are. How can you not be?' And this man, who was wearing boots, started kicking me in the knee with the heel of his boot. He kicked me about seven times, real hard, this one did.

"[The State Judicial Police] who did this — the ones in the van and who shocked me — one is thin, 35, 40 years old, he has wrinkles, no mustache, he wears glasses, straight hair, a hoarse voice, sort of dark-skinned.

Each time he went to read something he put on his glasses. The other one was a little bit light-skinned, sort of fair hair, about 30 years old. He didn't wear glasses, and I don't remember if he had a mustache or not. He was tall. Wore pointy-toed boots.

"[Now] I can't sleep at night. I just start to think about how they shocked me, and I can't sleep, and I start crying. And I feel as if all my body was being shocked, whenever I remember."

— *Second Report on the Rights of the Tortured Minor: The Case of Tijuana, B.C. Mexico*, prepared by the Binational Center of Human Rights in Tijuana, Mexico. 1990.

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Victor Clark is a tidy gentleman in a white dress shirt and creased navy-blue slacks.

His beard is neatly trimmed, and he smells pleasantly of cologne. His hand is warm, the palm soft as cotton. His physical impression is that of a young Latin bourgeois — not an idler, but a middle-class son easing into an early and agreeable success.

He is not, however, sufficiently poised to be a merchant, a businessman. He is softspoken. His voice, at times, falters; he is shy. While he speaks, his good grooming slowly reveals itself as an orderliness necessitated and perhaps defined by the very messy nature of his work.

Three red metal chairs face the work desk of his very, very small office overlooking the corner of Tenth and Pio Pico streets in Tijuana. Victor Clark sits on a low chair behind this desk upon which books and papers have been stacked

high enough that only his face is visible. The books and papers absorb his quiet voice so that a listener must lean forward from one of the red metal chairs to hear what Victor Clark is saying. Outside, construction workers are hammering and drilling on a next-door building. Through the racket, over the books and papers on his desk, Victor Clark explains the various methods of torture allegedly applied to minors by the State Judicial Police in Tijuana.

The most often used instruments, in no particular order, are:

1. Water
2. Electrical current
3. Belts
4. Sticks, boards
5. Rings
6. Plastic bags
7. Cables, wires
8. Pistol butts
9. Hoses

10. Paper, newspapers
11. Cucumbers
12. Key rings
13. Rags
14. Hands and feet (kicking with boots)

Torture, Clark claims, plays a commonplace role in the interrogation process as practiced by the three official law-enforcement bodies operating in Tijuana — the Judicial State Police, the Federal Judicial Police, and, less frequently and less severely, the Municipal Police of Tijuana. It is a practice applied not solely to adult criminal suspects but to underage detainees as well. The latter is, to Clark, the most disturbing. These victims, he says, guilty or not of crimes, are often from the most disadvantaged classes — homeless teenagers, poor urban families, young rural migrants from the Mexican interior. They have nei-

ther money nor status to protect them from abuse. Their lives remain largely unobserved by the press. As such, Clark feels that news of their torture should arouse the sympathy of the Mexican public.

Part of Clark's work as director of the Binational Center of Human Rights is monitoring this abuse. In 1987, the same year the center was founded, Clark produced his first report on the police torture of minors. After the report was publicized by the Mexican press, Clark says he found evidence that the practice temporarily declined. But in the next three years, the incidents appear to have increased. In preparation for his 1990 report, Clark interviewed 76 teenagers who were in the custody of the Tijuana juvenile justice system between January 15 and March 30. Knowing that he would not be allowed to talk with the teenagers if he disclosed he was doing a study of police torture, Clark told officials that he was research-

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ing the causes of juvenile delinquency. Of those interviewed, all 76 claimed to have been, by Clark's definition, tortured: 47 by the State Judicial Police; 14 by the Municipal Police (involving brutality *only* at the moment of arrest); 3 by the Federal Police; and 12 by employees of the Consejo de Orientación y Reeducción para Menores Infractores de Conducta Antisocial (Tijuana's equivalent of juvenile hall).

On May 22, Clark and a representative from Colegio de Abogados Ignado Burgoa — an association of 50 attorneys in Tijuana — presented the State Attorney General's office of Baja California with a file of criminal complaints against the three law-enforcement bodies and the juvenile justice system. These specific violations, including allegations of kidnapping, injury, threats, and abuse of authority, were culled from the 76 taped interviews Clark conducted and offered what the attorneys felt to be the best possibilities for legal action. Clark similarly filed claims following his 1987 report and has yet to see any result. He says it may take as long as five years for the State

Attorney General's office to evaluate his current complaints and institute an official investigation. He also contends that an investigation, while desirable, is entirely beside the point. The complexities of governmental corruption make prosecution and subsequent reform unlikely. He hopes only to shame the police into less brutal behavior.

On his crowded desk are transcripts from his taped interviews with the young detainees held at the juvenile hall in Tijuana. Scattered among the sheets of paper are colored photographs of young men pulling up their shirts and dropping their pants to reveal broken ribs and bruises. Most of the torture methods used by the police, however, leave little physical evidence. What does exist are the testimonies — words strung together in sentence fragments, hastily typed by Clark, page after page. "It is," he says, "a very difficult situation."

Victor Manuel Castrejon Verdugo, 16
Sells tacos
Accused of theft
Office of the State Judicial Police, Río Tijuana

District
January 26, 1990

"They put me in the car, and they started hitting me with their fists in the stomach and chest. They hit me a lot. As soon as they got me in the car, they started hitting me. Two of the judicial police. They hit me because they said they'd wanted to get me. They accused me of having tried to bribe some police with 50,000 pesos. I said I didn't remember doing that. They started to punch me very hard in the chest and stomach — all the way from Zona Norte to the [offices of the state judicial police]. In the car they hit me and poked me with their nightsticks. The guy who was driving was the one who later hit me when we got to the offices.

"When we got there, they said, 'Tell us everything you've stolen.' And I said, 'I haven't stolen.' And they said, 'Tell us the truth.' And one of them says, 'Come on, you son of a bitch.'

"Then they took me to a little room with yellow walls, a large desk, and an old chair. There were two brown wood doors. A light. No windows. And stairs off to one side. And then they started saying, 'Tell me all that you've stolen, you motherfucker.'

"They handcuffed me in back real tight and tied my feet together with belts, and then they said, 'Open your mouth.' And they put a big wad of toilet paper in my mouth and said to me, 'When you want to talk, shake your head.' Then they put a plastic grocery bag, one of the kind they give at Cali-Max [a supermarket], completely over my head. Then [one of them] said to his partner, 'Hey, buddy, get on top of him.' So, the really big, fat one got on top of my legs and pushed hard on my stomach and didn't let me breathe. Then I shook my head. One of them said, 'You've been fooling us, you son of a bitch, and now you're really gonna fuckin' pay for it. Now you're gonna talk...'

"And they started to hit me again, all over my body, in the stomach. They put the bag back over my head. It was unbearable. It was smothering me. They hit me again. And I still didn't confess, so they put the bag back over my head again. Twice. They put paper in my mouth so I couldn't

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breathe. They covered all my head, my face, tightly with the bag, and I couldn't breathe at all. And so I started to tell them lies because I couldn't stand the bag or the punches. They asked me how many robberies I had done. I started to invent some so they wouldn't hit me anymore. They told me to stand up against a wall, and one of the police told me, 'If you can stand a good punch in the stomach, I'll let you go. But if you double over, I'll really beat you.' He hit me. He said, 'You doubled over. You're not going to leave.' He told me to turn around and face the wall. That was it.

"Of the policemen who detained me, one was a little fat, dark-skinned, had a mustache, short, black hair combed back, a gruff voice with a Mexico City accent, maybe 40, 45 years old — this is the one who was driving. The one who was behind me was chubby, had a light-brown beard and mustache. He was about 35 years old, had a thin voice. His hair was light brown, and he

combed it back. He was fairly light-skinned.

"The policeman who was driving was named Estrada.

"These are the same ones who beat me at the police station."

Armando Jaramillo Cruz, 18

**Carpenter's helper
Accused of using drugs
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and they got really angry when I told them that. They told me they didn't care if I died. They kept hitting me in the stomach. Then they put me in a cell. I was the only minor. There were about 15 adults in there. About every 15 minutes [the police] came and took some of them out to beat them. They turned on the radio real loud so that no one could hear it. The guys came back all beaten up with water coming out of their noses. An hour later they came and got me and did the same thing to me. They hit me again in the stomach and on the back, but they didn't use the water anymore. They left me in the cell for six days.

"The [policeman] who put water up my nose was tall, fair-skinned, thick beard. He seemed to be from Mexico City. He had a rough voice. He had sort of a scar on his chin. The other policeman had dark, curly hair, younger — 29 or 30 years old. Very fair-skinned. Mustache. He was thinner than the other guy. Light-green eyes.

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Luis Vazquez Flores, 13
Works in a window glass
store

Accused of raping a minor
On or about October 24,
1989, between midnight
and 1 a.m.

“They put me in a green station wagon. Two men held onto my hands, and one of them took hold of a cucumber and pushed it all the way into my anus. And I screamed, and nobody heard me because the police did this in the presence of other policemen, right here near the border. They took it out of me and brought me here to juvenile hall. When I went to the bathroom, the excrement come out very thick. They put it inside me for no other reason than to have me say that I was guilty, but, anyway, it’s not true.

“One of the policemen said to me, ‘Tell me who it was, or I’ll hit you with my nightstick.’ I said, ‘I don’t know anything.’ I didn’t know anything. I didn’t tell him anything about the boy. Then he said, ‘You know the law of the cucumber and the law of the electric orange.’ And I said, ‘What’s that?’ I don’t know anything about that.’ And he said, ‘I’m going to do the easiest one to you — the cucumber.’ They pulled down my pants. Then they did what I told you about. They pulled down my pants and held down my hands and laid me down in the back of the station wagon and opened my legs and put the cucumber inside me and left it there for about five minutes. I screamed and nobody heard me. It was about midnight or one in the morning. I didn’t feel anything; [the pain] made me numb.

“The policeman [who did this] was tall with black hair combed straight back. He had a small, thin mustache. He was maybe 34, 35 years old. No glasses. Deep voice. Light-brown eyes. But I don’t remember very well. There were two young guys with him. They looked like bikers, wore earrings. They, too, hit me on the shoulders and on my hand. I cried. They hit me about 20 times. The station wagon is green, pretty new. Four doors and one in back. The upholstery was brown with tiny red but-



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tons. I saw a gun cartridge on the seat.”

Hugo Arrollo Salcedo, 15 Bricklayer
Accused of assault
Offices of the State Judicial Police
December 26, 1989, approximately 6:30 p.m.
“They put the bag on me. They grabbed me by the hair and dragged me to a small room. There were other guys in there, and I was the first one [the police] talked

to. They said they were going to find out everything — like how many burglaries I had done.... They had me put my hands behind my back, and they slapped me a few times. Then they grabbed me by the hair and put the bag over my head...a plastic bag. They put it over my head and tied it around my neck. Before they put it on me they put a ball of wet paper in my mouth and told me to bite down on it. Then they put the bag over my

head and tied it around my neck with the plastic bag's handles. They tied it tight and left me that way for about 20 minutes. They punched me a few times in the stomach. They finally got it out of me about the guy I wounded and about a house I broke into. They wanted me to confess about two other houses. When they had the bag over my head, they hit me in the body, and it hurt. It was very hard for me to breathe.

“One of the policemen is kind of an old guy, maybe 45 years old, light-skinned. He's half bald, has a reddish mustache, black hair. He wears a cap. Medium weight. His partner is really fat. Medium height. Almost bald. Maybe 38 years old. He has a very childlike voice. But this guy [the fat one] didn't do anything to us.

“The room where this happened is very small. The walls are orange-ish. There's a lot of stolen property in it — like a warehouse. There's an old desk. A light. No windows. The door is grayish. This is where they put the bag on me. They have a lot of plastic bags in there.”

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Leobardo Manuel Bautista Garcia, 17
Works on a ranch near Tecate
Accused of jewelry theft
Offices of the State Judicial Police, Rio Tijuana District
February 6, 1990, between noon and 12:30 p.m.

"When I got to the judicial police station they put me in a room, and they told me to take off my clothes. I was left in my shorts and T-shirt, nothing else. They laid me down on the floor, then lifted me up onto a table — rather, they lifted my legs onto a table, a narrow table, and they tied my feet to it with belts. They also tied my hands behind my back with belts that they brought in a plastic bag. They took out some wires and told me to tell about how many times I had stolen or about people I knew who had stolen; that I was a thief. I said I didn't know anything, that I didn't know anyone [who had stolen]. And they said they were going to see how macho I was, that now I was going to see what was going to

happen to me. They attached the wires, one to each foot — to each big toe — and when they connected them I convulsed from the shocks. But before they did this they put a gag in my mouth, and one of the police grabbed it from behind and told me not to stick out my tongue because the electricity might make me bite it. So they gagged me, and he pulled on it, and for about five minutes they gave me shocks. One of them said to me, 'Calm down, boy. I'm going to untie you. I'm not going to shock you anymore. But tell us who it is [who stole the jewelry].' And I said I didn't know anything, that if they wanted me to, I'd say that I did it. They didn't hit me anymore. One of them said, 'That's good. You're the one. How many more times have you stolen?' I said, 'None.' Then one of them said to the other, 'Leave him alone, buddy. Tonight, after all the secretaries have gone home, we'll take him to another room, and we'll put him in one of those 80-liter drums and shock him in that to see if

he'll talk. Or we'll use the plastic bag.'

"They asked me, 'How old are you?' I said, 'Seventeen.' They said, 'It doesn't matter. Here you're 19 years old, and you're going to say that you're 19 so you can sleep in the cells upstairs.' They took me upstairs to the cells and came back that night. One of the policemen asked me, 'Do you know any of them [the men in the cell]?' I said, 'No. I don't know them. I don't know who they are....'

"Before they started with the shocks, they hit me with their fists in the stomach. They slapped me. One of them turned his ring around on his finger and punched me.

"The room [where they tortured me] is small, yellow walls. A small brown desk. A white chair. They brought the belts they used in a red bag.

"The policemen who arrested me were not the ones who hit me. Of the ones who hit me, one of them was short, fair-skinned, wore a lot of gold, a lot of

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necklaces. He had a light-colored beard, light-brown hair that he sort of combed back. He was a little fat. Maybe 30 years old. Around his neck he had one necklace that had a little lion on it. He had Ray-Ban glasses. The other guy wore dark glasses, was sort of fair-skinned, thin, tall, had a mustache. He seemed younger than 25 — 23. Black hair, more or less brown. Deep voice.”

Roberto Miranda Calderon, 17

**Peasant
Accused of assault and robbery**

Offices of the State Judicial Police, Río Tijuana District

May 16, 17, 18, 1989

“I arrived from Los Mochis [in Sinaloa state] at the central bus station, and I slept there overnight. The next day at around 10 o’clock, I went downtown to beg for money. I met a man who invited me to sleep in a hotel where he was staying. The next day the state police came to El Hotel Fenix in

Zona Norte and said that they wanted to take me for a little ride. The man at the hotel told me to tell them that I was over 18. When they got me out of the car, I told them that I was a minor, and they tortured me in the judicial state police station in the Río District. They put me in a little room and attached cables to my big toes, electrical cables, and they attached two wires to my balls, and they poured water onto me with a bucket. They tortured me for about 20 minutes. They slapped me around and said, ‘We’re not going to hit you anymore because you might not be able to stand it.’ They put me in a cell, and about a half an hour later they came back and got me and shocked me again by the toes and balls, and they slapped me. They came up and got me again a half an hour later and [tortured me] for about 20 minutes. They did the same the next day (May 17, 1989) and did the same on the third day (May 18, 1989). Three times a day, but less. Maybe 10 or 15 minutes.

“The police who did this were a tall one, dark-skinned, about 50 years old. A big mustache. Deep voice. Black hair combed to the back. Thin. The other was a little fat, about 45 years old, hair about half gray, a big mustache, a delicate voice. Light-skinned.”

On January 19, 1990, an employee of the [juvenile hall] made the following statement regarding Roberto but declined to be identified out of fear of reprisals.

“This young man, on January 5, 1990, finding himself extremely depressed, cut open the veins on both his arms with a razor blade.... When asked why he had hurt himself, he related that he had despaired of his situation; he didn’t know what was going to happen to him. When his bloody wounds were discovered, the chief guard was notified...bandages were applied to contain the bleeding, but instead of having this young man transferred to the psychology department, [the chief guard] brought him to his office where he [the chief]

dedicated himself to insulting the young man and hit him 12 to 15 times on the face, 12 to 15 times with his closed fist, and he slapped him, which resulted in the bruising and swelling of his cheeks, cheekbones, and eye sockets....”

Héctor Manuel Enríquez Pérez, 17

Laborer

Accused of auto theft

**La Mesa District, Tijuana
December 12, 13, 1989**

“They hit me in the bathrooms of the [judicial police] office. They grabbed me by the shoulders and kneed me in the chest, and they lifted me up and punched me in the stomach. They slapped me a lot and kicked me in the legs and shins. In the bathroom they took a water hose, a tube, and turned on the water and put it up my nose and left it on for a minute — it felt really ugly. One of them grabbed me from behind, and the other put the tube up my nose, and they accused me of a robbery in the neighborhood. Then they went back

to hitting me in the stomach, and I vomited. They gave me toilet paper to wipe my mouth with, and they put me in a cell.

“The next day (December 13, 1989) they did the same thing to me. They hit me as they did the night before — in the ribs. They slapped me a lot. They took out the clubs and hit me on the head and left me with a lot of bumps on my head. After that they brought us all out in front of the secretary to depose us, and they really chewed me out — ‘See what happens to you for thieving?’ And they slapped me around. Then they took me to [juvenile hall].

“One of these policemen was fair-skinned, had a deep voice, thinning light-brown hair parted on one side. He was square-shouldered, maybe 30 years old. No mustache. Wore boots, a leather jacket, light-colored pants. The other guy was short, wavy hair, dark-skinned, small mustache. Medium build. Had a weak voice. Dressed the same as the other guy. He’s the one

who put the gag in my mouth.

“[Earlier in the year] the State Judicial Police accused me of another burglary, and when we got to the police offices, they took me to a room where there were buckets, belts, cans of vinegar on the floor, and a bucket of raw sewage. It’s a big room.... The walls, I think, were pinkish. They put me in a chair and interrogated me, and when they saw I wasn’t going to admit to being guilty, they slapped me and put me in the chair and told me to throw my head back and they squirted mineral water up my nose, and then they asked me if I had any tattoos, and I told them that I had the number on my chest. They got angry and punched me in the stomach and told me to put my shirt back on and told me not to say anything to my grandma, because she’s very old and might die.”

Francisco Orozco Guzman, 15

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La Mesa District, Tijuana
January 27, 28, 29, 30,
31; February 1, 1990

January 27: "They had me handcuffed, and they put me in a little room and told me about the stereo and started to hit me. First they slapped me, then they punched me in the chest. They took off the handcuffs and told me to take off my shirt. Then they started to hit me with their open hands. They made me kneel down, and they slapped me. They told me to put my shirt back on, and they took me to the cell."

January 28: "They put me in the room, and they did the same to me as they had done the day before — they knelt me down and slapped me around, beat me. They wanted me to confess to a theft; they wanted to force it out of me. They slapped me and put me back in the cell."

January 29: "They put me in the room and attached orange-colored wires to me and said, 'You know what these are? And I said, 'Yes.' And they said, 'You know what's going to happen to you if you don't talk.' They grabbed me by the hair and hit my ears with their palms."

January 30: "They knelt me down and beat me, hit me in the stomach and on the back with their hands."

January 31: "They knelt me down, slapped me, beat me — the same as the day before."

February 1: "The same as the day before."

"For 12 days I was in the cell with adults. When the police detained me, my papa showed them my birth certificate to prove that I was a minor. They only let me see my papa one time."

"One of the policemen was tall, hair combed back. About 28. Deep voice. Fat. The other one is short, about 25 years old, black hair combed back, wears a cowboy hat. He's dark-skinned, normal voice. Dark glasses. A little bit fat."

"The room is narrow. The walls are yellow. A small window." ■

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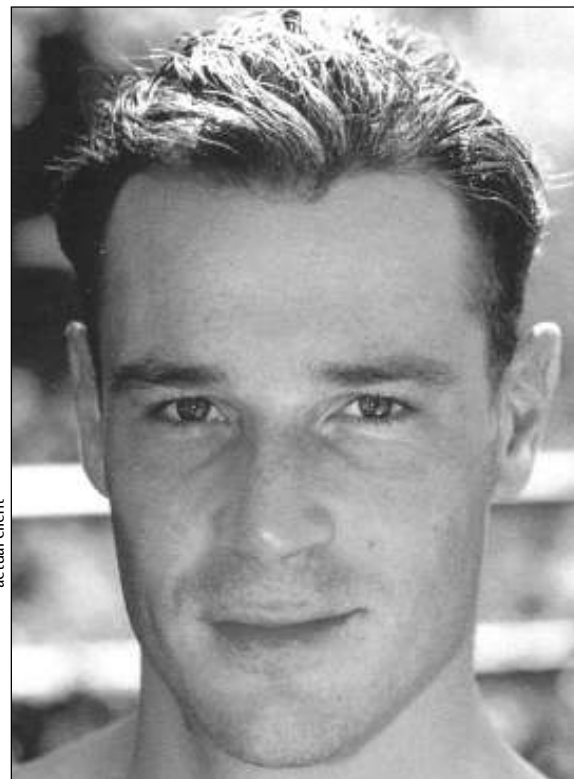
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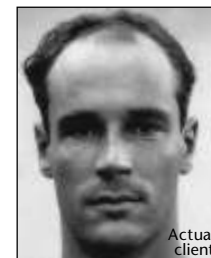
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Open Space. This decision was so radical, it begs the question - Why didn't Frye take the lead and work with BOTH Linda Vista and Clairemont instead of leaving Linda Vista in the lurch, uninformed, and out of the loop? Frye was unduly influenced by a lobbyist, otherwise, she could have created a WIN-WIN situation!

Posted by Kathy Klingenberg on 03/23/07, 8:54 a.m. Community colleges are there for the community, not the other way around. Parking at Mesa College is only a symptom of the larger problem: too many students. Rather than argue the validity of destroying a park to build a parking garage, why not look into moving some of Mesa's night classes (where the crunch is the worst) a few miles north to UCSD. While UCSD does have some night classes, there is plenty of empty classroom space and parking available in the evening. UCSD has a commitment to reaching out the community, and this would be one way of doing that.

Badlands, Good Story

Your article about the Carizo Badlands brought to mind the times I have spent in that area ("The Nothing That Is Not There," Cover Story, March 15).

As a hunter and rock hound, I spent many years in the backcountry. In the mention of the Inkopah Mountains, my father-in-law pointed out a trail on those mountains. It had been used by the Indians traveling from and to the Imperial Valley. There were, and I guess still are, a lot of scrub acorns they collected.

In the mountains of Jacumba and the Camel Back Peak, I used to find broken pieces of pottery in some of the rock shelters. The underside of rocks were covered with black soot, evidently from their fires.

A friend of mine collected enough pieces of pottery to diligently construct one of the jars, with a few pieces missing. That was many years ago. In those days there was so much lying around that no one cared. I guess now you

would be put in jail.

I don't think it's a bad idea to run Sunrise Powerlink through there. We need the power. SDG&E has had a transmission line through Boulevard for some years, and the sagebrush is still growing and the wild animals are still running around. We all have paid over the years to maintain the park. I think the majority should rule.

Quite interesting about the light pollution at night. I remember when the city of San Diego phased out the mercury vapor street lamps and replaced them with sodium vapor lamps to stop the light pollution for Mt. Palomar Observatory.

Thanks to Geoff Bouvier and Jerry Schad for the good article.

Ed Maisen
Clairemont Mesa

Who's A Semite?

This is with regard to the two letters (March 15) by Albert Reingewirtz and Michael Fuentes that responded to Mimi Kotner's letter (March 1).

It seems to me that every time someone is critical of the Israeli government's foreign and/or domestic policies, they're immediately labeled anti-Semitic, which begs the question, don't you have to hate both Jews and Arabs to be anti-Semitic, as the Arabs are also of the Semitic race? Just asking.

Michael McAllister
San Diego

Up With Clairemont!

This Barbarella person is an ignorant cow. I deeply resent her article ("Horror in Clairemont," "Diary of a Diva," February 22), and it just shows her ignorance and the fact that she didn't know what she was talking about. If she was so worried about getting her skin on the seat in the theater, I wish she would mark the seat that she was sitting on so that I can be sure and not sit in it the next time I go. Clairemont is a wonderful place to live. We have beautiful parks, good schools, nice homes, and for her to come in and make remarks like that is just uncalled for.

She was also talking about the way that some women look, and I wonder if she's looked in the mirror lately. I hope that that's her

Halloween picture that's in the paper or else she's really in deep trouble. I have read her column before because it was mildly amusing, but I know that she's not very bright and she's really uninformed. And I really am upset about that article.

Jackie Delbaugh
Clairemont

Just A Buck

An idea for the city to get extra funds for the lakes: charge users \$1 for getting on the lake property ("Turnstiles for Lake Murray," "City Lights," February 8). I live by Lake Miramar, and it gets a lot of use. Skaters, bikers, hikers, joggers, anglers, and events. Thousands of dollars could be generated each month. People wouldn't be put out by paying \$1 to use the lakes.

J.C.

The Best Alternative

Thank you, *Reader*, for providing a better way for San Diegans to make our voices heard. Readers of the *Reader* represent the most important segment of the San Diego population today because decades of failures by San Diego's political, social, and business "leaders," especially including the *U-T* Powers That Be, are creating a totally unacceptable future for *Reader* generations.

The reality is that Don Bauder and Matt Potter just don't have enough space to report on all the out-of-control corruption and unacceptable consequences that dominate San Diego today. The most unacceptable consequence of the culture of corruption is that the quality of life that was produced by the Greatest Generation is crashing and burning because of the domination by the corrupt Powers That Be. It is imperative that your readers take control of their own future if the right things are ever going to happen again to improve, restore, protect, and preserve quality of life for all San Diegans. And it is time for all San Diegans to think, debate, decide, act, and vote in much greater numbers than ever before to restore the quality of life for all San Diego families, and the *Reader* can make that happen at last.

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The Gospel of Hip-Hop

Rock Steady: Dance with a Message

Culture Shock [a San Diego-based hip-hop organization] is not Christian, but a kind of youth organization," says Tommy Moseley, associate pastor at Rock Church. "Ours has a purpose, and that's to be a gospel."

Moseley's new ministry and company of professional dancers, called "Rock Steady," offer their first class in Christian hip-hop on Tuesday, April 3.

A pastor from another church was quick to express concern over the choice of material. "He said he'd just finished doing an eight-week sermon series on hip-hop

and the bad effects it has on our kids," says Moseley, and goes on to explain that he replaces the lyrics of popular

hip-hop songs with messages from sermons.

One churchgoer told Moseley via e-mail that he believes the church is no place for hip-hop dance. "The reason I was such an advocate for starting this ministry is because, when I danced for Culture Shock, everyone wanted to be in [the troupe] — they would have done anything. They would have sold their souls." Moseley is hoping the dance classes will draw the "subculture of kids that follow hip-hop religiously."

Of his mixed martial arts ministry, called "Right Cross," he says, "Because it's a really good team of instructors, [students]

will put up with ten or fifteen minutes of preaching and say, 'Okay, let's get to working out.' We get to share the message of Jesus Christ, but it's not a church. I grew up in a Catholic church, and there's nothing cool about the church. The church kind of gives Jesus a bad name — the hope is awesome, but it gets caught up in people's rules."

Brandon Henschel, a professional dancer and choreographer, will teach most of the classes. He describes secular hip-hop as "an environment that isn't really friendly" but considers Christian hip-hop to be stress free. "You don't have to worry about hearing profanity, going to clubs, getting crunked [drunk] and all the bling bling," he says.

Henschel has danced with Britney Spears, Usher, and Beyoncé. His brother, Sean, created the sermon-dubbed mixes. "To label hip-hop as a sexual genre is a purely ignorant statement," says Henschel. "We could take 'Amazing Grace' and put a kick drum, a high hat, and a snare behind it and create a melodic beat. We think hymns are very holy and good today, but 'Amazing Grace' was a bar song. We've taken what Satan is trying to use for evil, and we're using it for good."

Henschel realizes that some Christians are not embracing this ministry. "People are afraid of change," he says. He explains his frustration that "on some levels, [the church] is a corporation" and that, because financial support comes



Members of Rock Steady dance company

largely from the traditional, conservative base, the church sometimes hesitates in efforts to appeal to a younger, nontraditional demographic. "There are certain Christians that, when worship music comes on, they don't want an electric guitar."

Henschel is hoping to use his reputation as an experienced dancer and choreographer to attract non-Christians. "We want Christians to bring their nonsaved friends. That's where we can get them in our environment and talk to them and get them saved as they're going out. We'll do that through influence, just by being their friends; talking to them after class, hanging out, that's where a lot of evangelizing happens."

On the Rock Steady web page, Henschel explains the long-term goal of the dance troupe: "To save and equip people with the Word of God and the foremost professional training in dance and send them back into the industry as soul winners for Christ, eliminating the promiscuous performing we see so prevalent in the industry today."

Henschel says his dance class is advanced. "If you've had no training period, this is probably not the best class to take. Someone with no dance experience wouldn't survive. It will be professional choreography taught at a slower pace." All seven current members of Rock Steady are dance professionals. "One of the reasons we wanted to have the class is because we have a lot of people interested in performing with us, and we want to see them first before we give them the okay."

— Barbarella

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BAJA

Famous Mexican Voice Actor Jorge "El Tata" Arvizu performs in comedy *El Privilegio de Transar*, Thursday, March 29, 7 and 9:30 p.m., in Mexicali's Teatro del Estado.

Busy on Thursday? Catch show on Friday, March 30, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$25, \$30 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (MEXICALI, TIJUANA)

"Flor de 7 Hojas," contemporary dance by Lux Boreal, Friday, March 30, 8 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira). Tickets: \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

Nikki Clan in Concert, on Friday, March 30, 8 p.m., at Tangeloo Club (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Tickets: \$30 U.S. 011-52-664-681-8091. (TIJUANA)

San Felipe Blues and Art Fiesta with many bands, art show, Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1, 10 a.m.–10 p.m., at Malecon. \$25 per day, \$40 for two days. 011-52-686-577-1670. (SAN FELIPE)

The Spanish-Language Comedic Play *El Privilegio de Transar* performed Saturday, March 31, 7 and 9 p.m., at Teatro de la Ciudad (Avenida Diamante). \$30 U.S. 011-52-646-178-6064. (ENSENADA)

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public spaces throughout the city, are showing off their large, orchidlike flowers in shades of pink, purple, and maroon. Orchid trees thrive in areas with a mild winter climate, hence their popularity in Hawaii, Southern California, and Arizona.

The Sticky-Sweet Odor of citrus blossoms is wafting on the spring breezes this year, as it has in every year since the 1870s, when the county's first commercially planted orange and lemon groves began to produce fruit. From early plantings in areas like National City and Lemon Grove, citrus groves spread east and north as urbanization encroached. Today, a car or bicycle trip through Rancho Santa Fe, Pauma Valley, and the outskirts of Escondido, Vista, and Fallbrook induces a pleasant reminiscence of San Diego County's agricultural past.

Warmer Temperatures and increased humidity coincide with the subtle onset of San Diego's spring season. By April's end, the intermittent showers, Santa Ana winds, cold nights, and crystal-clear, sun-drenched days of winter will likely be distant memories. The nocturnal, low overcast hugging the coast, which may linger until the late morning, will gradually build into "June gloom" — the days-long episodes of perpetual overcast most common during May and June.

Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho

campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 619-669-1697. For those 16 and older with a parent. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Harlequins on Bladderpod! Why are colorful bugs on this plant? Learn this and more during guided nature walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, March 31, April 1 and 4, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Explore Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve with Canyoneers on Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. Cross Escondido Creek, see wildflowers. Moderate or strenuous routes available. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (SAN MARCOS)

Birding Basics Class planned at Mission Trails Regional Park Visitors' Center, Saturday, March 31, 1–2:30 p.m. Participants learn five simple techniques for identifying birds at a glance, how to use a field guide (bring yours if you have one). Free. Find visitors' center at One Father Junipero Serra Trail San Diego, 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Observe Nature Restoring Itself in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires. Guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first

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Tis the Baby Time o' Year! Help rescue wildlife in trouble with emergency response organization Wildlife Assist. Volunteer orientation, Sunday, April 1, 2–3 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Free. 619-921-6044. (ENCINITAS)

The Full Moon on Monday, April 2, rises imperiously into the darkened eastern sky at around 6:35 p.m., some 30 minutes after the sun sets. Some folk names for the April full moon include "planting moon," "growing moon," "seed moon," "budding trees moon," and "green grass moon."

DANCE

Hey Wire Makes Music, Martha Wild calls for contradance, Friday, March 30, 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)

"Rebound," Conny Janssen Danst of the Netherlands performs this piece for six male dancers at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, 8 p.m. "Trapped in a white box, the men literally bounce off walls, off a trampoline, and even off each other" to explore

themes of power, competition, companionship, resilience. \$35. Find center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Tchaikovsky Spectacular," City Ballet of San Diego presents Act Two from Tchaikovsky's full-length ballet, *Swan Lake*, March 30–April 1. Program includes Black Swan pas de deux from *Swan Lake*, and *Tchai Celebration*, set to "The Seasons" by Tchaikovsky, with choreography by Elizabeth Wistrich.

Dancing begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$49. 858-272-8663. (LA JOLLA)

Master Classes by Conny Janssen Danst, Saturday, March 31, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Classes are open to intermediate to advanced students 16 years and older. \$15. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Cinderella" presented by dancers 5–18 years old of San Diego Civic Youth Ballet to score by Prokofiev on Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1, 1 p.m., Casa del Prado Theater (1650 El Prado). Tickets: \$10–\$15. 619-233-3060. (BALBOA PARK)

Lil' Arts Cultural Performing Arts Center plans open house with dance classes by Ruben "Fusion" Monet, performances, Saturday, March 31, 1–3 p.m. Find center at 11501 Rancho Bernardo Road, 150-A. Free. 858-592-1490. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Sonnets: Love Poetry by William Shakespeare," San Diego Ballet performs to choreography and direction by Javier Velasco, Saturday, March 31, in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. Curtain rises at 2:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15–\$30. 619-294-7311. (LA JOLLA)

Flamenco Rumba taught by Cassandra Fernandez, Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Request dancing follows. Fees: 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

Spring Fling Dance hosted by San Diego English Country Dancers on Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., at Academy of Dance (12227 Oak Knoll Road). Band features "renowned clarinetist" Daniel Beerbohm. New dancers are especially welcome; beginners' session promptly at 7:30 p.m. \$8.

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Learn to Dance when Jim and Margie of 2toGroove Dance lead classes in variety of dance styles. Jitterbug classes start Monday, April 2, 8:30 p.m.; beginning swing steps off at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Duo presents partner swing dance classes for all levels on Wednesdays at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). At either location: \$12 per class, \$50 for five-week series with preregistration. Details: 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA, ENCINITAS)

Christian Hip-Hop Class planned by Rock Steady Ministries, Tuesday, April 3, 7 p.m., at the Lord's Gym (4153 Market Street). \$7. 619-226-7625 x293. (SAN DIEGO)

Learn California's State Dance! Champion dancer Yolanda Vargas teaches West Coast swing, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue, suite E). \$10 or \$14 per person. 619-291-1601. (HILLCREST)

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How About a "Surreal Comic Odyssey"? Gerardo Olivares's film *The Great Match* screens for Film Forum on Monday, April 2, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Film follows misadventures of family of Mongolian nomads, caravan of Tuareg camel drivers in Sahara, and group of native Amazon Indians traveling very far to watch the World Cup on television. Free. 619-236-5800. In Kazajo, Tamashek, and Tupi with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Carlsbad Reads Together Films, see *Oprah and Elie Wiesel at Auschwitz*, Wednesday, April 4, in conjunction with community reading of Wiesel's *Night*. Discussion led by newspaper columnist Anny Zivotsky. Program begins at 6 p.m. in Carlsbad Library's Schulman

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Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Celebrate National Poetry Month with screening of *Poetry Live(s)*, Wednesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Library (820 E Street). Documentary features eight local poets speaking their written words for the camera. Raye Rose, a poet featured in film, will perform at event. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

The Brazilian Film *Saudade do Futuro* (2003) follows migration of workers from northeastern Brazil to São Paulo, causing resurgence of musical style *forró*. Screening begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, at UCSD's Institute of the Americas (10111 North Torrey Pines Road). Free. 858-453-5560. (LA JOLLA)

The Iranian Film *The Day I Became a Woman* (2000) screens for

winter film series, Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Milagro Beanfield War" screens Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m., in Little Theatre at San Diego State University. Sarah Elkind of SDSU's history department leads discussion of California's water wars, water resource developments through American history. Free. 619-594-8369. (SDSU)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *The Alps: Giants of Nature* (opening March 30), Hurricane on the Bayou, Coral Reef Adventure. "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *Ring of Fire* (6 p.m.) and *Everest* (7 p.m.) on March 30. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Petra: The Rose-Red City Half as Old as Time" presented by Professor Andrew Jameson, former history lecturer at Harvard University and UC Berkeley, Thursday, March 29, 1 p.m., for San Diego Museum of Art's Asian Arts Council. Jameson will reveal "splendor of Petra, considered by many to be the eighth wonder of the ancient world." \$10 general. 619-543-9810. (BALBOA PARK)

"Through the Lens: San Diego Photographers Take a Closer Look" — local photographer Philipp Scholz Rittermann offers gallery talk in conjunction with current exhibit "Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005," Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mexican Still-Life Painting: From José Agustín Arrieta to Frida Kahlo" presented by Nancy Defebach — SDSU assistant professor of art, design, and art history —

for docent guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art starts at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 30. Expect "overview of still-life painting in Mexico from the colonial period to the 20th Century and how it compares and contrasts with the European tradition." \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Why Write? Emmy Award-winner, author Lena Nozizwe answers the question by saying, "Motivating others and trips to Paris are two good reasons, for starters." She'll speak Friday, March 30, 10:30 a.m., at Educational Cultural Center (434 Oceanview Boulevard). Nozizwe is author of *Starring in Your Own Life*. Free. 619-388-4883. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

"The Parkinson's Journey and the Help Along the Way," symposium for patients, families, health-care providers planned by Parkinson's Disease Association of San Diego, Saturday, March 31, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino del Rio South). \$22. 858-273-6763. (MISSION VALLEY)

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LOCAL EVENTS

sented by biodynamic farmer Jim Barausky for Tierra Miguel Farm Foundation, Saturday, March 31, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Subjects include evaluating the carbon/nitrogen ratio of available materials, site selection, setting up the pile, soil life, more. \$60. Class taught at 14910 Pauma Valley Drive. 760-742-4213. (PAUMA VALLEY)

“Women of San Diego” discussed by Kathleen Goldkamp and Linda Sieh, Saturday, March 31, 1 p.m., at Museum of San Diego History. Talk is in conjunction with “Places of Promise: Stories of San Diego” exhibition (opening July 19). \$5. Requested reservations: 619-232-6203 x150. (BALBOA PARK)

“Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget” presented by landscape designer Jan Tubiolo, Sunday, April 1, 9:30 a.m., in Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$13. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

“The Arts of Late Imperial China” surveyed by art and antique appraiser James D. McDonald for Decorative Arts Lecture Series co-hosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street) on Monday, April 2. Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m. \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“China and India: New Global Players and Cultural Leaders” is subject when Vishakha N. Desai,

president of the Asia Society, examines how rise of China and India will alter geopolitical and economic world order by 2050 and how their increasing political and economic clout relates to their role in fields of contemporary art and culture. Talk starts at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 2, at San Diego Museum of Art. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Local Watercolor Artist Jane La Fazio plans watercolor demonstration in conjunction with “Translucent Visions: Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker — A Retrospective in Watercolor” at California Center for the Arts Museum (340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4174). Demonstration on Wednesday, April 4, 1 p.m., is included in regular admission. (ESCONDIDO)

Beautify Your Yard and Garden after home composting workshop, Wednesday, April 4, 6 p.m., at Solana Center for Environmental Innovation (137 North El Camino Real). Learn to recycle food and yard waste into valuable soil amendments. Free. Reservations: 760-436-7986 x216. (LA COSTA)

Film Workshop, Vision Center for Spiritual Living hosts workshop on the film *The Secret*, Wednesday, April 4, 7 p.m. Film “explores the teachings of Jesus, Mohammed, Moses, Plato, and Buddha on how to use the secret laws of the Universe to make your personal life more rewarding.” Find Vision at 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Offering. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

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OUT & ABOUT

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 4. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. \$8.50 general. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

The Dead Sea Scrolls soon to be exhibited at San Diego Natural History Museum will be illuminated by Delle Willett of the museum when Daughters of the American Revolution meet, Thursday, April 5, 10:30 a.m., at Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse (2400 Admiral Baker Road). \$15 fee includes lunch. Reservations: 858-279-2677. (GRANTVILLE)

Artists from Wozzeck participate in Artists’ Round Table — offering look at music, characters, behind-the-scenes work — hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, April 5, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Free. 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

“Civil Liberties and the War on Terrorism” examined by the Right Honorable Geoff Hoon, a member of Parliament since 1992 and Britain’s Minister for Europe, Thursday, April 5, 6 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. Panel discussion follows. Free. 858-534-1704 or 858-534-3120. (LA JOLLA)

What Would James Bond Purchase if he could shop at Spy and Security Store? Manager Jesse Saucedo plans show and tell of available gadgets when Sisters in Crime gather on Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1010 University Avenue). \$3. 858-748-6842. (HILLCREST)

What’s Up on Fiesta Island? Redevelopment plans will be discussed during Clairemont Town Council meeting on Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m., in Clairemont

High School cafeteria (4150 Ute). Free. 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

Commedia Dell’Arte (Italian masked comedy) workshop presented Friday, April 6, 6–9 p.m., and Saturday, April 7, 1–5 p.m. and 6–9 p.m. \$100. Class offered at Sophia Isadora Academy of Circus Arts, 4241 Park Boulevard. 619-543-0911. (NORTH PARK)

“Bel’Occhio” — Finding and Gardening With Your Beautiful Eye” is subject when horticulturist Thomas Hobbs speaks for San Diego Historical Society, Monday, April 9, 7 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. “What inspiration can be found in things like architectural form, famous European gardens, natural rock formations, and even discarded items?” \$18 general. Reservations: 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Home Gardening Seminar offered by Master Gar-

dener Association, University of California Cooperative Extension, Saturday, April 14, 7:45 a.m.–4:20 p.m., at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Classes cover myriad topics, including “The Good Bugs and the Bad Bugs in the Garden and Landscape,” “All About Lemon Balm,” “Taking the Mystery Out of Landscape Garden Design,” “Training Young Trees for Structure and Form,” “Bulbs for Southern California,” many, many more. \$40. Registration: 858-694-2860. (LINDA VISTA)

Master Paper Folder Robert Lang — recently profiled by Susan Orlean in *The New Yorker* — will fold a “monumental structure” on Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m., at Mingei International Museum — North County (155 West Grand Avenue). Included in regular admission.

Lang presents “From Flapping Birds to Space Telescopes: The Modern Art of Origami” at 1:30 p.m. on 14th. \$35 fee includes morning demonstration. Events are in conjunction with exhibit “Paper Transformed.” Reservations: 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

IN PERSON

Jazz Vibraphonist Tim McMahon joined by bassist Rob Thorsen, guitarist Joey Carano for Concert Hour performance, Thursday, March 29, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

“Who’s Your Muse?” Women Who Artfully Guided Technology” continues through March in honor of Women’s History Month in

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Science Fiction Author Cory Doctorow signs, discusses *Overclocked: Stories of the Future Present*, Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Author Discussion and signing planned by John Fitzgerald Medina (*Faith, Physics, and Psychology*), Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

"Purlie" continues March 29–31 at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (2425 Dusk Drive). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday. \$10 general. 619-470-0588. (PARADISE HILLS)

Original Works presented by Coronado School of the Arts Repertory Company, Thursday and Friday, March 29 and 30, 7 p.m. Find campus at 650 D Avenue. Tickets: 619-522-8969. (CORONADO)

"Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles" is presented on Thursday, March 29, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). Tickets: \$25. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

Double Feature Night with authors Indu Sundaresan (*Splendor of Silence*) and Tinling Choong (*Fire Wife*) reading from and signing their books, Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz Jam Session hosted by Paul Ingram, Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., at Caffè Salotto (2240 Otay Lakes Road). Bring your own axe. Expect "semi-pro" jamming. 619-421-8674. (CHULA VISTA)

Fantasy Author Raymond E. Feist returns to Mysterious Galaxy (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign, discuss *Into a Dark Realm*, on Saturday, March 30, 2 p.m. 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Self-Described "Sound Pioneer" Richard Rudis performs Friday, March 30, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street). Bring mat to lie on for "transformational sound journey" with "a large Earth gong." \$20. 760-944-3441. (ENCINITAS)

California Crime Novelist David Corbett discusses inspiration for *Blood of Paradise*, Friday, March 30, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Latin Jazz Concert with music by Coral MacFarland Thuet and Latin Jazz All-Star Group, Friday, March 30, 7 p.m., at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive). \$20. Reservations: 760-753-5786 x810. (ENCINITAS)

Noted UCSD Poet Rae Armantrout reads from her new book, *Next Life*, Friday, March 30, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

"Super Shave Ice" — live music, martial arts, dance are featured along with superstars Hanuman (in a Cambodian story), Monkey King (in a story from China), and Maui (in short episodes from Tahiti, New Zealand, and Hawaii) in latest anthology from Asian Story Theater.

Enjoy superheroes in performance Friday, March 30, 7 p.m., in Market Creek Plaza Amphitheatre (at Euclid and Market). Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 students, seniors. 619-527-2816. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

Author Dawn Dais signs copies of her new book *The Non Runner's Marathon Guide for Women: Get Off Your Butt and On With Your Training*, Saturday, March 31, 1 p.m., Road Runner Sports (5553 Copley Drive). Free. 858-974-4475. (KEARNY MESA)

Classic Broadway Show Tunes, jazz, classical, and folk standards performed by Cressy Birder, Charlotte Ostrow, Claire Thiemann, Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., at University Lutheran Church (9595 La Jolla Shores Drive). \$12 tickets benefit Monarch School. 858-405-2691. (LA JOLLA)


Stand-Up Comedy Show featuring Ted Mac, Claudia Maittlen-Harris, Tim Palmer, Naro, Jason Bang, Mario Mann, Saturday

March 31, 7 p.m., at Static Lounge and Cafe (634 Broadway). For those 18 and over. \$5. 619-544-1609. (DOWNTOWN)

Appalachian, Irish Dance, Scottish Bagpipe Tunes influence music by Celtic violinist/fiddler Jamie Laval and Ashley Broder (violin, mandolin, cello), who take stage for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Catch Zydecosis! Lisa Haley and the Zydekat Krewe perform for spring World Music Series on Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., at Star Theatre (402 North Coast Highway). \$15. Recommended reservations: 760-435-5560. (OCEANVIEW)

"The Pirate Show" the Baloney Ponies provide music for Technomania Circus, Saturday, March 31, 8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). Bill includes Murrugun the Mystic,



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See the Show or Be the Show! Comedy hypnotist Don Spencer presents his audience participation show, Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 760-720-2460. (CARLSBAD)

“Shields and Yarnell Together Again for the Last Time!” Described as “masters of physical comedy and mime,” duo takes stage on Sunday, April 1, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$30–\$45. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show with Jennifer Murphy, Chris Millhouse, Bob Schembre, MaryBeth Murphy, Jason Bang, Tim Shaw, and Burger — for those 21 and older — Sunday, April 1, 8 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). Free. 619-702-6010. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Bestselling Author Jodi Picoult will read from and sign *Nineteen Minutes*, Tuesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

“After the Fool’s Day Comedy Show” for Comedy Grill, with performances by Patrick DeGuire, Wally Wang, sketch comedy by Comedy Under Construction, Tuesday, April 3, 8 p.m., at La Jolla Brew House (7536 Fay Avenue). Admission: \$5, plus two-item minimum. 858-550-8088. (LA JOLLA)

ROAM-ORAMA

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

Diminutive Arroyo Sequit Park, a 155-acre former ranch that is now a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, is a bit hidden in one of the more remote parts of the mountains between Malibu and Thousand Oaks. Like much of the Santa Monica Mountains territory, this patch of land appears drab and dry at least half the year — but winter rains can transform it instantly into an emerald paradise. Bring the kids here for a little hiking, picnicking, wildflower hunting, or bird watching.

From the Ventura 101 Freeway (probably the best approach from San Diego or Los Angeles), take the Westlake Boulevard (Highway 23) exit in Thousand Oaks. Turn



Wild peony, Arroyo Sequit Park

south on Highway 23, and drive five miles south to Mulholland Highway, where you turn right. Watch the roadside mileage markers and drive to mile 5.6 to reach the Arroyo Sequit Park on the left, which has the posted address of 34138 Mulholland Highway. Turn left and park in the small lot, which is open daily 8 a.m. to sunset.

Pass through a gate and walk up the access road into the park. Veer left toward a restored barn (used for meetings) and pass a small picnic area shaded by oaks. On the right, you’ll see a marked hiking trail slanting up and across a meadow. On that trail, you’ll circle to the rim of a little canyon (an upper tributary of the stream called Arroyo Sequit), where you can catch an outstanding view of Boney Mountain, the highest promontory in the Santa Monica range. You then curve back down through more grassland — dotted with spring wildflowers and blooming plants such as wild peony and ceanothus — and loop back to the ranger station.

It is entirely possible to visit the site on a weekend and see no one else on the trail. At most, this is an hour-long hike, but one that will serve you well as a way to stretch your legs while touring the Santa Monica Mountains by car during the agreeably scenic early-spring season.

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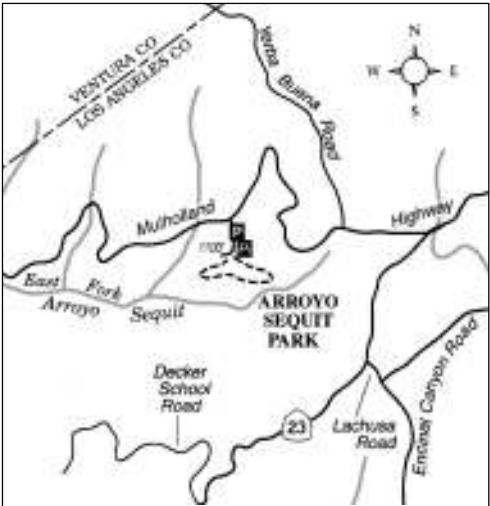
area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped

and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

ARROYO SEQUIT PARK

Arroyo Sequit Park in the Santa Monica Mountains offers verdant meadows and a trickling stream.

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“The Generation of Friendship:

The Poetry of Saharan Exiles” showcased Wednesday, April 4, 3 p.m., in UCSD’s Literature Building, room 155. Bahia M.H. Awah and Zahra Hasnawi, members of Generacion de la Amistad Saharaui in Spain, will talk about their collective of exiled Saharan intellectuals, read some of their poetry. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz in the Park series continues with concert by Geoffrey Keezer Trio featuring Christian McBride and Terreon Gully, Wednesday, April 4, 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$20. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Southern Blues Promised

when Bill Magee performs for Free First Wednesday series, April 4, 4 and 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Saving Baseball from Self-Destruction? San Diego Padres and Yankees Hall of Fame baseball player Dave Winfield visits Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) on Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. He’ll read and sign *Dropping the Ball*. 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Reliving the Civil War, actor Geoff DeCaesari performs as a rank-and-file soldier in costume

with artifacts for Lemon Grove Historical Society on Thursday, April 5, 1:30 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Poet Juliana Spahr, author of *This Connection of Everyone with Lungs* and other books, plans reading hosted by CSU San Marcos Community and World Literary Series, Thursday, April 5, 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)

Wayras plays music from Peru, the Andes for First Thursday Concert in Escondido Library’s Tur-

rentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street) on April 5, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Eight Annual Spring Harmonica Festival is Saturday, April 7, 11:30 a.m.–6 p.m., in Harry Griffen Park Amphitheater (9550 Mildred Street). Program boasts Al Blake of Hollywood Blue Flames, Billy Watson, West of Memphis, Mark “da harp” Buckich, Baja Blues Boys, Harp Fest All-Star Volunteer Band, many others. Free concert is benefits Girls Club of San Diego Learning About Music program. 619-401-8846. (LA MESA)

Three-Time Pulitzer Prize Playwright Edward Albee discusses his new book, *Stretching My*

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Mind, Sunday, April 8, 3 p.m., at D.G. Wills Book (7461 Girard Avenue). Book collects Albee’s writings on theater, literature, political and cultural battlegrounds. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Bestselling Author Anchee Min reads from and signs *The Last Empress*, Friday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). This book is sequel to *Empress Orchid*. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Del Mar Criterium Series, Swami’s Cycling and Raceplan Coaching and Racing sponsor “community-oriented event centered around fast-paced cycling” at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Races take place on Wednesday, March 28, 2–6 p.m., and Saturday, April 7, 8:30 a.m.–3:50 p.m. Vendor booths, skill-building classes “for racing and riding,” more. Free admission for spectators; fees to compete. 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

Spring Classic Quarter Horse Show, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursday–Sunday, March 29–April 1, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 760-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Consider Kayaking! Southwest Kayak Symposium runs March 30–April 1 at Campland on the Bay (2211 Pacific Beach Drive). Classes for all levels and ages of kayakers, demonstrations, slide shows, food, kayak manufacturers and instructors. Events get underway with opening ceremony at 6 p.m. on Friday, continue with classes and events 9 a.m.–10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Sunday. Event entry is \$10 per day, parking at Campland is \$5 per day. Additional fees for classes, clinics. Reservations: 619-523-9577. (MISSION BAY)

The 34th Annual San Diego Crew Classic — with over 3400 rowers competing — is Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1, at Crown Point Shores. Competition starts at 7 a.m. both mornings. Admission: \$7 per day, \$10 parking. Free viewing is possible from vantage points around bay. 858-225-0300. (MISSION BAY)

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

Charity Football Game planned between San Diego Enforcers public safety team versus LAPD Centurions, Saturday, March 31, 5 p.m., at Cathedral Catholic High School (5555 De Mar Heights Road). \$5 tickets benefit injured Marine Semper Fi fund. 619-985-5742. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Ride 4 AIDS, routes over three courses start and finish at Spanish Landing Park (across from Lindbergh Field) on Sunday, April 1. Bicycling routes include 10-mile family ride (9 a.m.), 25-mile recreation ride (8 a.m.), and 50-mile challenge ride (7 a.m.). 619-543-4753. (DOWNTOWN)

The 22nd Annual Carlsbad 5000 is Sunday, April 1, boasting “the world’s fastest 5k,” along with people’s races. Starts from 7 a.m. at

OUT & ABOUT

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Lisa Haley and the Zydekat Krewe, Saturday, March 31, Star Theatre.

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Jefferson Street and Grand Avenue. 858-450-6510. (CARLSBAD)

Del Mar/Solana Beach Rotary Bocce Ball Games, Sunday, April 1, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 760-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

North County Junior Express bicycle ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, April 1, starting at 9 a.m. behind Barnes and Noble Bookstore (in Del Mar Highlands Shopping Center, at Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real). Moderate hills, peppy pace, looping over to Torrey Pines, up coast, returns via Rancho Santa Fe. 858-974-4871. Free. (DEL MAR)

Tuesday Night Bicycle Racing gets underway for the season on April 3 at San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive). Racing starts at 6:30 p.m. Free for spectators. 619-573-4953. (BALBOA PARK)

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SPECIAL

Is China Becoming a Capitalistic Juggernaut? Discuss with P&R Discussion group, Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Goodguys Seventh Annual Del Mar Nationals, showcasing over 2000 street rods, hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars, and street machines (through 1972 models), runs March 30–April 1, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Manufacturer's exhibits, seminars, arts and crafts, swap meet, activities for kids.

Show opens at 8 a.m. each morning, closes at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. General admission: \$15; children 7–12: \$6; free for those under 6. 925-838-9876. (DEL MAR)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society, Friday, March 30, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (LINDA VISTA)

Herb Festival and Tomatomania! Eleventh annual festival and spring plant sale, Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Lectures, demonstrations, herb walks, herbal products on offer. \$10 general. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Easyriders V-Twin Bike Show Tour 2007 hits San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive) on Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Over 100 custom v-twin motorcycles compete for honors; live music, fashion show, more. Admission: \$16 general, \$7 for those 6–12. 800-962-9857. (DOWNTOWN)

With All the Frills Upon It... 12th annual Easter bonnet parade and hat contest, Saturday, March 31, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Padres Park in the Park (at Ninth Avenue and J Street, Petco Park). Hatmaking workshops led by milliner Diana Cavagnaro for adults and children; followed by judging, parade, Easter egg hunt (for those 2–12). Fee: \$6 children, \$12 adults. Registration and details: 619-233-5008. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1, 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)

Artists' Open Studio 4, over 80 local artists, craftspeople displaying work in variety of media, slated for Saturday, March 31, 2–7 p.m., at LGBT Center (3909 Centre Street). See painting, drawing, mobiles, polymer clay, beadwork, glass, ceramics, metalwork, textiles, woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, crafts, collage, photography, henna tattoos. Free admission. 619-929-9829. (HILLCREST)

San Diego Velodrome Spring Swap Meet, Sunday, April 1, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive). Buyer fee: \$3 general, free for those 7 and younger. 619-573-4953. (BALBOA PARK)

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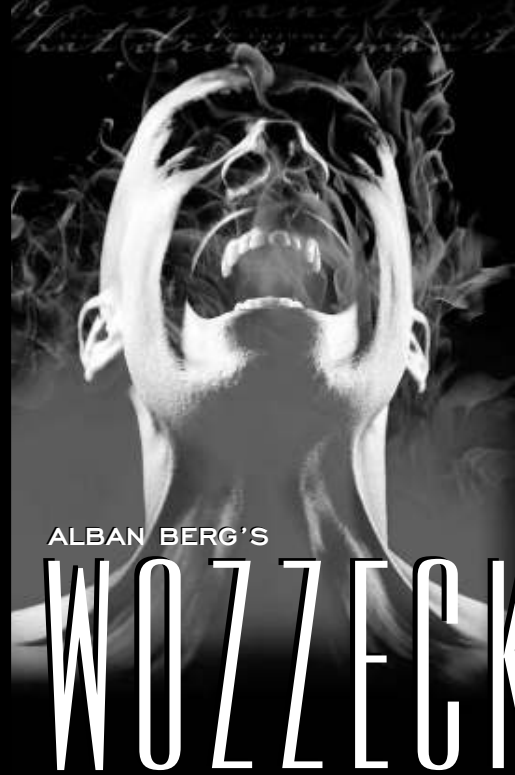
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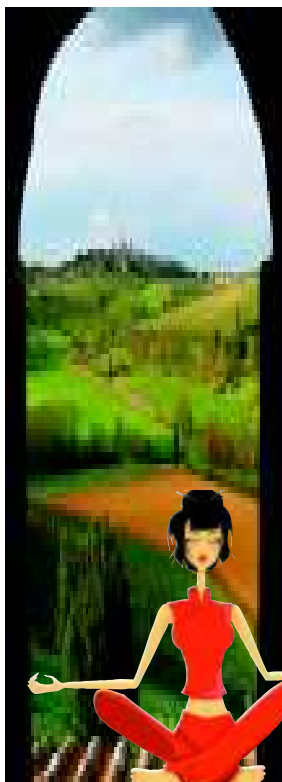
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Reading

The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel



Brian Selznick

By Brian Selznick
Scholastic, 2007, 533 pages (300 illustrated), for ages 9 and up, \$22.95

FROM THE JACKET COPY:

A young orphaned boy lives secretly in the main railroad station in 1930s Paris. He apprentices with his uncle, the station's clock-keeper, and assumes his duties when the man disappears, hoping to maintain the fiction that he's not been abandoned and therefore shouldn't be sent to an orphanage. When he

isn't foraging for food and drink, he works on a clockwork robot his father had rescued from a ruined museum. He also spies on the proprietor of a booth selling windup toys in the station and occasion-

ally steals small mechanical creatures from him for parts.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

"A true masterpiece...a story as tantalizing as it is touching." — *Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"An homage to early filmmakers." — *Kirkus* (starred review)

"Evokes wonder...a captivating work of fiction that young readers with a taste for complex plots and a touch of magic can love. This is much more than a graphic novel: it is more like a silent film on paper. Hugo Cabret sits at the nexus of magic and storytelling and film." — *The Sunday New York Times Book Review*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Brian Selznick is a celebrated illustrator for such children's books as Caldecott Honor winner *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*; *The New York Times* "Best Illustrated" book *Walt Whitman: Words for America*; Sibert Honor winner *When Marian Sang*. He is also author of *Houdini Box*, *The Boy of a Thousand Faces*, and *Robot King*.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Not since reading Enid Blyton aloud to my nine-year-old have I enjoyed a children's book as much as *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. It's author, Brian Selznick, and I play phone tag as we

seemingly chase one another around the country through various time zones. I finally corner him in Northern California, near San Jose, an hour before he is to take wing again. *The New York Times Book Review* has just anointed him with a full-page review, and his publisher has gone back to press, despite the gargantuan first printing.

"You're a bicoastal person," I say. Brian's longtime partner lives and teaches in California.

"Yes. I spend half the year in La Jolla, the other half in Brooklyn."

"And right now you are touring the country for your new book, *The Invention of*

Hugo Cabret."

"Yes. The kids at each stop have been really excited, and the grown ups have been great, too."

"I hear a lot of teachers are showing up, librarians and parents, and local authors take the morning off to come hear you speak."

"It's very flattering, yes, and nothing I ever expected."

"Your book involves a man named Georges Méliès, and he may be part of what intrigues your readership. Who was he?"

"Georges Méliès was a magician who became one of the first filmmakers. A lot of them were magicians. They saw a connection between the magic

"They saw a connection between the magic they performed on stage and the magic that was possible on the movie screen."

Lilac Time at Marston House is Sunday, April 1, 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Historic Marston House will be decorated with lilacs inside, and outside there will be games, music, horse and carriage rides, Geranium George plant sale, house tour, refreshments. Find the historic home at 3525 Seventh Avenue. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children, or \$10 for family of four. 619-232-6203 x102. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations Queens present lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, April 1, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Mead Tasting, head to O'Brien's Pub (4646 Convoy Street #117) to taste "more than a dozen delicious honey wines from the International Mead Festival in Boulder, Colorado" with David Myers of Redstone Meadery on Sunday, April 1, 5:30 p.m. \$25. Mead-making demonstration at 3 p.m. (free). Suggested reservations: 858-715-1745. (KEARNY MESA)

"Sho, Kami, and Mizuhiki... Calligraphy, Paper, and 'Paper Ribbon,' " exhibition of work by Japanese artists Kyoko Otani-Koen, Hiroko Tanino, and Mihoko Hamada opens on Monday, April 2, in exhibit house at Japanese Friendship Garden. 619-232-2721. Closes Monday, April 30. (BALBOA PARK)

Craft Club gathers at Japanese Friendship Garden to create unique items for sale in garden's gift shop, Monday, April 2, 10 a.m. \$5. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Champagne Chair Tour, 50 chairs were selected from more than 1000 entries from around the world — participants were provided kits including wire, label, cork, and foil of two champagne bottles to construct a chair no larger than 4"x4"x4". Tour hits town for viewing on Tuesday, April 3, 6–8 p.m., at Design Within Reach (393 Seventh Avenue). Free. 619-744-9900. (EAST VILLAGE)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale during San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, April 4, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

"God as Nature: Spinoza, Einstein, and Lao-Tzu" is subject when P&R Discussion group meets Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Walk the Line Where Art and Architectural Space Collide!

Thursday Night Thing slated for April 5 is inspired by work of Cerca Series artist Héctor Zamora, who will be on hand to speak about his work. Guests may participate "in a spectrum of space-altering activities," including art activity by local sculptor/printmaker Bill Pierce, see massive drawing machines provided by students from Woodbury University's School of Architecture, enjoy live music. Party starts at 7 p.m. at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Donation: \$3. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Ranunculus Rainbows, the Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours through Sunday, May 13. Visitors may stroll pathways through fields 9 a.m.–6 p.m. daily. Admission: \$9 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 for children 3–10. Exit 1-5 at Palomar Airport Road, head east for two blocks, turn left on Paseo del Norte Road. 760-431-0352. (CARLSBAD)

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

"Beyond the Batter's Box: The Hall of Fame Life of Tony Gwynn"

continues through Friday, September 7, in Special Collections Reading Room and Donor Hall of San Diego State University's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Exhibition in honor of Gwynn's election to National Baseball Hall of Fame boasts 17 cases of items belonging to Gwynn, including personal scrapbooks dating back to his high school years, photographs, and SDSU memorabilia; his original Padres contract, baseball cards, baseballs signed by each of 18 members of the 3000 Hit Club (such as Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Rod Carew), more. Free. 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

16th Annual Walk on Water Competition, held every year to promote field of engineering and its importance to society, is Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, starting at 10 a.m. both days, in sports center pool at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Participants are from colleges, high schools; they must consider buoyancy, stability, propulsion. Free. 619-260-7558. (LINDA VISTA)

The Art of the Garden, self-guided tour of public and private gardens in and around Carlsbad, Sunday, April 22, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Tour includes garden of Ingrid Rose, City of Carlsbad Sculpture Garden, Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Garden, more. Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at door. Reservations: 760-434-6216. (CARLSBAD)

ArtWalk 2007, more than 400 artists featured at 23rd annual festival, set for Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, noon–6 p.m., along 16 blocks from Beech Street to Fir Street in Little Italy. Art in range of media for sale, children's activities, music. Free admission. 619-615-1090. (LITTLE ITALY)

FOR KIDS

"Peter Rabbit" by Puppet Express continues through Sunday, April 1, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *King Midas* by Big Joe Productions, April 4–8.

Showtimes: 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday–Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Cinderella," this magical fairy tale, adapted and directed by Joe Powers, is current production for Theatre School at North Coast Repertory Theatre. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, March 29–31, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1. Tickets: \$12 general, \$9 for children. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

The 18th Annual Junior Carlsbad running event for those 12 and under is Saturday, March 31, 8 a.m. Ten

separate races for different age divisions. Registration starts at 7 a.m. on Roosevelt Street between Grand Avenue and Carlsbad Village Drive. \$20. 858-450-6510. (CARLSBAD)

Ever Spied on Birds in the Yard? Sue Ellen Benson leads bird-watching adventure for kids 7–12, Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m., Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Participants learn to identify common birds, make a take-home bird feeder. Fee for "Kids Are for the Birds" is \$25. Reservations: 619-660-4350. (EL CAJON)

3-on-3 Basketball tournament for players in grades 10–12, Saturday, March 31, 1 p.m., at East Valley Community Center (2245 East Valley Parkway). Teams consist of maximum of four players during double elimination-style tournament. Individual players will be randomly assigned. \$45 per team. 760-839-4382. (ESCONDIDO)

Egg Hunt and Carnival for those up to ten years old is Sunday, April 1, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., at Toby Wells YMCA (5105 Overland Avenue). Besides egg hunting (scheduled by age groups), enjoy face painting, astro jump, cake walk, more. Tickets: \$7 in advance, \$8 at door, include egg hunt, five game tickets, goody bags. 858-496-9622, 619-298-3576. (KEARNY MESA)

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Reading

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Ann's Puppet Lab in Brooklyn. You also put on one-man shows of your own creation

that appear out of suitcases that become their own theaters within the larger theater. Really intriguing."

"Yes, I do have this other life as a puppeteer, although all of the puppetry I've done has grown out of the genre of the toy theater, which was a 19th-century art form — table-top miniature theaters. I loved theater when I was in high school and college. I was an actor and wanted to design sets. Puppetry combined all these."

"Your puppet shows aren't intended for children. They are more like performance pieces."

"The puppetry is for adult audiences. My puppets don't have mouths that move...or look like Muppets. It's more

about miniature worlds where doors or windows open to reveal something tiny inside. They are like miniature dioramas in which something moves. I did a puppet show about Christine Jorgensen, the first internationally famous male-to-female transsexual. And a piece about Walt Whitman, using a sequence of love poems he wrote to another man. That entire show took place inside a single suitcase with a 3- by 5-inch opening. A small video camera projected the tiny stage onto the wall behind it."

"You went to great lengths to research this book...for more than two years: reading histories, visiting locations, finding live models for the parts, blocking out the story with sketches,

replacing descriptions in the text with pictures. It seems like a moviemaker's preparation. So many arrows point to film. And now you have Martin Scorsese interested in *Hugo*. He is, of course, a film historian himself and a filmmaker."

"That's thrilling, the idea of him directing a movie version. He so deeply understands and loves the early history of cinema. That would surely come through."

"Some of us are wondering where all this is going. We think you're going to wake up one morning to find you've won a MacArthur fellowship for being a genius. It really does seem to be building to some point. We just can't make out what. Like your

"The puppetry is for adult audiences."

miniature theater productions, your mute puppets, the drawings, the robots, the magic."

"It's thrilling that people are responding so well to the book now, but I didn't expect any of this to be happening. And it leaves me back at square one — having to reinvent everything, another form. You can't just make *Hugo Cabret* again."

"You mean a children's book that defies convention,

that's 533 pages long, with 300 illustrations, all black and white like the movies it's partly about, aimed at an audience that's somewhere between 9 and 90? It's so intriguing — where you're headed." I pause, thinking. "Where are you headed from here?"

"I have no idea."

"None?"

"Well...one."

— *Juris Jurjevics*

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which

"saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of

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

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Playing with Time" is an exhibit inviting "visitors to experiment with high-speed photography, time-lapse videos, natural records of change like eroded rocks and lake cores, and other time-shifting techniques." Exhibition — including Time Tools Lab, investigation areas, "The Reflectory" —

closes Sunday, April 29.

The permanent exhibit "Fossil Mysteries" showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-size models of *Albertosaurus*, *Lambeosaurus*, a sea cow, megalodon shark, more.

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," continuing through May, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. "Philipp Scholz Rittermann: A Personal Vision of Landscape" continues through Sunday, April 29. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through March, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

Current "giant-screen films" are *An Inconvenient Truth* (through April) and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum"

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

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

Birch Aquarium at Scripps, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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“A Brilliant Skewering of England’s Political Party System, as true today as it was then” promised when Lyric Opera San Diego presents the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *Iolanthe*. Cast includes J. Sherwood Montgomery, Martha Jane Weaver, Laura McBroon Bueno, Priya Palekar, Martin Sola.

Performances start at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 29–31 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 1. Enjoy *Iolanthe* at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2891 University Avenue). Tickets: \$30–\$50, half price for children 5–17. Reservations: 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Mendelssohn’s “Midsummer Night’s Dream” may be heard when conductor Jahja Ling and pianist Louis Lortie join San Diego Symphony for concerts on March 29 and 31. The Thursday Night Lite concert on March 29, 7:30 p.m., includes Liszt’s “Piano Concerto No. 1.” Tickets: \$15–\$58.

The “Jacobs’ Masterworks” concert on Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m., includes previous pieces and “Symphony No. 2” by Rouse. Tickets: \$20–\$85. Concerts offered in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (ESCONDIDO)

Annual Renaissance Madrigal Dinners hosted by “Lords and ladies of Point Loma Singers” slated for Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, 7:30 p.m.,

Nicholson Commons Dining Room at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Expect to enjoy wit, songs of Renaissance, and full-course meal. Tickets: \$19, \$25. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Concert Saxophonist Ashu is joined by pianist Kuang-Hao Huang for concert series hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Listen for masterworks by Ibert, Villa-Lobos, Debussy, Demersseman, and Ashu’s arrangements of Rachmaninoff and Piazzolla. Tickets: \$20 general, \$5 for children. 858-459-3728. (LA COSTA)

Giuseppe Verdi’s Tragedy II trovatore — described as possessing “one of the most intriguing plots in all of opera” — is next production for San Diego Opera. Cast includes Italian soprano Paoletta Marrocu, Italian tenor Nicola Rossi Giordano, Romanian baritone Alexandru Agache, others. Conductor is Stephen Lawless. Sung in Italian with English translations above stage.

Performances at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 30; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4. Tickets: \$27–\$182. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series concludes with all-Brahms concerts, March 30–April 1. Chamber ensemble with William Preucil (violin), Sara Trobäck (violin), Cynthia Phelps (viola), Ronald Thomas (cello), Arthur Rowe (piano) plays “Violin Sonata No. 2 in A,” “Piano Quartet in G Minor,” “Piano Quintet in F Minor.”

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive); \$42. On Sunday, concert at St. Elizabeth Seton Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street)

begins at 2 p.m.; \$25. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (LA JOLLA, LA COSTA)

Opera Preview Plus! Soprano Rebecca Sjowall, the Edward Jones Award first-place winner in 2006 Carlsbad-to-Karlovy Vary Vocal Competition, performs “some of opera’s best-loved music” with pianist Janie Prim on Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free; tickets distributed beginning at 9:15 a.m. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

“The Mikado Meets Classical” when 60-voice Palomar Chorale performs pieces by Perti, Palestina, Haydn, as well as excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *The Mikado*, March 31 and April 1. Concerts commence at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, April 1, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Lenten Concert by Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá Choir, St. Michael’s Parish Choir of Poway, Classic Brass, organist Howard McCullough, Kathleen Mawanay on Sunday, April 1, 3 p.m., at Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá (10818 San Diego Mission Road). Expect to hear Fauré’s “Requiem,” other pieces. Offering. 619-283-7319. (MISSION GORGE)

Grammy Award-Winning Ensemble Chanticleer closes season for music series at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street), Sunday, April 1, 4 p.m. \$25 general, free for students, children (if space permits). 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

Musica Vitale performs sacred Russian music — including “The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom” and “Vespers” by Rachmaniinoff — Sunday, April 1, 7 p.m., Christ Epis-

copal Church (1114 Ninth Street). Offering. 619-501-5163. (CORONADO)

Pianist Alexander Wasserman plans mini-concert at noon on Monday, April 2, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Concert of Chamber Music featuring principals from UCSD’s music faculty and San Diego Symphony — performing pieces by Britten, Mendelssohn, Brahms — Monday, April 2, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$10 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

UCSD Flutist Reiko Manabe performs pieces including “Transfigured Wind I” by Roger Reynolds, Salvatore Sciarrino’s “Fra I Testi Dedicati Alle Nubi,” and Beat Furrer’s “Presto,” Wednesday, April 4, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

“Musical Paintings,” Indonesian-born pianist Ines Irawati “explores the inspiration behind the music of Mozart, Liszt, and Vine” in Concert Hour lecture/recital, Thursday, April 5, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

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GALLERIES

“Perros” by Dan Adams and “Moscow Dreams” by Igor Koutsenko featured at San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist through Sunday, April 22, along with “Outstanding Visual Artists” of the region selected by Jeanne Dunn. Meet artists during reception, Friday, March 30, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Member and artist Grace Slick — of Jefferson Airplane — brings her latest art exhibit to Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street), March 30–April 1. Slick’s artwork covers “a range of subjects including portraits of old friends and legendary musicians,” and “The Wonderland Suite” will also be on view. Meet artist 6–9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, noon–3 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

“Codes,” exhibition of work by Jim Machacek — including etchings, collages, artist’s books telling “their own stories — reflecting his recurring interest in symbols, secrets and codes, and exploring how they intersect our lives” — opens with reception on Friday, March 30, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Machacek leads gallery walk-through on Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m. Exhibition closes Saturday, May 5.

Also opening on 30th and clos-

ing May 5, “Selections from the Athenaeum Artists’ Books Collection: Bay Park Press,” with work by Sibyl Rubottom and Machacek. Concurrently, view artwork by winners of San Diego State University scholarship competition, with art in all media; closes Saturday, April 14. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“It’s Not Polite to Stare,” photographs of the homeless in San Diego by Adam Jahnke may be seen through Sunday, April 8, at Photographers Gallery (Calumet Photographic, 830 West Valley Parkway, suite 330). Reception for artist: Saturday, March 31, 3 p.m. 760-737-6002. (ESCONDIDO)

“Mermaids and Goddesses” — mixed-media art show with work by 20 artists celebrating “iconic imagery of mermaids and goddesses in many forms” opens with reception on Saturday, March 31, 5 p.m., at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street, 619-233-6679). Closes Saturday, May 26. (GOLDEN HILL)

“Floral Sensuality — The Art of Victoria Montesinos” showcased during exhibit of oil paintings, limited-edition prints opening at Fingerhut Gallery with reception on Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m. View show through Friday, April 27, at 1205 Prospect Street. Required reservations for reception: 858-456-9900. (LA JOLLA)

“Skin Deep: Recent Paintings” by Vicki Walsh reflect the artist’s 15 years of experience as forensic medical illustrator. Exhibition of portraits of San Diegans opens with reception on Sunday, April 1, 6 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). The images are



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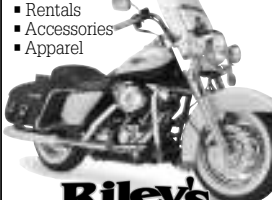
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"Entre el Cielo y la Tierra (Between the Sky and the Earth)," Isabel Restrepo's MFA thesis exhibition runs Monday–Thursday, April 2–5, in Flor y Canto Gallery of School of Art, Design Art and History at San Diego State University. Reception for artist: Wednesday, April 4, 6 p.m. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

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.

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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 Corazón 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.

All of these exhibitions close on Wednesday, July 4. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, "Eva Zeisel — Extraordinary Designer Craftsman at 100," draws on two large private California collections to chronicle the artist's 75-year career. By Zeisel's accounting, she's designed more than 100,000 objects for home and table. She was the first designer in this country to produce an all-white dinner service and first to teach ceramics as industrial design for mass production rather than as handcraft. Closes Sunday, June 10.

"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 post-war 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, "TRANSactions: Contemporary Latin American and Latino Art" — closing on Sunday, May 13 — features approximately 50 works by 48 artists from museum's permanent collection. Showcased pieces demonstrate "diversity and hybridity of contemporary Latin American art," with artists working across media and between disciplines.

Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Argentinean artist Santiago Cuicullu. 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 docu-

menting shopping habits of Americans. Photographs were taken in "big-box" retail stores such as Target, Wal-Mart using medium-format film camera with waist-level viewfinder; covert vantage point allowed artist to capture "massive scale and halogen clarity of the hyper-real spaces." Closes Sunday, May 13.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, images by contemporary artists addressing issues of narrative showcased in "Tell Me a Story: Narrative Photography Now," continuing through Sunday, May 13. Exhibition of work by Tracey Moffat, Gavin Hipkins, Pip Nguyen-Duy, Polixeni Papapatriou, Nikki S. Lee, Jem Southam, and others was curated by Merry Foresta, director of Smithsonian Photography Initiative.

"Rebels and Revelers: Experimental Decades 1970s-1980s, Gifts from the Joyce and Ted Strauss Collection," showcases images by Thomas Barrow, Barbara Kasten, John Pfahl, Jo Ann Callis, Arthur Taussig, Ivan Pinkava, Barbara DeGenevieve, Leland Rice, and Ruth Thorne-Thompson, others. Exhibition highlights photography's move beyond traditional black-and-white documentary school of artists like Ansel Adams to more expressive, personalized imagery. Closes Sunday, May 6.

"Woman: A Celebration," also running through May 6, includes photographs of women by celebrated photographers such as Henri Cartier-Bresson, Ruth Orkin, August Sander, Mary Ellen Mark, Hiroshi Himaya, others.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, "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, "Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005" features approximately 200 photographs by Leibovitz, including family photographs and portraits of public figures such as Colin Powell, Nicole Kidman, Brad Pitt, Merce Cunningham, Bill Clinton. Photographs provide glimpse into range of subjects captured by Leibovitz. Exhibition encompasses work Leibovitz made on assignment as a professional photographer, personal photographs of her family and close friends. Closes Sunday, April 22.

"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.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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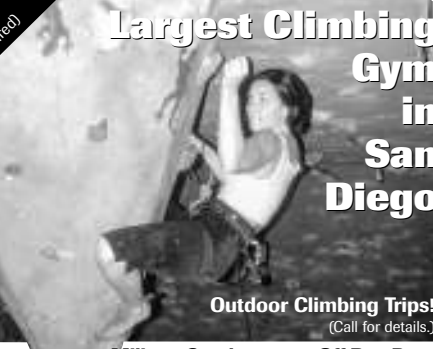
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Let It Fall

She felt an inner need to rebuild something that had collapsed: in her friends — and in herself.

Who cares for the caregiver? Adriana Sevan assumed that when her best friend Rhonda was seriously injured, Sevan would stay by her side, see to her every need, and all would quickly heal on love alone. Sevan expected a “sprint,” she tells her audience in *Taking Flight*. Instead she ran a marathon.

Taking Flight interweaves before and after. We see Rhonda, “the High Priestess of the Fashion Police,” preparing for her wedding. She imagines herself in an apricot gown on an untouristy Italian coast with Bon Jovi doing the music — live, of course. Sevan’s thinking boo-koo bucks, but hey, for Rhonda? Call a travel agent. Then we see practical Rhonda: she found a look-alike coastline on Long Island and the best Bon Jovi imitators in the tri-state area.

Sevan’s 80-minute solo piece jumps from an uninhibited Rhonda, courting her goddess within, to Rhonda in an ICU unit, hooked to an IV pole, talking through tubes. Her hospital bracelet says “September 11, 9:13 a.m.” When the first plane hit, something fell from a tower and crushed her legs.

Taking Flight isn’t yet another 9/11 exploitation piece — or a chipper bedside banter piffle about bonded friends overcoming drastic forces. To Sevan’s credit, except for some vivid descriptions, including “an endless wallpaper of missing-person flyers” at Ground Zero, she keeps 9/11 in

the background. And the friendship, which she creates with believability (in the beginning they freely forgive each other’s faults), takes the foreground. 9/11 caused emotional fissures that continued to crack long after the buildings came down.

Sevan becomes a kind of Clara Barton, at the hospital or rehab center six or seven hours a day ministering to her friend’s every whim. Pizza? It’s in the oven. Watch *Gladiator* for the umpteenth time? I’ll get the video; rehearse your lines. It goes unstated, but Sevan also suggests that like so many at the time, she felt an inner need to rebuild something that had collapsed: in her friend — and in herself.

Being Clara Barton takes a toll. Sevan measures her withdrawal with comic references to a fading sex life (the man in her life, Brian, was unharmed physically by 9/11 but blitzed psychologically). Sevan keeps asking, “What right do I have to be tired?” Every right, it turns out.

When the San Diego Rep opened the black-box Lyceum Space in 1986, it often changed seating configurations. Since around 1991, the diamond-shaped-thrust, audience-on-three-sides arrangement remained fixed, and a sameness set in. Recently, the Rep began reconfiguring again. The results are fresh new perspectives tailored to the needs of each show. For *Taking Flight*, the audience sits in chevron-shaped raked seating overlooking a small stage. It’s hard to imagine a

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Adriana Sevan in *Taking Flight*

Taking Flight, by Adriana Sevan

San Diego Repertory Theatre, Lyceum Space, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown

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Victoria Petrovich provides a sleek scenic design. A center-stage circle and flowers in clear bowls of water offer as much, or as little, New Age symbolism as one requires. Jose Lopez’s light-

ing enhances the play’s swift mood swings unobtrusively.

Like Mo’olelo Theatre’s vigorous, moving *Adoption Project*, *Taking Flight* is a nonlinear tapestry: drama shares the stage with humorous

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and surrealistic scenes, each jumping in with the suddenness of blackout sketch comedy. Sevan makes these leaps with ease: from buoyant to hospitalized Rhonda, the former talking nonstop, the latter barely able to speak, to Esperanza Middleschmertz (“hope in the heart of pain”), a magical-realist goddess who eventually tells Sevan to “have the courage to walk away and let something fall.”

The most appealing feature of Sevan’s acting: this isn’t a self-showcasing performance — check out my fluid dance movements, my Upper East Side accent, my centered moments, and how about my versatility? It’s the opposite. Sevan conveys the sense that, like the Ancient Mariner, she *must* tell this story and is thankful you’re here to hear it. She uses technique to express, not to exhibit.

“This play is a theatricalized account inspired by a real-life experience,” Sevan said in an interview. Sevan changed the woman’s name, and hair color, in

the telling but confesses that what happened was “a profoundly life-changing experience.” An “imagined happy ending” may not be in the cards. But there’s always the hope, in the heart of pain, that the real “Rhonda” would come to a performance of *Taking Flight* and hear the other side. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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The Adoption Project: Triad

A story with no villains, but packed with loss, denial, fear, rejection, secrets, and questions that won’t go away. A child was born July 12, 1971 — or was she? Kimber Lee’s “mosaic” looks at three sides of adoption: the birth mother who “did the right thing,” but the decision still haunts her; the adoptive mother who gave the child a home by the lake and a Yale education; and the daughter, now pregnant,

who burns to know her true identity. As with all of its socially conscious projects, Mo’olelo Performing Arts company gets to the core of the subject. At the same time, the production’s surprisingly funny — a cameo by Barbara Walters wanting to exploit the story for her show, soap opera scenes, a knockout monologue by a computer geek (performed by Linda Libby) who wonders what all the shouting’s about. The 90-minute script needs tightening and some rethinking, since the entertaining scenes sometimes intrude on the drama. Gifted director Seema Sueko puts three top local actors through their paces in multiple roles: JoAnn Glover as Aggie, the daughter adamant about the truth; Linda Libby as Madeleine, the birth mother; and Sandy Campbell as Bernice, the adoptive mother (whose best moment, among many, is voiceless: when she meets Madeleine and sees her daughter’s face). Erika Malone’s graceful choreography includes spinning white umbilical silks.

Worth a try.

CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BOULEVARD, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH APRIL 1; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-342-7395.

Au Revoir, Cyrano

Vanguard Productions presents the world premiere of Robert Landis’s comedy, based on Edmond Ros-



The Matchmaker

tand’s *Cyrano de Bergerac*. Landis directed. WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT STREET (CORNER OF TALBOT AND CANON), POINT LOMA, THROUGH APRIL 1; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-224-6263.

Because of Cain

Community Actors Theatre stages the world premiere of Earl Hamilton Jr.’s drama about “truths, lies, friendship, and revealing secrets.” COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, OAK PARK, THROUGH APRIL 15; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

Cabaret

Patio Playhouse stages Kander and Ebb’s popular musical about the Kit Kat Club, decadence, and the rise of the Third Reich. Deborah Zimmer directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 1D, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH APRIL 1; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

Company

Poway Performing Arts Company presents Stephen Sondheim’s musical about Robert. On his 35th birthday, he contemplates his confirmed bachelorhood. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD, POWAY, THROUGH APRIL 1; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Fiddler on the Roof

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical about tradition and Teyve, a dairyman in the Russian village of Anatevka. WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 1; THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. THURSDAY AND SUNDAY, AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

The Graduate

OnStage Playhouse presents Terry Johnson’s adaptation of the Calder Willingham/Buck Henry movie. Daniel Zisko directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH APRIL 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

How I Learned to Drive

Lynx Performance Theatre stages Paula Vogel’s drama about Li’l Bit and her Uncle Peck who “crosses the line between fantasy and behavior.” Al Germani directed. LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, ROSE CANYON, SUNDAY, APRIL 1, THROUGH MAY 6; FRIDAY AT 9:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-889-3190.

If the Shoe Fits

Coronado Playhouse stages Matt Thompson’s farce about an allegedly foolproof murder. Thompson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, THROUGH APRIL 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Iolanthe

Lyric Opera San Diego presents Gilbert & Sullivan’s popular love story, told as a “fairytale opera.” Leon Natter directed. STEPHEN AND MARY BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, UNIVERSITY AVENUE AT 29TH STREET, NORTH PARK, THROUGH APRIL 1; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-8836.

Joey and Maria’s Comedy Italian Wedding

Joey and Maria tie the knot in “not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater.” HOLIDAY INN ON THE BAY, 1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639.

The Long Christmas Ride Home: A Puppet Play with Actors

Paula Vogel’s drama starts as a Christmas card, painted by Norman Rockwell with sentiments by Hallmark. A family from the Washington D.C. suburbs drives through snow to Grandma’s for the holiday. But it’s a long ride, dysfunction permeating every mile, and the life-threatening ride home’s even longer. Vogel requires Bunraku puppets for the three children, and a live soundscape. The play’s at its best when most experimental. Without these elements, the story’s pretty bare — and predictable, especially three similar monologues that stereotype the spurned children-as-adults — though the ending outmystifies Thornton Wilder’s *Our Town* (in Wilder, Emily gets to come back and have a look; in *Long Christmas Drive*, Stephen comes back and makes a difference). Diversionary’s production is quite watchable, though. The puppets, from the Puppetry Center of San Diego, at times manipulated by the actors who play them as adults, are expressive: the psychologically abused children function as prologues to the clobbered people they become. As is Andrew Jacobs’s music, from a flute to an oilcan tympani. John Rosen and Dana Hooley fare well as Narrator/Man and Narrator/Woman, the parents who seethe lava just below the surface (he complains that “I can’t breathe in this family” but inhales most of the available air). David F. Weiner’s minimalist set includes white sheets like puffy snowdrifts.

Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH APRIL 15; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Love or Drunkenness

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The Matchmaker

In Thornton Wilder’s comedy, source of the musical *Hello, Dolly!*, it’s as if everyone is a balloon, filled with repressed emotions. A trip from Yonkers to Manhattan sets feelings free (for example: Cornelius Hackl is 33; he wants to have an adventure that will include

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“kissing a girl”). Cygnet Theatre’s gifted director Sean Murray has done a retro-staging; instead of locating a period play now, he does the reverse: he puts *Matchmaker* in its period, the 1880s, scenic designer Sean Fanning creates a wondrous music hall set (with striking, one-point perspective drops for each act), and the actors perform in a broad 1880s style. This is how *they* would have done it. And most of Murray’s cast has a lark, especially Sean Cox (doing bowler hat tricks, sporty vaudevillian moves, and even a spit-take, as Cornelius Hackl) and Amy Biedel (who shines as Mrs. Irene Molloy, a milliner out for just one adventure). Jason Connors and Rachel Van Wormer team with Cox and Biedel and create rollicking, high-speed farce. On opening night, the leads didn’t match this energy: Sandy Ellis-Troy got much of Dolly Levi but had yet to internalize the famous matchmaker completely, and David Gallagher’s odd Horace Vandergelder seemed in a different play, doing pseudo-W.C. Fields takes and straining to be an endearing villain. One shouldn’t take Jeanne Reith’s costume designs or Eric Lotze’s lighting for granted, but it’s easy to: their work is so consistently apt. As Malachai Stack, Antonio “T.J.” Johnson stops the show with one of Thornton Wilder’s great soliloquies: while all around him run amok from convention, Stack urges the audience to nurse only one vice at a time.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, 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.

Menopause the Musical

The San Diego Rep hosts a production of Jeanie Linders’s musical about “the change.” Songs include “I Heard It Through the Grapevine,” “You’ll No Longer See 39,” and a remake of the disco tune “Stayin’ Alive” called “Stayin’ Awake.”

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

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Kinney Productions presents Neil Simon’s longest-running Broadway show about mismatched room-mates: the slob and the neat-freak. Scott Kinney directed. Dinner-theater packages available. BORREGO SPRINGS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 590 PALM CANYON DRIVE, BORREGO SPRINGS, THROUGH MARCH 31; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 760-765-1688.

The Piano Teacher

South Coast Repertory Theatre offers Jlia Cho’s drama about a retired piano teacher, Mrs. K, haunted by an event long ago: why did students stop coming to her? Kate Whoriskey directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH APRIL 1; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

Readings of August Wilson’s Plays: The Piano Lesson

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet 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 performed but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for *Fences* in 1987 and *The Piano Lesson* in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the “largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade”). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: *The Piano Lesson*.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; TUESDAY, MAY 8, WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, AND TUESDAY, MAY 15 (SPACE TBA) AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

Restoration Comedy

When Amanda’s philandering husband, Loveless, returns to England after a decade celebrating “the diversity of God’s creation” on the Continent, she decides to win him back by becoming just like him. At the Old Globe, performed by Carolyn Kozlowski, Amanda’s education in the wiles of dalliance is one of the funniest scenes in recent memory. Amy Freed’s *Restoration Comedy* combines Colly Cibber’s *Love’s Last Shift* (1696), which has a happy ending (if you believe Loveless will remain faithful) with John Vanbrugh’s hastily composed riposte *The Relapse* (which didn’t). Act One’s so full of schemes and wit it’s a tough act to follow; Act Two has to tie many loose ends, including a trial of love trysts, and tends to sprawl. The production has buoyant energy, fueled by Marco Barricelli’s lust-addled Loveless and Danny Scheie’s scene-stealing Lord Foppington, in a lion’s-maned wig and several of Robert Blackman’s majestic costumes. *Restoration* is both a homage to, and a parody of, the period. Freed includes many an anachronism, and the Globe production adds more (including the Rolling Stones singing “Start Me Up”). Some anachronisms irk (a

gratuitous, but funny, Chippendale fashion show), as if the production — and director John Rando has done this before — has to apologize for its subject and pad it with shtick. But most make sense as modern correlatives for the play and the Restoration Era’s unrepressed spirit.

Worth a try.

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San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the “game show” — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana,

the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

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Taking Flight

Reviewed this issue. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH APRIL 1; THURS-

DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

365 Plays, 365 Days and Savage in Limbo

Palomar College offers Week 20 of the year-long national theater festival of plays by Susan-Lori Parks, and John Patrick Shanley’s one-act about the dreams of lost souls in a Bronx bar. PALOMAR COLLEGE PERFORMANCE LAB, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD, SAN MARCOS, THROUGH APRIL 1; THURSDAY AT 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-744-1150, X2453.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story

line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a 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.

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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Success's Latest Victim Hot Monkey Love Café owner Alma Felan allowed Funny Farm Productions to stage a series

[the performers' dressing room]. They denied they were smoking it. I got very upset. I had them escorted out....

"My security patted everyone down [before entering the café on March 10]. They told me that some of the artists were snuck in the back door by the

"Even though I'm a liberal person, there are certain things you do not do around children. I feel that I have a responsibility to the parents who let their kids come here. I told them I was canceling [Candy Shop] shows. Now Funny Farm Entertainment is telling people to boycott all my shows."

On Candy Shop's MySpace website, the following bulletin was posted last week: "I'm asking U The Homiez 4 ur support this SATURDAY! Hot Monkey Love Does Not Want To Support Local Artists. Their Exact Words Are They ALL SUCK! Now they want to close the only club that supports artists like U.... We R gonna hand out flyers stating why they closed us. ME & TOMMY STARTED THIS SPOT FOR YOU GUYS. We are dedicating a

new spot 2 just artists but b4 then we need your

until 2002). Tommy T. denies bringing any of the pot smokers into the venue. He denies that it was the performers who were smoking pot.

"We were with them onstage.... Before that last night we brought our own security and we never had any problems. She fired them and brought in her own security [on March 10]. None of those guys knew what they were doing."

Tommy T. says he stands by his e-mail that calls for a boycott of Hot Monkey Love Café and that Funny Farm is looking for a new venue to host the Candy Shop.

— Ken Leighton

New Turf for Street Scene?

Insiders say Street Scene is headed for the Del Mar Fairgrounds. A representative for Paul Blaney (who handles the booking for outside events at the Fairgrounds) confirms that there have been discussions with Street Scene organizers, but that "It was not completely confirmed yet."

For the past two years, Street Scene has been held in Qualcomm Stadium's parking lot. Rob Hagey, who launched Street Scene in 1984, did not respond to a request for comment.

Qualcomm Stadium representative Mike McSweeney says he has a weekend reserved for Street Scene, but Hagey could move it to a new site without repercussions.

— Ken Leighton

Fall Out, Indeed Some Girls lead singer Wes Eisold is credited as a cowriter of three songs on Fall Out Boy's new CD, *Infinity on High*. However, he didn't help write any of the songs on that album.



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EISOLD SETTLES

According to the *Philadelphia Daily News*, Eisold was given publishing/songwriting credits as part of an out-of-court settlement. The credits should have been on Fall Out Boy's first disc, *From under the Cork Tree*, released two years ago. The paper reports that Eisold never gave Fall Out Boy permission to use lyrics he wrote and performed with his old band American Nightmare.

Eisold, who now lives in Philadelphia, still tours and records with Some Girls, a San Diego band that released *Heaven's Pregnant Teens* last

year on Three One G Records.

"Pete Wentz is supposed to be the mastermind of Fall Out Boy," says Justin Pearson, co-owner of Three One G Records. "But I don't know how much of a mastermind you are if you're just stealing someone else's lyrics."

Soundscan sales figures for 2005's *Cork Tree* are nearing the three million mark; *Infinity on High* has sold one million copies in its first six weeks of release.

— Ken Leighton

Locked Out of the House

Diana Martinez booked shows at the Belly Up for ten years; she moved on to work at downtown's House of Blues two years ago. Last week, Martinez, who has 19 years of nightclub experience, was squeezed out of a job. A talent buyer at the House of Blues in Anaheim will fill the gap.

Also last week, the local HoB director of marketing e-mailed her friends in the media to tell them her position was being eliminated and that her job duties would be covered by someone from the House of Blues in West Hollywood.

"They have never gotten it together down there," says a talent buyer not connected with HoB. "Here [at the House of Blues nightclub] in L.A., they just had 15 sold-out nights in a row. If you can only get people to go to your club on Fridays and Saturdays, you are in trouble.... It's incredibly tough to get people to go out in San Diego Sunday through Thursday. San Diego doesn't have a winter like Chicago; people do other stuff."

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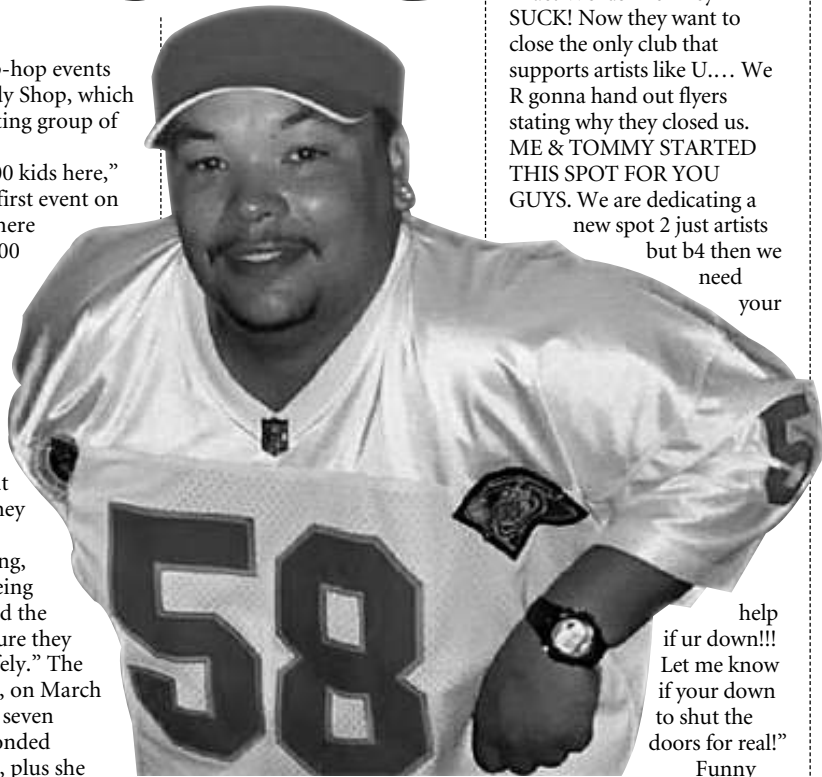
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of Saturday hip-hop events called the Candy Shop, which featured a rotating group of DJs and MCs.

"We had 500 kids here," she says of the first event on February 3. "There were another 100 we had to turn away." On March 3, Felan called the cops on her own show.

"We close at midnight, and we turn out a lot of kids. They caused a scene outside [loitering, arguing, and being loud]. We called the cops to make sure they would leave safely." The following week, on March 10, Felan hired seven licensed and bonded security guards, plus she kept three of her own. Yet, she says she had a different sort of problem.

"There was a strong smell of marijuana coming from



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Of the ten House of Blues nightclubs in the U.S., the San Diego venue sold the fewest tickets in 2006, according to *Pollstar* magazine. Last year, the local HoB sold 74,000 tickets; the Orlando-area club sold 228,000.

(Though the Orlando club's capacity allows for 1000 more people.)

Last year, the House of Blues chain was purchased by Live Nation, the country's largest concert company, formerly known as Clear Channel Entertainment.

"That's what Clear Channel does," says a different insider. "They buy things up, then they downsize."

— Ken Leighton

Zine Scene Update

"The age of the printed fanzine has passed," says Mike Stax, publisher of '60s garage-rock-influenced zine *Ugly Things*. While Stax continues to print new editions of his 200-plus-page glossy covered publication, he acknowledges that the Internet and blogging have made zines just about obsolete.

"Printed fanzines will survive, but they need to provide something that the Internet can't. To my mind, that means lengthier, more detailed articles, good writing...something you want to keep around and read over and over again, either for reference or for pleasure.

Websites are here today and gone tomorrow — there's no permanence or tangibility to them."

Stax's love for the medium is evident in the newest addition to the *Ugly Things* website: a database compiled by archivist Menachem Turchick, detailing every fanzine devoted to garage bands ever published. Despite putting countless hours into the project, Turchick is not sure of its broad appeal.



STAX SCOFFS OBSOLESCENCE

Turchick says, "Sure, it adds to the sum total of human knowledge and all, but how important is it to know that there's a one-page interview with the Barking Spyzers' bass player in some 100-copy 1985 fanzine that'll take ten years to track down?"

According to Turchick, at its peak in the mid-'80s, there were more than 80 garage-rock-influenced fanzines worldwide; today that number might be down to as few as 10. Though Turchick

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says the Internet is mostly to blame for the decline, he points out that "The existence of mega-zines like *Ugly Things* may discourage newcomers because the bar has been set much higher now."

— Bart Mendoza

Turtle Radio "We must resist this attempt to smash free speech and allow our community to have our own media," reads a newly circulated announcement from unlicensed radio station 106.9 FM.

"The FCC is trying to shut down pirate radio in San Diego by issuing massive fines to the two stations in town.... We invite you to give us a home. We've got a nice big transmitter just waiting to be set up and restore the community voices to the San Diego airwaves.... We need a home to put our antenna on."

Currently off the air, there's no indication on the station's website that they've paid the \$10,000 fine levied last year by the FCC.

"The FCC has said that

there is no more room on the dial in San Diego. Even if we wanted to comply with the idea that we should ask for our own airwaves, the only way to do so would be to buy an already licensed station, which could cost up to \$50 million."

Technical instructions on how to build an illegal broadcasting station ("for educational use only") are on 106.9's website. The station recently renamed itself Teenage Mutant Ninja Radio,



MUTANTS UNAFFILIATED WITH 106.9

using three quarters of a name owned by Mirage Comics, the publishing arm of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles co-creator Peter Laird.

Mirage, asked via e-mail if the company is aware of the

name use, stated in an unsigned reply, "We are now...they won't be using [that name] for long."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Death before TV

Thirty-eight years ago today (3-29-69), Janis Joplin appeared at the Sports Arena for one of the first West Coast concerts with her new group, the Kozmic Blues Band. "Janis was flirting with a lethal combination of drugs, alcohol, and heroin," wrote Joplin's sister Laura of that period in her *Love, Janis* book.

"Linda Gravenites found Janis purple on the floor one day in March. At least she knew how to revive Janis from a heroin overdose.... The media pressure might have been one reason she gave herself for increasing her use of heroin."

Also in March '69, the *New York Times* magazine ran an article quoting Joplin: "Yeah, I know I might be going too fast. That's what a doctor said.... I don't go back to him anymore. Man, I'd rather have ten years of superhypermost [*sic*] than live to be seventy by sitting in

some goddamn chair watching TV."

Joplin and the Kozmic Blues Band appeared in San Diego one other time



JOPLIN AT SCHOOL IN TEXAS, 1962

(October 4, '69), exactly one year before her death.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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"It's the kind of place where someone will shout out 'Freebird' and mean it."

Some excerpts from Simeon Flick's tour diary... St. George, Utah, the One and Only Bar: "The towns [in Utah] are only allowed so many bars per capita, and for the longest time St. George only had enough people to merit one bar, hence the name...it's the kind of place where someone will shout out 'Free Bird' or 'Play some Skynyrd' and mean it. This actually happened during the gig!"

New York City, Fat Baby: "We saw a man with his back to us, just standing there in the doorway. It became clear as he briskly straightened up and departed — and from the fresh puddle on the solitary step — that this guy had just urinated in the doorway we were about to enter...I knew I'd have to become a junkie, or pick up one habit or another, in order to live there."

Saratoga Springs, New York, Borders: "I took a break in the middle and was verbally hailed by a man who had come in a few minutes before. He seemed to be babbling something incoherent about the key of C, something music related, and was coming off as the erratic nut job I was going to have to deal with at this particular show...negotiating hecklers and tweakers is part of my job description as an entertainer."

Providence, Rhode Island, the Tazza Café: "When it came time to pass the 'love bucket,' I ended up splitting 100 bucks with the other featured artist, and with one CD sold that made it a \$60 night. Not bad at all...I got to live the dream for a few precious minutes, got to be something special."

Simeon Flick opens for Tapwater at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge on Thursday, March 29.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. The Cathryn Beeks Ordeal, *Desert Music* ("I

love the songs, the production and instrumentation, and Cathryn has such an awesome voice.")

2. *Stevie Wonder's Greatest Hits* ("I'm going to spend the next 20 years trying to write something like 'Hey Love,' 'Boogie On Reggae Woman,' or 'Signed, Sealed, Delivered.'")

3. Fugazi, *Repeater* ("I saw them three times in the early '90s...this record brings it all back for me, and I still wish I was Guy Picciotto.")

4. The Beatles, *Revolver* ("I know, I know, this one's a no-brainer, but I feel wrong if I don't listen to it at least once a month.")

DESERT ISLAND DVDs?

1. *Everyone Stares: The Police Inside Out* ("Provides a fly-on-the-wall view of the Police's meteoric rise via super 8 home movies.")

2. *The Fifth Element* ("Chris Tucker in designer drag and a bleached unicorn Afro.")

3. *Pride and Prejudice* ("A&E's six-hour made-for-TV version...I guess this outs me as a SNAG, a.k.a. sensitive new-age guy.")

4. *The Band: The Last Waltz* ("I just crank it up, crack a beer, put Van Morrison's segment on repeat, and lament being born 20 years too late.")

5. *Lord of the Rings* trilogy ("The ultimate tale of good and evil.")

FAVORITE TV SHOWS?

1. *Heroes* ("The concept of beneficial, paranormal mutation in human evolution is so titillating.")

2. *Smallville* ("Again, I guess it's about the paranormal, but it's also the pipe dream of Clark Kent not being corrupted by all that power.")

3. *Austin City Limits* ("It really seems like a sweet gig...the people there pay attention and really listen to the music, even if the bands aren't all



Simeon Flick

over pop radio.")

4. *World Series of Poker* ("It almost makes me forget how horrendous I am at gambling.")

5. ESPN's coverage of extreme sports ("I grew up skateboarding and snowboarding, and now I live in a surfing town, so I'm always exhilarated to see these sports on a mainstream cable channel.")

WORST SONGS?

1. "It's a Small World" ("The last time I went to Disneyland was over 20 years ago, and this terrible hook is still dug in my head like an Alabama tick.")

2. "I Write the Songs," Barry Manilow ("It's a deceptive little tune, because the vocal melody is obsequiously tender, like a love song, but check out the megalomaniacal lyrics.")

3. "Daydream Believer," the Monkees ("The lyrics are inane, and the chorus hook is like Chinese water torture.")

LENNON OR McCARTNEY?

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Friday, May 11	Loreena McKennitt (Due to fan pre-sale, dinner show packages sold out.)	7:30
Thursday, May 17	Buddy Guy	7:30
Friday, May 18	Al Green	8:00
Thursday, May 24	Boyz II Men	8:00
Friday, May 25	Erykah Badu	8:00
Saturday, May 26	Generation Hawaii Tour featuring Amy Hanaiali'i/Kaukahi & Keli'i Kaneali'i	7:00
Wednesday, May 30	Lisa Gerrard	8:00

Sunday, June 3	Gregg Allman & Friends	7:30
Monday, June 4	Indigo Girls	7:30
Tuesday, June 5	Lucinda Williams	7:30
Sunday, June 10	Mary Chapin Carpenter	7:30
Monday, June 11	Lindsey Buckingham	7:30
Thursday, June 14	Al Jarreau/George Benson	7:00
Thursday, June 21	Alan Parsons Live Project	8:00
Friday, June 22	Don Rickles/Joan Rivers	7:30
Saturday, June 23	Jonny Lang	7:30
Sunday, June 24	Michael McDonald	7:30
Wednesday, June 27	Steve Winwood	8:00

Friday, July 6	Dana Carvey	8:00
Sunday, July 8	Blues Traveler	7:30
Tuesday, July 10	Queen Latifah: The Music of Dana Owens	8:00
Wednesday, July 11	Ani DiFranco	7:30
Friday, July 13	Dennis DeYoung: The Music of Styx	7:30
Sunday, July 15	Beach Boys	7:30
Tuesday, July 17	Cowboy Junkies/Joan Osborne	7:00
Wednesday, July 18	Boz Scaggs	7:30
Thursday, July 19	'70s Soul Jam featuring The Stylistics, Chi-Lites, Main Ingredient featuring Cuba Gooding Sr., Harold Melvin's Blue Notes and Delfonics Hosted by Jimmie "JJ" Walker	7:00

Friday, July 20	Paul Rodriguez	8:00
Sunday, July 22	Dickey Betts	7:30
	with special guest Shooter Jennings	
Tuesday, July 24	John Hiatt/Shawn Colvin	7:00
Wednesday, July 25	Lyle Lovett/k.d. lang	7:00
Friday, July 27	Bob Weir & RatDog / Keller Williams	6:00
Sunday, July 29	Hootie & The Blowfish	7:30
Monday, July 30	Tears For Fears	8:00
Tuesday, July 31	Larry Carlton & Robben Ford	7:30

Friday, August 3	Musiq Soulchild	7:30
Sunday, August 5	Huey Lewis & The News	7:30
Sunday, August 12	Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra	7:30
Tues. & Wed., Aug. 14 & 15	Keb' Mo' / The Robert Cray Band	7:00
Thursday, August 16	Jim Gaffigan	7:30
Friday, August 17	Dave Koz & Friends	7:30
Sunday, August 19	India.Arie	7:30
Monday, August 20	Dave Brubeck Quartet	7:30
Tuesday, August 21	HIPPIEFEST: A Concert for Peace and Love with The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie, Felix Cavaliere's Rascals, The Zombies featuring Colin Blunstone & Rod Argent, Mountain featuring Leslie West & Corkey Laing, Mitch Ryder, Badfinger featuring Joey Molland and Country Joe McDonald	6:30

Wednesday, August 22	UB40	7:30
Thursday, August 30	Creedence Clearwater Revisited	8:00

Sunday, September 2	Cecilio & Kapono	7:30
Tuesday, September 4	B.B. King / Etta James & Her Roots Band	7:00
Thursday, September 6	Temptations / Four Tops	7:30
Friday, September 7	Big Bad Voodoo Daddy	8:00
Sunday, September 9	Heart featuring Ann & Nancy Wilson	7:30
Monday, September 10	Doobie Brothers	7:30
Mon. & Tues., Sept. 17 & 18	Pink Martini	8:00
Wednesday, September 19	America	7:30
Monday, September 24	Michael Bolton	8:00
Wednesday, September 26	Kenny G	8:00
Thursday, September 27	Trisha Yearwood	7:30
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De La Soul: 'Canes, Friday, April 6,
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Geoff Muldaur:
AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, April
7, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal
Heights. 619-303-8176.

Molotov: House of Blues, Sunday,
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Soma, Tuesday, April 10, 3350 Sports
Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-
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Relient K: House of Blues, Wednesday,
April 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
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Toots & the Maytals: Belly Up
Tavern, Thursday, April 12, and Friday,
April 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue,
Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

The Shins: Soma, Thursday, April 12,
3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego.
619-226-7662.

Fu Manchu: The Casbah, Friday, April
13, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego.
619-232-4355.

Fonseca: House of Blues, Friday, April
13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
619-299-2583.

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern,
Saturday, April 14, 143 South Cedros
Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Montgomery Gentry: Viejas Casino
Concerts in the Park, Saturday, April 14,
5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-
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Boz Scaggs: Pala Events Center,
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Chicago: Viejas Casino Concerts in the
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Moenia: House of Blues, Wednesday,
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Eek-A-Mouse: House of Blues,
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Jet: House of Blues, Friday, April 20,
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Barrington Levy: 'Canes, Friday,
April 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk,
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Stone Sour: House of Blues, Sunday,
April 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
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ZZ Top: Viejas Casino Concerts in the
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Ice Cube: 'Canes, Tuesday, April 24,
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Brian McKnight: Spreckels Theatre,
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Sean Lennon: Belly Up Tavern,
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Stephen Marley: House of Blues,
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Mute Math: House of Blues,
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David Wilcox:
AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, April
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Blonde Redhead: Belly Up Tavern,
Friday, April 27, 143 South Cedros
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Pepe Aguilar: Viejas Casino Concerts
in the Park, Friday, April 27, 5005
Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Fall Out Boy and **+44:** Coors
Amphitheatre, Saturday, April 28, 2050
Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.
619-671-3600.

Kumbia Allstarz: House of Blues,
Saturday, April 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

ZZ Top: Palomar Starlight Theater,
Sunday, April 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on
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Regina Spektor: House of Blues,
Sunday, April 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ghostface Killah: Belly Up Tavern,
Monday, April 30, 143 South Cedros
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Cypress Hill: House of Blues, Thursday, May 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

The Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: House of Blues, Sunday, May 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Jason Michael Carroll: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Monday, May 7, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Bright Eyes: Soma, Tuesday, May 8, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Wolfmother: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, May 8, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

J Mascis: The Casbah, Thursday, May 10, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Fairport Convention: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Particle: 'Canes, Saturday, May 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Joss Stone: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, May 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Modest Mouse: Cox Arena, Monday, May 14, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Harry Connick Jr.: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Thursday, May 17, Embarcadero Park South. 619-445-5400.

The Be Good Tanyas: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.



Lily Allen, March 30, House of Blues

Christina Aguilera: San Diego Civic Theatre, Monday, May 21, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

Stevie Nicks and Chris Isaak: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, May 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Tish Hinojosa: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Chayanne: ipayOne Center, Saturday, May 26, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Queensrÿche: 4th & B, Saturday, May 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Pretty Girls Make Graves and Kill Me Tomorrow: The Casbah, Thursday, May 31, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

JUNE

Morrissey: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Sunday, June 3, Embarcadero Park South. 619-445-5400.

Manu Chao: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, June 5, Embarcadero Park South. 619-445-5400.

The Charlie Daniels Band: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, June 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

The Charlie Daniels Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, June 8, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Vicente Fernandez: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, June 9, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Raveonettes: The Casbah, Saturday, June 9, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Keith Urban: ipayOne Center, Sunday, June 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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The Wailers: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 14, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 15, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Issac Delgado y Su Orquesta: 4th & B, Friday, June 15, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

The B-52's: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, June 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Hot Tuna: House of Blues, Monday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Paulina Rubio: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, June 26,

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Cyndi Lauper, Erasure, and Debbie Harry: Open Air Theatre, Wednesday, June 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

LeAnn Rimes: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 27, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

The All-American Rejects: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 28, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Alison Krauss: ipayOne Center, Thursday, June 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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The Moody Blues: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 2, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Fray, Gomez, and Eisley: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 17, 2050

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Lynyrd Skynyrd: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 26, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Montgomery Gentry: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, July 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Maximo Park: The Casbah, Saturday, July 28, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

AUGUST

Clay Aiken: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Los Lonely Boys: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 18, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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Dino's: Fridays, *Therapy*, industrial, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

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.

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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. Sunday, Spring Break Jam featuring guest DJs. Wednesday, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop and R&B. 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 Grimmerella. First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: First Saturday of the month, *Ascension*, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, *Lowdown*, 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.

Lucky Star Nightclub: Fridays, DJ Salsero Mayor spins salsa, merengue, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. 3893 54th Street (at University), San Diego. 619-229-8228.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays and Fridays, *Mambo Lounge*, salsa, bachata, and cha-cha with Da Wizzrd. 8 p.m. to midnight. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 hits. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

San Diego Sports Club: Wednesdays, *Club Pussy Galore*, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electropop, and '80s. First Friday of the month, *Sin Factory*, fetish, gothic, and industrial. 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.



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BY OLLIE

Album: *California Dreamin'* (2006)

Artist: Tony Corleone

Label: Rapsheet Records

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Songs: 1) Lights Out 2) Fairy Tale 3) Doin' It Cali 4) Get Your Glasses Up 5) Victorious 6) Life's Getting Hard 7) Do You Want Me 8) Forgiven 9) California Dreamin' 10) Angel Eyes 11) Like a Ghost 12) Security 13) Get Your Love 14) Have a Little Faith 15) Heart Breaker 16) Cruisin' 17) Where's the Party At

Band: Tony Corleone (MC), Earl Thomas (vocals), Diane Lotny (vocals), Don Peak (guitar)

Everything about this album has been lifted from somewhere else. The album-cover artwork is all black with the mari-

onette strings and hand of the puppeteer from *The Godfather* movies. The name of the album is *California Dreamin'*. Even Mr. Corleone's

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.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Saturdays, DJs Marc Thrasher and Famous Dave mix music videos. Sundays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. Mondays, *Manic Mondays*, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

The Whistle Stop: First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation*, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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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, *Leo Rising*, classic rock. Saturday, *Chill Boy*, blues.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Michele Lundeen*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Nati Ruts*, reggae. Friday, *Thriving Ivory*, *Arm the Angels*, and *Kemistry*, rock/alternative. Saturday, *Wild Child* and *Jumping Jack Flash*, rock. Monday, *Aftatia Thompson*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Live jazz and blues.

name is suspect...not that I care if it's his real name or not, but if it is a stage name, isn't "Corleone" a little too on-the-nose to project an Italian Mafioso image?

What else about the project seems to be a pirated copy of something else? His voice. While it's a good voice, it is a good imitation of Tupac Shakur's voice. Not only is his voice a carbon copy, but the lyrics are an extension of Tupac's body of work: there are a lot of references to California, a hard life (but "blessed from the Lord above"), and the "I was born into this" martyrdom that defined Tupac's songs.

The background music features a string section and funky synthesizers. You can imagine where Corleone got that West Coast sound per-

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/rock/punk. Saturday, *Crime Desire*, *Lewd Acts*, *Loser Life*, and *SBV*.

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, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Broke on Friday*, *Appleseed*, *Kompany of Kings*, and *Echoes of a Boundless Life*. Friday, *Blue Eagle*, *Native Yit*, *Dendai Uno*, *B.R.I.S.*, *National T*, and *Street Camp*, hip-hop/rap. Saturday, call club for information.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Steve Ybarra*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Beth Preston*. Saturday, *Joseph Angelastro*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Kevin Mesohung*, acoustic. Saturday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly.

Kaito, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-634-2746. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *the Peter Puppington Quartet*, jazz.



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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Final Warning*, rock. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock. 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.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron*, *Mark Fulton*, *James East*, and *PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guilino*, *Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Mario Oliveras* and *Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Sunday Afternoon*, *By All Means*

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Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., John Cain, jazz/pop/Latin/standards.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 7 p.m., Modern Day Moonshine, rock/reggae/soul/blues.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, Superunloader, rock. Saturday, Agave, rock. Wednesday, the Bartones, rock.

Tower Two Beach Cafe, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., live 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, Jordan Loder, roots/reggae, and J Downs, hip-hop. Friday, Delta Nove. Saturday, Split Finger and Divided by Zero, reggae/alternative/rock. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Podunk Nowhere, Jon Jones, and Daniel Ciera, acoustic. Wednesday, the Soul of John Black, soul/blues/rock.

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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., Marie Haddad, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., Jim Earp, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Archways. Friday, Reeve Oliver, Satisfaction, the Strangers Six, and the Golden Hill Ramblers. Saturday, Cash'd Out, the Palominos, and National Hot Rod, country. Sunday, the New Trust, Ambulette, and Hialeah. Monday, You Am I, the Truckee Brothers, and Emery Byrd. Tuesday, Persephone's Bees.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Sue Palmer. Friday, Yavez. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, Fuzzy and the Bluesmen. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, Fuzzy and the Bluesmen or Sue Palmer.

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 Rocker. Friday, 8 p.m., the Stiletto's. Saturday, the Stone Senses. Sunday, the Disco Pimps. Tuesday, Dregs of Sada. Wednesday, Private Domain, unplugged.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Gilbert Castellanos and His Quintet, Latin jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Thursday, Dave Matthews tribute band. Friday, Unwritten Law, rock. Saturday, the Cured, Still Ill, and Blasphemous Rumours, 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.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, Lily Allen. Saturday, Sevendust, Invintro, and Diecast, hard rock. Sunday, Static-X, Olep, and 2 Cent, rock/metal/punk. Monday, Blackpool Lights and Wax on Radio, indie rock.

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., Superfunk Fantasy, disco/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., Crush. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Insight, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Soul Revue, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Thursday, live band.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Len Rainey and the Midnight Players. Friday, Johnny V. Saturday, the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Sunday and Monday, Ronnie Lane. Tuesday, Kyle Culkin and Jeff Jensen. Wednesday, Big "Mo."

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.

Samba Grill, 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Friday, 7 p.m., the Johnson Project, smooth jazz.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, Ritmo Caliente, salsa. Tuesday, Orquesta 8.8, salsa.

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: happy hour, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday and Monday, Peter Price of

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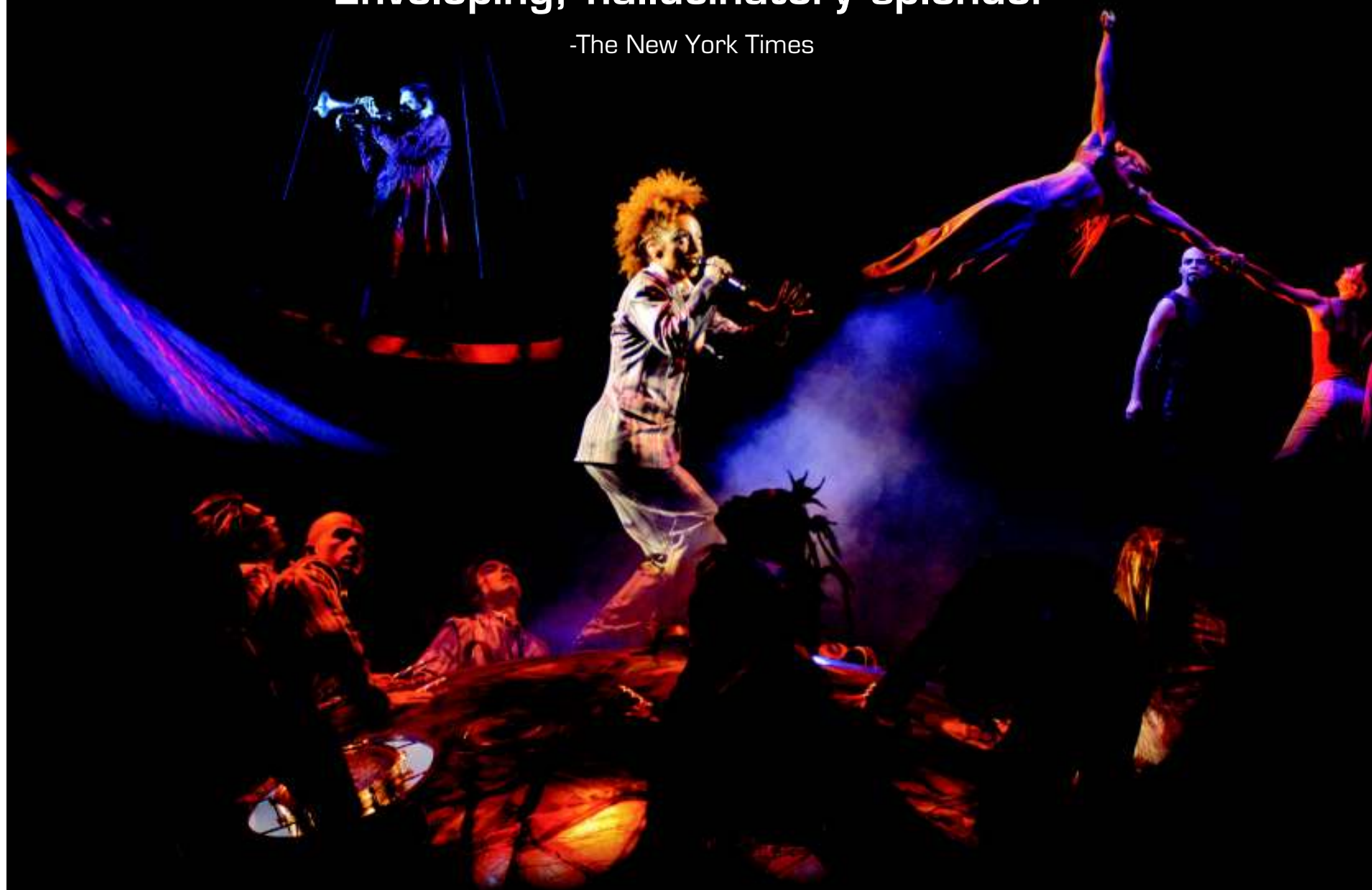
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Piano. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Kevin McCully*, piano.

Evening entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Karen Giorgio*, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Julio De La Huerta*, Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith Page*, international/standards.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

The Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Live rock/indie/alternative.

The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746. Saturday, 9 p.m., *a Week's Worth*, indie/pop/shoegaze.

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., *John Borja*, Island music/jazz.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, *Decompression*, *Hector's Revenge*, *the Stealers*, *J.D. Combs and the Soul Stealers*, and *Three Hits and a Miss*, rock/blues/soul/funk. Wednesday, *Aqua-Tribe and Briegade*.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the Speak Easy Quartet*, traditional jazz/Gypsy swing.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/punk. Friday, 7 p.m., *the Flux Theory*, *Blizzard*, *Livid*, *Velvet Tongue*, *the Material*, and *the Echo Revolution*. Saturday, *Litchfield*, *Muzzle*, *the 3rd*, *the Urbanomics*, and *Arm the Angels*. Sunday, *Hit the Lights*, *All Time Low*, *Valencia*, and *the Secret Handshake*.

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. Live blues/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*.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, *the People's Republic of Jazz*, straight ahead jazz. Friday and Saturday live bands. Sunday, salsa. Monday, tango. Tuesday, hip-hop. Wednesday, swing.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Tap Water*, original rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the Detroit Underground*, rock/soul. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Novamenco*, flamenco, 8 p.m., *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Sunday through Wednesday, live bands.

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.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *Blues Lite Special*, blues/rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *the Creepy Creeps* and *the Viewmasters*, punk/alternative rock. Saturday, *Deadbolt* and *Hell on Heels*, rock.

The Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-2101. L Bar and Grill: Thursday, 5 p.m.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Until recent years, Christian bands did not get played on mainstream rock radio stations. It wasn't the music so much as it was the image and the message. Bands did not begin to cross over until outfits like Creed and Lifehouse codified lyrics and retooled their image: "We're not in a *Christian* rock band," they would say. "We're Christians in a *rock* band." Groups like **Switchfoot** buried the message so deeply that only a Christian could find it. Therefore, depending on one's perspective, Switchfoot can be a San Diego band that made good, a surfer band, a nu-metal band, a Christian band, or all of the

above. Switchfoot can be anything you want them to be.

Harder rocking than Hoobastank but as sympathetic as James Taylor, Switchfoot's roots are in a high school Zeppelin cover band formed by brothers **Jon** and **Tim Foreman**. The Foremans graduated to punk for a brief while before embarking on the road that would lead to gold- and platinum-selling popularity with Switchfoot, a name taken from surf culture. The band derives its success from anthemic power pop, incessant touring, and the made-for-MTV looks of Kurt Cobain-ish Jon Foreman.

If anything is absent from a Switchfoot song, it is that deeper, Nirvana state of mind. Otherwise, Switchfoot's big sound, excessive and somewhat dark in places, keeps evolving. On *Oh! Gravity*, the band



SWITCHFOOT

toys with cross rhythms and writing that owes as much to Indian ragas as to American pop metal. Jesus rock hasn't sounded this hot since P.O.D.

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to 7:30 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, *Dee Ray* and *Gayle Skidmore* and *Her Eskimo Friends*. Friday, *Anna Troy*, *Derren Raser*, and *Josh Damigo*. Saturday, *Quincy Coleman* and *Molly Jensen*.

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 10:30 p.m., *Vintage Vegas* or *Z-Bop*, jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park.

619-276-5637. Music is rock/alternative rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, 9 p.m., *Someday Assassin*, *Lands on Fire*, and *Inigo and Domo*. Saturday, *Animal Style*, and *Sunday Afternoon*. Monday, *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, *Broke on Friday*, *Heathen Culture*, and *the Pike Bishops*. Wednesday, *the Blackout Party*.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Sara Petite*, folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *the Rhythm Masters*, rock/swing.

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.

Prego Ristorante, 1370 Frazee Road (Hazard Center), Mission Valley. 619-294-4700. Monday, *the Jaime Valle/Rob Thorsen Jazz Duo*.

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. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Way Back from Get Go*, *Lilith Velkor*, and *Dominic Castillo* and *the Savants*, indie rock/alternative. Friday, *Peter Stewart* and *the Plastic Saviors*, alternative/classic rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative bands.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Mad for Mary*, classic rock.

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. Thursday, *the Winds of Plague*, *xDeathstarx*, *His Irate Life*, *the Midas Touch*, and *Imperil*. Friday, *Haste the Day*, *From Autumn to Ashes*, *Maylene and the Sons of Disaster*, *the Sleeping*, and *Alesana*. Saturday, *Switchfoot* and *Copeland*.

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7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, blues/funky jazz.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, *Stars on Water*, rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *the Fremonts*, blues. Saturday, *Blue Largo*, jazz/blues. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Music is rock/punk/power pop/alternative. Friday, *Black Time, the Husbands*, and *the Corvinas*. Saturday, *Mr. Tube* and *!Society!*

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the B-3 Four* featuring vocalist *David Mosby*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Peggy Lloyd*, jazz.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Lyrics Born, the Coup*, and *Audible Mainframe*, hip-hop/funk/soul. Friday, 9 p.m., *J.J. Grey and Mofro* and *Chuck Prophet*, rock. Saturday, 5:30 p.m., *Jewmangous*, 9 p.m., *the Atomic Punks* and *Phenomenon*, rock. Sunday, *TV on the Radio*, indie/rock/alternative. Tuesday, *Minsarah, Ray Barbee*, and *the Mattson 2*. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Sun Volt* and *the Magnolia Electric Co*.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., live acoustic/folk/jazz.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Melissa Vaughan*, folk. Saturday, *Joey Pearson*, folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *John Borja*, Island music/jazz.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Saturday, *Steve Poltz*, pop/bluegrass/rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live rock/blues band. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Billy Watson*, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, blues. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie Smith* and *Pressed for Time*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues*.

Del Dios Bar and Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, *Grand Canyon Sundown*, country. Saturday, *Gregg Douglass*, folk/jazz/blues.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Z-Bop*, jazz.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday, 9 p.m., *Stevi Lynn* and *Triple Threat*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Sensations*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday and Saturday, live bands.

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.

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.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 9 p.m., *Point Blank*, classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Vic Moraga*, rock. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., *the Red Pepper Jazz Band*. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing. Wednesday, open mike, blues.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Roxy Restaurant, 517 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-436-5001. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *Louisa West* and *Joseph Angelastro*, Latin jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Delilah Jones*, rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Stevi Lynn* and *Triple Threat*, classic rock.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Raggle Taggle*, Irish dance cabaret.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Maria Taylor is barely 30, but already her career has the makings of a music biopic. It's easy to imagine Anne Hathaway playing the role. There are bit parts here and there to introduce famous and semi-famous people who were key figures in Taylor's story, all of whom representing different aspects of the film's indie-rock milieu: a member of Spoon here, a member of the Gang of Four there, Bright Eyes' Conor Oberst, and Moby.

Taylor has been performing onstage since her teens, when she and her friend Orenda Fink formed the guitar-oriented Little Red Rocket in Birmingham, Alabama. After that band was destroyed by major-label

maneuvering, Taylor and Fink moved to Athens, Georgia, where they formed Azure Ray, a more melodic and vocal-oriented act. Championed by Oberst, Azure Ray signed to Omaha's Saddle Creek Records, and the duo's extraordinarily beautiful vocal harmonies won them a growing following.

Here's where the movie has some drama: Just as Azure Ray's reputation was on the rise, the old friends went their separate ways. Taylor's voice is just as lovely as ever in her solo material, but her songs don't really take off until the harmony vocals kick in. Does this mean Taylor secretly longs for her old friend Fink to sing with? I don't know, but if I were the filmmaker, that's the way I'd play it.

Taylor's new album, *Lynn Teeter Flower*, is a family affair, featuring guest spots from her brother and sister, as well as Oberst. There's even a track of Maria singing with her



MARIA TAYLOR

dad when she was a kid. Does this have cinematic potential or what? Stay tuned for Act Three.

MARIA TAYLOR, Ché Café, Sunday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. 858-534-2311. \$8.

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Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Misty and the Mobys*, rock. Saturday, *Jumpstart*, blues/swing.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *the Stiletto's*, rockabilly. Friday, *Will Love a Lot*, jazz. Saturday, *4-Way Street*, classic rock. Sunday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic. Monday, *David Hauser*, acoustic. Tuesday, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, rock. Wednesday, *4-Way Street*.

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Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *Monty McIntyre*, acoustic folk.

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Saturday, *Jack Rabbit, Hung Over Tomorrow, G.F.I.*, and *the Wastrels*, punk.

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Arm the Angels: 'Canes, Epicentre

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Copeland: Soma

The Corvinas: Tower Bar

The Creepy Creeps: The Kensington Club

Crime Desire: Ché Café

The Echo Revolution: Epicentre

Echoes of a Boundless Life: Dreamstreet

Emery Byrd: The Casbah

The Flux Theory: Epicentre

From Autumn to Ashes: Soma

G.F.I.: Fannie's Nightclub

The Golden Hill Ramblers: The Casbah

Haste the Day: Soma

Hector's Revenge: Brick By Brick

Hell on Heels: The Kensington Club

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The Secret Handshake: Epicentre
The Sleeping: Soma
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Someday Assassin: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
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Thriving Ivory: 'Canes
The Truckee Brothers: The Casbah
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Velvet Tongue: Epicentre
The Viewmasters: The Kensington Club
The Wastrels: Fannie's Nightclub
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Deadbolt: The Kensington Club

Decompression: Brick By Brick

The Detroit Underground: Humphrey's

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The Disco Pimps: Dick's Last Resort

Divided by Zero: Winstons

Dregs of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

Final Warning: The Kraken

Fish Tacos: 710 Beach Club

4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Fuzz Huzzi: Fannie's Nightclub

J.J. Grey and Mofro: Belly Up Tavern

The Taylor Harvey Band: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Heathen Culture: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Hit the Lights: Epicentre

Inigo and Domo: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Invitro: House of Blues

Jewmongous: Belly Up Tavern

Delilah Jones: Surf N'Saddle

Jumping Jack Flash: 'Canes

The Justin Brothers: Galley at the Marina

Leo Rising: Bar Leucadian

Litchfield: Epicentre

Livid: Epicentre

Love Handle: 710 Beach Club

Mad for Mary: Second Wind (San Carlos)

The Magnolia Electric Co.: Belly Up Tavern

Misty and the Mobys: Island Sports and Spirits

Vic Moraga: Ocean House

Muzzle: Epicentre

Night Shift: Carvers

Olep: House of Blues

One Thread: Fannie's Nightclub

Point Blank: Ocean House

Chuck Prophet: Belly Up Tavern

The Rhythm Masters: Pal Joey's

The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill

Satisfaction: The Casbah

The Sensations: Game Time Tavern

Serious Guise: The Kraken

Sevendust: House of Blues

Stars on Water: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

Static-X: House of Blues

Stereo Suite: 710 Beach Club

Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat: Surf N'Saddle, Game Time Tavern

Pete Stewart and the Plastic Saviors: San Diego Sports Club

The Stiletto's: Henry's Pub, Hennessey's Tavern (PB), Dick's Last Resort, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Still Ill: 4th & B

The Stone Senses: Dick's Last Resort

Sunday Afternoon: 710 Beach Club, O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Tapwater: Humphrey's

The 3rd: Epicentre

2 Cents: House of Blues

Unwritten Law: 4th & B

Uptown Groove: Second Wind (Santee)

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Steadfast**

Song: **"Mental Toxins"** (from their self-titled CD)

Heard By: **Patrick Hertig**, San Diego



Patrick

I don't know...[they sound] like Gwar, Pantera, and Moby combined...something like that. It didn't sound like it took a whole lot of talent to produce. Nothing sounded very technical; it was just the same thing over and over again, which is basically the majority of the music today. [The vocals] went from a demon talking to some guy who sounded all happy. It was bizarre how it went from one extreme to the other. I picture a dark basement full of guys with long hair that are mad at their dads bouncing off of each other.

Artist: **Decompression**

Song: **"Invisible"** (from their self-titled CD)

Heard By: **Kyle Beckman**, University City



Kyle

At first I wanted to say [they sounded like] Metallica but that's just too broad. First thing I thought of was [they] kind of resembled P.O.D. Definitely had a side of Tool in it. I like the guitar riffs because I play guitar, too. I was listening more to the guitar than the singing. The singer has more of a relaxed voice; it's more laid-back. People would definitely like it around here in San Diego. It would definitely be a good song to listen to probably out in the weight rooms, the gym.

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Artist: **Podunk Nowhere**

Song: **"Rain"** (from their self-titled CD)

Heard By: **Mike Lord**, College Area



Mike

It has some mellow guitar and a good beat. The vocals were clear. I think she was talking about maybe the difference between good times and bad times with the lightning and the stormy weather [lyrical references]. It's just not really my type of music. [I] like reggae and jazzy hip-hop. [It would be good for] either driving on a road trip or maybe cooking a meal for some friends.

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Viva Santana: Humphrey's

Warner Drive: 710 Beach Club

Wild Child: 'Canes

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Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect

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Jesse Davis: Buon Giornò Restaurant

Delta Nove: Winstons

James East: Pasquale on Prospect

Mark Fulton: Pasquale on Prospect

The Good Times: Henry's Pub

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

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JAZZ / BIG BAND

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Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

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Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

The Cradit Union: Ocean House

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John Guilino: Pasquale on Prospect

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

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Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Jazz 101 Band: Pasquale on Prospect

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The Johnson Project: Samba Grill

Fran Laskota: The Westgate Hotel

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita and Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Peggy Lloyd: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Kevin McCully: The Westgate Hotel

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Mikan and Friends: Buon Giornò Restaurant

David Mosby: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: Sogno Di Vino, The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Novamenco: Humphrey's

Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice: Pasquale on Prospect

Sue Palmer: Croce's Jazz Bar

Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Dave Patrone: Croce's Jazz Bar

The People's Republic of Jazz: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

Peter Prince of Piano: The Westgate Hotel

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Peter Puppig Quartet: Kaito

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Dave Scott: Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar

Robert Sebastini: Cafe LaMaze

Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Speak Easy Quartet: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Stage 4: Buon Giornò Restaurant

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar and American Grill

The Jaime Valley/Rob Thorsen Jazz Duo: Prego Ristorante

The Victoria Rose Trio: Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom

Vintage Vegas: Martini's Bar and Grill

Scott Wallingford: Cafe LaMaze

Louisa West: Roxy Restaurant

Will Love a Lot: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

Z-Bop: The Flying Bridge

REGGAE / SKA

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by Josh Board

I received several invitations for St. Patrick's Day parties this year. The first party I attended, however, was the day before St. Patrick's, at the offices of Walsh Engineers on Kearny Villa Road. I had gone to a Halloween party that a guy named Gerald invited me to, and he works for Walsh. (A lot of people network for job leads at parties; I get leads to other parties.)

I was surprised to see a band playing at the Walsh company party, as it was 3:00 p.m., and other businesses had to be working. I was also surprised that I didn't see Gerald on stage. (His band had played the Halloween shindig we met at.)

A woman named Tara asked who I was and why I wasn't wearing green. I had a flashback to first grade — I was walking to school when this bully named Patrick, an Irish kid with red hair and freckles, asked why I wasn't wearing green. I had no idea why he'd asked that. Patrick pinched me hard, and I ran to school crying. To my relief, Tara handed me



green beads and a name tag.

I found Gerald and asked him why his band wasn't playing. "Well, at Halloween, that was my party. So, my band, 3PieceUnit, was able to play. This is where I work, and that's our secretary's band. She's up there singing.... I asked the



was making."

I told him about my cousin's band and how Greg Allman often showed up and sat in



and watch the rest of his band jam with him.

As the band belted out "Sweet Home Alabama," I grabbed a soda and got ready to yell out "Freebird," but they went into another song.

When the band took a break, I said to Gerald, "Hey, now's your chance. Grab his bass. I'll go sit behind the drums. We'll do a couple songs. He can't possibly complain if they're taking a break."

I told Michelle that she

sounded great and that I was about to yell out "Freebird!" "That's why we quickly go into the next song," she said. "We don't want to give drunk people the chance to yell out songs."

Michelle's husband was a tall, blond CHP officer. I asked him if, when he went to parties, people complained to him about traffic tickets they've gotten. "Yeah, I get that all the time. I don't mind. I end up answering a lot of questions." I figured that was the green light to ask him a few of my own. I was curious about the excuses people have for their violations. The officer told me that people usually say they were going the flow of traffic. "I tell them that I saw them pass 20 cars before I pulled them over. That isn't the flow of traffic...just because they slowed down once they saw me behind them."

I told him that when I was a kid, I remember my parents being pulled over and given warnings, and that that doesn't seem to happen nowadays. He agreed, "I think only 10 percent of the people I pull over get

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bass player if I could sit in on a song and he said no. Maybe he thought if I played a song or two, I'd get a cut of what he

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through a red light. Instead of pulling those people over, I suggested, police should pull over the first person, the one going through the glove compartment when the light turned green. "We actually could," he said, "that's impeding traffic."

I talked to the drummer of the Java Band and asked him if the initials on his bass drum were the same style as Buddy Rich's. "Yeah, all those old drummers used that style." He told me he's been playing drums since 1969, and we talked for a while about

drummers and their different styles.

A few people who worked nearby came in and helped themselves to food and drinks, which I thought was odd, but I don't think Mr. Walsh minded. When employees of SDG&E showed up, however, I heard a guy ask them, "How come my electricity bill is the same as my neighbors? They have five kids and I don't have any?" It occurred to me that you don't have to be a cop to be peppered with questions at a party. Whatever your profession is, someone is

going to want answers to something.

As I was helping myself to the food, I saw a UPS guy walk by and look over. I felt bad for him. There's something about being at a party while others are still working that makes you feel guilty.

My pen was starting to run out of ink and a lady named Robin offered to get me another one. I said, "You women have everything in your purses." She said, "No. My office is right up there." She ran up and got me one.

I heard a different

voice coming from the band and saw that the drummer was now singing. It's enjoyable when bands have more than one vocalist.

Although, I wish bands like this did more than the usual covers of "Brown Eyed Girl" and "Love Shack" songs we've heard thousands of times.

Gerald introduced me to a former employee. I said, "If you're a former employee, why are you here now?" The guy said, "Hey, it's a party. Free food and beer." Gerald told us that someone from one of the other complexes came over and tried to buy a beer.

When the band started playing "Brick House," I

said, "Hey, Gerald, if Lionel Richie were to show up right now and wanted to sit in, do you think the bass player would object?"

When the band played "Johnny B. Goode," one of the lyrics was changed to incorporate the word "engineers." Michelle was singing with a headset, which enabled her to move through the crowd.

Toward the end of the party, I saw Walsh carrying the tables inside and asked him if he needed any help. When he said yes, I looked at the people I was talking to and said, "He was supposed to say no."

As I was carrying a table in, someone from a business nearby came over, so I asked him if the band was too loud. "Yeah, he said, "but that's good. It's a Friday...it forced us to stop working for a few hours." ■

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Seoul Food

"So where do you go now for good Korean food since Boo Choo changed hands?" I asked my buddy Sang, whose parents are from Korea. "Buga is the place," he said. "It's in a weird location, a strip-mall about a half-block off the 805 off-ramp, sharing the parking lot with a Motel 6. But the food is good. They don't have wood-fired table barbecues like Boo Choo did, it's just gas, but they have a big menu — a lot of traditional dishes that most Korean restaurants don't offer."

"Take me to your Buga!" I said, and he did. The restaurant occupies a former Coco's, with a pretty fountain outside, green industrial carpeting, lots of blond wood, and nearly all booth seating, with those in the center divided by half-height glass walls. There's a separate, narrow sushi bar at one end, every seat occupied on a Friday night, with a Korean chef in charge and *toro* among that evening's specials. Several private banquet rooms off to the sides of the restaurant are the source of most of the weekend noise. (At one point, a group of male voices in one of the rooms seemed to be chanting and cheering. They may have been stamping their feet, too. Maybe some corporate ritual, but for a few minutes there, it sure sounded as if I was back at Bondi on rugby night.)

Sang gathered an international dinner sextet — three Koreans (Edwin, Yunhui, plus himself) — one Taiwanese (Edwin's wife, Frances) — and two Asian-food-loving gringos (Keith and me). You do want a group of four or more for a Korean restaurant, because the more eaters at the table, the more *pan chan* you're likely to get. Believe me, you want a maximum of *pan chan*.

Pan chan are small plates of side dishes and relishes that make a Korean dinner seem like a celebration. They're usually served along with your first courses, and if you finish them, you may luck out and get a second round. The best-known relish to non-Koreans is kim chee, spicy pickled cabbage, but that's only one of a multitude of delicious little bites. Ordinary family meals at home typically include just three relishes (or "chops"). To honor a guest, or to mark a special banquet, fully a dozen side dishes may be served. At a restaurant, there should be at least six, to show hospitality, though sometimes couples are served fewer.

We were a large group and ordered a lot, so



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Buga served us a "nine-chop" dinner — with two plates of each flavor, so we didn't have to do boarding-house reach. Later, servers brought replacements for the plates that we finished. These were different from the original array, so it added up to a full-out "12-chop" dinner. My favorite of the *pan chan* had firm-tender slices of lotus root braised in sugared soy, a combination of sweetness, saltiness, and a hint of hot pepper, showing off the capabilities of a pretty vegetable (a little circular mandala punctured with holes) that's too often bland in other Asian cuisines. Another attention-getter had shredded anchovies (not the canned kind, but crisp) marinated in a similar sweet-savory mixture. Kim chee, with petals of soft, spicy Napa cabbage, was exceptionally tasty — lively but not too fierce. On the other hand, everybody laughed when I tasted from the saucer containing some cold, bland, mashed white vegetable and asked what it was. "Korean potato salad" was the answer.

Yunhui, the most adept Korean-speaker at the table, took the role of spokesperson. (Her stunning looks, enough to dazzle any waiter, didn't hurt.) She ordered a sampling of tradi-

tional dishes. We began with *goon mandoo*, pan-fried pork dumplings served over salad, with a spicy dipping sauce on the side. *Mandoo* resemble Chinese pot-stickers or Japanese *gyoza*, filled with soft ground meat and crisp bits of vegetables — a rewarding start to a meal.

Nokdu Jun, mung bean pancakes, were pleasant too. (For a few dollars extra, you can get a more lavish version with seafood, Hae Mul Pajun, #9 on the casserole menu.) A small, whole, grilled yellow corvina (Jogi Gui) had dense, rather dry meat. "Before refrigeration, Koreans preserved fish by salting it," Yunhui explained. "This is a traditional salted fish."

Spicy bean-paste soup (Daenjang Jigae, #4, dinner menu) is the Korean version of Japanese miso — but rousing rather than soothing. It was a great palate refresher after the solid appetizers — a fiery broth with slices of pork and onions and diced tofu and winter squash. The soup is addictive in a slow-blooming way — days later, I found myself craving more.

Completing the starter array and leading into the entrées was one of my favorite Korean dishes, *bibim bap* (pronounced bee-BIM-bop — so much

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fun to say aloud that, if a toddler's listening, you'll never hear the end of it). It's actually kitchen-sink rice, produced in numerous variations. In the version we chose, Dolsot Bibim Bap (#22, dinner menu), the rice is cooked in a stone pot with various crisp veggies and topped with a poached egg. Hot sauce comes separately, to be tossed in to taste. Yunhui did the honors, in accord with the tastes of six spice lovers. It was delicious. "But it's not as good as the one they make at Brothers

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BBQ in San Francisco,” said Edwin. “That’s probably the best Korean restaurant in the country.” Well, Brothers (which ought to be named Seoul Brothers) was where I first fell in love with *bibim bap*, and I agree — the hot sauce here isn’t quite as complex, and I think I remember more fresh bean sprouts and raw scallions (for crunch) in San Francisco. But — the first time for a great dish is always the best, no?

The knock-your-socks-off entrée is Eundaego Jorim — simmered black cod (aka sable), one of the richest of all fishes, in a thick red sauce that’s a little sweet, a little spicy. Large circles of stewed daikon radish contribute a subtle pungency, and similar disks of tofu offer tender texture and a neutral flavor-mirror. It’s a sublime combination.

A simple short-rib soup (Galbitang, dinner menu #13)) was less satisfying, because the meat wasn’t quite tender and the connective tissue was still rubbery. The meat broth was light and nondescript. I’d bet that some of the fiercer-sounding dishes would be more fun — I have my eye on Kori Gomtang, oxtail soup (#12) or Uguji Galbitang (#14), where the short ribs come with cabbage in a hearty miso, or, from the casserole dishes, Gal Bi Jim (#7), short ribs with meat sauce, garlic, and onions. There’s a lot to explore on this long menu of 44 dinner dishes plus 14 choices of BBQ meats. Even with a sextet, it would take a week to taste it all, and judging by the savoriness of what we had, that’s all to the good.

We deliberately resisted the lure of barbecue until the end of the meal. We chose *bulgogi* and *galbi* (beef strips and short ribs). A waitress rubbed the grill with onion slices before starting the barbecue, tossed a couple of mushrooms on the edge, and placed the meats on the grill when it reached the right temperature. Both meats were excellent, thanks to fine-quality Colman beef, tasty marinades — and our own speed, swooping them onto our plates when they were cooked but not overdone. Buga goes the distance by supplying traditional “wraps” for the barbecue — rice-flour pasta sheets and thin, sweet-pickled daikon rounds. You get both sesame oil and hot sauce for dips, so you can “have it your way,” and you can order a side of lettuce for additional wraps.

Dinner ends when a server brings cups of warm, pale-brown liquid. No, they’re not finger bowls to clean up after the barbecue. They contain a subtle cinnamon-flavored tea with a few pine nuts in each cup, served gratis — a perfect light dessert after the vibrant, hearty flavors of a good Korean meal. ■

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Kraak!” Wow. This giant bird looks up at me, squawks, flaps, and starts slowly running on water. Across the lake. Four-foot wingspan, I swear. Foot-long beak. What next? Pterodactyls? Actually what’s next is a noisy little covey of coots tearing out of the reeds.

It’s morning. Early. For me, anyway. Not even eight o’clock. Heading for Hank’s place, but I ain’t due for another hour. So I’m killing time standing at the end of a lick of land that gradually sinks into Lake Murray. The lake’s shiny calm, with a few ruffles of breeze. Couple of fishermen on a distant jetty look like a still-life painting. Mount Cowles reflects upside down in the waters.

The Great Blue Heron — that’s what it has to be — has skidded into shallows farther along the shore. And I have a decision to make. Walk a bunch around the shore to get a bite at the concession Hank and I once found out here — see if they have breakfast stuff — or head back down Kiowa Drive to a place I spotted from the number 14 bus, Lake Murray Café?

Then I think of my friend Charlie, who lives downtown. He told me once how some Lexus-driving friends had taken him up to, yes: the Lake Murray Café. “I got Italian sausage and eggs for breakfast with toast for \$4.99!” he said. “That was with a coupon. But the sausage patties were so big, my date brought one home and we made a pizza from it.”

Wow. So, no contest. Two minutes later I’m trotting down Lake Murray Boulevard until I arrive at a bunch of cars parked in front of this, like, dinette that grew.

I cross under a canvas awning, through the patio, and into a large dining room. First thing I notice is how many people there are in the sea of blue booths, plus all sorts of crazy art on the walls. Next thing I notice is Charlie’s breakfast special on the blackboard. “Italian Sausage and Eggs, \$6.99.” Hmm. Two bucks more. Guess that’s the

price if you don’t have a coupon. I sit down at the low counter and catch my breath after that half-mile trot.

“So why haven’t I seen this place before?” I ask the woman sitting down the counter from me.

Penny. Eating a spinachy Florentine omelet and a big bulging banana muffin. “Well, they’ve only been here two years,” Penny says. “But thank goodness they came! We didn’t have anything like this around here. See how crowded it is?”

The waitress pours me a coffee (\$1.79 with refills) and transfers Penny’s menu along to me. I start scanning the two pages of breakfast. See Penny’s Florentine omelet costs \$7.49. Her muffin as a replacement for toast is 50 cents extra (they’re \$2.29 on their own). Baked here, she says.

So this is gonna be tough. It’s not the cheapest, but I like that all the omelets are four-egggers and topped with shredded cheddar and jack. And that you get toast and jelly or English muffin, or biscuits and gravy, or “toast cakes” (like pancakes, it seems) on the side, plus cottage cheese or hash browns (or, today, anyway, home fries) or fresh fruit. Then they divide the omelets into “meat lovers” (like the “Country,” with sausage, onion, potato, and cheese, \$7.99) and “veggie lovers” (such as the avocado, feta cheese, and olives, \$7.49). They also have scrambles like the “Portuguese Sausage” for \$6.99 and Mexican plates like the “Chorizo Scramble” for \$7.49.

Best deal has to be the two eggs any style for \$3.99, ’cause that includes all those sides.

Lessee. I try to avoid the heavy hitters, like the New York steak and eggs (\$10.99) or T-bone steak and eggs (\$12.49). I’m thinking of having Charlie’s \$6.99 Italian sausage and eggs special when — be still, my heart! — Dasha, the other waitress, swings by, tall, statuesque, kinda like the heron, and carrying a plate of chicken-fried steak and eggs. Never could resist chicken-fried steak. Even though it’s \$8.49. I order it and the

(included) side of biscuits and gravy, just to make sure I don’t starve. And, hey hey! It comes with a way-big steak knife with a wooden handle. Wonderful. The steak’s covered in the same gravy as the biscuits. But again, home fries win the MVP award. They are so-o fresh and tasty, with crunchy red and green peppers and onions mixed in. They’re ’specially great under the golden ooze of my over-easy egg yolks.

Penny says she’s had great fish here. (All the fish dishes are \$9.99. “They serve it European-style with the head still on,” Penny says.) She says I’ve got to try the liver and onions early-dinner special (\$6.99). Plus the daily “Manager’s Special.” Today, Thursday, it’s pork chops with stuffing, \$8.99.

Turns out the owner, Alex, is Serbian-American. Turns out Dasha is Czech-born. And boy, does this gal have guts. She has us listening like frightened kids at how, back in 1984, she hid under tarps in the back of a truck, trying to escape from Czechoslovakia. Guards at the border searched but didn’t find her.

We want to hear more, but she has tables to service. “It would need a book to tell the whole story,” she says.

Half an hour later I’ve met up with Hank to help him set up for this video thing he’s doing. Telling him about Dasha and her incredible story. “Somehow, she reminded me of that tall

heron,” I say.
“Funny, ’cause you remind me of...what was that other bird you saw?” says Hank.
“Other bird? Which?”
“The coot, you loon.”
“You’re a funny guy,” I say. ■



Dasha

The Place: Lake Murray Café, 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-433-0180
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As wine director for the downtown Marriott (and manager of Molly's Restaurant there), Lisa Redwine is allowed the guilty pleasure of hosting a Saturday wine and cheese pairing for hotel guests. That's the celebrity gig, the one that gets her photo on a poster in the lobby. But the real work of teaching goes on downstairs with the staff at Molly's, where Redwine works to make wine "part of our daily culture. We have formal wine training every Saturday, but if a guest brings in an amazing bottle and gives me a glass, I always leave some for the staff to try. If I have something interesting at home, I'll bring it in. And once a quarter, I take two members of our team up to Napa and Sonoma for a couple of days." Field trip!

"When I came here," she recalls, "only one person had been, and when I would get all crazy about how beautiful the vineyards are in fall, or about how the air smells like wine during crush, they'd be looking at me like, 'You've been drinking too much wine.' It kind of loses the magic if you haven't been there, so we take them up. We'll go to Domaine Carneros to see how sparkling

wine is made. We'll go to a boutique winery and a really big winery to see the differences in how wine is made and that small wineries don't always make great wine, while big wineries don't always make bad wine."

Crush
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And because this is, ostensibly, restaurant research, she pays her respects at the temples of gastronomy as well. "I'll take them on a tour of the Culinary Institute of America [CIA] up there, so they can see how serious this industry has become. I take them to Dean & DeLuca, the Oakville Grocery.

There's such a world of food and wine up there." After the trip, "Each group has to put together an educational piece to present to the staff. The last two captains made a movie out of it; it was so cool to see, and it inspires them." That's where the jaded wine writer nods and smiles — yes, yes, inspiration. Not a corporate-funded getaway/bachelanal. Nothing so indulgent. Of course not.

Redwine seems to anticipate the sentiment. "It's all well and cool," she says of her quarterly excursions, "but how does that help your business? That's the important question. Our wine sales have shot through the roof; we're just break-

ing every record. There's a phrase we say here: 'Wine is not an option, it's an expectation.' We really believe in food and wine together."

But as successful as she is, even the mentor has a mentor. After the American Institute of Wine and Food held an event at the Marriott, the hotel manager (himself an AIWF member) told Redwine, "You should really be a part of this; they do some amazing things." It offers you a chance to see different menu designs, different types of service, different food presentation. It helps you keep current in an industry that's constantly changing."

And if change is a constant in the restaurant world, it's doubly so when it comes to wine. "What you learn about Italy one year — who knows how long that will stay true? The AVAs in Oregon — are you kidding me? The Willamette Valley is becoming a jigsaw puzzle." So it was, perhaps, not so surprising when her mentors — "people willing to give me a push" — spoke up about her formal training in wine. (Redwine came to her position as wine director more from the managerial/business end of things than the sensory/aesthetic.) "It was hard to hear, because you get to a point in your career—but wine knowledge is a really important part of my job, and to have those credentials is really important."

Redwine, a CIA graduate, knew from her alumni newsletters that the AIWF offered scholarships, and in 2005, she applied for and was awarded \$1000. "That prompted me to take action. I parlayed that into about three class experiences. I took the certified wine professional test to get back into the discipline of studying. I took sensory analysis — what I really took from that was an understanding of flaws and of how environment can affect the way you taste. And I took Mastering Wine II, taught by master sommelier Tim Geiser."



Culinary Institute of America, Napa Valley

The experience proved humbling. "Us wine-geeky people live on flash cards. My little index-card collection had blown up over that week-long class, and I was flash-carding and studying. But when he gave us the test, there was so much I didn't know. It was a real smackdown, so to speak. When I started, I had one 500-card box. Now, I have four, and I'm probably going to order a couple more. You start with just a very small idea of what wine is really about, and then, as you move through it, it becomes regions and rivers and soil components and vineyards and producers. But it never feels like work."

A meeting with Roppongi sommelier Megan Burgess garnered Redwine an invite to a weekly

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sommelier tasting group (the one featured here a few months back). "It enables us all to keep up to date collectively; we're constantly e-mailing each other about different websites we've found. I can't remember the last time I picked up a glass of wine and just drank it. Sensory analysis just kind of kicks in. But I hate it when people pour me a glass of wine and say, 'Okay, tell me what this is.' I'm, like, 'No, let's just drink it.' And my beer consumption has gone up, because you can't do it all the time. You've got to have something else."

The index cards multiplied, the powers of analysis sharpened, and in December, Redwine headed north to San Francisco to take the Certified Court of Master Sommeliers exam, "which I passed. They praised me on service — I'm good at table. They want to talk to you, and that's hard. But in preparation, I would ask a guest at Molly's a question while I opened a bottle of wine. And I did well on my wine analysis. I don't know if my final answer was right, but what I said about the wine made sense. They said I needed to work on Germany — I knew that. But the best part about it is it gives you the fire to go for the next step" — the Advanced. "I hope to take it in April of '08."

When she appeared before the AIWF scholarship committee, Redwine had to answer questions about "where you've been, where you are, and where you're going. The longer I work in this business, the less I want my own place. I know what I want to do at the end of my career: go back and teach, hopefully at the CIA. I was inspired by so many instructors, and I've learned so much from some amazing people in the industry, and I come from a family of teachers. My dad was a college professor; my mom is a teacher. When you see the light bulbs go off, that's really fulfilling." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, Gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closes later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

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Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a partner restaurant to Hillcrest's Ar-rivederci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/01)*

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-white- and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *my popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanma*, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the "Bag of Bones" (house-smoked pork ribs), the brick-roasted free-range chicken, and whatever fruit creation is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/05)*

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lob-

ster (available at lunch on Fridays). The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *S.M. (3/04)*

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W. (8/03)*

NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the *saganaki*, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with *mezedakia*, a big oval sampler of *dolmades* (stuffed grape leaves), *lokaniko* (a delicious Greek sausage), *spanakopita* (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the

lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for restrooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — *N.W. (10/04)*

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather de-tuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some

pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M. (4/04)*

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 breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veggie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste — but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inexpensive. Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B. (1/06)*

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from west-bound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Dinner nightly, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) presides at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Nine-Ten Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the

flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/05)*

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 sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations highly recommended 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)*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. (Closed for renovations, set to reopen December.) The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W. (10/99)*

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab

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shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter, but with full bar) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-436-6261. — N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Bali Thai Café 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstandingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goring* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/06)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Ar-

guably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W. (9/02)

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if

you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, 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 nat-

urally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts

with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/04)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong

Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one

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Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, 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 char-broiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 9:30 p.m. weeknights; 10:30 p.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding mous-saka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; ask ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buf-

fet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — *N.W. (2/06)*

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn 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)*

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists before. 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)*

MZM 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)*

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-239-7101. (Other location at 534 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811.) No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *muez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Chula Vista location has *parrillada* meats.

Breakfast through dinner until 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street (at Myrtle), North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his "king of all pizzas" weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring "the real Chicago" to San Diego. So of course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's "make and bake" time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent "Lefty's carbonara" (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, Parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — *E.B. (5/05)*

Old World Restaurant 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gem3tlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *Kiffo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 6 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. (Call ahead about the availability of chitlins.) Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Tazablanca 3946 Illinois (north of University, two blocks east of 30th Street), North Park, 619-294-8292. This warm-colored, lively café offers the honey, tropical food of Cuba and some pan-Latin appetizers cooked with Cuban styling. The fried calamari is light, the *papa rellena* (stuffed potato) is lively, the *lechón* (marinated roast

pork) is moist and flavorful, and the vibrant chicken fricassee with capers is irresistible. All entrées come with a salad, and the tequila-lime dressing is especially fresh tasting. Reservations for groups of six or more. Park behind the restaurant (via Grimm and the alley) or in Lumberjacks's lot. Live band plays Thursday through Saturday evenings and is quieter than the ambient music when there's no band. Patio seating in fair weather. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Full bar including *mojitos*, Mexican beers, mainstream wines, and Latin soft drinks. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/06)*

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge, 619-584-2535. The owner's a retired Navy medic, one of the first women to serve in the Middle East combat zone. She's named sandwiches for career stops, like "The Recruit Training Center, Orlando, Florida" (chicken breast, bacon, avocado, provolone cheese, spinach, tomato, and onion) or "North Island Dental Clinic" (turkey, ham, bacon). But try a main dish like eggplant Parmesan or chicken with sautéed mushrooms. Or a massive chunk of lasagna, plus bread and salad. Coffee? You get a huge French-style press-the-coffee-down affair. Your big decision: eat out on the flower-strewn boulevard patio or inside among black leather easy-chairs and a giant screen? Open for lunch and dinner daily until 10 p.m. (until midnight Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the decor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad...or the dessert table? (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Thursday; till 2 p.m. Friday. Closed weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and

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menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the “machaca sonora style” (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less biting hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious *pelangoches*, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chugsuds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crust rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Inexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for

you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Cheeseburgers are the default dish. Available are a “Texas-sized baked potato,” vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American cafe is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate diners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its “Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich” (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastрами, and cheese on rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. — E.B. (9/01)

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), uptown, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble

columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari “steak” bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delicious. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/04)

DMood 4628 Park Boulevard (at University Heights overhead street sign), 619-297-6663. This delightfully decorated bistro offers eclectic Middle Eastern cuisine that's primarily Persian but offers touches of North Africa, India, Southern Europe, and the U.S. Don't miss the splendid appetizer sampler (a full array of luscious Middle Eastern tapas), the pomegranate-glazed game hen stuffed with basmati rice and fruit, or the skewered lamb. The daily fresh fish gives talented chef Cecilia Tajonar a chance for creative play. Persian ice creams in sexy flavors (rosewater, orange blossom, pistachio) are among the dessert choices. Live entertainment at many brunches and weekend dinners provide vibrant cultural experience. Interesting teas (including Persian and Moroccan); okay wine list; full bar. Reservations urged for large groups (call after noon). Street parking. Street patio in front and courtyard in back for al fresco dining in fair weather. Numerous vegetarian/vegan choices. Half-size salads available by request. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; Saturday and Sunday brunch. Moderate. — N.W. (2/06)

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to “extraordinary,” to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of



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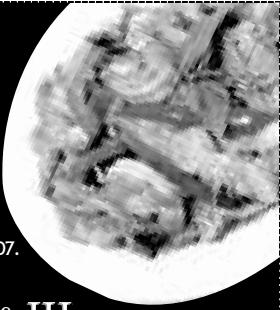


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Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woody dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

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 unprincipled 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)*

Joe's New York-Style Deli Royal Food Mart, 3401 First Avenue (at Upas), Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: A cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display

cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Also at 906 Market (at Ninth Avenue), downtown, 619-595-0115. This restaurant has taken a giant step up from standard Thai eateries. Most of the menu consists of the usual dishes, but each branch also offers a selection of chef's specialties. Some of these are more authentic; others are more creative than the norm. The chefs are from northern Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a certain zestiness, a love of strong citrus and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, Asian and American beers, and cocktails based on *soju* (Asian lower-proof rice liquor), including a yummy rambutan cosmo. Noisy when crowded. Reservations recommended for Hillcrest on weekends. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/06)*

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Rannoush 3890 Fifth Avenue (south of University), Hillcrest, 619-325-1360. The full menu of Lebanese-Jordanian cuisine runs from *mezze* (tapas) to house-made sausages and kebabs to desserts — and includes fabulous falafel that's actually good enough to eat (especially the stuffed version). At this petite, pretty place with Scheherazade decor, all the cooking is from scratch — no nasty instant falafel mix or any other shortcuts, and you can really taste the difference. Other great dishes include vegetarian *kebbeh*, *soujok* sausages, and shrimp kebabs. Desserts include exotic ice creams in sexy flavors like cardamom and honey-lavender. Wines and beers include food-friendly imports from Lebanon. Open daily, lunch 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *(3/06)*

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in

Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tom Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spin-off of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (near E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. Don't blink or you'll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent

Brooklyn- or Bronx-style eat-in/take-out? Here you're getting cheap-but-good Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pao hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with veggies — all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner's last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi Annan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of multi-regional "chef specialties" (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even farther. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/06)*

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B. (4/03)*

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported wholehog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W. (12/01)*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you

specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring, in addition, Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy decor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly, Sunday through Thursday to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11:30 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W. (10/04)*

The Palm 615 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-702-6500. This up-market chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-operated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it's spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are Shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the "Slater Special" which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don't eat meat, but do eat garlic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean *macchinetts* make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (2/06)*

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza (top floor), downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food stops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain which originated many of the

now-familiar dishes of semi-Americanized "Mandarin" cuisine (they claim to have invented orange chicken, and their version is vastly better than those at the 99-cent joints). Salt-and-pepper shrimp, tofu with eggplant, and meat-ball casserole with Chinese cabbage are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-balanced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It's not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seating in dry weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate. — *N.W. (1/06)*

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Samba Grill 510 Fourth Avenue (Horton Plaza, top level), Gaslamp, 619-236-1000. This huge restaurant serves Brazilian food and Brazilian spirit. The format is a *rodizio* — waiters circulate through the room with tall swords, impaling an ever-changing assortment of grilled meats (highly salted and cooked well done, but zesty nonetheless). On the side is a vast buffet of additional Brazilian entrées, vegetables, and salads. The staff are charmers, but make sure to ask for appetizer and dessert menus and the 100-bottle wine list if the server forgets to offer. Full bar includes authentic, irresistible Brazilian *Caipirinha* lime cocktails, made by a roving "Caipirinha Girl." Exciting *capoeira* (martial arts-dance) performances Saturday nights on patio, about 6 p.m. Live band inside follows on weekends. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. weekends. \$35 buys a more-than-full meal. Half price for kiddies; reduced price for buffet food only; extra cost for a special "gaucha feast" that includes additional meats, plus wild game choices upon request. — *N.W. (6/06)*

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street (at Park), downtown, 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. "Served Chicago-Style" — meaning, the dog's topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stal-

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lion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinder blocky but a good rendezvous for a brewski and a dog after work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/05)*

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you’re at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that’s almost “formal” by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops aren’t allowed on men, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn’t mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room’s just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista’s growing Peruvian community expects authen-

ticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa relleno* is pure bliss — a little foot-ball of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. *Seco de cabrito* features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *chancho*, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine’s fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there’s always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Breakfast and dinner daily, lunch weekdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its “Grandma’s” buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bites include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado’s world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is “Papa’s Favorite,” an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Mary J’s Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker’s Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary’s son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For

lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 4:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

Miguel’s Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401, and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a “Spanish Colonial” mini-mall, Miguel’s breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you’re in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you’ve got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is under-seasoned), it’s surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you’d expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they’ll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant’s seven-digit number.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you’re surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana’s great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos’ brands, and a matador’s framed green cape with his

blood still on it. The food’s all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you’re looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don’t stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant’s own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant’s name means “the nest” and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don’t sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Fonda Roberto’s Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard, next to CESUN Universidad), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs’ *īzōzred* spinach;¿? Roberto’s presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatey mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes’s eatery. It’s a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos Montezuma* (īzōMontezuma’s fingers;¿?) is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camaron seco* is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there’re also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Moderate. — *E.B. (2/05)*

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachi’s play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/02)*

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757.

This hotel dining room is El Nido’s little (and less gifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro García Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he’ll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He’ll hand you your fresh-est fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He’s there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don’t miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, “Mexican hamburgers,” and Sno-Kones (don’t worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it’s a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony’s Fish Grotto 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You’re going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don’t want over-complicated food, Anthony’s obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama’s Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony’s has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you’ve got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. Try to be there at sunset when the water-sky show will do its darndest to distract

you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of “Restaurant Row”), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Tecumela. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin’ thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish are grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don’t really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their “krab” salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don’t even think of it for a romantic meal out. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Sunday (dinner all day Sunday). Moderate. — *S.M. (3/04)*

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There’s something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or pan-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain’s Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a “local” species it merely means it’s from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than at most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The “Ichiban Hamachi” (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via de la Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio’s defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado’s Old Ferry Landing — but it’s worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. “*Il fornaio*” means “the baker,” after all. Beyond bread, we’re talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *puttanesca* is heaven too, if you’re into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*



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La Policía de San Diego registró la casa del fundador de Minutmen en San Diego y de otras dos personas relacionadas con esa agrupación como sospechosos de los actos vandálicos contra migrantes de Rancho Peñasquitos.

Jeff Schiwilk recibió la visita de oficiales de la policía de San Diego que entraron a registrar su casa en búsqueda de evidencia sobre los actos vandálicos.

Los hechos ocurrieron

el pasado 27 de enero y de acuerdo a la policía algunos testigos señalaron a miembros del grupo Minutmen como responsables del daño a propiedad de migrantes.

"Después de varias semanas de investigación se logró que el juez firmara órdenes de cateo en las casas de las personas identificadas como participantes", mencionó Mónica Muñoz, vocera del Departamento de Policía.

Los cateos se llevaron a cabo el miércoles 21 de marzo por la mañana.

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Diario San Diego

El juez de la corte federal Larry Burns tuvo que acceder a cambiar la fecha de inicio del juicio de Francisco Javier Arellano Felix 'El Tigrillo' al no poder cambiar el protocolo de la Procuraduría Federal para revisión de la pena capital.

Asimismo, en una audiencia previa al lunes pasado, el Juez a cargo del juicio, considerado como el más importante del país, decidió

separar temporalmente el caso del cabecilla del Cártel de Tijuana de sus lugartenientes extraditados de México, Ismael y Gilberto Higuera Guerrero.

Como resultado de alegatos de defensores, el juez Burns accedió finalmente postergar dos meses el inicio del juicio para comenzar a elegir jurados el 22 de enero del 2008, recorriendo la fecha de noviembre de este año.

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A una semana de que la Secretaría de Turismo de Baja California (Sectur), anunciara un operativo especial con motivo del Spring Break o Semana Santa, el Consulado de Estados Unidos en Tijuana alertó sobre el riesgo de viajar a esa región.

Decenas de asesinatos, secuestros y una guerra declarada del Gobierno Federal contra el crimen organizado, es la preocupación de las autoridades estadounidenses.

El Consulado norteamericano en esta ciudad hizo eco de lo que la Embajada de Estados Unidos en México anun-

ció sobre los peligros que corren estadounidenses en la frontera mexicana, principalmente en Tijuana y Nuevo Laredo.

Por otro lado, la Confederación Patronal de México (Coparmex) y la Cámara Nacional de Comercio (Canaco) de Tijuana calificaron como exagerada la alerta que emitió la Embajada de Estados Unidos a sus ciudadanos sobre la violencia que impera en las ciudades fronterizas del País.

"Debemos entender y respetar las decisiones de la Embajada de Estados Unidos, pero también hemos visto que no se han visto afectados norteamericanos en la frontera".



Salva Borgetti

Jared Borgetti salió de la banca para anotar dos goles y México venció 2-1 a Paraguay, en encuentro amistoso jugado el domingo en el estadio Universitario de Monterrey.

Borgetti, máximo anotador en la historia de la selección mexicana, entró a la cancha a los 78 minutos y a los 10 segundos anotó su primer gol. A los 81, el Zorro del Desierto consiguió el segundo tanto para México, que ganó su segundo juego en la era de Hugo Sánchez como entrenador del Tri.

Sánchez, quien fue elegido en noviembre pasado para suceder en el puesto al argentino Ricardo La Volpe, inició su labor con una derrota de 2-0 ante Estados Unidos y después venció 3-1 a Venezuela.

Roque Santa Cruz, a los 91 minutos, fue el autor del gol de los paraguayos, que iniciaron con derrota el primer juego bajo el mando del argentino Gerardo Martino, quien recién fue confirmado como nuevo entrenador para enfrentar la Copa América y el inicio de las clasificatorias para Sudáfrica 2010.

El resultado fue un premio justo a lo realizado por México sobre la cancha. Los aztecas dieron un gran juego desde el arranque y al final se llevaron su segundo triunfo en fila sobre Paraguay, al que doblegaron por idéntico 2-1 el 29 de marzo del 2006. Hugo Sánchez se mostró complacido con el partido pero hará una análisis del mismo.



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La apatía y los silencios de la mayor parte de la población en Baja California ocasiona que el crimen organizado se fortalezca y las autoridades simulen que atienden las necesidades de la gente, aseveró Alberto Capella Ibarra.

El presidente del Consejo Ciudadano de Seguridad Pública del Estado, un organismo que atiende a víctimas de la delincuencia, además de ser un frente civil ante las decisiones de las autoridades para combatir a la mafias, señaló que enfrenta una paradoja, pese a los crímenes de alto impacto que se registran en el Estado pocas personas se muestran preocupadas o comprometidas

para exigir a los gobiernos mejores resultados.

De acuerdo al Consejo Ciudadano de Seguridad Pública, sólo durante el 2006 sucedieron en Baja California 113 mil delitos en una comunidad de 3.5 millones de habitantes.

Pese a conocer la población la violencia en la región casi de forma directa, sólo poco más de 14 mil personas protestaron durante la llamada "Marcha por las Víctimas de la Inseguridad".

"Hay mucha apatía, mucha indiferencia, mucho silencio, mucha indolencia en la ciudadanía, y esas actitudes sociales se traducen, desafortunadamente, en este ambiente de intranquilidad que tenemos", explicó Alberto Capella.

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REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

Scarcely an unknown name, Lattuada (1914-2005) had a long career, rooted in the neo-realism of the Forties and extending (one can't say flourishing) into the Nineties. While I have often enough come across his name in print, linked with De Sica, Rossellini, Visconti, Zampa, Zavattini, et al., as one of the standard-bearers of wartime and postwar Italian cinema, I have come across his name on screen but seldom. He was the co-director of *Variety Lights*, albeit overshadowed by its other director, Federico Fellini. Together with Fellini, Antonioni, Lizzani, Risi, and Zavattini, he contributed a segment (in my memory the best one) to the omnibus film, *Love in the City*. And when I was doing the most voracious moviegoing of my life in the late Sixties, in the banquet hall of

New York City, his name would crop up on English-dubbed international co-productions such as *Matchless*, a James Bond knockoff with Patrick O'Neal, and *Fraulein Doktor*, an espionage period piece with Suzy Kendall.

Too, his name was on the otherwise unnotable 1978 screen debut of Nastassja Kinski, *Stay As You Are*. None of those three would be seen as a feather in anybody's cap.

Still, he is a name, and in 2003 when I went to the Cannes film festival, I gravitated to a restoration of his *I Dolci Inganni*, 1960, a sparsely attended screening which for me proved to be one of the highlights of the festival. At any rate the opening sequence was a highlight, the fifteen-year-old Catherine Spaak, in her first major role, waking up in a gossamer nightie from a manifestly erotic dream, and consciously coming to grips with its import. I remarked on it at the time in these pages, but what I didn't say, and what I feel safer in saying after a lapse of years, is that this struck me as one of the great opening sequences of any film in history. You can keep your *Citizen Kane*, your *Touch of Evil*, your *Sunset Boulevard*, your *Once upon a*

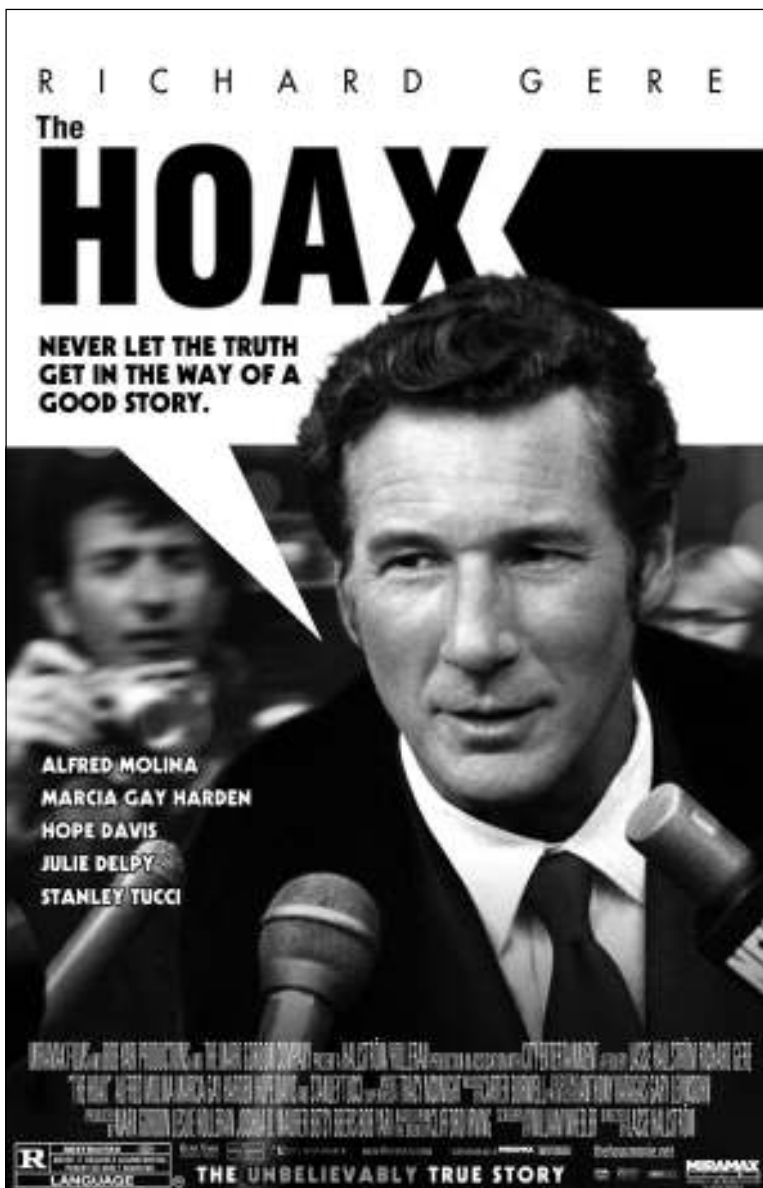


Mafioso

Time in the West. I am a little sorry to have been so autobiographical, but my purpose is simply to illustrate the larger point of the elusiveness of Alberto Lattuada, even after half a century of diligent movie watching, and the impossibility of having an informed assessment of him. The long and the short of it is that I was primed for *Mafioso*.

Another point of attraction, if I may add another brief chapter of autobiography (skip to the next paragraph if I may not), is the presence in it of Norma Bengell, the unsettlingly intense, ardent, and dramatic presence, to be specific, of those close-set wide eyes and straight strong dark brows, those full peaked puckery lips, those built-up cheekbones and scooped-out

cheeks, that teardrop beauty spot, that flat broad forehead proudly shown off beneath brushed-back hair, a presence that would not look out of place, say, on Mount Olympus. I had a big thing for Norma Bengell circa 1970-79, after which time I lost track of her. The press notes from Rialto tell me that she is still active today as an "award-winning" documentary di-



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rector in her native Brazil: well, I never figured her for a lightweight. They also tell me that her full birth name was Norma Almeida Pinto Guimarães d'Área Bengell. I would not expect one film buff in a hundred to recognize simply the first and last names. The likeliest path-crossing would have been Mario Bava's sci-fi and horror hybrid from the mid-Sixties, *Planet of the Vampires*, justifiably a cult classic, in which she was completely sheathed in black rubber, and substantially more flattered in that spacesuit than her paunchy co-star, Barry Sullivan. (When I later saw this again at the Museum of Modern Art, Susan Sontag took a seat in the row ahead of me.) Around that time she showed up as well in an early and not bad spaghetti Western by Sergio Corbucci, *The Hellbenders*, starring Joseph Cotten. But my big thing did not fully develop until I saw her for the first time in a Brazilian film (it wouldn't be the last), and accordingly, away from

the dub-happy Italians, heard her own voice for the first time, in the very obscure *A Noite Vazia*, literally *Empty Night*, or as it was called in New York, *Eros... Pursuit of the Bizarre*, about two after-hours professionals who pass an unrestful night in the company of two prostitutes, the foursome paired off in every conceivable carnal combination save male homosexual. A gradual steady crescendo of degradation and disgust, in an affluent Antonioni ambience, this little chamber piece made two Top Ten lists that I know of: mine, unpublished, and, in *Cahiers du Cinéma*, Alain Robbe-Grillet's. (Under a spell, I signed up to study Portuguese in my last semester at Columbia.) One of the two men in the film was for a time her off-screen husband, the Italian Gabriele Tinti, who will be better known — to perhaps two film buffs in a hundred — as the mate of the Eurotrash sex goddess, Laura Gemser, the Black Emmanuelle. The director, Walter Hugo Khouri, will be known, if at all, as the man who, in *Love Strange Love*, recorded the nude scene of the future kiddie TV hostess and pop singer, Xuxa.

But this is getting terribly esoteric, and *Mafioso* is a film that ought not

to be esoteric. It ought to be known far and wide. It tells of a toplofty foreman at a Fiat factory in Milan, portrayed by that Italian national icon, Alberto Sordi (Fellini's *The White Sheik* and *I Vitelloni*, most prestigiously), whose balloon-like ego, perilously puffed up and easily pricked, stretches well across the border between comedy and drama, a necessary range for the present role. On an overdue vacation to his native Sicily, to introduce to his kith and kin his fashionable northern wife (Bengell, but how strange to see her as a blonde!) and their two small daughters, he is entrusted by his boss to hand-deliver a "valuable" package to the local Mafia lord, Don Vincenzo, an errand which will precipitate a crisis of identity: Is he now more northern or still more southern? (The family's embraces at their reunion could hardly be more violently passionate had their soccer club just won the European Cup.) The entire plot, spiralling downward from domestic comedy and social satire to underworld nightmare, might be described as an analysis of the distinctive, the unique, the ineradicable Sicilian character. That it manages this without pretension, and without pedantry,

is a mark of its subtlety. The documentary-style credits sequence in Milan (Lattuada's hometown) momentarily reaffirms the filmmaker's neo-realist credentials, and throughout he sets a leisurely pace that enables him, even in the lighter early stages, to pile up circumstantial little verisimilarities that will smooth the transition to darkness. And no matter how far the film veers from the documentary style, it remains a document, one for the time capsule. Some of the material is pretty routine (the unibrow and mustache on the hero's spinsterly sister or her unemployed dowry-hungry fiancé), but Lattuada's handling of it is never less than adept and often quite inspired. The hero's journey to the New World inside a shipping crate, capped off by the neck-snapping vertical urban vistas that await him on his arrival, is really wonderful. Needless to add, I would be much happier in my work if every week of the year I had to see a dusted-off reissue from 1962. Not a lot of them could be more rewarding than this one.

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Please pardon the lack of particulars on the Latino film festival: over so soon. The entry I might most have

wanted to talk about (despite drawbacks in its presentation: the video projection and the inadvertent repeat of an entire five-minute sequence) was *El Aura* by the late Fabián Bielinsky, but this, a *noir-ish* whirlpool around an epileptic taxidermist, seems a fair bet to have a commercial release later on. Daniel Burman's *Family Law*, apart from the Jewishness of its protagonist, did not suggest to me a "Latin American Woody Allen" as advertised, but was singularly sweet and touching. Marcelo Pavan's *La Punta del Diablo* had terrific landscapes and weather. These three, coincidentally or not, are all Argentinian. How did you do?

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I appreciate the online commenters who plugged a gap left by my tenth-grade World History teacher and put me wise that "Come back with your shield," as heard in *300*, was in fact a common saying in old Sparta, where a shield was valued dearly. Evidently they really did mean that if you lose it, you shouldn't bother coming back at all. Let that be a lesson to me. Just don't ask me in addition to accept the movie as history. Or as cinema. ■

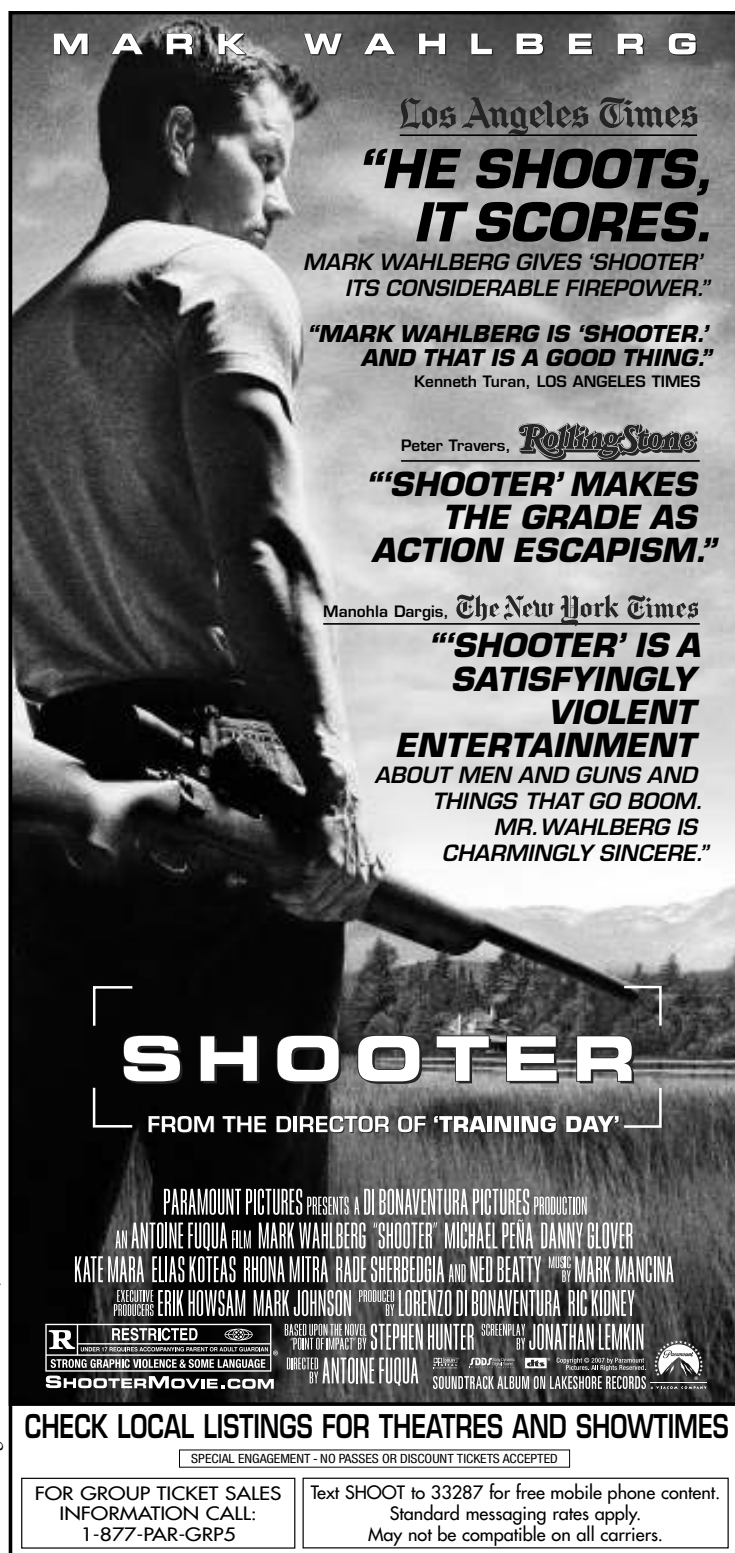
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Amazing Grace — An old-school screen biography (or hagiography) of the English abolitionist, William Wilberforce, who spearheaded the anti-slavery movement in Parliament from the late 18th Century to the early 19th, a long, slow struggle against the forces of entrenched economics. On the virtuous side of every issue — in favor of free education, opposed to animal cruelty — and an eligible bachelor to boot (and in Welsh actor Ioan Gruffudd, a broodingly handsome one), he is obviously a man we should be better acquainted with, and in that sense the movie performs a public service. The higher sense in which a movie may perform a public service, however, is by being a good movie; and a right-minded one about such a clear-cut and long-established right is apt to lack a little something in tension. To have dramatized this story in, say, 1807 would have been a different matter. From two centuries' distance, it plays as not so much a drama as a ceremony, a consecration, appropriately culminating in an on-screen standing ovation, followed by an editorial eulogy, followed by a sitting ovation. Under the experienced directorial hand of Michael Apted, the movie is well dressed and well decorated and well acted (Michael Gambon, Ciarán Hinds, Albert Finney, Bill Paterson, Rufus Sewell, Romola Garai, Benedict Cumberbatch), and yet the "artfully" faded image looks all too literally like the ashes of time. 2007.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

Avenue Montaigne — From French writer-director Danièle Thompson, a comedy of discontent, a comedy of attempted self-transformation, a light entertainment with darker undertones. The way station for three principal intertwined plotlines, on the titular swanky boulevard in the 8th Arrondissement of Paris, is the Bar des Théâtres, a "microcosm" composed of the coming-and-going artists, musicians, and theater people, as well as the man on the street, and a place of employment for a waifish newcomer from the provinces (Cécile de France, full of goofy charm if a trifle too conscious of it), the first female employee in this bastion of Old World tradition. All three plotlines, in a frankly corny contrivance, come to a head on the same evening; and because it's a comedy in the commonest sense, the discontent in each case works its way around to a positive



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change, a bit too neatly for the film’s own good. Still, the level of culture in the film, the level of civilization, offers the American moviegoer a rare refuge and respite. Only the French (and maybe, sometimes, to some degree, Woody Allen) could be at such ease, in a completely commercial divertissement, bandying about the names of Simone de Beauvoir, Brancusi, Braque, Beethoven, Feydeau, Resnais, et al. Nowhere else could a sight gag set its sights so high: a tableau of our waifish waitress seated in a row alongside five auditioning actors done up in the guise of Jean-Paul Sartre. With Valérie Lemercier, Albert Dupontel, Laura Morante, Claude Brasseur, Christopher Thompson (the filmmaker’s son and her collaborator on the script), and a bilingual Sydney Pollack. 2006. ★★ ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Black Snake Moan — Writer-director Craig Brewer wriggles at the far edge of the socially acceptable, and he does so with some of the fearlessness of the exploitation filmmakers 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. 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 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, an ex-bluesman with gold teeth and the dome of Disney’s Uncle Remus. 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. When the two paths have finally crossed, there’s no need to ask why a black man of that generation would not immediately call the police. Instead, he does what he sees as the Christian thing, nursing her back to health himself; and the chain around her waist is but a logical, if innovative and provocative, extension. The film can thus indulge, practically guilt-free, in assorted bondage imagery (to say nothing of inverted slavery imagery), and it is littered with suggestive poses suitable for the cover of a *Torrid Paperback*, more than enough of these for the *Complete Works* of Erskine Caldwell. Despite the depth and warmth of the relationships, despite, too, the palpable pity for the emotionally and intellectually handicapped, and despite the reverent, and on one occasion rowdy, celebration of the Southern blues tradition, the film never really transcends its trashiness. It wallows in it. With gusto. Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci, Justin Timberlake. 2007. ★★ ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Blades of Glory — Figure-skating comedy with Will Ferrell and Jon Heder, co-directed by Will Speck and Josh Gordon. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/30)

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-



The Last Mimzy

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 vigilant paranoid, a humorless megalomaniac, a pompous pontificator, a private pervert — it devolves into an accumulation of oddities and crotchets, inescapably more mirthful

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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. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Last Mimzy — Kid-friendly end-of-the-world science fiction (adult-tolerant) revolving around a Seattle brother and sister who find a toybox from the future, and inside it a flop-eared stuffed bunny by the name of Mimzy. The founder and studio head of New Line Cinema, Bob Shaye, trusted himself to direct his first film, and the inexperience shows. It does not, however, completely conceal a good idea about time travel and good visual use of Buddhist mandalas. The bunny is an eyesore. Chris O’Neil, Rhiannon Leigh Wryn, Joely Richardson, Timothy Hutton, Michael Clarke Duncan. 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 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 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 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 cumbersome. The new-name filmmaker bears a name befitting the monocle-bran-dishing antagonist in a Viennese operetta, Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck. 2006. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Lookout — Screenwriter Scott Frank’s directing debut, a heist thriller with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Jeff Daniels, Matthew Goode, Isla Fisher. (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/30)

Mafioso — Reviewed this issue. With Alberto Sordi, Norma Bengell, Gabriella Conti, and Ugo Attanasio; directed by Alberto Lattuada. ★★★★★ (KEN, 3/30 THROUGH 4/5)

Meet the Robinsons — Computer-animated time-travel adventure from the Disney studio, directed by Stephen J. Anderson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER;

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Miss Potter — First directing job for Chris Noonan in the eleven years since *Babe*, an innocuous biopic on the author and illustrator of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, not to mention proto-feminist and proto-environmentalist, who braved the disparagement of gray-souled publishers (“Bunnies in jackets with brass buttons? However do you imagine such things?”), as well as the disparagement of her meddling match-making mother, to produce her first book at the spinsterly age of thirty-two. The role encourages Renée Zellweger to behave a bit like a smug chipmunk sitting on the private knowledge of a secret stash of acorns. Or rather, since the actress served also as an executive producer, you could say she encouraged *herself* to behave like that. The vindication of history, while removing any tension from the proceedings, encourages the viewer to mirror the same smirk. Ewan McGregor is very game and quite charming as the damp-behind-the-ears publisher who gives her her big break and also provides hope (plus the merest wisp of tension) of a matrimonial Happily Ever After. And Bill Paterson, as the Potter paterfamilias, models a prodigious set of mutton-chops. The touches of animation which bring the drawings of Beatrix Potter to life are too few to have been worth the bother, but not too few to imply dissatisfaction with, if not further disparagement of, those drawings. Must we regard her as a proto-animator, too? With Emily Watson and Barbara Flynn. 2006. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 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. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Namesake — Soggy, sloppy family saga, adapted from the novel by Jhumpa Lahiri, spanning from Calcutta 1977 to New York City present day, and for the title figure, christened Gogol after the 19th-century Russian writer, spanning from mere gleam-in-the-eye to aspiring architect, engagement-breaker, husband and then cuckold. The passage of time, so effortless on the page, is rather a strain on the cast, although Irrfan Khan and Tabu as the father and mother handle it better than the young and younger actors who, at different times, play the protagonist and his eventual bride. All of the main characters are decently individualized, but the meat-and-potatoes theme, or possibly curry-and-rice theme, of Indian traditionalism vs. progressivism, especially as regards choosing a mate, drags them into the commonplace. Director Mira Nair has trod this ground before, in *Monsoon Wedding*, with a livelier step. Kal Penn, Jacinda Barrett, Zuleikha Robinson. 2007. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS;

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JEREMY ALVERNAZ

Part-time student, Cuyamaca College

Mission: Impossible III keeps you on the edge of your seat. This was the best of the three *MI* films. I love the action and the suspense.

I love *The Bourne Identity* and the sequel *The Bourne Supremacy*. I can't wait for the third one. I like the fact that Bourne's always one step ahead of the CIA, and the mind games he plays with them. It's more realistic and believable than *MI*. It makes you want to join the CIA. I love what he does with a ballpoint pen.

Click surprised me. I'm a father and a husband, and at the end it really made me want to hug my wife and kids. The film made you want to pay more attention to your family. It's funny with an excellent message. I like all of Adam Sandler's movies, ever since *Billy Madison* and *The Waterboy*.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (USA) 2006, Paramount
List price: \$29.99

THE BOURNE IDENTITY (USA) 2002, Universal
List price: \$14.98

CLICK (USA) 2006, Sony Pictures
List price: \$19.94

PATRICK CHAVIRA

Student, Cuyamaca College

I recommend *Victor Wooten Live at Bass Day '98* to anyone wanting to play bass guitar. There's concert footage plus Wooten provides a great private lesson about his particular style of playing.

I grew up with the comic *The Crow*, and was familiar with it before I saw the film starring Brandon Lee. I thought the filmmakers did a great job bringing it to the screen. A couple of the scenes felt like they had been lifted right out of the comic. Bonus features explain why some scenes from the comic were left out.

It's always been one of my dreams to freeze myself and then come back in 50 years to see what the future would be like. So I really find films like *The Matrix* interesting. I liked the ideas it came up with and its futuristic style. I also liked the soundtrack with Rage Against the Machine.

VICTOR WOOTEN LIVE AT BASS DAY '98 (USA) 2000, Hal Leonard
List price: \$29.95

THE CROW (USA) 1994, Dimension
List price: \$19.99

THE MATRIX (USA) 1999, Warner Brothers
List price: \$14.99

BEN EZUGHA

Student, San Diego State University

City of God gave a good twist to the traditional gangster film. It was gritty and truthful. No superstars, just locals and a lot of local music and color. I felt completely submerged in the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro and the story.

On a lighter note is TV's *Martin* with Martin Lawrence. I love his versatility. You watch his ghetto next-door neighbor — who's a woman — and forget it's Martin. He even plays his own mother. I also like the dynamic between him and his friends. He's a radio DJ, and I like the macho face he puts on as a DJ versus the one he has with his friends.

Even sillier is *Borat*. I like this impromptu style of comedy. Sacha Baron Cohen's Borat is the only one who knew what was going on; everyone else was oblivious. This is a typical guy movie; I couldn't get a date to go.

CITY OF GOD (Brazil) 2002, Miramax
List price: \$19.99

MARTIN: SEASON ONE (USA) 1992, HBO Video
List price: \$29.98

BORAT: CULTURAL LEARNINGS OF AMERICA FOR MAKE BENEFIT GLORIOUS NATION OF KAZAKHSTAN (USA) 2006, Twentieth Century Fox
List price: \$29.99

LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 Robbins. 2007. ● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 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. ● (GASLAMP 15)

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

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Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Hills Have Eyes II** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Last Mimzy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:45; **Meet the Robinsons in Disney Digital 3-D** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Peaceful Warrior** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Shooter** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30; **Strawberry Shortcake: Berry Blossom Festival** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 10:00; **TMNT** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denberry Road (858-558-2262)

Blades of Glory (PG-13); **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG); **Dead Silence** (R); **Ghost Rider** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes II** (R); **The**

Last Mimzy (PG); **The Lookout** (R); **Meet the Robinsons** (G); **Norbit** (PG-13); **Premontion** (PG-13); **Pride** (PG); **Reign over Me** (R); **Shooter** (R); **300** (R); **TMNT** (PG); **Wild Hogs** (PG-13); **Zodiac** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

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(12:50) 4:20, 7:05, 9:40 Sun. (12:50) 4:20, 7:05; **TMNT** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:45) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 4:45, 7:00; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 4:55, 7:20, 9:50 Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 4:55, 7:20

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

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Galaxy 6

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POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Blades of Glory (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 Hills Have Eyes II** (R) Fri. (10:45, 1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sat.

(1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **The Last Mimzy** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00; **Meet the Robinsons in Disney Digital 3-D** (G) 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; **Pride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Reign over Me** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:15) 7:15; **Shooter** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Strawberry Shortcake: Berry Blossom Festival** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **300** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:45) 7:30; **TMNT** (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; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45

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San Marcos 18

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Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

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Amazing Grace (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:40, 4:20); **Blades of Glory** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 12:15, 1:25, 2:35, 3:45, 4:55) 6:05, 7:15,

8:25, 9:35, 10:45; **The Hills Have Eyes II** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:50) 7:10, 8:10, 9:35, 10:40; **The Last Mimzy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 9:45; **The Lookout** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:25, 10:00; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:15, 5:00) 6:45, 7:30, 9:15, 10:00; **Premonition** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:05; **Reign over Me** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:35) 7:30, 10:20; **Shooter** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:50, 4:50) 7:45, 10:40; **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 7:50, 10:00, 10:35; **TMNT** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:10, 4:35, 5:25) 7:00, 9:20; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:50, 4:30) 7:05, 9:35

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

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2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

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DEL MAR

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The Namesake (PG-13); **Premonition**

(PG-13); **Reign over Me** (R); **300** (R)

ENCINITAS

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Pan's Labyrinth (R)

LA COSTA

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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue

(760-806-1790)

Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 12:10, 2:10, 2:40, 4:45) 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **The Hills Have Eyes II** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:50) 7:20, 10:10; **The Last Mimzy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25; **The Lookout** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:40) 6:40, 9:35; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:20) 5:00, 6:30, 7:50, 9:30, 10:30; **Premonition** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; **Pride** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:35) 5:20; **Shooter** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:55) 6:25, 9:40; **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; **TMNT** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:40, 10:20; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:25) 6:15, 9:20

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preference for romantic goop over psychic tingle. Julian McMahon, Nia Long, Kate Nelligan, Amber Valletta, Peter Stormare. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Pride — Sports pep fest, or pap fest, centered around the new employee at the obsolete rec center, a former college athlete who whips the young neighborhood layabouts into a competitive swim team, and rewrites the acronym PDR from Philadelphia Department of Recreation to “Pride, Determination, Resilience.” Terrence Howard, playing a real man named Jim Ellis, pitches the message very hard, but the rah-rah roteness teaches nothing so much as embarrassment. With Bernie Mac, Kimberly Elise, and Tom Arnold; directed by Sunu Goner. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Puccini for Beginners — Equal-opportunity romantic triangle in which a love-’em-and-lose-’em lesbian (slash opera buff slash one-time novelist), on the rebound from her latest desertion, hooks up with a heterosexual male philosophy professor from Columbia University and simultaneously (out of all the people in New York City!) with his on-and-off girlfriend, all three of whom are in blissful ignorance of the connection. The digital image places the shenanigans behind a dirty windshield, but then again no amount of Windex and elbow grease could make writer-director Maria Maggenti (*The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love*) look like a Preston Sturges. A brighter image would



Reign over Me

not brighten the dialogue. Even the most avid rooting interest in Elizabeth Reaser (smart, pretty, talented, modest, human) is doomed to despondence. With Justin Kirk, Getchen Mol, Julianne Nicholson. 2007.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/30)

Reign over Me — Adam Sandler drama, maybe “dramedy,” definitely not comedy, stretching the comedian in the role of a 9/11 widower with PTSD, an impudent excuse for him to act like a Problem Child, hanging his Dylan-haired head, ignoring direct questions, immersing himself in video games, hiding inside his headphones, banging on a set of drums, throwing public tantrums, distracting attention from the more involving troubles and better performance of Don Cheadle as an old dental-school roommate, all to the purpose of putting off the dreaded moment of “opening up” and turning on the waterworks. Writer-director Mike Binder, intent on not making the struggle easy, succeeds in making it tedious. With Jada Pinkett Smith, Safron Burrows, Liv Tyler. 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 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)

Shooter — A new Rambo for a new millennium. Marine Gunnery Sergeant Bob Lee Swagger (a compact, tense, stoic, unswaggering Mark Wahlberg), already abandoned once in the field in Ethiopia, is lured out of mountaintop retirement ostensibly to use his sniper know-how to foil a plot to assassinate the President but in reality to be fitted for a frame. The film, slickly fashioned by Antoine Fuqua, feeds off contradictory pieties of post-9/11: the righteousness of the fighting man (Support Our Troops) and the rottenness of the government (Bring Our Troops Home). “Don’t really like the President much,” the taciturn hero volunteers, and then broadening the political point, “Didn’t like the one before him much, either.” (Grunts, good; Commanders-in-Chief, bad.) The frightening efficiency, nay, invincibility, of the fighting man is liable to rally less consensus; and as our One-Man Army mows down more foes than you’ve got fingers and toes, he taxes your credulity if not your patience: two busy hours, action-packed, -crammed, -laden, -clogged. Still, there’s sufficient pause for good character bits from Levon Helm as a bluegrass gunsmith and Ned Beatty as a Senatorial slimeball, and there’s strong steady support from Michael Peña as a disarmed and disgraced FBI rookie who doggedly stays on the hunt and, alone among his colleagues, gets a clue. Danny Glover, Kate Mara, Elias Koteas. 2007.

★ (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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

● (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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

300 — Like *Sin City*, this takes its material from a “graphic novel” by Frank Miller, and in turn it takes from the film treatment of that one — or to be more precise, director Zack Snyder takes from director Robert Rodriguez — the same, or similar, unnatural light, “virtual” backgrounds, coarse-grained surface, drained color, cadaverous complexions, etc. The same look applied to the same source will obviously not possess the same originality. *Sin City*, to make a fine distinction, was in black-and-white, sort of, almost, whereas *300* is almost, sort of, in color; but still. (*Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, without any inspiration from Frank Miller, was an even earlier

trailblazer.) The material here is of course quite different, a comic-book retelling of the Battle of Thermopylae, 480 B.C., in which a modest company of Spartan warriors lowered the odds against “the most massive army ever assembled” by funneling the Persian invaders into the narrow pass known as the Hot Gates. Western democracy, if you please, versus Middle East tyranny, as relevant to our own times as any Bushian gas about “evildoers” and “WMDs.” But there is actual, ancient history behind it, too, and accordingly some remedial teaching to be done. “Only the hard and the strong may call themselves Spartans,” elucidates the knowing narrator, adding, for the benefit of note-takers or woolgatherers, “Only the hard. Only the strong.” (Okay. Got it.) The ensuing gory demonstration of Spartan hardness and strength usefully sums up a juvenile view of manliness — a fantasia of battle scars and washboard stomachs and growling-tiger voices and monstrous adversaries and video-game combat with slow-motion highlights — and the best to be said of it is that no one will mistake it for history; that the history, unlike the three hundred, will come through the ordeal without a scratch. Or to say the same thing another way, the artistic impact of it is altogether soft and weak. Altogether soft. Altogether weak. With Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, David Wenham, Dominic West. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

TMNT — Computer-animated Ninja Turtles adventure, with the voices of Chris Evans, Sarah Michelle Gellar, and Laurence Fishburne, directed by Kevin Munroe. (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 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)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Wild Hogs — Middle-age-crazy road comedy about four Cincinnati suburbanites who head out for Los Angeles on their recreational choppers, hoping to reclaim their freedom as well as their manhood, coping along the way with weak prostates, a gay cop (horrors!), an angry bull, and an angrier gang of pseudonymous Hell’s Angels. None of the four is crazier than the matchmaking chemist who put together as bosom buddies Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence, John Travolta, and William H. Macy, respectively bearing the imprint of the TV sitcom, the comedy club, the Hollywood mainstream, and the idiosyncratic “indie.” Their common bond on this occasion boils down to their evident interest in a paycheck and their evident uninterest in whatever they have to do for it. Travolta works cheerfully, and Macy works hard. Fans of the latter in particular can safely take a pass. Fans of Allen and Lawrence, on the other hand, will be better prepared for the level of entertainment. The belly-crawling level. With Marisa Tomei, Ray Liotta, M.C. Gainey, and John C. McGinley; directed by Walt Becker. 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Zodiac — The big question that hovers over this movie is not, Who’s the Zodiac Killer? Nor is it, How did he elude capture? Nor, What ever became of him? None of the above. The big question is, Why does a movie about him have to be two hours and forty-five minutes long? Without a doubt, the movie has a subject of interest, the unsolved serial murders that gripped the Bay Area throughout the Seventies, and it has also an angle of interest, the differing degrees of obsession with the case on the part of a team of homicide detectives (Mark Ruffalo, Anthony Edwards, unsuitably lightweight and skittish, both), a substance-abusing crime reporter on the *San Francisco Chronicle* (Robert Downey, Jr., smirkingly typecast), and a moonlighting political cartoonist on the same paper (Jake Gyllenhaal, suitably lightweight), and it has finally, as the cherry on top, a person of interest, if you will, a demure Chloë Sevigny in the evolving role, over the years, of the cartoonist’s blind date, steady girlfriend, wife, and ex-wife. (Neglect of Chloë Sevigny earns him top honors for obsession.) Nevertheless, two and three-quarters hours are a lot of time to spend on red tape, red herrings, dead ends. To be sure, the movie puts forth a theory as to the killer’s identity, or rather, it puts forth the theory of the true-crime best-seller written by the aforesaid cartoonist, Robert Graysmith, who mouths a catch phrase which might well be the movie’s own: “Just because you can’t prove it, doesn’t mean it’s not true.” David Fincher, the director previously of *Seven* and *The Game* and *Fight Club* and *Panic Room*, relishes a couple of the killings, as well as one near-miss, in a way that seems to violate the point of view of the movie; but he has thinned out his customary pea-soup atmospherics, and toned down his trendy stylistics, and gone very light on the period detail (a few pairs of sideburns here or there, not a squiggle of psychedelia nor a whiff of flower power), giving the case a creeping and creepy timelessness. These were wise choices. A movie this lengthy did not need to be any thicker. 2007.

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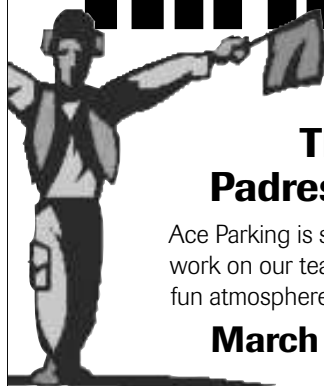
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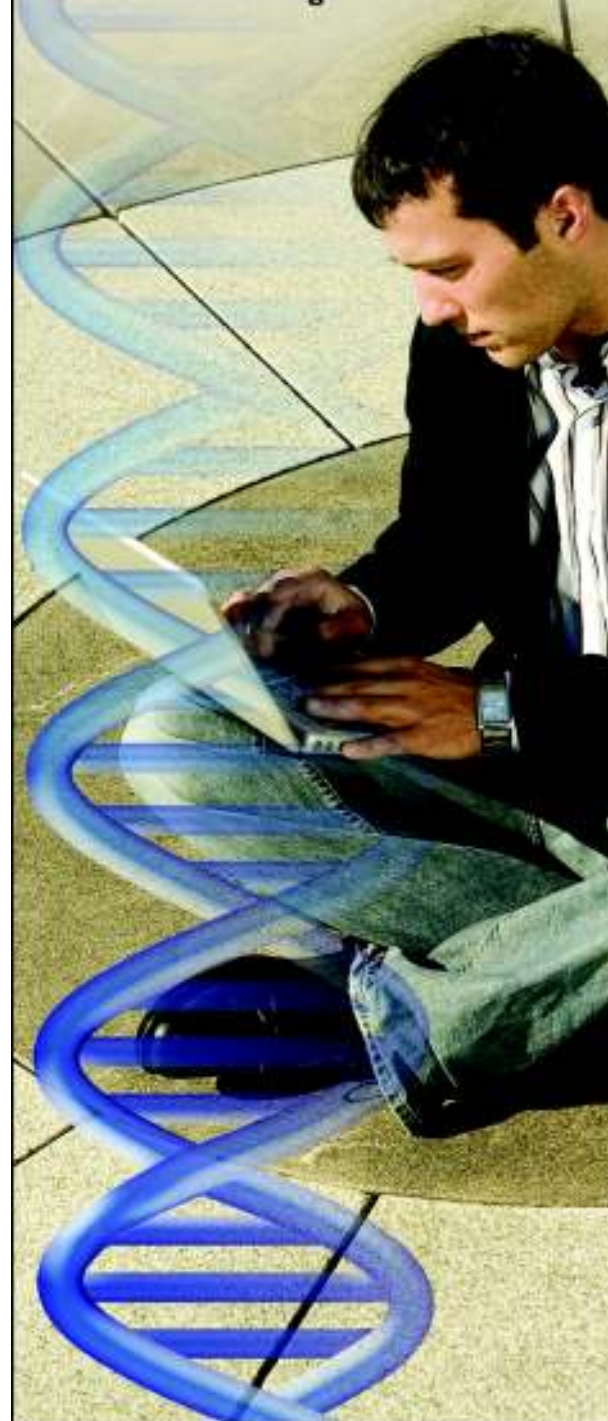
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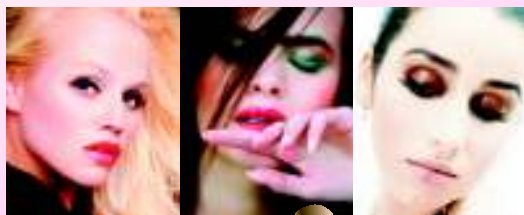
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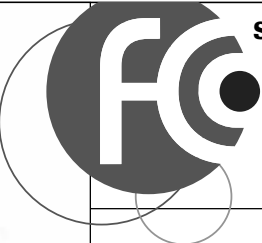
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ON THE DAY THAT YOU were born, 3-27-71, the angels got together and decided to create my dream come true. "Happy Birthday, Baby." I love you, "g".

THOUGHTS WERE more than looking. 3/18/07, Midway Vons. You bought grapes, I bought Band-Aids. Young lady, might you respond to this column. Jack.

TO "G", I do miss you and care a lot about you, but I'm still puzzled and hurt by your letter. I did not deserve it.

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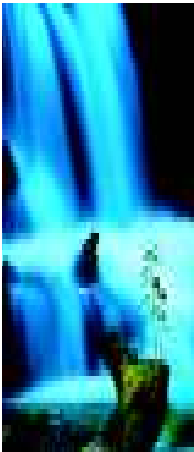
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- 25. Municipal lawmaker
- 28. Alert everyone that a U-boat is lurking nearby?
- 32. Approximately
- 33. Washes
- 34. "____-ching!"
- 37. Stuffed shirt
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- 39. Farrow and Hamm
- 40. Prince, to a king
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- 42. Longtime Chargers QB Dan
- 43. Question to a nunnerly resident who might be within earshot of outsiders?
- 46. Gobs and gobs
- 48. Road with a no.
- 49. Admission of defeat
- 50. Genetic stuff
- 51. By way of
- 54. Indy 500 locale
- 55. 17-, 28- and 43-Across have all taken them
- 60. "Balderdash!"
- 61. Regal fur
- 62. Neck of the woods
- 63. Goes too far on a trip?
- 64. Makes good on a debt
- 65. [Oh, my heavens!]

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- 2. Modeling material
- 3. Ripped
- 4. Norm: Abbr.
- 5. Vowel sound in "puzzle"
- 6. When doubled, a seafood entree
- 7. B & B
- 8. NFL six-pointers
- 9. "Do Ya" rock group
- 10. Judo teachers
- 11. It's something in the water
- 12. Tony winner Rivera
- 13. Hit lightly

- 18. Knight game
- 23. Coastal flier
- 24. Sound from a swallow?
- 25. Best Picture of 1984
- 26. Opulent
- 27. Emmy winner De Matteo
- 28. Doesn't shut up
- 29. River through Aragon
- 30. Outfits for Tarzan
- 31. Tried to cool, in a way
- 35. Detest
- 36. Part of NBA: Abbr.
- 38. Waldorf salad ingredient
- 39. "Don't stop"
- 41. Kiev is on it
- 42. Deadly
- 44. Politicos Gore and Sharpton
- 45. Pyle and Els
- 46. Lighter name
- 47. Homer's classic
- 50. Fashion initials
- 51. "____ Drake" (2004 movie)
- 52. Ticks off
- 53. "Right away!"
- 56. "All bets ____ off"
- 57. Little scamp
- 58. Long of "Soul Food"
- 59. Fall behind

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- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
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- 7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 3/22/07.

There were 107 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Wanda Horbett, San Diego
- 2. Sally Stocktum, San Diego
- 3. Evelyn Lester, La Jolla
- 4. Harry Engel, La Jolla
- 5. Marcus Stephens, Portrero

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Josh Cass

Musician

Golden Hill

Arrested Development. I love that show. I would probably create a character that is David's former assistant or someone at his job. That would be fun. And, it's one of the shows that you have to watch from the very beginning or you'll be completely lost.



Robbie Lawson

Movie theater employee

Hillcrest

The Price Is Right. It's a game show, not a sitcom, but it's on the TV. I'd be on it every day, winning both the showcases in the showdown at the end. I'd have a lot of prizes accumulated. I'd have a whole fleet of cars.



Laura Kern

Mailroom

Pacific Beach

Monty Python's Flying Circus. They had very few women on that show. And when they did use women, they were always very hot. Being a part of such a classic comedy show would be thrilling. And just think, working with all those talented guys. They all went on to such great things.



Colleen Bordon

Student

Bonita

I would want to be on a comedy improv show like *Carb Your Enthusiasm*. That's something I wouldn't mind doing. If it was a sitcom, it would've been great to be a character on *Seinfeld*. Or, to have been the secretary on the British version of *The Office*. The boss was just so funny and clueless.



Dominick Nunes

Deli employee

Ocean Beach

If I could be animated, *The Simpsons*. It would be great to be a resident of Springfield. I like *South Park*, too. But, being Otto's buddy and driving the bus sometimes and hanging out at Homer's house... I could work at a pizza and deli in Springfield.



Alex Culley

Pizza parlor

Ocean Beach

Family Guy. It would be cool to be the bartender at the Drunken Clam. It's my favorite show and I'm from Boston. That show is supposed to take place in Rhode Island. And, they show the Drunken Clam in almost every episode.

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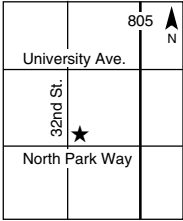
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HILLCREST. \$1150. 3807 Park Boulevard. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Lovely cottage, behind "Numbers." Fenced. Front and back decks. Laundry room shared with tenants. Street parking. No pets. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$1395. Spacious 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. New carpet. Upper units with many upgrades. Lots of storage space, on-site laundry, off-street parking. No pets. 1247 Robinson Avenue. 619-460-8011.

HILLCREST. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, dishwasher, on-site laundry, 975 square feet. Gated building, 1-car garage. 4094 Georgia #5. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

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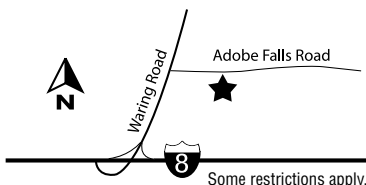


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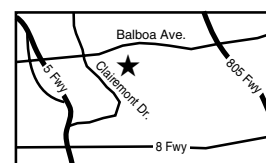


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The guy was not good "on paper." He had been released from a two-year stint in prison for dealing marijuana only a couple of months before we met. Even though our lives were completely different, I thought he was cool in a bad-boy way, and I didn't care. I was taking pop quizzes, he was taking piss tests. I was at a university, he was on probation. You get the picture. I was that girl.

Two years in, things started to sour. Our age difference was starting to affect us — he was interested in marriage, and I was now barely old enough to drink. He was also a jealous person, and as a result I began to isolate myself from my friends. I spent all my time with him and his buddies. My friends hated him and started ignoring me, and I was starting to resent that. I wanted my friends back.

There were other things, too. I was sick of having to drive him to his probation officer (he didn't have a car), tired of having to forge signatures for his unattended rehabilitation meetings, and really sick of him borrowing money from me and using my credit cards to buy himself a PS2 and new clothes. He also started dealing marijuana again, but this time he was doing it out of my house. People would come at all hours, sometimes angry because they hadn't

gotten their money. I was sick of it. I wanted to be a normal college kid, not someone's mom. But I stayed with him.

By the time I was 22, I had graduated from college and was excited about starting my new adult life. I wanted to travel and meet new people. I had lots of plans, but none of them included him anymore. Our relationship was O-V-E-R, and it had been for at least a year. We fought all the time. His jealousy made me feel that I had to lie to him all the time, even though I was doing nothing wrong. He called me constantly when I went out and read my journal when I wasn't around. I didn't know how to get out of our relationship, even though I knew I had already "checked out."

I had received a trip to Europe as a graduation present. I did the things everyone does when they first go to Europe, including hooking up with a European...many times. I galivanted around Europe for two months, and my new fling went everywhere with me. Museums, cafés, bars — it was all so romantic. I knew it would end when I went home, though. It was just a fling, but when I started having this affair, I knew that I was officially ending

my relationship back home. It was a conscious decision, and I even wrote about it as such in my journal. When I got home, I needed to end my relationship. After a little over four years, it was time.

When I got home, I didn't even have time to unpack. My leave of absence from work ended that day, and I had to return to work early the next morning. I was still working at my college job at a department store. I went back to work grudgingly, but happy to be generating income and to see my friends again.

Midway through the shift, I saw my boyfriend, and he looked pissed. I knew what had happened right away. He had my journal in his hand, and he started yelling at me in front of a store full of customers. He was calling me "slut," "whore," and "liar."

I told him he had to leave and threatened to call security. "This is something that needs to be dealt with at home," I said. "Screw you!" he shouted back. I picked up the phone at my register and pretended to call security. I was embarrassed...and a little pissed, to be honest. He left the store, and when I got home, he broke up with me. I was glad.

To this day, I still consider cheating on him to be the cruelest thing I have ever done to anyone. It was the first and only time I have ever cheated. The relationship had been over for some time, and I think we both knew it. Yes, he was jealous, irrational, and a drug dealer, but he didn't deserve that. I think I cheated on him because I wanted him to break up with me, since I wasn't strong enough to do it myself. But, hey, I was only 22.

We tried to stay friends but soon learned just how little we had in common. Our lunches were forced and awkward, and eventually we went our separate ways. I moved out of state and lost touch with him years ago. The last I heard, he'd had a baby with a 19-year-old and was back in prison.

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People With Issues

— Everyone Has a Dark Side: (1) Ms. Georgie Audean Buoy, 82, pleaded guilty in February in the Dalles, Ore., to having sex with an 11-year-old boy in her foster care. “This is not the Audean we have known for the last couple of decades,” said her pastor at the Covenant Christian Community Church. (2) Denver’s city attorney (and a former state court judge) Larry Manzanares was placed on leave in February after a search found one of the state’s stolen laptop computers in his home. Manzanares told KMGH-TV that he had bought it but had no receipt. Said he, “It was rather foolish of me to even think about buying a computer from a fellow in a parking lot.” Manzanares has resigned, and a special prosecutor is now investigating.

Least Competent People

upside down, in the minus-5-degree (F) cold, after a February attempt to spray graffiti on a new bridge. He got his inspiration while tobogganing alone, at about 8 p.m., and left his gloves and cell phone in the sled as he rappelled over the side of the bridge, but when the rope slipped and entangled him, he found himself upside down and then lost some clothes as he tried to wriggle free. At about 10 p.m., when a party was breaking up at a nearby home, someone heard his screams for help.

Recurring Themes

— In February, a recreational hockey player in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, viciously cross-checked referee Dale Neudorf, sending him to the hospital, where doctors happened to discover a brain tumor, which was still being assessed at press time. ... In October, a New York City mugger nearly choked Jennifer Chow to death, sending her to the hospital, where she was diagnosed with a latent thyroid cancer. In March, she reported being cancer-free.

Thinning the Herd

— (1) A 50-year-old man fell through the ice at Donner Lake near Truckee, Calif., in February and drowned. Police said he was ice-skating about 100 yards off shore while wearing two-foot-tall stilts (thus, the stilts were wearing the skates), and couldn't recover after falling through. (2) California Highway Patrol officers at the scene near Yuba City said the 28-year-old driver that crossed into oncoming traffic and fatally crashed into a Hummer in February was, perhaps, working at his laptop computer while driving. Though the screen was shattered in the crash, the computer was open in the seat beside him and plugged into his car's cigarette lighter.

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—**CLASSIFIEDS**, March 31, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

To those who know him, there is no great mystery to Sol Price. He's down-to-earth, he's brilliant and clearheaded, he's honest, energetic, and outspoken. It comes as a surprise to some who think of him as a modest man that his latest merchandising bonanza, the Price Club, takes its name from his name.

—**"MEAN BUSINESS: SOL PRICE AND THE FEDMART STORY,"** Bob Dorn, April 1, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

Trying to find someplace in San Diego County where Jerry Schad hasn't been is like trying to find a parking place downtown: if you like adventure and wildlife and don't mind walk-

ing for three days, you might find one sooner or later. Though Schad is about a hundred years too late to say he's been places where no one has ever been, I would venture to say he's been to more out-of-the-way places in San Diego County than anyone ever has. I don't know if there's a term to describe someone like Schad, but there should be. Something like "weekend transient" or "compulsive pedestrian."

—**"LIFE ON THE CREST,"** Steve Sorensen, April 2, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

The group has almost nothing in common, but once crammed into the Transportes del Norte bus — a chrome-laden juggernaut done up in company colors, red-and-black stripes — a kind of orchestrated bonhomie based on the prospect of some indescribable communal suffering ahead takes hold. And before the bus has even moved, even the two transvestites, their heads discreetly covered with scarves, are chiming in with their girlish sarcasms.

"We hate it in the country," one of them says to the pink foreigner deliberately placed (and with heavy irony) right next to them by the ticket officer. "So near to God, so far from the United States!"

—**"DESTINATION TIJUANA,"** Lawrence Osborne, April 2, 1992

Ten Years Ago

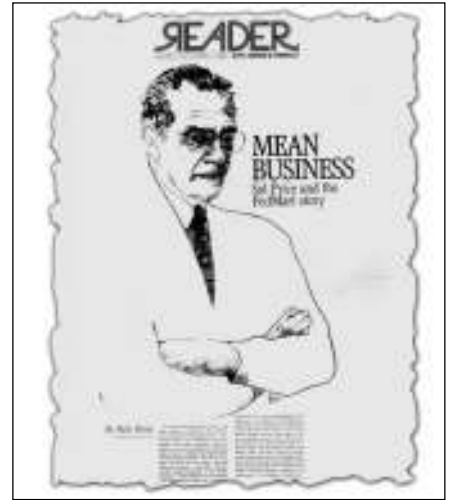
When I thought of God, it was in an apologetic way: I'm sorry, I know You don't like this, but I'm going to do it anyway — which, coincidentally, was pretty much what I was telling my husband.

But the real fear was that if I listened to God, He would talk me back into the marriage, just as He'd talked me into breaking up with that non-Christian boyfriend, and I knew I didn't want that. Let God get His foot in the door and there was no telling what might happen. Before I knew it, I'd find myself wearing Laura Ashley clothes and writing Christian novels and denying my sexuality, my shadow, and my very self.

—**"A CHANGE OF HEART,"** Bo Caldwell, March 27, 1997

Five Years Ago

Every time I read about Andrea Yates, I shudder. She's just like me. High school valedictorian, good grades in college, pursued a profession, stopped working outside the home when she had her first child, deeply religious, super



San Diego Reader, April 1, 1982

mom, five kids. Except Andrea Yates's five kids are dead. Drowned one by one, methodically, on a sunny morning after her husband went to work. She laid them out so neatly on her bed. Side by side under a clean white sheet. All except the last. He was so big, seven years old, as old as my Angela. He fought hard. She probably didn't have the strength left to carry his lifeless, waterlogged body from the bathroom down the hall to her bedroom.

—**KID STUFF: "THAT HELP SHE NEEDED,"** Anne Albright, March 28, 2002

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HELEN LEGGATT

Canterbury, New Zealand



STYLE ON A LIFESTYLE BLOCK?

I got told off last week...by a chicken.

I'd had a particularly late night and hadn't climbed out from under the bed blankets until 10 a.m. My ears tuned in to the new day and were greeted by a cacophony of squawks and cackles, which had me rushing out in my crazy frog pyjamas and flowery gumboots to silence them with grain and pellets.

It's only taken my three Plymouth Barred Rock hens six months to train me. In that time, I've gone from haphazard feeding to a strict routine for fear of being held ransom by an egg-laying strike, an all-out free-range assault on the precious veggie patch, or, as in this case, an ear-splitting verbal assault. I was now at one with my girls.

Unfortunately, ambition got the better of me.

I decided I wanted more eggs. That meant more chooks, as they call chickens here. The three gals were getting on a bit, and I decided to get in a couple of younger models. After all, I was an expert now; how hard could it be to introduce a couple more?

A local farmer friend sold me a couple of wee, shy pullets. I popped them in the chook house and secured the gate. After rustling up the other three gals, I ushered them in and secured the area. I stood back and waited for World War III to commence. Silence. No feathers flew. No beaks clashed. A successful introduction; this poultry lark was easy!

As I turned to leave, I spied out of the corner of my eye the two new girls darting off into the undergrowth. Damn. No wonder it had gone so smoothly. They'd escaped. I decided they couldn't be too hard to catch.

Two hours, three facial mudpacks, and an asthma attack later, I had succeeded in scaring the pullets under some very dense undergrowth in the sheep paddock. On all fours, and assuming a reassuring Attenborough whisper, I bribed the skit-

tish pair toward me with a handful of tomatoes. Slowly, they edged forward, and I knew we were all becoming pals.

As I came within range of a tackle, I heard a stomp and a grunt from behind me. Gulp. I was in the sheep paddock. The sheep paddock that contained a ram. A ram that hated me. The same ram that chased me over a fence a few months before and who obviously had a photographic memory for backside.

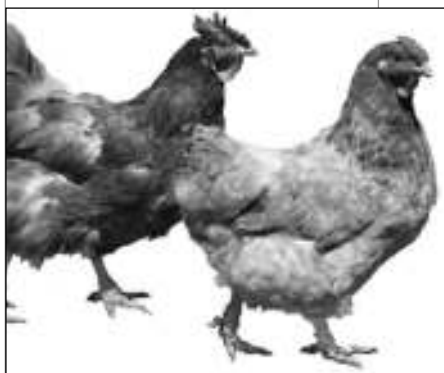
I hastily joined the chooks in their prickly hide-out, deciding it was nice and safe there. They are there to this day. I was only there a few hours.

Ahh, the mud, joys, and pain of life on a lifestyle block.

Who on earth coined the term "lifestyle block"? Here in New Zealand, it is a few acres or more on which the inhabitants live and perhaps own a few sheep, goats, chickens, and the odd alpaca. It's a halfway mark between the smell and tractors of a fully working farm and a hobby zoo. And where exactly is the lifestyle in a lifestyle block? More to the point, where's the style? The first thing to go was my stylish wardrobe! Gone are the

kitten heels, replaced by gumboots and clogs. Gone is the hairdo, smothered by a woolly hat. Gone is the complexion, ruddy and rough.

The soil has manicured my nails and the rain has frizzed my hair. I can't tell if I have blackheads or if I forgot to wipe my hands after shovelling the coal. My eyebrows are being cultivated to keep the rain out of my eyes, and



sheep keep looking jealously at the fleece growing below my knees.

Blisters that were once a sign of a night spent boogying in stilettos are now found on my hands and are testimony to the hours spent knelt over veggie beds, trowel in hand. Broken nails get torn off by teeth — no rushing to find an emery board.

These days, retail therapy means a trip to the feed barn, musing over styles of wheelbarrow, or paying the

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reigned as three months of coal dust and dry skin were sloughed from my face.

Bliss in the Boonies.

Once the animals are fed, the plants are pruned, the veggies mulched, and the grass is mown, it's nice to have a little pamper and to remind ourselves that we, too, need to nurture ourselves and try to keep a modicum of style in our rural lives.

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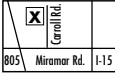
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Many things have been said about the 20- and 30-something centrist/liberal voters. Most have been derisive and dismissive: “apathetic,” “insular,” and “imbued with a sense of entitlement” are the most popular — and for the most part, accurate — sobriquets frequently used to describe these voters.

But in all successful open societies, complexity gives way to equity. Balancing out apathy is frustration. Insularity has focus. And entitlement stokes ambition. When you have a segment of the population that consists of frustrated, focused, ambitious individuals nearing a presidential election in the current climate, empowered with tools that give unprecedented influence to voice, you're going to get change on a historic scale.

That change began in earnest last week. In a brilliantly guerilla-esque ad (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6h3G-IMZxjo>), an unknown Barack Obama supporter took the old Apple/Ridley Scott 1984 Super Bowl ad and remastered it, complete with digital enhancements ('08 logo on the shirt, iPod fastened to hip, etc.), to make Mrs. Clinton into Big Brother. Especially biting was the video of Mrs. Clinton that was used; it was her well-received cozy-sofa-chat debut video off of her own website.

Intelligent, skilled, motivated, and not connected to Madison Avenue or political consultant firms are the people that are going

to wrest this country back from the Establishment. Dying on the vine are Karl Rove's mythical mailing lists and creaky prime-time swift boat ads. Their replacements: blogs, facebook pages, homemade viral videos, and meet-ups. Who needs street rallies when you can create an ad in your pajamas purely because you believe and end up on all three of the major news websites (MSNBC, FOX, CNN) the following Monday morning?

In 1979, futurist Alvin Toffler coined the word “prosumer.” Initially, it referred to individuals who would have influence over their purchases (a mash-up of the words “producer” and “consumer”). Today, the term applies to anyone who has an innate understanding of the Web, technology, and branding, because, in actuality, we're not just voters anymore, but informed consumers who would like to upgrade from the current model.

POST DATE: March 9, 2007

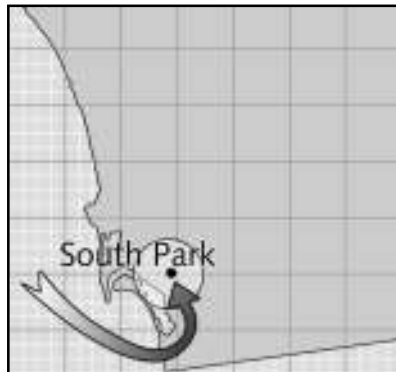
POST TITLE: Yes, World,

Dannielynn Is My Child

As the controversy continues to build surrounding the paternity of Anna Nicole Smith's infant daughter,

I am compelled to break my silence, for I am the child's true father: Dannielynn Hope Marshall is the fruit of my loins.

Anna Nicole and I met during a Deepak Chopra book signing at a Ft. Lauderdale Borders. Anna



Nicole and I fled and made it to a Denny's, where we spent the rest of the night lost in conversation and Grand Slam specials. She spoke only of a life seared from the spotlight, a life where the spiritual and intellectual pursuits were unattainable; a life where sycophants and capitalists had reduced her existence to that of a Nabokov protagonist trying to break free of her psychological bonds in a dystopic world. (Her words, not mine.) We exchanged MySpace profile addresses and kissed. I must've stood in that parking lot

for an hour after her taxi pulled away.

We met again in October '05 at the opening of Pure, a Las Vegas nightclub in the bowels of Caesar's Palace. I was battered and bruised from an unsuccessful tenure as joke writer for the Kerry presidential campaign and a newly cut *American Idol* semifinalist. She ran to me, lifted my chin with her gentle alabaster fingers, and whispered “get me out of here and take me to the stars, you silly, sexy beast.” I am proud to say I did.

For the record, Mr. Stern was never spoken of in flattering terms, much less intimate ones. He was instrumental in seeing that our Las Vegas reunion was short-lived. Two days later, I woke up in the Nevada desert naked with the message, “Stay away, funny man...or else!” scrawled on my torso in powder-blue Sharpie ink. I know it was him who penned the threat.

POST DATE: February 20, 2007

POST TITLE: Hey, Hallmark! Don't Stop Believing You Can Sell this Crap.

I'm spending today kicking myself in the ass. It appears that the killer-app of all card ideas — greeting cards that address some of the

most soul-shattering shit that could happen to a person — is being launched by the undisputed master of original prose and cutting-edge design: Hallmark Cards. Yes, the Hallmark Journeys line is now in stores, and we're all the better for it.

Who of us hasn't been plagued by the inability to find that perfect card to thank a hospice worker or organ donor's family? Or for that matter, have a few cards on deck for the countless times you need to reach out to someone dealing with infertility, a miscarriage, or postpartum depression. (I'm not making this up; wait until you see the topic list.) Well, that think tank of a company in Kansas City, MO, has taken the worry away from us.

I assume the target market for these homogenized pastel ice-scrappers are mouth-breathers who think they're being sensitive by sending a \$2.49 card they picked up at Wal-Mart. Let's get something straight. If you know someone suffering from...

- Cancer diagnosis, treatment, hair loss, recovery anniversary
- Loss of young life
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- Thanking a hospice worker or organ donor's family
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...then handwrite them a personal note...or get them drunk and put your arm around them. Don't send a goddamn Hallmark card.

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YES, SIR, THE MIND IS AN AMAZING THING. The other day I was walking, enjoying the warm sun, and counting bits of litter, listening to cars, birds, and people on my street.

As I got halfway up Wilson Street, one of the cars in my auditory landscape tripped an alarm in my head. I noticed the engine was gunned, and then there were the beginnings of tire squeal. I spun around, scanning for the racing automobile.

Around the corner, a red Toyota coupe came sliding sideways, its engine still revved, the squelching tires emitting puffs of white smoke.

Back to the power of the mind: I normally think in language; a voice in my head that speaks English in a tone and cadence somewhere between a dopey cartoon rabbit who's smashing up a baby bumblebee and the poetic drone of Charles Bukowski.

With a car screeching toward me and closing the distance between us by half every split second, my mind shifted from speaking English to a "will hurt/won't hurt" binary system.

Will hurt: bumper and grill of car hitting knees and ribs. Won't hurt: jumping onto lawn behind me, taking cover behind tree.

I dropped down into a wrestler's stance, one foot offset behind the other, knees bent, arms at the ready. I started calculating vectors and drift, velocity and acceleration without ever using those terms in my mind. The car spun right; I dodged left. Tree. Lawn. Grill. Bumper.

I coiled my legs, tucked my arms in, folded my ears down flat against the side of my head, ready to make like a rabbit and spring to safety. Then the wailing of the tires got louder, the smoke got denser, and the car did a 180, spun, and squealed away from me.

I let my retracted breath out in a measured exhale and my mind switched from "will hurt/won't hurt" to its usual voice. The car door blew open and the driver, on foot, broke out into a sprint across a front lawn and hurdled a side-yard gate. I thought, *He's either concerned for an injured child or I'm about to be one of the bystanders on a real-life version of COPS.*

In slid a black-and-white squad car and out jumped a lady cop with a Magnum P.I. hair-cut but no mustache. She radioed in her position and direction and gave chase to the mad runaway driver.

I went back to smelling flowers and walking in the sun.

Yes, sir, the mind is an amazing thing.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

INSIDE DISH WITH RACHAEL RAY
FOOD 9:30 A.M.
I'd like to eat a koala. Koalas seem like their natural niche is as prey. Slow-moving. Meaty. They're fuzzy hamburgers in trees.

SPRING CLEANING
QVC 6:00 P.M.
Tucking a pillow into its case is the most demeaning act one can perform. There's no dignified way to do it, you've got to clamp that thing down between your chin and neck like a bullfrog with a goiter, and you've got to shimmy shimmy shimmy. How humiliating.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30
HOUSE
FOX 8:00 P.M.

I've completed my own exploratory brain surgery that I wrote about a few weeks ago. I thought I had African Wasting Disease, so I drilled into my head and dug around with a sanitized chopstick. I didn't find the disease, and even though I pee my pants when my cell phone rings, I'm saying the surgery was a success because I can set fires with my mind now.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS NICKELODEON 8:30 A.M.
Some day I'll be governor of Robotifornia. Oh, won't it be majestic when I float by in my hover machine and all the decommissioned electric cars stand at attention to salute me as I pass? I hope scandal and corruption aren't out of style by then, or, maybe if they are, I'll be a

retro official, a throwback to the old Roman Empire days we live in now.

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: FAST FORWARD
FOX 9:00 A.M.
Why the hell doesn't Pez pay any attention to the "body" part of the dispenser? The illusion that you're eating chalky lemon candies spit up by Leonardo the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle is kind of blown when you notice that his body isn't that of a turtle at all, but a slim blue plastic container with a grossly enlarged head. I'm starting a letter-writing campaign. This is important.



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Fast Forward

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION
ABC 8:00 P.M.
I want to install Prince, circa *Purple Rain*, in my bedroom. I want a five-foot-tall glass case where my TV cabinet is now with the tiny androgynous rocker inside. It'll be a Prince aquarium. He'll have all the comforts of home: his purple motorcycle, a little lake, a keyboard girl, and his guitar. I'll feed him green leaves I find around the neighborhood. I hear he likes to be petted but can be vicious. I'll have to figure out a glove-and-stick method of giving him attention. There'll be light shows and things, too.

MONDAY, APRIL 2

THE O'REILLY FACTOR
FSN 8:00 P.M.
Every once in a while, I tune in to *The O'Reilly Factor* to see how the other half thinks. The other night Bill was censuring proponents of efforts to slow global warming. While he was yelling, "Why should we spend billions of dollars on something we might not have any control over?" the scroll at the bottom of the screen read, "President asks for \$2.2 billion for peace efforts in Middle East." Oh, irony, thy name is Fox News.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

DR. PHIL
CBS 3:00 P.M.

Some mornings I wake up and it's all I can do to keep from buying a pair of adult pull-up diapers, dancing in my kitchen, and singing, "I'm a big kid now!" Put that squirrel in your crock-pot and slow cook it, Dr. Phil. I am messed up and loving it, baby!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

BLOODLINES: THE DRACULA FAMILY TREE
HISTORY 4:00 P.M.
Oh, God. Oh, dear God. I will tune in with my fingers crossed and my eyes squinted in anticipation. My phone will be off. The TV volume will be at its highest level, and I will sit and wait, impatiently, for the narrator to say, "A wandering group of Italians with the surname Olivieri was taken into the dark count's hereditary web and carry the vampire gene to this day." Oh, please!

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELTON
MYTV 8:00 P.M.
Is it, Knight of Great Britain, Sir Elton John's birthday already? I didn't even get him a card, and we spent all those years together. We first met in Knights' Academy where he confessed his true feelings to me: "I don't want to be a knight. I want to dress like a color-blind pimp and play a giant white piano." How fickle fate can be that later, after we'd dropped out to tour in his rock-and-roll review, we would both receive our knighthood from the queen — the real queen, mind you, not Freddie Mercury and Brian May, but the old gasbag in the tiara. Elton, I am sorry I missed this birthday. Next year, old friend. Next year.

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“Crysales, I’d pay to be left alone sometimes.”

By John Brizzolara

People often ask me, “John,” they’ll say, “What’s wrong with you?”

Well, no one seems to know in any general sense. That is, if we’re not settling for some facile cleverness like, “I’m an idiot!” or “I’m an asshole!” As utilitarian as those answers may seem, ultimately, they are not. Particular answers can be found in areas like, “I’ve got a slow thyroid,” or “I’m old,” or “I’m a liberal.” But recently a simple enough and straightforward kind of double-barreled question caught me in a familiar chest-clutching, ya-got-me-pal slump to my knees when an acquaintance asked me, “You don’t like people much, do you?” I returned with an instinctive, involuntary, “Guess not,” to be rounded upon with a familiar backhand, “What’s wrong with you?” My opponent disengaged from his tall horse with a side-straddle dismount and did not wait for a reply as he slapped his gloves together and accepted a towel from his squire. I lay gasping in the dust, trying to wheeze out the phrase, “...don’t know.”

Hardly an adequate response either, but almost nothing is. Still, the question remains a good one. In a novel I wrote years ago, a character asks my protagonist, “You don’t like rich people very much, do you?” His answer was something like, “I suppose they’re not any more unlikely than poor people, they just have more money.” The answer seemed glib and unsatisfying but not because it wasn’t true — it was just too easy. The character, in this aspect, was me, and that would have been my answer to a question like that. At least I wasn’t a snob; but it occurred to me then that

I was something worse, a genuine misanthrope. I then adopted that word as a knee-jerk defense against charges of misogyny that, coincidentally, abounded after the publication of that book — not for that remark, but because none of the female characters in that story were trustworthy, a convention in noir fiction that I gleefully played with, just like dialogue and description of Southern California and people shooting each other over mixed drinks and cigarettes.

Several months ago I had to ask a roommate to leave, partly because he was having one particular guest over constantly who insisted on using our living room as a kind of chemical amusement park. In defense of his choice of company, the roommate said, “I don’t expect you to understand, Mister...Private Person! But some of us like to invite friends over!” Mister Private Person? He must have been mistaking me for someone on *A Current Affair* or *Access Hollywood*. “You know, Brad is really a very Private Person.” Or, “Britney...blah blah blah...a Private Person.” The way he said it, I could almost see him put his hands on his hips and his nose in the air. He didn’t, but you know...

Just yesterday, I received a letter from an old high school friend who has made attempts to reach me via phone, letters, the message board for editorial responses, and, for all I know, psychic emanations through my dental work. Twice he referred to my “need for solitude.” This is a promotion, as I see it, from Private Person and only one step away from the conflictedly coveted Eccentric or Neurotic Recluse. I say conflictedly coveted because there is that type of writer (and I am one) or painter, or, say, lone gunman who wishes to dwell alone, deep in a cave, far from humanity, but who occasionally looks outside to say, “Hey! Where is everybody? Why didn’t anybody follow me in here?” Then, shaking a fist to the sky, “Ungrateful cretins! Fools!”

Recently, a friend who had been reading a biography of Oscar Wilde was remarking on the sad fact that toward the end of Wilde’s life, he was so ostracized in London society that he was reduced to, in effect, paying for dinner companions. When she remarked on this to me, I mumbled, “Crysales, I’d pay to be left alone sometimes.” It’s not as if I’ve ever been mobbed for attention due to any notoriety of mine. It’s just that I was in rehab at the time and had to eat dinner with 32 other guys who seemed incapable of eating with their mouths closed but could easily bark crumb- and grease-flecked obscenities across the room while ripping out virtuoso glissandos or tuba-like accents of flatulence — all at deafening volume.

People. Ya gotta love ’em. Well, that’s what they say, and they’re probably right. Have you seen the bumper stickers, WWJD? What would Jesus do? I should remember it often because my attitude is an accurate-enough reverse barometer of that hypothetical. On the rare occasion when I do something even vaguely Jesus-like, I can hear my friend (and she is the best of them) say, “Doesn’t that make you feel good?” And I’ll nod or say, “Hmm...yes.” But what I could also say



more truthfully is that I feel very little, almost nothing; and then I will be reminded of one of the most interesting novels I’ve ever read by one of my favorite writers. It is *A Burnt-Out Case*, by Graham Greene.

In Greene’s story, an architect named Querry leaves his successful practice in England and boards a boat to the end of its line in the African jungle, a leper colony. Querry has no spiritual axe to grind, no urge to “do good.” He simply feels numb and wishes to feel something, anything at all. He supposes changing the rotting bandages on the feet of lepers would provide, at least, repugnance. On the boat downriver, a father superior asks him if there is anything he wants before turning in. Querry, like many of Greene’s characters, is likely to be somewhat lit at the end of an evening in the heart of darkness. “Nothing. I want nothing.” He nearly added, “That is my trouble.” The father recommends something for prickly heat, and Querry declines. “I suffer from nothing.”

“Oh well, you know, suffering is something that will always be provided when it is required.” And that was something like an article of faith I found on page 12 of that book. And with faith you bring hope on board, “a damnable thing,” as Greene calls it somewhere else.

And here, I suppose, is where I’ve flopped onto the shoreline pretty much out of breath, with Barbra Streisand’s song over the credits, “People who need people...” those reliable providers of suffering and its damnable sister, hope.

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