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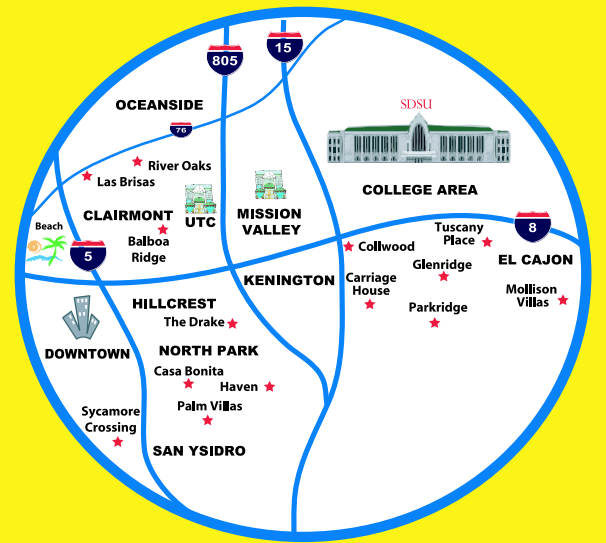
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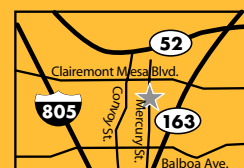
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Old moneybags Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the richest San Diego city council aide of all? Based on recently filed financial disclosure statements, that honor goes to **Geoffrey W. Lipsey**, a "council representative" for new GOP councilmember **Kevin Faulconer**. Typically, council representative jobs go to aspiring twentysomething politicians looking to work their way up the patronage ladder. But Lipsey, 60,



Geoffrey Lipsey

reports 89 various investment holdings with a total value somewhere between \$770,000 and \$7.2 million. They include stock valued between \$10,000 and \$100,000 in such outfits as oil and gas driller Nabors Industries; Barrick Gold; mortgage provider Countrywide Financial; oil giant Kerr-McGee; oil driller Noble Energy; defense contractor Lockheed; and media power Viacom. Former technical director of the Mitre Corporation's Center for Integrated Intelligence Systems in McLean, Virginia, Lipsey lives on tony San Antonio Place in Point Loma. His previous jobs at Mitre included associate technical director of national command and control systems. Lipsey's wife Jill is co-chair of the annual Point Loma Concert Series founded by **Bridget Cantu Wear**, wife of onetime Republican councilman **Byron Wear**, whose departure from office in 2002 was shadowed by ethics investigations that resulted in fines of \$9000 for failing to disclose loans and accepting illegal campaign contributions. Sponsors of the concert group's events, held every summer weekend in Point Loma Park at Catalina and Varona, include the Corky McMillin Companies, developers of the controversial Freedom Station condo project on the site of the old Naval Training Center, as well as realtor Willis Allen Company. Lipsey, who taught high school for a few years after retiring from Mitre at 55, says he doesn't need the money and was hired in part to mentor younger council staffers. "I hope to give back something to the community." Based on a letter to the editor he wrote the *Union-Tribune* last November, he's not afraid of speaking out. "The problem is that the administration decided on its policy (i.e., invade Iraq), then sifted through intelligence selecting the pieces that supported their claims of imminent danger," he wrote. "This problem is at the core of the Bush administration's approach in general: Ideology determines policy. Facts are sifted to support the predetermined policy. Nonconforming data is dismissed with a PR blitz. Opposing views are dismissed as partisan or un-American."

CSI might be less expensive The cost of forensic digging at San Diego's city hall never seems to end. Yet another bill was recently submitted by a Seattle high-tech outfit called Breakwater Security Associates, which back in March of last year was given an initial \$50,000 and then another \$30,000 to cull through desktop computers, trolling for information about possible incriminating activity erased by city workers. "The new request is for \$174,052," a staff report says, "for searching of the GroupWise mailboxes and additional hard drives files and H Drives data to iden-

tity responsive documents and to acquire hard drive data from computers." ... Those old green and white Border Patrol buses used by the feds to haul illegal aliens around the county are a thing of the past, replaced by gleaming new white and blue models bearing the logo of the Homeland Security Department, the patrol's parent agency, and dark windows concealing the passengers from public view. ... The website of the Angelica Foundation, a Rancho Santa Fe charity run by **Suzanne Gollen**, the daughter of late Las Vegas wise guy Moe Dalitz and mentioned on these pages two weeks ago in a story about her links to **James Waring**, San Diego's new development czar, has been shut down. Visitors are currently greeted with the message "Under Construction."



Suzanne Gollen

Defense fund Disgraced GOP congressman **Randy "Duke" Cunningham** has disbanded his American Prosperity Political Action Committee but not before it paid out \$28,335 in Cunningham legal fees to the Washington office of the big Los Angeles law firm O'Melveny and Myers. The PAC was shut down on February 6, according to documents filed with the Federal Election Commission. The check to O'Melveny was cut on December 31; the only other expense was listed as a \$1000 contribution to the Kirk for Congress



Randy Cunningham

campaign. In addition to the Cunningham PAC money, O'Melveny received a total of \$570,000, also in December, from Cunningham's now-dormant reelection campaign fund. Sixteen individuals gave to the PAC, all before the *Union-Tribune* made public Cunningham's potential bribery issues in June. They included car dealer **Bob Baker**, who gave \$290; hotel mogul and GOP maven **Sam Hardage** (\$1500); lobbyist **Letitia White** of the firm Copeland Lowery (\$1000); and **Dan McKinnon**, Republican son of the late Democratic congressman **Clint McKinnon** (\$1500). Cunningham has been holed up at McKinnon's Lakeside ranch awaiting his sentencing. ... Meanwhile, fellow GOP congressman **Duncan Hunter's** Peace Through Strength PAC is still out collecting funds. Last year, according to filings, it took in a total of \$49,600 from such donors as the late **Corky McMillin** (\$1500); his son **Mark McMillin** (\$1500); and La Jolla aerospace-company owner **Anthony duPont** (\$5000). Corporate donors included the Titan Corporation PAC (\$5000) and BAE Systems United Defense Employees PAC (\$5000). Peace Through Strength's biggest contribution was \$15,000 to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund of Oceanside. It also spent \$9823 on a golf tournament at Barona Valley.

— Matt Potter

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Positive Publicity, Negative Returns

By Don Bauder

Who is Woody Norris? Quite simply, Woody Norris is a visionary, a futurist." Those are the opening words of the

website www.woodynorris.com. It is exaltation and exultation, paean and panegyric—all for Elwood (Woody) Norris, San Diego inventor and sponsor of the website that lauds him so lavishly.

He is a "creative mastermind," enthuses an essayist

utes, he won the \$500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize, sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for his inventions, particularly the hypersonic sound technology that directs sound the way a laser beam directs light. You aim the device at someone 100



Woody Norris

quoted on the site. He has "reinvented acoustics," raves another writer. Prestigious publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, the *New York Times*, *Popular Science*, and *Forbes* have sung his praises for inventions in the field of acoustics and, more recently, a single-passenger helicopter that he is co-developing in Las Vegas.

Last April, the day after he was featured on TV's *60 Min-*

yards away, and only he or she can hear the message, like pinpoint ventriloquism. Norris says it will eventually be almost ubiquitous in advertising, retail stores, and vending machines (as you pass, a voice will say to you alone, "Wouldn't you like a Coke?").

Referring to himself, Norris told *Newsweek* in 2002, "It's rare when you have a Thomas Edison who actually gets fame and success in his own life-

time." It isn't the only time he's compared himself to Edison. He used to show reporters around his 20,000-square-foot, \$4.4 million Poway hilltop mansion until it burned down in the fire of fall 2003. He's building another mansion and boasts about how rich he is.

Yeah, Woody, but what about the people who have invested in you? Have they become rich? Not the ones who stuck with you, Woody. Norris's inventions make great copy in popular publications, but they haven't yet panned out in the marketplace. His publicly held companies pour money into research and development, hoping one of his inventions

will pay off. But it doesn't happen. Red ink flows for years—and so, too, does the hype.

Effervesces Norris on his website: "If you're an inventor and you start out poor the way I did, you need to know how to speak publicly, to convince

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Sensitive Riders

By Joe Deegan

He started to notice the problem while driving at night. "Quite rapidly my eyes deteriorated," says Art Seamans, professor

emeritus of literature at Point Loma Nazarene University, "and I drove when I shouldn't have. Finally, I was at a restaurant, drove out of the parking lot, and hit some cones in the street. I didn't know what side of the street I was on.

or two times. 'Oh, it's going to be impossible to get around. What am I going to do?'"

Twelve years ago Seamans was diagnosed with macular degeneration, which has left him partially blind. (He can see rough outlines of things,



And I said, 'That's the last time I'll sit behind the wheel.' But I was so terrified, because I had ridden the bus only one

but "I have a hard time seeing people's faces," he says.) Since he taught full-time until 2001, he had no choice but

to take the bus back and forth to work. Now, he says, "I am very high on bus service in San Diego. It's been great. The buses are regular and dependable, and they go fairly frequently. This is a great place to ride the bus. In North Park, where I live, I've got Routes 908 and 7 going east and west on University Avenue, the 2 downtown, the 15 along El Cajon Boulevard, and the 6 to Mission Valley."

There are those who have asked Seamans whether he's safe on the bus. "What are you talking about? People get the funniest ideas," he says. "Bus passengers mind their own business for the most part." He believes more people should take the bus.

According to records kept by the transit system, the average number of bus rides each month is 912,093. "Governor Schwarzenegger," says Seamans, "keeps talking about spending more money on freeways. What about public transportation instead?"

Seamans still goes regularly to Point Loma Nazarene University, where he participates in campus life, substitutes for current faculty, and Sundays attends First Church



Art Seamans

of the Nazarene on the college's grounds. So he is concerned about changes the Metropolitan Transit System recently has been proposing to one of his most crucial buses. From his home he now takes Route 908 to the Old Town Transit Center. There he transfers to the 26, which takes him to within two blocks of the university. The trip, he says, takes about an hour and 15 minutes.

Since many blind people take buses all over town, the transit system held on January 11 an outreach meeting at the San Diego Center for the Blind. The purpose was to explain potential bus-route changes the agency was contemplating. One hundred twenty people attended the meeting led by six transit system employees. The meeting was one of 45 community-

outreach events the agency has been holding.

Seamans came away from the meeting worried that Route 26 was going to be eliminated. Nevertheless, he says he appreciated how transit-agency employees broke the crowd into smaller groups to discuss the changes and seek feedback. Seamans felt that the changes were not carved in stone.

Conan Cheung is the transit agency's director of planning and performance monitoring. In an hour-long phone conversation he explains to me how his department is looking at changing the entire system of almost 100 bus lines. The changes will affect 90 percent of the lines, from rerouting a block or two to complete elimination. On March 9, Cheung says, he will present to the agency's board a comprehensive plan. "We haven't addressed the whole system in 30 years," he says.

Due to shifts in demographics, new transit travel patterns are emerging in San Diego. In response, Cheung has three main goals: to meet market demands better; to increase ridership throughout the system; and to remove unproductive elements. He admits that the plan involves putting more traffic onto the city's main arterials. Often, he says, routes have "added direction movements," which usually are excursions away from arterials and into neighborhoods, where only a few people are



Negative returns

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people to invest in you. So the drama that I did in high school was the best thing I ever did."

So true, snorts Wall Street. In Norris's companies, "There always seems to be a lot of hype and very little, if any, real meat behind it," says Bud Leedom of San Diego's *California Stock Report*. "There may be a quarter or two of good results and then they are back where they started. He is the master salesperson. A small group of people jump on whatever he is talking about." In the madcap 1990s, those who listened to Norris were day traders. Stocks of his companies would run up and down on big volume. Now they are down and their results are uniformly dismal.

Norris controls 16 percent of the stock of San Diego's American Technology Corporation and is chairman of the board. This is the company that is developing the hypersonic sound technology that Norris touts as his invention. The company has lost money every year since 1996, the year

Norris started work on the technology.

American Technology manages to lose about as much as it takes in. Last year, it lost \$9 million on revenues of \$10.2 million. The prior year, it lost \$6 million on sales of \$5.8 million. Not surprisingly, it has a cumulative deficit of \$52.2 million.

Last year's sales rose sharply because almost 90 percent went to the military, which uses a variation on hypersonic technology called a long-range acoustic device. The military — particularly in Iraq — is testing it to warn people approaching checkpoints, among other things.

However, in American Technology's most recent quarter ended December 31, 2005, government business plunged 86 percent as total sales plummeted 57 percent. Military business is often volatile quarter by quarter, so it's too soon to say that armed forces are souring on the long-range device. The same quarter, commercial business — such as use of the hypersonic technology for point-of-sale promotions — did pick up, but

it's also too soon to say that this increase is sustainable.

On his website, and in interviews with the media, Norris has claimed that his hypersonic technology will have uses in the field of music. In a car, the parents in front hear Bach while the kids in back hear rock. On the dance floor, each individual could be hearing different music, and bumping and grinding — or waltzing — appropriately. (*Saturday Night Live* could have fun with that one.)

That's all hogwash, says F. Joseph Pompei of Watertown, Massachusetts, who has a Ph.D. from MIT and is a longtime critic of Norris's proclamations. "There is no way [hypersonic] could be used for music," says Pompei, whose company, Holosonic Research Labs, has its own product, Audio Spotlight. Hypersonic's "audible distortion is 20 to 50 percent. Most loudspeakers are 1 percent. It doesn't hit low notes. The listening experience is absolutely atrocious."

Floyd Toole, vice president for acoustics at Harman International, has similar reservations. "It's awfully hard to get

anything at low frequencies," says Toole. "It is only useful for speech communications. This is not a hi-fi device. There is lots of distortion. It is a niche product."

American Technology's early hypersonic model "was essentially a prototype of the one published in 1983 in the *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*," says Pompei. Two large Japanese companies looked at the technology in the 1980s and abandoned it because of poor sound quality, he says. Then American Technology attempted to improve its prototype by picking up ideas from a paper that Pompei published in 1998. "They are not interested in making a product. They are interested in selling hype, selling stock."

Pompei says that American Technology's military long-range acoustic device "is a large loudspeaker, not focused sound. The military could get the same thing for a third the price."

Back in 1999, when he was still a grad student, Pompei went on Internet investor chat rooms to refute American Technology's scientific claims. It was hilarious colloquy. Pom-

pei would cite scientific references and use technical jargon. Day traders would denounce him in ungrammatical bursts laced with four-letter words. Finally, the then-chief executive of American Technology answered Pompei with a letter that quoted Galileo, Einstein, and Stravinsky but didn't address the heart of the question.

American Technology has problems of different kinds. One is keeping straight books. Last year, the company confessed that it had "material weakness" in its financial controls. Last year, the outside accounting firm resigned in June, the president and chief operating officer left in October, and the chief financial officer departed in December, but the company still admits that there could be misstatements in its financial reports.

The company has manufacturing woes. In its most recent quarterly report, it set aside funds for potential warranty claims on a hypersonic product "as a result of discovering possible deficiencies in the manufacturing process." The company suffered similar prob-

lems in 2003.

The last two years, American Technology has spent the equivalent of half its sales on research and development. The average for high-tech industries is 8 to 12 percent of sales. No company can make a profit spending half its sales on research.

In previous years, Norris has been a board member and officer of two other San Diego companies: e.Digital and Patriot Scientific. The former has lost money every year for the past decade. But the stock ran up to \$24.50 in 2000 while top executives were dumping it. It's now below 10 cents. Patriot Scientific also has a ten-year run of losses.

Norris is involved in a fourth public company, Las Vegas-based Airscooter. It says it is developing a personal helicopter that doesn't require a license and that one can learn to fly in half an hour. Its stock can be purchased, but it doesn't report results publicly. You just have to take Woody's word.

Norris and the spokesman for American Technology did not return my calls requesting comment. ■



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served. Cheung cites the example of Route 13 leaving Fairmount north of Home Avenue to serve a residential neighborhood before continuing on the main route. "As an automobile driver," he says, "you don't wander into side neighborhoods on the way to your destination. We don't want buses to do it either unless there is demand for service in those areas."

I ask Cheung how the transit agency assesses demand for service. New computerized fare-box records suggest how many people are traveling a route, he says. That approach is limited, however, because many passengers use monthly passes rather than paying fares. To know which particular stops are popular, the agency sends out riders to count passengers who are boarding and exiting. It also conducts onboard surveys.

For planning-route changes Cheung's department also seeks "underlying factors" with an analysis that is geo-

graphically based and tries to identify what "sensitivities" riders in different regions have. Low-income workers are primarily sensitive to speed, flexibility, and cost. They have a low sensitivity, says Cheung, to "having their own space." People from affluent areas of town are discretionary riders who have the option of using their own cars. So their sensitivities involve comfort and, possibly, environmental concerns. In the future the transit system may try to attract them with more spacious buses and seats with higher backs.

The general trend of the changes that planners will present to the transit board on March 9 is to increase service over the coming year in urban locales and decrease it in rural and suburban areas. Santee is going to have Routes 832, 833, and 834 discontinued. "The problem in Santee is that only during schooltimes do the buses get enough passengers. We will probably provide a hybrid to replace the three lost routes with service at specific times," says Cheung.

In most urban areas of San

Diego, bus routes will be modified rather than eliminated. But even small modifications can be painful. Bob Swail at the Center for the Blind complains bitterly that a change to Route 908 he heard discussed would mean he can't visit the business area near the intersection of Midway Drive and Rosecrans. Currently the route turns at that intersection on its way to the Old Town Transit Center. In the future, however, it may follow the more direct path to the line's end by continuing on Pacific Highway. The change would eliminate a stop across from the main post office on Midway.

As a blind person, Swail deals with problems most riders never consider in negotiating the bus system. "Caravanning" is the name he uses to characterize a bunching of buses at some stops. "Three buses will pull up, one behind the other," says Swail, who uses a white cane. "I can't see the route numbers, so by the time I figure out which bus is mine, I might miss it. The last bus in the row sometimes pulls out and passes the other two before I even get down

to it."

In the context of an entire transit system, details like that might strike some as small, but Conan Cheung says his planners are trying to address them, if possible. A problem that irks many riders is that different buses traveling along the same streets often are scheduled to arrive at stops at about the same time.

Passengers boarding at the SDSU Transit Center tell me that the 955 bus commonly arrives immediately after the 11. From there both buses go west on Montezuma Road, diverging at the intersection with Collwood Boulevard. One woman told me that she can take either bus to that intersection, which is near her apartment, but she wishes the two buses left at different times so that she had more options for when she could depart SDSU. Fortunately, however, both the 11 and the 955 leave every 15 minutes during most of the day. The inconvenience is greater when service intervals are an hour or half hour. Even though three buses travel El Cajon Boulevard, on weekends riders still can wait 30

minutes to catch one — and that's when the buses are running on time.

In regard to the upcoming route alterations, Point Loma Nazarene's Art Seamans takes a different approach than the one taken by the transit system. Instead of asking which routes attract the most riders, he wants to know how many different communities the various lines serve. Even though a small number of people ride it, Seamans identifies five different groups served by the Route 26 he takes to the university. Few professors ever ride the bus, he acknowledges, but a substantial number of students and university service workers do. The route also serves civilian workers and a small number of Navy personnel at the submarine base toward the southern end of Point Loma. Both tourists and locals can use the bus to reach Cabrillo National Monument at its tip. There are also visitors to the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery along the way. And many Spanish-speaking women, says Seamans, ride the 26 to houses they

clean for Point Loma residents. Still, the transit agency considers the farthest extension of the route, beyond Sports Arena Boulevard, to be unproductive.

According to Conan Cheung, the Metropolitan Transit System earns approximately \$73 million annually in operating revenues from fares and advertising it sells. Additionally, California's Transportation Development Act and the San Diego Association of Governments provide most of another \$140 million in public money to help the local transit system to operate. The latter suggests that, as much as it wants to, the transit system cannot take a completely free-market approach to updating its plans. Perhaps that is why it does listen attentively to bus riders like Art Seamans. Already, after initially floating the idea of closing Route 26's extension to the end of Point Loma, the agency is now considering a compromise. According to Cheung, it will probably end up reducing only the frequency of trips the 26 makes to the end of the line. ■

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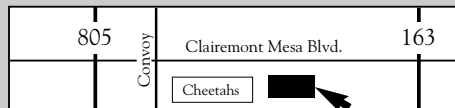
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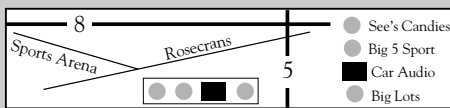
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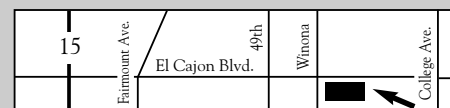
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Waste Of Time

I find your *Reader* dated February 16 about "Mushballs: Riding the Big Apple's Little Waves" to be trash. I'm surprised with such a big city that we have that you had to outsource a news story out in New York. It's pathetic. For a local paper to reach out and write a story about somewhere else in another city really shows poor taste in who your focus is. If I wanted to read something about New York I would buy a *New York Times*. That's the problem with a lot of your local papers here. For some reason they think we're interested in outside sourcing news stories, and we're not. It's really sad and I'm glad you've made my decision not to ever read your magazine again. I used to do it on occasion, but now it's just a waste of time.

Manuel
Mission Valley

Coincidence And Similarities

Nice call from Ken Leighton on the guitar-riff similarities in music by Agent 51 and Green Day ("Blurt," February 16), but I also want to point out that the song in question, "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," is actually a dead ringer for Oasis's "Live Forever," and the two tracks have been mashed up by DJs that way for some time now. There are other

moments that are "reminiscent" of other tunes on the GD album: "When September Ends" has a similar intro and vibe to the Tearaways' "Jessica Something," found on Rhino Records' *Poptopia* power-pop series, for instance. There are only so many chords, so coincidence happens as sure as "All Day and All of the Night" is "Hello, I Love You"; "La Bamba" is "Twist and Shout"; and so on...

Bart Mendoza
via e-mail

Upset With Barb

I am so upset with Barbarella's fictional recall of the Tickled Trout ("Everyone Can Be a Star," February 9)! We were there one night when she was there! Greg would never wave his arms around in frustration! We go to have fun! Do you want the true story of karaoke? The CD thing was a lie! I may not be twentysomething anymore, but when I asked her if she had seen our friend's CD case, no one accused her of stealing, and I sure didn't hug it to my chest in love, as it wasn't mine I was asking about!!!!!!

Rosemarie Janssen
via e-mail

Cop Kills Drunk

Can we have more of an elaboration on this story ("It's a Crime," "Officer-Involved Shooting," February 9)? A sober cop pulls over a drunk driver who tries to escape and the cop kills him. This only got a blurb in the news!

And what's with the words "service weapon" instead of what it really is: a gun. I assume it is politically incorrect to say that a sober cop shot and killed a fleeing drunk guy with his gun?

Megan Cash
via e-mail

Zese Are Steel Not French

In Kari Nansen's letter

("Zese Are Not French," February 9) regarding Mr. Bouvier's article ("Pardon the French," January 26), I ask myself, "What inconsistencies?" The article analyzes the French, their character, their ways. It has absolutely nothing to do with those things that have been named after the French or not, save for those now-historical french fries that originated in French-speaking Belgium (a big staple in France) that have been renamed "freedom fries."

As for the "African braids," did Ms. Nansen mean *nattes Africaines*, not "*nattes African*," since it is feminine? Even in today's best *Franglais* (spoken French-English) we wouldn't use the term *nattes African*.

I am one of those who wouldn't teach French to their children; we assimilated.

Danielle Boyd
Santee

Arrogant Wise

Naomi Wise seems arrogant, condescending, and full of herself. She frequently denigrates anyone who does not share her personal preferences. (For example, she apparently prefers her fish undercooked. Fine. This is no reason to disrespect those of us who prefer fish more thoroughly cooked.) A couple weeks ago she insulted her out-of-town guests; in this week's review she attacks "Zonies" ("Moonlight on the Bay," February 9). As long as she has been writing for the *Reader*, she has included these gratuitous insults.

Please, Ms. Wise, just describe the food, service, ambiance, etc. Leave out the cutesy references to your posse. Get over yourself and stop insulting people.

R. Carroll
La Mesa

Barbarella's World

I just want to thank the *Reader* for finding such a talented writer, Barbarella, and providing us such a great read every week with "Diary of a Diva." The stories are always captivating and seem to draw me right into Barbarella's world as if I am right there beside her in every escapade. I look forward to each story, so keep up the great work, Barbarella!

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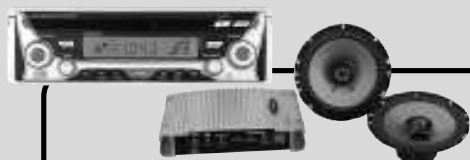
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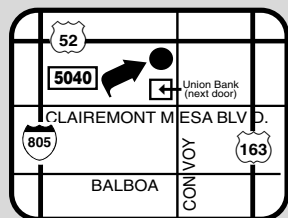


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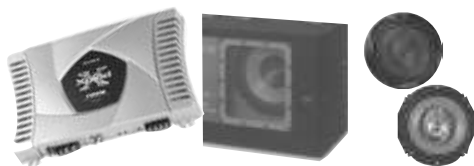


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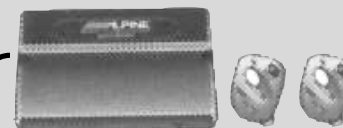
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BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Matt:

I was recently looking online at the Yahoo Maps map of the intersection of I-5 and Highway 52 and found the single word "Elvira." Then I was on a jog under this very intersection, only to see a sign near the railroad track labeled "CP Elvira." So, what's the story behind this? Is there some strange tie between this area and the Mistress of the Dark?

— Jim in La Jolla

Not unless the Mistress of the Dark had a day job as a train crewman or a shepherd. Control Point Elvira (at the edge of Marian Bear Park) used to be a busy place. The railroad went through Rose Canyon in 1881. Sometime in the 1920s the Elvira flag stop station was built, with bunkhouses, a water tank, equipment sheds, and other railroad necessities. The rumor is, Santa Fe's flag stop stations and sidings were named after people in the company; Elvira was the wife of some railroad bigwig. In the 1930s they built a siding at Elvira to serve the sheep stockyards in the area and the other businesses in the canyon. The station eventually became obsolete and was torn down in 1959, though the sign remains. So, how did it end up on a Yahoo! Map (and Mapquest and other area maps)? According to Mapquest, their published maps are made up of all kinds of documents, including railroad maps. Any landmark on the railroad map will be used. And that's all we know about Elvira, Mistress of the Park.

Dear M.A.

This doesn't seem right. The CRV is taxed. The price of the beer and the CRV are lumped together and this amount is taxed.

— Unsigned, Chula Vista

Oh, good. We get a chance to pick apart the logic of the state tax board. Always a thrill ride. So, Matt, you say, when I buy a can of beer they charge me the recycling fee and tax the beer and the CRV. But if I'm feeling flush and spring for a keg, I pay tax on the beer and a refundable deposit on the keg, but they don't tax the deposit. If I buy water in a plastic bottle, they don't charge me a CRV and they don't tax it. Oh, that wacky Board of Equalization.

Let's start with the keg. There's no CRV on the keg because the container itself is reused. Not recycled. Reused. Refilled. So you just pay tax on the contents. Your old beer can is recycled, not reused, and beer is taxable, therefore you pay CRV. The tax guys in this case consider the CRV part of the price of the item, and they're glad to take your sales tax. You don't pay CRV on water because water isn't taxable. So to have the privilege of paying tax on CRV you have to buy a product that is taxable in the first place and is packaged in a recyclable container.

Dear Matt:

If muscles can only contract, and every pushing motion is only a series of muscle contractions working against levers, how do muscles without levers (e.g., octopus arms, elephant trunks, and your tongue) create a pushing motion?

— Jorge, faxland

Dr. Doctor, staff quack, is an anatomy whiz. So, for once he has an answer. Since tongues are so important in vital life functions such as eating ice cream, telling jokes, and making strange faces, they contain fully eight different groups of muscles. There's also a little connective tissue to keep things tidy. Four groups of outer muscles on the underside and sides of the tongue anchor it to structures in the mouth and partially enclose four groups of inner muscles. These are arranged in bundles that run in three different directions: across the tongue (transverse), lengthwise (longitudinal), and from the upper surface to the under surface (vertical).

The other crucial tongue fact is that the structure is noncompressible; its volume always remains constant. So suppose you've formulated the idea that you want to lick a stamp to put on an envelope to finally send in that nagging question to Matthew Alice. Your brain sends the message to your tongue, and the transverse muscles contract, making the diameter of your tongue smaller. But since tongue volume has to remain constant, the decrease in diameter is accompanied by an increase in length. It's as simple (or as complicated) as that, muscles working against muscles, not bone. Elephant trunks, squid and octopus arms, some wormlike invertebrates can go us one better. They have groups of muscles arranged in a spiral that allow them to twist whatever they've decided to stick out. So, don't think man has a corner on all the nifty biological advantages.

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The tournament, which kicks off on March 3, is produced by Major League Baseball/Major League Baseball Players Association and sanctioned by the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). It's supposed to be a Hands-Across-the-Border-Thrill-of-Victory-Agony-of-Defeat deal meant to move Major League Baseball merchandise into the hands of gullible foreigners.

So, 16 national teams — Australia, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Italy, Netherlands, Japan, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, South Africa, South Korea, United States, and Venezuela — play in a four-round tournament. The first round will be played in Tokyo, Puerto Rico, Phoenix/Scottsdale, Orlando, and consist of four pools of four teams each. Teams within each pool will play each other once and the best two teams from each pool will move on to Round 2.

Round 2 will be played in Anaheim and Puerto Rico and will consist of two pools of four teams. Each team will play each other once. The best two teams from each pool (four teams), move on to the semifinals, which, ahem, will be played in Petco Park. The winners of the semifinal games play for the championship on March 20, again at Petco Park. The winning team is promised a championship trophy. All players on the top two teams are promised a medal, and you can imagine how thrilling that's going to be for a 38-year-old Red Sox right-hander making \$16 million a year. Follows are the first-round pools:

Pool A: China, Chinese Taipei, Japan, South Korea

Pool B: Canada, Mexico, South Africa, United States

Pool C: Cuba, Netherlands, Panama, Puerto Rico

Pool D: Australia, Italy, Dominican Republic, Venezuela

Now, I could list millionaire American ballplayers who backed away from the honor of representing their country blah, blah, blah, and quote their lame excuses, or franchise owners bitching about their stars missing training camp and risking injury, but I think,

as in most things, Barry Bonds says it for us. Bonds told *USA Today*, "I just don't want to do it. Come on, the World Cup [Classic] isn't the Olympics. Who cares? Does it mean anything?"

Well, Barry, there is something that might make this tournament worth watching. Cuba.

Yes, that commie isle just 90 miles off our shore. We should keep in mind that the rest of the world doesn't share our obsession about Cuba. At least 165 nations recognize Cuba, including our last remaining best buddies: Britain, Canada, Australia, Poland, and Qatar. The current U.S. embargo against Cuba has been in place since 1962, and I can state for the record that it does not appear to be working.

The embargo has not affected Cuban baseball. Cuba has had a professional baseball league since 1878. World Cup Baseball (another international baseball tournament) has been around since 1936, although few fans have heard of it. Its tradition is national teams and amateur athletes. The first World Cup consisted of two teams, but it has grown. There have been 16 teams in the tournament since 1994. The usual countries are members: U.S.A., Britain, Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia, South Korea, Japan, Italy, Chinese Taipei, and so on. Cuba has won gold 25 times, silver once, and bronze twice. Baseball has been in the Olympics since 1992. Cuba won gold in 1992 and 1996, silver in 2000, and gold in 2004. Over 150 athletes born in Cuba have played in Major League Baseball.

There is no way you can host an international baseball tournament and not invite the country who is the defending world champion and has won three of the four Olympic gold medals ever awarded in that sport. So, Cuba was invited.

And the United States Treasury blocked their participation. After Cuba was disallowed, corporate baseball lobbied for reconsideration and reversal knowing that without Cuba their tournament was over. The IBAF said it would withdraw its sanction if Cuba were not allowed to play. Without Cuba, Puerto Rico said it would not host the games. U.S.A. Olympic Committee chairman Peter Ueberroth asked the administration to reverse its decision and so forth. After a month of this, the government folded.

What turned them around, officials claimed, was Cuba's offer to donate any profits from the tournament to Hurricane Katrina victims. The tournament money, if any, is nothing... is laughable, is a fig leaf. Cuba's offer was a slap at Bush, a reminder to the world how badly the American government treated, and continues to treat, its own citizens.

Cuba vs. U.S.A. at Petco Park. Now, that would be a game.

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Congregation size: 200

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Diversity: mostly Caucasian, but a number of Asian-, Arab-, and African-Americans

Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 20 minutes

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“You are our shield and protector, the lifter of our head,” prayed Site Pastor Mark Maliepaard, quoting the song that the band — guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, and saxophone — had just finished. “We thank you so much that you protect us from the evil one...that in you we will not be defeated by Satan and his demonic forces.”

“To experience that saving power in a fresh, new way,” the congregation confessed their sins as one, reading from the words projected on the movie screen and admitting to “hypocrisy” and “evil thoughts” and enslavement to “sinful habits.” They begged for help to “live out the freedom from evil we have in You.”

The Gospel told the story of the Gerasene demoniac — a man possessed by multiple devils who lived, naked and alone, among the tombs.

Jesus drove the devils out of the man, but when they begged not to be thrown into the abyss, Jesus allowed them to go into a herd of pigs, which then plunged into the sea. When the people heard of this and saw the restored man, they were afraid, and asked Jesus to leave. As he left, Jesus told the former demoniac to “return home and tell how much God has done for you.”

In his sermon, Pastor Richard P. Kaufman said the central teaching of the story was “the authority of Jesus over evil.” That authority, he said, should give us hope, courage, and purpose.

Hope: “If ever there was a hopeless case, it was this guy... Lies enslave us, and perhaps the most deadly lie of all is this: ‘It’s hopeless.’ If Jesus can cure this guy like that, then there are no hopeless situations and no hopeless cases.”

Courage: Kaufman noted that Jesus granted the demons’ request not to be thrown into the abyss. “Deliverance from

evil is now — and not yet.... The ‘now-not-yet’ Christians have great hope that Jesus can do anything right now, but when Jesus doesn’t, they have confidence that one day, He will.”

Purpose: “In the New Testament, when Jesus does miracles, people are filled with fear. They know that God has showed up. The authority of Jesus demands a response. You cannot say, ‘Okay, God, I’m going to let you into this spiritual portion of my life — but don’t mess with my pigs.’”

Kaufman called Jenny — young, tall, and striking — to the microphone. She had “known that Jesus was something” from a young age, but had found religion unhelpful in finding Him.

“As I was continuing this push toward Christ, I was beginning to struggle and have a lot happen to me. On January 12, I was brutally raped. I began shaking constantly.... I was completely out of control of my life and my thoughts. I began hearing bells, seeing lights. I was, like, ‘Oh, my gosh, I am so headed for a padded room.’”

On January 31, a coworker found her in a terrible state and brought her to a Harbor church. “I realized how many of these people had been praying for me, and I was suddenly surrounded by all these people who cared about me and knew me.... I felt so comforted.... I asked them to help me bring Jesus into my life. As I began to pray, I began convulsing and flailing around the room. I could feel two demons leave my body, and there was a third — and a four-hour process began for me to try to get to Christ and get rid of this evil. They all stood and prayed and rebuked. It was the most beautiful experience and the most horrifying experience at the same time.” When, at the

end, “God was sealed inside of me,” she said, “it was ecstasy.... He gave me myself back, so that I could give myself as a complete back to Him.”

At the end of the service, the band kicked into the Doobie Brothers’ “Long Train Runnin’”: “Without love/where would you be right now/without love.”

What happens when we die?

“We either go to be with the Lord or we don’t,” says Kaufman. “The determining factor is that we are saved by grace alone — it’s a gift. We receive that gift through faith alone. It’s not just a general faith; it’s a faith specifically in Jesus. Those people who have never heard the name of Jesus, I leave in God’s hands, and I trust that He will be both merciful and just. For those who have heard, the determination is in how they respond.”

— Matthew Lickona



RICHARD P. KAUFMAN

Harbor Presbyterian Church Downtown

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Sermon

content★★★★½

delivery★★★

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Music

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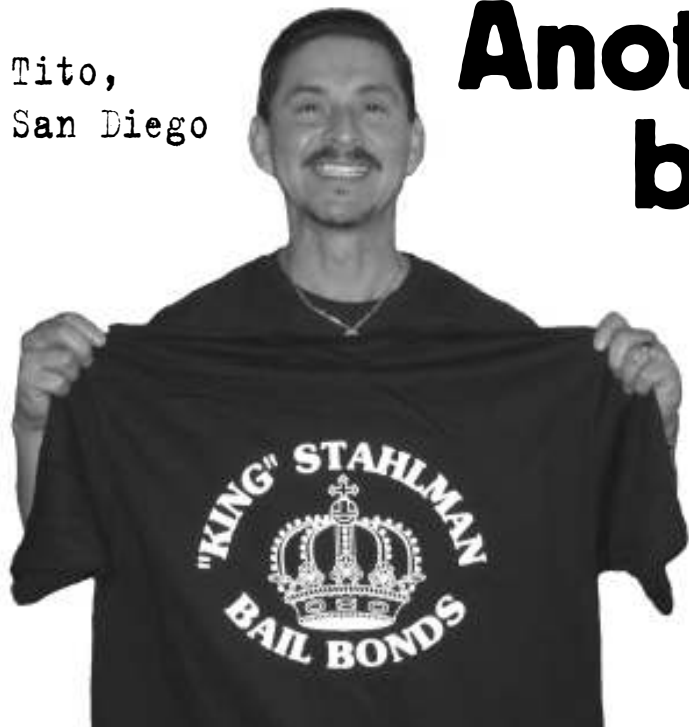
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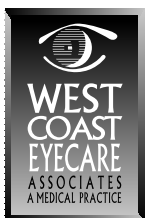
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—EVE KELLY

Every mom seems to have a marker catastrophe at some point in her mothering career. It's natural that childhood curiosity should seek to explore different mediums and uses for the coloring utensil. "Why draw on an 8- by 11-inch piece of paper when you could draw on a 8- by 11-foot wall?" thinks the curious child. "And why not use my body as a canvas?"

Then there's the 12-month-old who sees the marker more as a snack than a writing instrument, and he eats the tips off of a whole box of markers only to poop in Technicolor the next day. And don't forget the traditional markerization of the brand-new birthday outfit. But it's markers on wall that turns Eve loco. And just last week, my two-year-old left another Sharpie fresco on the entry hall wall. I called my sister Meg for suggestions on how to get the permanent marker off. Turns out she was wondering the same thing. "My daughter has an alter ego," she explained, "a superhero name for herself — Chauncey Yellowstone. She wrote her emblem — a capital C with a Y inside of it — all over my newly painted hallway walls and curtains. Sort of like the mark of Zorro, except it was the mark of Yellowstone. She used indelible markers."

My sis was exasperated, and not ready to take up the paintbrush again. I thought I would try to save her — and me — a few gray hairs and research cleaning ideas.

"The two times my kids wrote on walls," replied my other sister Cathy, "happened when we were guests in someone else's home. The first time was when my three-year-old scribbled all over Mom's new wallpaper. The following year, during a visit to my mother-in-law's home, my two-year-old marked up her wallpaper. I am not sure why both times were on wallpaper. I figure it was because we had no wallpaper at our home, so the kids thought they were adding to the drawing already on the wall. I can't remember what I used to clean it off, but I did manage to get it off. The fact that I washed it immediately after it happened must have helped."



"Why draw on an 8- by 11-inch piece of paper when you could draw on an 8- by 11-foot wall?"



Friend Margaret, always the superb tipster, had a winner. "My two-year-old Grace has been on a marker kick," she explained. "She finds David's indelible markers he uses for school, and she draws everywhere. She has marked up so many of our walls. I use Mr. Clean Magic Erasers [\$1.88 for a two-pack at Wal-Mart]. I give them five stars," she touted.

"Or perhaps I should say, 'five rubber gloves.' They feel like memory foam, and you scrub them on the wall and the sponge wears away until it's gone, just like an eraser. It's trippy. It has worked on enamel and flat paint in our house. Every mom with would-be artists should have this product." Wal-Mart also sold Mr. Clean Magic Eraser 2-in-1 with absorbent wiping layer (\$2.42 for a two-pack).

I added her advice to my notes and called several stores to get more product suggestions for Meg. The Ace Hardware salesman warned me about different paints. "You should realize that if the marker is on flat paint, since flat paint is porous, the marker goes right through it, so it won't come off. Also keep in mind that some cleaners might take the shine off of some paint surfaces."

The Dunn-Edwards salesman offered more advice. "You don't want to use too much of the cleaner, because then it could take off your wall paint," he said. "Put a little of it on a cloth, and just dab it on the mark. I have a cleaner called Krud Kutter [\$5.92 for 40 ounces at Dunn-Edwards]. I use it at home and it does work. Or you could try Goof Off [\$3.11 for 4.5 ounces], but that is harsher. I'd try the Krud Kutter first. If the marker does not come off the wall," he added, "repaint. Spot primer the area first, because if you just repaint without priming, the marker color will bleed through."

CM Supply pointed me in the direction of Cleanup Solvent 22 by Titan Laboratories (\$4.74 for a 16-ounce bottle). "This has less chemicals than our other cleaners," she offered. "I would try this."

If the marker paintings still don't come off, I guess I will drag out the old paint can and roller.

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PARKER NUT FARM

by Josh Board

aretha Franklin thought there should have been more Motown artists performing at this year's Super Bowl in Detroit, but I think it was fitting that the Rolling Stones played the halftime show — the band and the games were better in the '60s and '70s, yet both still sell out stadiums. However, any non-fan can say he saw Mick and Keith; ask a non-football fan to name the game's two quarterbacks (both with names so long, they barely fit on the back of their jerseys).

The popularity of the Super Bowl party makes my job easier. I got several invitations this year, including one from a Seahawks fan who was going to have a Seattle theme, with Starbucks coffee and salmon. Another invitation was to the "Parker Nut Farm," which is what the Parkers call their house during a party.

The Parkers' invite promised "beer, lunch, beer, snacks, a jumper and craft activities for the kids, and beer." It stated that adults wouldn't be allowed on the jumper if more than three beers were consumed...due to last year's incident.

It wasn't the jumper at fault at the Parkers' this year;



it was a guy throwing rubber balls at the kids. We laughed as the kids toppled over from the force, until one of them ended up with a bloody nose. I got to do the old joke with him as he cried. "How many fingers do I have?" I was holding up six, and he answered six. I then said, "Nope. I've got ten. I was only holding up six." The other kids laughed. He looked as if he wanted to give me a bloody nose.

"I cut [my beard] off and sent it to the Secretary of the Navy."

The amount of food at this party was impressive. Outside, shrimp was set up, along with bags of chips and pretzels and all kinds of dips. Another table was covered with candy, including chocolates and huge



Pixy Stix in plastic. Julie Parker commented on how insane I looked with a cigar in one hand and a huge Pixy in the other. Another lady and I discussed how much better the plastic Pixies were than the old

paper ones, which used to get wet, making it difficult to get the flavored sugar out. Ah, the little things in life.

Gabby Parker is a fifth grader who was proud to show me belts she has from tae

kwon do. She told me that she would be testing for her black belt in a few weeks. Her older sister has two belts. I asked, "Does that mean you can kick her butt?" Gabby laughed but knew better than to answer.

Inside, the food spread continued. One table looked like Thanksgiving. I helped myself to turkey and mashed potatoes, gravy and stuffing. Another table was set up with more traditional sporting event foods, like hot dogs and macaroni and cheese.

I sat down with my food. (There was a TV outside and one inside, both with large

crowds.) A guy named Ron had a white ZZ Top beard. He offered me a cigar. Ron used to be in the Navy, and I asked him if he was allowed to have facial hair back then. He told me he was until 1985, but then they made him shave it. "I cut it off and sent it to the Secretary of the Navy."

We talked about the Rolling Stones, and Ron told me he was at the Altamont concert when the Hell's Angels killed a fan. He had seen many concerts at the Fillmore in San Francisco, including Janis Joplin. When he was lighting my cigar, I asked him when he first saw people in crowds holding up lighters at concerts. "I think that started happening a lot after *A Star is Born* with Kris Kristofferson. They did that at the end of the movie."

This year's Super Bowl commercials were funny. One spot had a guy shaking a cow. Ron said, "That thing must be sedated. If it wasn't, it would kick the crap out of you. And their hooves are sharp." I asked how he knew this, and he said, "I was kicked by one before. I was milking them at my uncle's farm."

As we laughed at the commercials, one woman

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I noticed a few hardcore fans arguing about the game. They were rooting for opposite teams, and I asked them how they became fans. One said, "I was a Steeler fan back when they had Lynn Swann in the Super Bowl against the Rams. I've been a fan all my life." The score was 0 to 0 near the end of the first quarter, and I asked them if they had any money on the game. They didn't.

I grabbed a plate of nachos and got ready for the second quarter. I noticed a dog kept walking by with his face to the ground, licking up the scraps of food that people were dropping. When the dog got too near a person who was trying to eat, Julie yelled at it to go, and it ran into its little house. It stayed there for the next

half hour.

It was starting to get too cold for the patio, but I still had half of a huge cigar, and I couldn't smoke inside. I went around the side of the house and got the jacket out of my car. One person said, "You can't leave yet. The game is going to pick up in the second half."

And the game did get more exciting. Unfortunately the yelling and screaming was directed at the referees and their horrible calls. I had my money on Seattle with the points, and the questionable calls were bothering me a lot more than they normally would.

I watched as the Steelers QB landed on the one-yard line but was awarded a touchdown. Then Seattle scored a TD, but a bad call ruled it a dead play. Someone said, "It ain't over till the fat lady sings. Oh wait, Aretha already sang." We then got into a discussion as to why she and Aaron Neville sounded so bad

singing the national anthem.

The Stones sounded bad at halftime, and two of their three songs were edited. Why book a band that has lyrics you need to edit?

Someone asked why the second half didn't have as many funny commercials. I said, "If a game is a blowout, a lot of people probably tune out in the second half. I'm sure most companies pay more to have their spots in the first half." A lady corrected me, saying she heard that everyone paid \$1.6 million per 30 seconds, no matter what half. She added, "I know, that's a lot. Especially when everyone is too drunk in the second half to even know what product is being advertised." ■

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by Barbarella

Party Pushers

I believe all suffering is caused by ignorance. People inflict pain on others in the selfish pursuit of their own happiness or satisfaction.

— Dalai Lama

"Betty will guilt 15 of her friends into buying something, and each of those friends will guilt 15 more, and so on, until all of Betty's friends resent one another."

"I need your advice," I said. Jennifer and Grace looked at me expectantly as I took a sip of my caramel apple martini. The blue-lit shelves behind the bar cast a cool glow over them. Our ladies' night out was in its adolescent

phase; Crush, the hip Hillcrest bar, was the second of the three venues we'd lined up (the first being Grace's house and the third being the Beauty Bar). I let my tongue soak up the flavors in the vodka before I swallowed and then ended the suspense: "I've been asked to host some kind of candle party."

"God, I hate that!" said Grace. Her face contorted as though she had just been fed putrid cheese.

"That's the worst," agreed Jennifer, scrunching her mouth up and her eye-

brows down.

"Say no," said Grace. "Just say no."

"I would like to, but it's not that easy," I whined. "She's my friend. I want to see her succeed, but I don't want to put more people in the same guilt trap I'm in right now. I know what's going to happen, it's just like Tupperware — my guests will be made to feel obligated to buy and, even worse, to sell. And if they don't want to sell, they'll be bullied into hosting parties at their own houses in order to deliver more buyers to the candle pusher!" I fell quiet as the waitress placed the appetizers we'd ordered on the tall round table. For a few minutes, our attention was directed at the food before us. Jennifer spread hummus on a piece of flatbread, Grace sam-

pled the calamari, and I served myself some of the pecan-crusting goat cheese salad.

"I like candles," Grace finally said, after our second round of drinks arrived. Jennifer and I had opted for replacements for my caramel apple martini and her Ketel One with three olives, while Grace casually progressed from flavored champagne to cosmopolitan. "I've seen these PartyLite candles; they're nothing fantastic. 'Ooh, they burn longer!' You want a candle to burn longer? Buy a bigger candle. I don't need help from a 'candle consultant' to buy candles. I can go to Ikea, Target, or Illuminations. Or I don't have to go anywhere. I can order what I want online and have it sent to me!"

"Yeah, no shit," Jennifer contributed, before working another olive off of the toothpick with her lips. "Then again, I'm not one to talk because I do the same kind of thing."

"That doesn't count, Jen," Grace said, reaching across the table for a few french fries. "Those are trunk shows. You tell people you're having a trunk show and they can come look at stuff. You don't push them to buy or sell; it's like a store — if they like something they can get it. If not, no worries." A few times a year, Jennifer will host a party at her house to give her friends first dibs at goods she's purchased abroad before she sets up shop at two local farmer's markets.

"Well, thanks," said Jennifer. "I don't like feeling obligated to do anything at anyone's house, no way, uh-uh. It's lame and

annoying."

"It's not the obligation that annoys me," said Grace. "It's that the products are stupid and sub par. I've also seen those Pampered Chef products — it's crappy stuff. Why not just go to Williams-Sonoma and buy good stuff? Or if you can't afford it, go online, wait for a sale, shop at Macy's and choose from a ton of brands. Why get crappy shit that costs a lot?"

"If we all hate this so much," I said, "then who the hell likes it?"

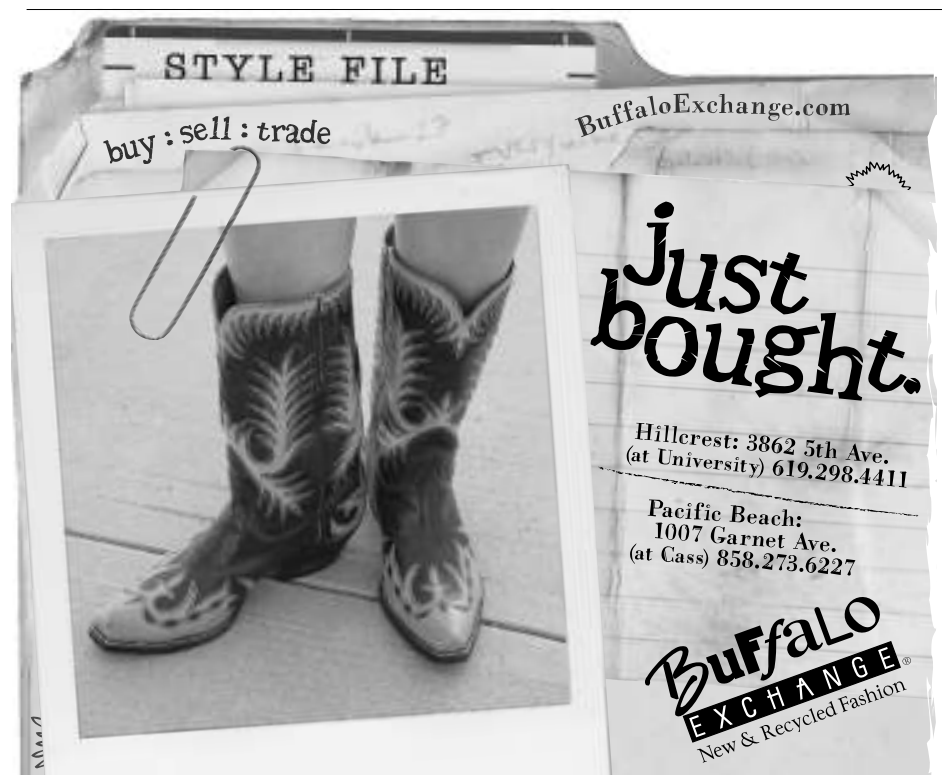
"It's the Wal-Mart crowd," answered Grace. "For them, this is fancy shopping."

"The whole concept is housewife-y," offered Jennifer. "Like, 'Oh, we're bored, middle-class housewives, and we're off soccer today so we decided to have a candle party.'"

"The thing that bugs me the most is the way these things are sold," I said. "You never see this happening with men. It's like these corporations target women because they know they can count on the 'guilt factor' — Betty will guilt 15 of her friends into buying something, and each of those friends will guilt 15 more, and so on, until all of Betty's friends resent one another, but only after they have turned a profit for the Candle Queen."

Grace ordered a third drink, a martini, straight up. I unearthed the last fry from beneath the ramekin of ketchup, which seemed to impress Jennifer, who had thought the fry she'd found behind the aioli was the last one.

"I think it all comes down to greed," I



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said. "Everybody knows that everybody hates these parties. People don't offer to throw them, they are subjected to them." Jennifer and Grace waited patiently as I fished the apple slice from the bottom of my glass, popped it in my mouth, and chewed thoughtfully.

"Therefore, if somebody pushes a party on a friend, they can't be doing so because they think, 'I bet my friend really wants to do this'; they're asking a favor. The party pusher is saying, 'Put yourself out for me because I want to make money.' Why not just ask for a donation and save everyone the guilt, the time, the hassle, and the closetful of crap?"

"Here here!"

"Fuck yeah!"

Jennifer and Grace raised their glasses and clinked them to mine, which I then held above my lips and waited for the last sugary drop to make its way onto my tongue.

After Jennifer shared with us the saga of how she had randomly had her hair pulled by a "drunken midget woman" in Little Italy the night before, it dawned on me that I had not yet received the advice I'd been seeking.

"So we all agree that people who ask you to host parties at which they will aggressively sell things to you and your friends suck, right?" I said, receiving nods from Jennifer and Grace.

"But what do I say to my friend who wants me to host this candle party?"

"I would just say no," said Grace. "Having a salesperson in my home would be too intrusive. I make it very clear to my coworkers that I am not interested in this kind of thing. I wouldn't go to one, and I definitely wouldn't host one. If someone said, 'Hey, I have some products here that I'm selling,' and if it's stuff I couldn't get anywhere else or that I knew would be of great quality, and if I knew I wouldn't be obligated to buy anything, then maybe I'd go."

"I would just be super irritated if anyone ever bothered to ask me to host a can-

dle party," said Jennifer. She paused for a moment to count the cash in her hands. "But a good reply? Huh. How about, 'Are you kidding me?' Or you can choose the easy route, make up anything to get out of it, just because going would be, like, totally annoying. Nobody needs to be selling that stuff in your house when you can get it at the store. By the way, if you end up getting suckered into doing this, please don't invite me." ■

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But what information do they receive first? A 2002 study in the *Journal of Special Education* asked 69 women who knew they were at risk for carrying a fetus with a dis-

ability what they planned to do and what kind of genetic counseling they received.

Sixty-five percent said they would choose to terminate a pregnancy that tested positive for Down's or spina bifida. But when the researchers asked the pregnant women if they had been encouraged to meet with a parent of a child with a disability, 91 percent said no. When asked if they had been given information about future quality-of-life issues for a child with a disability, 87 percent said no.

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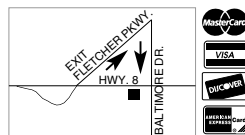
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Arc stands for Association for Retarded Citizens, a national, private, nonprofit organization founded in 1951. San Diego is home to six Arc facilities, which receive funds from the Department of Health and Human Services and pledge to provide "positive experiences for persons served, in a safe environment that allows some risk-taking with no preconceived limits on achievements." This is one of the paradoxes of Arc care. The organization that boldly sought rights for retarded citizens dropped the use of the word "retarded" from its name in 1991 because the word had become a pejorative, and although the developmentally disabled are, by the state's own definition, permanently restricted in their development, the Arc presumes those limits can't be foreseen. Each person, given the right care, may develop, and to that end, Arc clients are called "consumers" and care providers are called "job coaches."

Laura Orcutt, the director of the North County Arc, has worked with consumers for 37 years, and she is neither discouraged nor embittered. In fact, she sees nothing to be discouraged about, except possibly our failure, as a culture, to value human life



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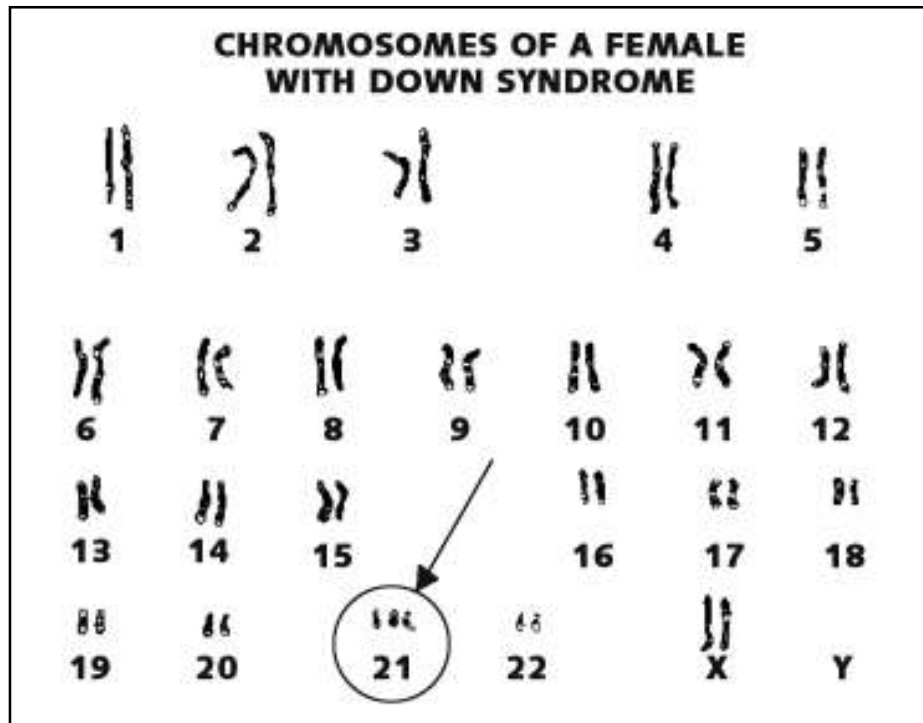
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enough.

"These people contribute just as much as I do, if not more," she says. "I believe that they have made me the person that I am. I appreciate every single day because of them. I can honestly say that I never feel depressed. They are amazing people. Some of them smile, and I think, 'What did they go through to get here?' I think that's what motivates those who stay in the business."

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I enter the business as a volunteer on a Tuesday in April, and I attach myself to Helen, the only job coach who seems happy to see me. (The names of all job coaches and consumers have been changed.) The others say very little, perhaps foreseeing my imminent departure — in mid-June, when my children get out of school for the summer. Perhaps Orcutt



has told them I'm a journalist, and they hate reporters. Perhaps they see that I'm a dilettante, somebody who's interested in doing their work but has no knowledge or experience.

In December of 2004, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that there

were 4.5 million developmentally disabled adults in the United States, and 90 percent of them lived in private homes, not institutions. This means that during the day they would likely need the services of a place like Arc. Of the 800,000 people employed as their

direct caregivers, at least half annually quit those jobs.

For one thing, the pay is low. Starting pay in the nonprofit private sector was \$8.68 in 2004. Between 1992 and 2000, wages for direct support workers like Helen increased 82 cents an

hour, while the average increase for a fast-food worker was \$2.11.

Helen has raised a family and seems to have come here, like Orcutt, out of compassion. She wears comfortable girlish clothes to work: a T-shirt with rolled sleeves, denim overalls, and tennis shoes. Sometimes she wears her long, curly blonde hair in a ponytail.

Tabitha, the second job coach in Helen's room, is younger. Her boyfriend did a tour in Iraq, and while he was gone, she lived with his family. This is her second time working at Arc — she was a job coach at 18, moved away, then came back, so she's not one of those who, in Orcutt's words, "come in and think it's easier than it is." If Helen is the nun of Arc, Tabitha is the camp counselor who's seen too many strands of toilet paper in the trees and too much salt in the sugar bowl. She's efficient and sarcas-

tic and knowing and reliable, and nobody's going to drown on her watch.

Some 25 job coaches are employed here at any given time, and they move in and out of Helen and Tabitha's room, one at a time, looking for roving consumers, coffee, staplers, or paper towels. Mostly, they're young. Statistically, at least half of them will quit. The national rate of job turnover among caregivers for the mentally handicapped is 50-75 percent a year.

"It's a very emotional job," Orcutt says. "If you take your job seriously, it's a very tough job." Most of the people she hires have worked with or lived with the disabled, Alzheimer's patients, children, or the elderly. Sometimes, she has to fill in with temps. "If they don't look like they're going to be respectful of our consumers, I don't hire them," she says.

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headed man who looks 14 is holding the little ring from inside the microwave like a tam-bourine. He shakes it as if it makes a sound so small only he can hear. He touches it to his face, and he rocks.

A 34-year-old consumer named Sarah is sitting meekly in her wheelchair. She has asthma, cerebral palsy, and mild mental retardation, functioning at the level of someone aged 2 to 5. Her

black hair has been braided into a plait that reaches her waist, and her nails are Platinum Pink, worn and chipped at the edges. She keeps a white towel on her lap, and occasionally, when her mouth fails her, she uses the towel to dry her chin. Her fingers bend like broken umbrellas.

A man who is six feet five and massive comes toward me with his hand out. He could grind my bones to make his bread.

Instead, he lifts up his shirt to show me his belly and says, "Ah way!"

A slender job coach in the corner explains, "That's Jay. He's lost weight. He's telling you he's lost weight."

Jay tells me his name, points to his own chest, shakes my hand, says my name, and then, as if the Arc were his house and he'd invited us all to a grand party, he introduces everyone in the room.

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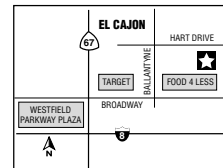
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“Ry!” he says, pointing to Brian, the blind one.

“Rah,” he says, pointing to Sarah, who smiles sweetly from her wheelchair and says, “Hi.”

“Gay-el,” he says, leading me to a wide-faced Hispanic man who hugs himself and giggles.

I meet Luz, Pam, and Frank, who have Down syndrome. Frank is sitting by himself, quietly copying words out of a Wal-Mart circular. His handwriting is tall and decorative, like graffiti. “Hi,” he says, then goes back to work.

Jay offers me a chair. He points to my shoes and says, “Eye ooz!” He

says it again, earnestly happy.

Harry, the slender, bearded job coach, translates. He says Jay likes my shoes. “He has a shoe fetish,” Harry says. “I always get compliments on my shoes.”

Jay’s consonants aren’t my consonants, and sometimes there aren’t any consonants at all. He’s 43 and lives with one family member. At home, he watches TV, takes out the trash, and puts groceries away. His goals in coming to the Arc are independence, clearer speech, the ability to make a sandwich, and an understanding of the value of money, which, at

the time of his enrollment some years ago, he tended to give away.

Although this will later seem naïve, I have brought an activity. I have mistaken the Arc center for day care, a place filled with bigger-than-normal children who need something fun to do. So I have brought one of those square looms for making potholders out of stretchy loops, plus a bag of multicolored loops.

Big Jay, the perfect host, is enthusiastic. He wants to pick a color to weave in. He doesn’t want to do the weaving itself — too many fine motor skills are required — but he likes the colors. Sometimes he identifies red as blue and blue as red. He says, “Red, mine.” He points to himself. Then he points to Sarah.

“Rah,” he says. He wants it to be her turn. Then he wants me to give everyone a turn. “Ooz.” “Ita.” “Ram.” Sarah, Luz, Conchita, and Hiram. Everyone. That’s the rule.

I offer the loom to Sarah. With her outward-curving fingers she delicately, with great deliberation, pulls the crochet hook. Together we manage to snake the loop through. “Thank you,” she says.

“Ooz,” Jay says, pointing decisively at Luz, a small, timid Hispanic woman with Down’s. Her fingernails have been chewed to irregular, inset shapes, like broken


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teeth, and write her name. It's not possible to describe each consumer's history in detail because their histories are confidential, but to be in a room at Arc is to be in the presence of concentrated hope and concentrated

grief. *X has a boyfriend, is interested in the Special Olympics, and worked for a time folding boxes.*

Until Y was two months old, her growth and development were normal, but then she

began to suffer from seizures and high fevers.

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C is 22. She enjoys riding her bicycle, dancing, music, and coloring.

D, who has a mental age of 3, would like a job working in a store.

"Ita!" Jay says, and Conchita giggles.

Conchita is hearty,

giddy, and large. She is crazy about picking the colors, and it makes her giggle. Luz doesn't giggle. She seems not to smile at all, ever. But she is the one with working fingers. She can control the loop, the hook, the loom. Gravely, she pulls a red one through.

"Ram," Jay says, but Hiram declines. He watches from his wheelchair with amused detachment. If Helen is attached to any one consumer, if one of them absorbs her thoughts more than another (and all of them seem to hold sway there), it is Hiram, and it's not difficult to see why. Hiram sits every day in his slim black wheelchair, holding up his heavy head. He is a quadriplegic with cerebral palsy. His shins are so slender you could encircle them with finger and thumb, and his hands bend into themselves like tree roots. Helen asks him if he wants to do his hand exercises, and she extracts a pair of shiny black stones from the pouch on the back of his wheelchair. "No," he says, though it sounds more like "Oooh." Hiram has epileptic seizures, sometimes daily, and Helen tells me, out of his hearing, that each one leaves a scar.

Meanwhile, something goes wrong in the bathroom. Pam was in there, sad-faced Pam with the eyes that don't face the world together. Pam has Down's, too. She's had an accident and soaked everything, even her shoes. It takes most of an hour for Helen to clean up the floor, the toilet, and Pam. But Helen never acts annoyed. She mops and mops and mops.

She looks up at the consumers who are watching her and says gently, "I've got ten pairs of eyes on me! It's called a mop, you guys. I'm mopping!" She laughs again and tells Jay, "Probably you could do this better

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than me, Jay. This mop weighs about ten tons.”

While she’s still cleaning and we’re making the potholder, there’s a huge shattering pop. A window that was propped open with a stick has crashed down

and broken, throwing shards into the room. A job coach named Keith comes in with a broom. He’s wearing lowrider, wide-legged shorts, looped with a chain. His hair is buzzed. It’s as if a member of a white-

skinned rap group has dropped by to help. He goes out on the roof to remove the shards, and Tabitha helps until the Arc is safe again.

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I arrive the following

Thursday with a toy called the musical tower, a two-foot-high structure composed of brightly colored wooden petals. The petals are smaller at the top and larger at the bottom, arranged like a spiral staircase so that a marble

set at the top will roll drip-drip-drip to the base, making a sound like fat raindrops on a barn roof. I thought Blind Brian might like it, thought that many of them might take a child-like pleasure in the

sound, but I have forgotten to think of them all as adults who are trying to join the adult world.

I also bring nail polish remover to do Sarah’s nails, a children’s atlas, and paper-making supplies because Helen had said to me, when we were making potholders, that she’s always wanted to try making paper at the center.

My arrival has its ridiculous aspect. I have brought way too many things. Tabitha gives me the sort of look popular girls give nerds in sitcoms. So does Keith.

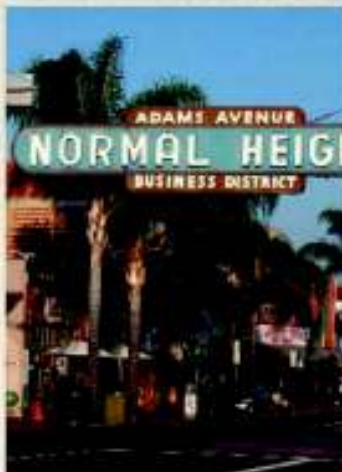
Helen makes a polite remark, then moves on. “Most of us are going on outings today,” she says. She’s taking three people to Wal-Mart on the bus at 10:30. You have to plan two days ahead, she says, to reserve a bus with a lift that can raise and lower Hiram’s wheelchair.

Tabitha takes Sarah and two other consumers out to eat. Jay leaves, too, but Helen’s group waits for the bus like the unblinking characters assembled in Dr. Seuss’s illustration for the terminal called the Waiting Place. Although there are objectives for each consumer, and some of them are posted on the wall, and although there’s a poster of the five W’s (Who are you working with? What are you doing?), the coaches’ efforts are subject to the ratios of the day, the compatibility or incompatibility of the patients grouped together, and unforeseen events.

A consumer I’ve never met before, a frail and stooped woman wearing a leather helmet to protect herself from seizures, wanders in. Her name is Charlene. Her face is tanned and middle-aged — she’s maybe 50 — and the helmet has the curious effect of making her seem like a 1920s football player. She shakes my hand. She hears that Helen’s taking Hiram on the bus, and she sits right

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down to join in the waiting.

"Bus," Charlene says. "Bus!" She says it happily, like a spell, but she can't actually go with them on the bus. Helen can only take three people. A problem is brewing.

Pam can't go either. Pam is round-bodied, round-faced, and round-fingered. She doesn't smile much, doesn't speak, and follows her own quiet routines in her own quiet way. Every morning, she brings a hairbrush to Helen, who helps Pam brush her soft, blonde hair into a ponytail, a ritual they both seem to enjoy. Then Pam draws a tiny, almost invisible flower on a large sheet of colored construction paper and hands it to Helen, who smiles and thanks her.

Helen is trying to teach Pam, who is scared of new things, to go out shopping, to trust her, and to make coffee at snack time. Helen tells me that Pam might think she wants to go out, but probably, once the bus comes, she won't want to get on. The experience is still too new.

I try the musical tower. A consumer named Wendy drops the marbles down the scale for a while. Her lower lip, swollen and trembling, makes her look desperately sad, so we stop. I turn the pages of the illustrated atlas, and she repeats the names of the animals I point out. "Reindeer." "Moose." "Bear." She likes the reindeer best.

In and out of the room move consumers I haven't met, including a very tall man whom I take at first as a caregiver because he has no features of Down's and he wears a polo shirt and faded jeans and leather shoes. Such clothes are rare among consumers, who tend to wear the easy-care polyester fashions of the elderly. He's slim and handsome, his black hair and black mus-

tache precisely trimmed and clean. There is nothing unusual about his features, his gait, or his eyes. But then I say hello and ask his name. He doesn't give it. I hear someone call him Nestor.

"Hi, Nestor!" I say.

"I'm Laura!"

Nestor doesn't smile, answer me, or interact with anyone. He just gives me a suspicious look, turns away, and leaves the room.

Another consumer comes in, a woman with

the trademark elastic-waist pants and a flow-ered poly-blend top. One eye faces the wrong way and is all blue iris and white, no pupil. She smiles and seems friendly enough, sitting at the table with us, until all at

once a voice comes out of her. It's a groaning, angry voice, like a poltergeist. It chills the room. The demon voice comes out of her, and then it stops.

I ask if I can put on the tape of Mother Goose songs I have brought in

my dilettante kit. Helen had said, the first time I was there, that she thought they ought to listen to something that would help them with their speech. Helen slips the cassette into the player, and sad-faced,

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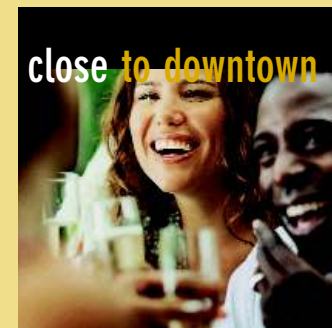
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trembling Wendy is delighted. *Three blind mice. Three blind mice.* She dances.

See how they run.

The woman in the helmet, Charlene, likes it at first. Helen tries to make it a noncompetitive

game of musical chairs because one of the Arc-wide objectives is to “walk and roll” — to exercise more. Wendy shuffles around the line of chairs Helen drags into place, sad Pam acquiesces, and Hiram allows his black

wheelchair to be pushed around the circle a few times. “Don’t shout at me, Hiram!” Helen says merrily as she pushes the handles of his chair, and he smiles, but Charlene sits under her helmet and simmers.

Helen sees this right off. She tells me she needs to warn me about what to do when they’re “a-n-g-r-y.”

“Fuck you,” Charlene says. “Kick you. Gonna kick you!”

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall. Humpty

Dumpty had a great fall.

The music is merry. Helen says, “You protect yourself.”

I ask, continuing somewhat nervously to walk around the chairs, “Um, what about the others — the other

consumers?”

“You can go into a blocking stance. But not you — you get a job coach. I don’t want you to do it. Mostly you just ignore them. Attention makes them do it more.”

Charlene says loudly, “I’m going to kick you in the face, you bitch.”

Little Tommy Tucker sings for his supper.

Helen moves Hiram’s wheelchair carefully around the room. Charlene weighs less than a hundred pounds, but she looks spry enough, in her football helmet, to do some face-kicking.

“She has a rod in her back,” Helen tells me. “A metal rod. So she might make you want to push her back, but you can’t. You need two people, one on each side, so you don’t hurt her.”

It’s almost 10:30 in the morning, and still no bus has arrived, and now there’s Charlene’s rage to contend with, brought on by the childish music, maybe, or the idea of the approaching bus, or something unknowable. Helen says she’ll go and tell Keith, the tattooed tough one. “He’ll know how to calm her down,” she says.

By the time I leave at 11:00, the sun has come out. The bus has come. Keith is sitting outdoors with Charlene, who is no longer threatening to kick anyone’s face. Somehow, he has helped her become calm and happy again. The music is over, back in my bag. I say good-bye, and I take my musical tower, holding it like a remnant of a foreign culture, use unknown.

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He begins to cry. "I need a hug," he tells Helen.

"I can't do that," Helen says.

"You're mean," Brian says.

"Because I won't hug you?"

"Yes. I miss my grandma."

He bends at the waist in his chair, sucking his thumb. As if he learned to cry from a comic strip, he says, "Wah," and then moans. "Need a hug," he repeats. Time passes and the cat stays on the screen.

Helen calmly tells him it's not her job. She can't hug him, but Grandma can.

"Is it time to go home yet?" he asks.

"No," Helen says gently.

Quietly, off to one side, Helen tells me that Brian's needs are getting more physical.

I think of the way Brian tries, reaching out into the room, to touch her, and how often she tells him firmly that he can't touch her, that it isn't appropriate. She means that boylike Brian, who is chronologically in his twenties, feels not just a need to be hugged. A feeling like a great empty sky spreads out above us.

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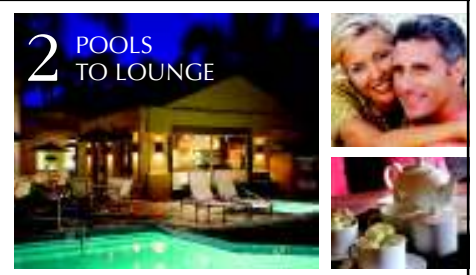
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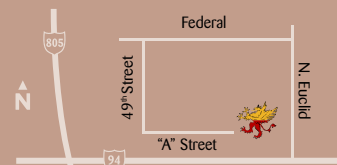
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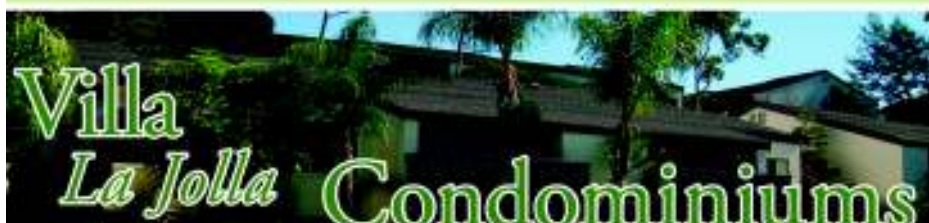
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On the other side of the small, hot room, Hiram and Pam are sharing a computer because the other one, which is attached to two large button-style devices that Hiram can strike with the side of his hand, is broken. Hiram is trying to type letters with the stick-like handle of a wooden spoon, but he holds the keys down too long and they repeat themselves KKKKKKKKKKKKKKK. Pam sits still and watches.

Helen leaves Brian for the moment and tries to help Hiram. The program is designed to produce a picture for each word. Type "PAR" and you get "park." But mostly, Hiram is just getting PPPPPPPPPPPPP so she switches the program to one that shows drawings of coins and dollar bills and asks Pam and Hiram to select the correct dollar amount.

They work at it quietly, getting some right, some wrong, and time passes, moving us forward toward lunch. "For Pam," Helen tells me, "just concentrating for 15 minutes on the computer is something. For her, it's not just the lesson the CD-ROM teaches but going all the way through the lesson from beginning to end."

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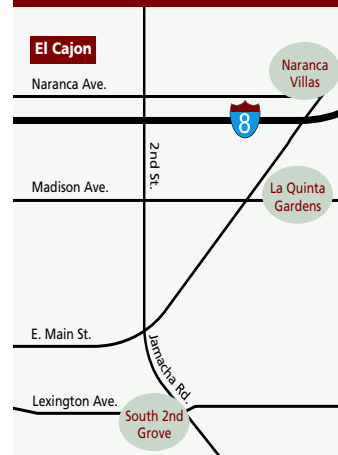
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Loompa bodies, pick it up, roll it again. A stoop-backed woman wearing a leather helmet like Charlene's is curled over a thick wooden jigsaw puzzle, the kind with just 10 or 12 pieces. Several other chunky puzzles are stacked beside her, and all

of them have been assembled so many times the paint has rubbed off the edges.

"It's harder than it looks," Helen says, referring not to the puzzle but to the job itself, the world in which we stand, the three droning, flashing

computers that are not simultaneously treating blindness, longing, cerebral palsy, and two very different forms of Down syndrome.

I tell her, apologetically, truthfully, that I never thought it was easy. Perhaps it was my dilet-

tante kit, my bag of activities and grooming supplies, that made me seem like a know-it-all Mary Poppins.

"There are so many things to think about," Helen continues. "There are the objectives, and then there's 'Did we have

a g-o-o-d day? And did we have an s-a-f-e day?'"

Good. Safe. I think of this, and then I think of the report that said Big Jay was still having trouble distinguishing between \$20, \$10, \$5, and \$1, a long-standing primary learning objective. The job coach who had been helping him wasn't sure he understood the concept of money, or that he could ever understand it.

I wonder, as I leave the center, if it's better to believe that Jay will one day learn the value of money, or to believe that he will never, no matter what, learn the value of money. Will Jay someday ride the bus alone, shop alone, make a sandwich for dinner, and grow up, if someone works long and hard enough to teach him those things? Or is it merely in everyone's best interest, especially Jay's, to act as

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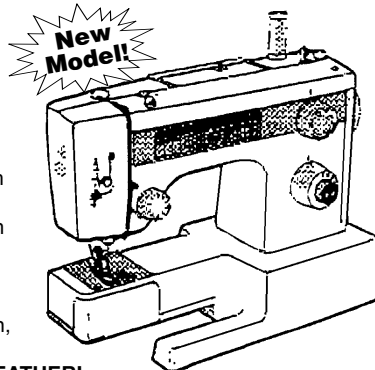
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though he will?

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Roberto is wearing his red T-shirt and straw hat, dressed to work, as always, at a beach resort hotel. He rides there on the bus each morning with his job coach and two other consumers, Betty and Joe. The job coach uses a blower to clean the tennis courts, and the consumers rake the leaves into bags. Sometimes they hit tennis balls with members, who buy them ice cream.

Roberto is not obviously different, at first, from the job coaches. His teeth are straight and in fair condition. His brown eyes move in the usual ways, as do his arms and legs. He is, at first glance, a genial middle-aged man in a straw hat. One morning he comes up to me and opens his wallet. He makes sounds that are like words, and he holds out a picture of a baby girl. "Eh-ah," he says cheerfully. "Eh-ah."

On the back of the picture, someone has written, "For Uncle Robby from Ella."

This gives me enough clues so I can say the right things, and he can nod and beam some more. Then he shows me another picture, this time of a gray-haired Hispanic woman sitting in a flower garden.

"Is this your mother?" I ask.

He nods happily. The photograph is laminated, and I decide that someone has thoughtfully done this for him so he can carry it around without wearing it out, but then I turn it over and see that it's a funeral card. She died two years ago. *En memoria de nuestra querida madre*, the card says.

Roberto's job coach is gathering his things into a backpack, checking the wall clock, checking his watch. Roberto's ready, Joe's ready, but

Betty's not here yet. It's a fair walk to the bus stop, and the consumers don't walk with uniform or predictable speed. The resort lies in a far corner of Carlsbad, and although the Arc (not the resort) pays the consumers what they earn, it's a job just the same, important both to the resort and to the consumers.

The job coach looks out the window at the parking lot, checks his watch again.

Finally Betty speeds in, thin and blue-eyed, her face small and eager.

"Go change your shirt in the bathroom,

Betty," her job coach says. "Remember to close the door. Then we'll go."

Tabitha says that yesterday Betty's shirt was inside out and back-

wards. She turned it right side out, then had to be sent back into the bathroom to turn it around.

Another time, Tabitha told me that

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Betty is in love with her job coach, has been in love with him for years. Many of the consumers have boyfriends and girlfriends, about whom they talk with shy affection, but none of the others have, to my knowledge, placed their affections where they can't be returned. When Betty comes out of the bathroom, her red T-shirt is on right side out and forwards.

"Good job, Betty," Tabitha says.

Betty puts on her straw hat, which is covered with artificial daisies and has a little chin strap. Her job coach hoists his backpack, takes one last look at his watch, signals to Joe and Roberto, and says, "Okay, Betty, let's

go."

Betty gives him a look of adoration, the daisies trembling slightly on her hat, and she follows him out the door.

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It's flower-pressing day. Since it's hard for Helen to take her group out, she's going to try an on-site job. Handmade paper. It was her idea, but I have a flower press, a screen, a deckle, and slight experience with tearing paper, pulping it with a blender, and filtering the soggy mess to form thick, rippled sheets of handmade paper.

I bring lavender and roses and the flower press, and we pick more flowers from the Arc flower garden. Then I sit

at a big round table with Conchita, giddy and giggling, Sarah, demure in her wheelchair, and Big Jay, who's once again in charge of making sure everyone takes turns, with two exceptions. Hiram sits in his wheelchair doing math. His mother has sent, according to her usual routine, two Dr Peppers, a plastic mug with a bendable straw, a stack of white hand towels, lunch, and a page of neatly written four-digit addition problems. Hiram uses his pen to punch the numbers into his calculator, and then slowly, carefully, he writes the answer to every single one, even though the numbers are so hard for him to write that the lines come out loose and wide, like individual strands of hair. Frank sits nearby with an equal air of businesslike concentration, preferring to copy by hand the words he finds in his magazine, flipping the pages and looking carefully for his next headline.

The rest of us rip flowers off their stalks.

"I got my hair cut," Sarah says shyly. "Two feet came off."

"What did you do with it?"

"Put it in the trash can." She shows me the pink barrettes and fuzzy ponytail holders she picked out afterwards. For her, stripping blossoms from the stalks is complicated because her eyes play tricks on her. The flower always appears to be in a place other than where it is. Conchita, though, can see the flowers perfectly, and she rips them up compulsively, tearing off every last tiny leaf.

For some reason, Roberto's group isn't going to the resort today. He sits at the table and tears flowers until they're all pressed between sheets of white paper and the wooden press is crushing them flat on the windowsill. We're finished. I pull out my knitting

because I, like Frank, can't sit still without something in my hands. Roberto gently touches my hair.

"Does your mother knit?" I ask Sarah.

"No," she says.

"Does yours?" I ask Roberto, remembering too late the memorial card in his wallet.

"Died," he says. He takes no offense, smiles anyway, takes his hand away from my hair. He pulls out a family photo of a father, a mother, and a little boy. He says he lives with his sister, and he points at the smiling mother in the picture.

Blue-eyed, hopeful Betty, unable to follow her usual routine of donning the flowered hat and following her beloved coach to the bus stop, is stuck indoors like Roberto. She paces, then sits. Conchita has brought a music cassette with her, and it's playing

scratchily, noisily, on a portable stereo. The sheer number of people in the room makes it seem hot and loud. Betty covers her ears with her hands and walks nervously around the room some more.

"She doesn't like loud noise," Tabitha says.

Finally the clock says 10:00, and 10 o'clock is Coffee Time, when a consumer and a job coach walk through both rooms like waiters, taking coffee orders, counting cups. The coffee, creamed with white powder to the color of sand, is the elixir of life, the warm bearer of both sugar and caffeine.

Pam, the very quiet one with Down's, likes coffee as much as everyone else, but during coffee hour today she starts to scream. Short, ferocious sounds like a car alarm come out of her. Everyone at my table, even the perpetually laughing Conchita, is

unnerved. Conchita grabs her head, says it hurts. Roberto looks distressed. Sarah bows her head, drinks her coffee through a straw, then says, "Thank you." Not even this disturbance can make Sarah impolite.

"It's the crowd," Helen says quietly. "Pam's not used to this many people."

Helen quickly takes her group outside, and the problem is solved. Pam stops screaming.

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The following Tuesday is supposed to be paper-making day. The flowers are dried and flat, and Frank has been busy with the Arc center's motorized paper shredder. But we can't find a blender to make pulp out of the shredded yellow incident reports and confidential medical forms. Unable to work, we talk. I pour nail polish remover onto a



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cotton ball and dissolve Sarah's chipped nail polish, then Conchita's and Wendy's and even Charlene's. Charlene, her head encased in its leather shell, lets me do just one hand, then she loses interest, and I'm relieved that my presence doesn't upset her and get her swearing again.

There's a new guy sitting with us, a man who normally spends his days in the big room next door. William looks like a creative writing professor in a wheelchair. His black hair is neatly cut and fashionably gelled, silver only at the temples. He wears glasses and a jean jacket, black jeans, black leather shoes, and black leather biking gloves.

"I don't speak Span-

ish," he says.

"Do you speak any other languages?" I ask.

"Norway," he says. "We have a farm there."

This is within the realm of possibility, I think.

"A ranch," he adds. "We raise cows. I'm a cowboy."

I don't know much about ranching, Norway, or cows, so I just smile and say that sounds great.

"My aunt's coming to visit," he says.

"Where do you live?" I ask.

"With my mother." He pauses, then says, "My father died."

"Mine, too," I say.

"My dog died," he says.

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Depression

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If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:

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Outpatient Research Study

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Many treatments for schizophrenia focus on the voices and fears, but what about how hard it is to do simple tasks? We are studying an investigational medication that focuses on the lack of motivation and energy associated with schizophrenia.

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Creepy, Crawly, Nighttime Legs



Is a creepy crawly feeling in your legs keeping you up at night? If so, you could be suffering from Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS). If you are 18 or older, and are in general good health, you may qualify to try an investigational medication being studied for the possible treatment of RLS.

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If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:

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cleaner on the freezer doors, and rub smudges off the meat case. "It's better than sitting on your butt all day!" a cheerful consumer named Sally tells me. "I get paid, too," she says. "That's nice."

* * *

Paper-making day, take two. I bring a blender from home this time, and Helen helps me set up a hopeful little assembly line at the long Formica counter. We align a blender, a tub of water, two screens, two decks, some sponges, a mound of cloth squares onto which each square of pressed pulp will be transferred, new wooden clothespins for hanging the paper out to dry, and a roll of curling ribbon

for making clotheslines. It's not exactly Ford Motor Company. It's hard to picture venture capitalists laying down cash.

Still, we try to make a paper factory. Sarah, in her wheelchair, holds a colander on her lap. She's supposed to tear the long strips of paper produced by the shredder into smaller bits and drop them in the colander. First she must painstakingly grasp each one. She is always reaching into the air one inch beyond the object, but she reaches again and again until what she sees and what she feels are one. When she's finished, she says, "Thank you."

Charlene, the volatile one in the leather cap, is game for turning on the

blender, except that the blender I've brought from home is not operated in the usual way, by pushing buttons. Instead there is a lever that you have to push upwards. Over and over I say, "It goes up. You have to push up." I try to help with my fingers on her fingers but am afraid that this will enrage her and she'll want to kick me in the face. Finally, in a fortunate accident, we discover that the electrical outlet we're using is defective, and the only way to make the blender go on is to hold the plug-end of the blender cord and shove it deeper into the outlet. This way, the consumer can seem to be turning the blender on and off whether she is or isn't.

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Depressed? Bipolar?

UCSD Department of Psychiatry is recruiting subjects who are at least 18 years of age for a sleep research study to see if sleep deprivation will help aid in the treatment of your depressed mood.

You may qualify if you have (or think you might have) Bipolar Disorder, also known as Manic Depression, **and** you are currently suffering from depression.

You may be asked to spend 4 consecutive days/nights in our sleep lab, one of which will include a total night of sleep deprivation. You must also be willing to take an FDA-approved mood stabilizer, such as Lithium, as well as an FDA-approved antidepressant.

Financial compensation will be provided.



For more information please contact the study coordinator at 858-642-3590.



Do you have trouble falling asleep?

A research study is being conducted to evaluate an approved medication in an investigational use in the treatment of insomnia.

If you have been diagnosed with chronic insomnia and experience difficulty falling asleep and staying asleep, you may qualify for participation in this study.

Qualified participants will receive study drug and study-related physician visits at no cost and could be compensated up to \$1,200 for time and travel.

If you would like more information or think you may be eligible for this study, please contact the physician's office below.

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Frequent heartburn symptoms? Can't sleep without a recliner? Unable to enjoy the foods you love?

If so, you may qualify as a volunteer in a clinical research study of an investigational medication for heartburn and GERD.

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Insomnia?

Do you regularly have trouble falling asleep or waking and are not able to get back to sleep?

We understand how difficult this can be, both day and night.

If you are 65 years of age or older and have a history of insomnia for at least 3 months, you might qualify to take part in a research study of an investigational new medication for Insomnia.

Eligible participants receive study related care at no charge, including a physical exam, sleep exams, laboratory services and study medication.

Qualified participants could receive up to \$2,350 for time and travel.

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Do You Have Type 2 Diabetes?

Profil Institute for Clinical Research is looking for volunteers with type 2 diabetes to test an investigational medication that may help regenerate islet cells in the pancreas.

You may qualify if:

- You are age 30-60, inclusive
- You are treating your type 2 diabetes with metformin and/or Actos or Avandia
- You currently self-monitor your blood glucose levels at home

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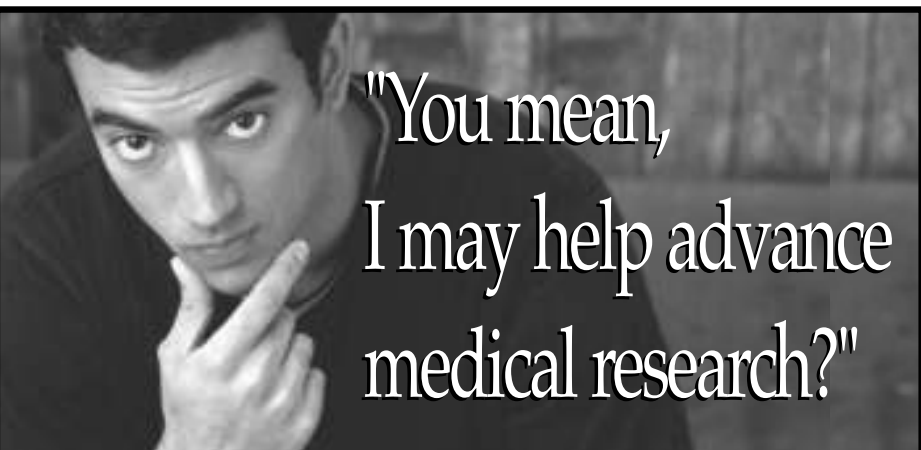
- Study-related medical care at no cost
- Compensation up to \$3600 for time and travel (some overnight stays required)

For more information about this research study, call: 619-409-1244 or e-mail: studies@profil-research.com

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Pam is next as blender operator. Like Charlene, she cannot fathom why the button isn't a push-in. The blender seems cruelly designed.

Frank and Hiram turn away as if from housework, back to math and writing. Conchita giggles and peels dried flowers off the paper from the flower press, then tosses them into the tub of paper pulp. She does this until all petals and leaves have been peeled, but the other

work stations don't interest her.

Pulp-screening, for example, is a job no consumer wants to try. No one wants to plunge the deckle and screen into the watery lukewarm paper pulp we've made and drain out the water, flip it onto a square of cloth, and push the sponge down on the resulting slippery mass to make a flat, wet, nascent sheet of paper that will peel off the cloth when it dries. It's weird, messy work. I see that now. Normally,

when you're presented with a solid object dissolved in water, you don't press on it. That this tub of pulp smells like lavender and roses makes it no more enticing, except to Helen and me.

Outside, the sun comes out. Keith, the raperesque coach in denim and chains, peers doubtfully through the window at our assembly line.

"Do you want to make paper, Keith?" Helen asks him.

"No-o-o-o. No, I don't," Keith says definitively and shakes his head.

As the sun begins to warm the outside air, I keep filtering and pressing, the warm pulp sticking to my hands. I'm facing the window, so I watch as Keith collects a group of consumers around the basketball goal. He wheels William out, William of the black bicycle gloves and the far-away Norwegian cattle. Keith sets the wheelchair

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- ✓ Is currently suffering from symptoms of major depression...

...then you may be interested in participating in a clinical research trial currently being conducted at **PCSD~Feighner Research Center.**

To learn more about this study, please call **877-FOR-INFO (877-367-4636)**. Study participants receive investigational medication and all study-related tests at no cost. Compensation for time and travel is also available.

Attention Alcohol Drinkers:

Researchers at The Scripps Research Institute are working to develop new treatments for alcoholism. Volunteers are needed to participate in clinical research testing different drugs: both drinkers who want to stop, as well as drinkers who are not trying to stop. Qualified participants will be paid.



For more information and to find out if you qualify for any of these studies, please call

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for more detailed information.



Bothered by psoriasis?



This may be something to consider

As many as nine million people in the United States and Canada have psoriasis, a chronic skin disease resulting in itchy, flaking, inflamed red patches on the skin.

A research study of an investigational psoriasis treatment is now being conducted at research centers throughout the United States and Canada. The purpose of this research study is to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational topical treatment for plaque psoriasis.

Participation in this research study may include the following at no cost:

- Sixteen weeks of participation
- As many as nine visits to a local physician's office
- Study-related examinations
- Study-related laboratory tests
- Study-related medication

People (ages 12 or older) diagnosed with plaque psoriasis may be eligible to volunteer.

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Do you have trouble falling and staying asleep?

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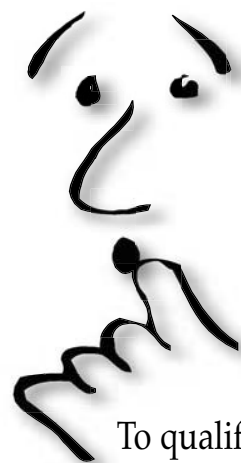
- Are between 18 and 64 years of age
- Have had trouble falling and staying asleep for more than three months

Qualified participants receive all study-related care and study medication at no charge and could be compensated up to \$1,775 for incidental costs and travel.

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Does asthma have you in its grip?



If you are a person with mild to moderate asthma but are otherwise in good health, you may qualify for a clinical research study of an investigational medication for asthma.

To qualify you must be:

- age 18 to 50
- diagnosed with asthma for at least the past year
- a non-smoker or a previous smoker (for at least 2 years)
- currently on inhaled corticosteroids

Qualified participants will receive all study-related exams and investigational medication at no cost and may also be compensated up to \$2,200 for their time and travel.

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...Too Heavy?

...Too Frequent?

If your periods have increased in length, gotten too heavy, or seem to be coming far too often, a research study is underway using an investigational oral medication taken daily to address one or more of these issues. If you are over 18 years of age and struggle with any of these menstrual problems you may want to consider this research study.

To possibly qualify:

- Be at least 18 years or older
- Have either heavy, long, or too frequent menstrual periods
- Not presently on oral contraception or willing to go off

Participants may receive:

- Exam and consultation by a board-certified physician
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For more information, please call the **Clinical Research Center at (858) 694-8350.**

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Creepy, Crawly Legs?



Do you have the urge to move your legs or feel unpleasant sensations in your legs at night?

We are looking for volunteers to participate in a clinical research study testing an investigational medication for Restless Legs Syndrome or "RLS."

Eligible participants must be 18-75 years of age and experience symptoms of RLS, or an irresistible urge to move the legs or uncomfortable sensations that worsen during periods of rest or inactivity.

All office visits, medical evaluations, and study medications related to this study will be provided at no cost. Qualified participants could be compensated up to \$650 for time and travel.

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under the goal and tosses William the ball. Keith then finds the thin, bird-like man named Kyle, who wishes only to toss his tennis ball into the air over and over again, and talks him into playing. Then Keith comes back into our makeshift paper factory to ask Sarah if she wants to come outside, and she shyly accepts, grinning as though she's just been asked to dance by the very boy she likes best.

In the warm, gentle sunshine, beatific after the morning fog, Keith starts tossing the basketball at the hoop, twirling it, then passing it to William as he sits in his wheelchair below the net. He keeps up a kind of streetwise patter, and it

occurs to me that Keith talks differently to consumers than anyone else. Helen is motherly and sweet. Tabitha is sardonic, like a bossy sister. Others are quiet and grave. But Keith looks like the sort of person who wouldn't talk to handicapped people, if there is a type. His piercings, the chain that loops from belt loop to belt loop on his low-slung, loose denim shorts, his crew cut, his speech, all of these things establish him as someone who is tough, rebellious, and streetwise. When he talks, he's the authentic user of slang. "Hey, Frank," he'll say. "What's up, man?"

If he wanders into our room, searching for Big Jay or Suspicious Nestor, he'll say, "Have

you seen my seven-foot giant?" Keith can say *dude, brother, and girl* and make the cloistered world of the Arc seem like a high school where everyone likes you. When he talks to William and Sarah and Hiram, all of whom are in wheelchairs, he is inviting them into a club of sorts, the club of hip outsiders, careless and wise.

As I press hard on the sponge, forcing water out of the pulp and onto the surface of the screen beneath my fingers, they smile with the most extraordinary joy. They look at him with transforming happiness, and they stop, for a stretched-out space of time, seeming handicapped.

I keep making paper,

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- Eat too much or too little
- Feel tired or move slowly
- Feel restless or anxious
- Have trouble paying attention or making decisions
- Feel guilty or worthless

To join the study, you must be between the ages of 18 and 65.

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IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME?

Female volunteers needed for a research study of an investigational medication to relieve CONSTIPATION and LOWER ABDOMINAL PAIN associated with Irritable Bowel Syndrome.

Qualified participants must be:

- Female
- 18-65 years
- Typically have two or fewer bowel movements per week, accompanied by abdominal discomfort or pain.

All study-related care (doctor visits, physical exams, laboratory tests and study medication) is provided at no cost to qualified participants.

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swooshing the empty frame down in the slippery pulp, sieving it up, extracting every drop of water from the fibers of dead flowers and shredded files, all the words too small to read now, inextricable, and then Helen and I hang the torn sheets of cloth that hold the soft, soggy pages in the sun.

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It's a June day and most people are going out. The red shirts are going to the tennis courts, the yellow shirts are going to straighten grocery shelves, and Tabitha is taking a trio to Wal-Mart and McDonald's.

Helen tells me that Laura Orcutt and the administrative staff are very excited about the handmade paper project. They're going to approve funding for a blender. They think the paper could be made into folders holding sheets of stationery, and the stationery could be sold. We

discuss ribbon ties, methods of attaching the pockets for holding paper, the size the pieces of paper should be.

Meanwhile, we're waiting to go out ourselves. There's no lift for Hiram and his chair, so he can't leave, and if he isn't reassigned to another coach, Helen can't leave either. Lots of shifting is done. A supervisor reassigns Hiram to Keith, who comes in doing his "Man, you've been waiting for time with me and now you got it" routine, and Hiram



Living With Alzheimer's Disease?



If you or someone you care about has been diagnosed with mild Alzheimer's, you may be eligible for a clinical research trial to study an investigational medication. Participants should be at least 55 years old and have a caregiver.

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Dr. Robert Henry and his associates at the VA Medical Center in San Diego are currently seeking Veteran and Non-Veteran participants for a Research Study on Type 2 Diabetes. If you have been diagnosed at least 3 months ago with Type 2 Diabetes, you may be eligible to participate in this study.

Qualified participants may receive study-related medical care and financial compensation for time and travel.

Are you sad due to Bipolar Disorder?



Then there might be hope.

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

To qualify:

- You must be at least 18 years old
- You must have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder
- You must be experiencing symptoms of depression

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

- Monitoring of bipolar and depressive symptoms
- Medical and lab exams
- Study medication



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:
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See our website: www.ari-inc.com

Have You Been Diagnosed with Psoriasis?



Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study on patients with mild to moderate plaque psoriasis.

You may qualify if:

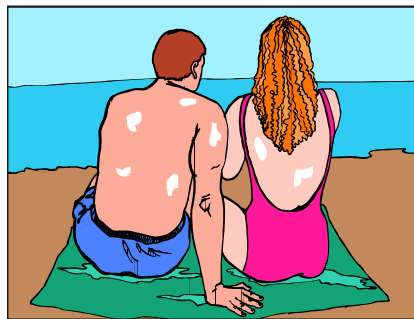
- You are 18 years of age or older and are in good health.
- Have bilateral plaque lesions on the arms, thighs, knees, chest or back.

Participants will be seen by a dermatologist and may be compensated for time and travel.



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Seeing Spots?



If you have Sun Spot Fungus, you may be eligible to participate!

- Over the age of 18
- Have white spots on your body that do not tan
- Can visit our office 3 times in about 5 weeks

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Need a Good Night's Sleep?



A research study is currently underway to investigate a study medication for people with insomnia.

- | | Yes | No |
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| • Are you 18 years old or older? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Do you have trouble staying asleep? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Does your sleep fail to refresh and energize you for a new day? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Are your sleep difficulties interfering with your daily life? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you answered YES to the questions above, please contact us. Qualified participants will receive evaluations including study-related physician visits at no charge, and will be compensated for time and travel expenses.



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Schizophrenia?

Do you or someone you love suffer with Schizophrenia?

Services are available at no charge.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a clinical trial with investigational medication.

Participants receive visits with a psychiatrist, study-related medication, lab work, and staff support.



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Alzheimer's Disease Research Volunteers Needed

JODY COREY-BLOOM, MD, PHD and researchers at the University of California, San Diego, Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, are participating in an international clinical research project with ONO Pharma to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of this investigational drug compared to placebo in the treatment of individuals with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease.



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Qualified participants will receive study drug and study-related physician visits at no cost and could be compensated up to \$1,200 for time and travel.

If you would like more information or think you may be eligible for this study, please contact the physician's office below.

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looks thrilled, and then Helen gets the keys to an Arc car. She now has custody of Frank, Pam, and a consumer called Sadie.

This is the price I sense Helen pays for today's mobility: being in charge of Sadie. Frank is

hardworking and reliable, Pam is sweetly neutral, but Sadie is desperation incarnate. Her face is dough-colored, her gray hair is messy, her glasses are smudged, her teeth are misshapen and yellow. She uses a walker,

and her spine curves like the letter C, although job coaches often tell her to stand up and sit up straight. She talks of little but Diet Coke, which sounds like "Di Co."

Before Helen can leave, she cheerfully suggests that everyone in her group use the bathroom, and while Helen is helping Sadie with the toilet, she discovers a bruise on Sadie's back.

Helen calls a supervisor, who says, "What the —?"

The supervisor calls her supervisor, who has to come and look at the bruise. Through the bathroom door come snatches of conversation: "When did you fall, Sadie? How did this happen?"

It happened in the facility where Sadie lives, in the night, not here, not at the Arc. Helen must make a report of how and when she saw the enormous bruise. Otherwise, she might be blamed. When this is done, Helen, who is still game for an outing, still unflappably cheerful, brings the car around.

We depart. Over and over, as we drive the streets of Vista, Sadie says mournfully, anxiously, "Dee my Di Co?" wanting it to be Diet Coke time, unable to accept or per-

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Do you or someone you know have Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema) or Psoriasis?

The UCSD Dermatology Clinical Trials Division is conducting a research study on patients with psoriasis or atopic dermatitis.

You may be eligible if: you are between 18 and 70 years old and are in general good health.

Participants will be compensated for participation.

For more information, please call Gabriela at UCSD Division of Dermatology: 858-657-8390



Heartburn? Acid Reflux?

If you suffer from acid indigestion, frequent heartburn, flow of bitter fluid into the chest or mouth, difficulty swallowing, or upper abdominal pain, you may have a condition known as gastroesophageal reflux disease, or **GERD**.

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haps recall Helen's assurance that the Coke is in the trunk and that she'll get to drink it at lunch.

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Helen pulls over at the Wave water park and asks the ticket-taker if we can just go in for a minute and look. The uniformed employee looks uncertain, but she waves us in. She watches Frank and Pam and knows, as everyone knows, that they are what used to be called Monogoloid. She watches Sadie shuffle along with her

walker, a faded hunch-backed woman in a faded old man's shirt, perhaps just elderly and sad.

Progress is slow. The uniformed girl decides we're not going to strip and jump into the Rio Loco, and she turns her attention elsewhere.

It's early in the season and blissfully warm. The pale blue water slaps the white sides of the pool. We sit down on the foot-ends of loungers and contemplate the alluring and nearly vacant water. A few children shriek and swim at the edges, their bodies brown and mus-

cular, their faces confused, briefly, by our presence.

Pam stares, silently fascinated by the water, the children, the weather, or the simple freedom of the larger world. Sadie curls over her walker, her face dejected, but her mind temporarily distracted from the Diet Coke she can't yet have. Frank is contented but not enthusiastic. He can take it or leave it.

"Show us what's in your net!" Helen says, stopping an employee who's scraping the top of the pool with a round

white net.

Puzzled, the pool man turns over the net to display bits of wet leaves.

Helen asks him about his work, and Frank and Pam look into the net for a second. Then the pool man quickly departs.

"Jasmine f-f-farted yesterday," Frank tells me.

I stare at the smooth blue water, the green palm trees. "Did she say excuse me?" I ask.

"No," he says indifferently. "She's a dog."

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were a young, tanned boy swimming freely in blue water. He does not feel conspicuous or slighted by the gods, who made him this way and not another. He wants to go to Wal-Mart after this and buy a pen, and meanwhile, he's thinking of Jasmine the dog, who farted the other day.

Likewise, Helen sees what I would never see. I see a pool in which Frank, Pam, and Sadie can't swim. She sees a place to sit contentedly in the sunshine. I see a pool net full of trash. She sees an opportunity for pointing out useful physical labor, the ordinary workings of the world. I see Sadie's hopeless sorrow, and Helen sees a person who might be happier outdoors.

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The following week, I go with Helen and three consumers to Wal-Mart

so they can practice using money like adults. It's a cloudy day in June, cold and grim. When we leave the Arc, the small room is empty. A bird-thin consumer is sitting outside alone, against the wall, with a toy action figure. He's wearing a Superman shirt. He twists the head of his toy and waits, uninterested in us or our departure. I know from a job coach that he's waiting for his father.

"He says his father's coming every Friday," the coach told me. "His father never comes, though."

At Wal-Mart, we make our conspicuous way. This is Pam's first trip to a department store, so Helen has her private worries. Pam is, after all, the one who screamed like a car alarm when the Arc room, where she felt perfectly at home, got too crowded. What if Wal-Mart, the most popular store in

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It isn't, though, and Pam plunges ahead as though she knows what she wants and where it is. Behind her, Miguel comments on everything in two languages, as if he's his own translator.

"MIRÁ," he says.

"Look! Cookies! ¡GALLETAS!" He strides like a teenager, his corduroy shorts fashionably loose and long.

Frank is, as usual, businesslike. While Miguel is saying, "CHOKE-OH-LATTE! Chocolate!" and pointing out the candy aisle, Frank quietly strolls down the aisle with two dollars tucked into a handmade paper wallet, one of the sample products from last week's assembly line.

Helen leads them to the pen aisle, and Frank selects a set of pens that costs \$2.57. He mistakes the price, says it's \$2.07. Helen tells him he probably has more money in the director's office, so she'll loan him a dollar.

"Okay," Frank says.

He's cheerful but not antic. Helen tells me that he sometimes dashes off alone and she has to look for him, but it's hard to picture. "That's cute," he says mildly, pointing to a display of toys.

Pam is here to buy construction paper, which is conveniently near the pens. She has \$2, too, in Helen's wallet. (I'm not sure that it's Pam's money, actually. Helen might just be giving her the money, because that's the kind of person Helen is.) But in the middle of the process, Pam bends over in a significant way. "She has to go to the bathroom," Helen says.

Helen, not in the least bothered by the detour, leads Miguel and Pam all the way back to the entrance, where the bathrooms are, while I walk with Frank to buy his pens. We line up behind a mother and her son who are buying a great many things, so

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Frank chats a little. He points to the current issue of *Glamour*, which shows Debra Messing and much of her cleavage. A headline says, "12 things men want to say to you but don't."

"I have that at home," Frank says. Then he points to a magazine with a Disney character on the cover. "That's coming to my house," he says.

I think about Frank's secure and happy life, so different from Pam's. She lives in a group home, and he lives with his mother. She seems to have so few interests, and he has so many. He has his magazines. He goes to family parties, takes family vacations. He's like a middle-aged bachelor

who hasn't quite found the right girl.

He points behind us at the rows of candy bars, at the Snickers display. "I don't like those," he says.

"Me neither," I say. "I can't eat them," he adds. "They make my poop not come out." He makes a quick gesture to demonstrate where this bodily function would occur had the Snickers not intervened. The mother and her boy and the checker are listening to this. I realize they are likely feeling the pity-laced fear I feel when I see a handicapped stranger in public. But of the 12 Things Men Want to Say to Me but Don't, this is the funniest. Being with Frank is more interesting than being with most

people.

I say something trite and socially acceptable, like "You don't want that," and Frank nods. We buy his pens and return with Helen to the office-supply aisle so that Pam can pick out her tablet of colored paper. Now, though, Miguel has to go to the restroom, so Helen leaves me in charge of Pam. I'm a little scared of Pam, frankly, but I try not to show it. We stand in front of the big pads of colored paper.

"This one costs less than two dollars," I say, and point to the paper she uses at the Arc to draw a picture, one a day, for Helen.

Pam picks it up, seems content to start walking out. But then she

stops before the shiny packages of colored markers. She looks at them longingly. She wants to buy some. She never smiles or speaks, just stares at them and yearns. I tell her she can't buy them this time because she's spending the whole two dollars on her paper. "Next time," I tell her. She doesn't move. She's standing like an oak tree before the pens.

I'm thinking about what I'll do if she starts the car-alarm scream, which is nothing, since I have no idea what to do, when for some reason Pam gives up on the pens and starts walking, and Helen comes back, and we all progress to the checkout aisle.

Miguel has picked

out an adult purchase, too: he is buying (with Helen's money) individually wrapped packages of peanut-butter crackers. Pam pays. Miguel pays. Helen helps them with all the steps, introducing them to the checker.

"This is Michelle!" Helen tells the consumers, reading Michelle's nametag.

"Hi," Michelle says. Helen privately tells me she's glad Miguel chose these crackers because they can share them with Kyle, the bird-thin consumer, during the day. Kyle tosses his tennis ball and waits, but he doesn't eat well. She says Kyle has a problem that starts with a T. "Tetra-something?" she asks herself. "Anyway, it

keeps him from gaining weight."

She tells me about a consumer whose parents left him in foster care and moved to another state. "How could someone do that?" I ask. The sky stretches out above us again, the sky over the island of loneliness.

"I don't know," Helen says. "At first, I didn't know if I could work here. It's so sad." She pauses, then adds, "You know, some of them — the consumers — look so young, but they're not. Their parents might be 70, so you don't know what might have led them to their decisions."

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It comes to me when Helen says that Pam got herself a bit wet in the bathroom, and she's debating with herself whether she should take the consumers back to the Arc or go out to lunch as planned. She indicates the small wet spot on the back of Pam's pink pants. Pam seems unaware of it, and it seems unlikely to me that anyone would notice, given Pam's more conspicuous handicaps.

I've spent the last seven years of my life making shopping trips with two small children who had roughly the mental age of Pam. A small spot like that I would absolutely have tried to get away with, just so I could finish my list of errands, follow through on my plans.

Unless the spot were on my pants. This I would have had to think about more. The standards of shame are different for adults and children. We often presume children and the handicapped have less dignity to mar.

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That was 42 years ago, within Helen's lifetime and the lifetimes of many Arc consumers.

Helen looks at Pam again, and she helps Pam get in the car. "Normally, I don't like to let them be out in public like that," she says quietly, and then adds, "but maybe it's not too bad."

It really isn't. I think Pam would probably prefer eating out to going back, and I say so.

But Helen's grave consideration of Pam's adult dignity, and how to preserve it at all times, stays with me. It's

ennobling in a way that gives me hope for us all, and that is, for me, the contribution: a chance to treat even the most vulnerable, shackled, voiceless humans as if they were of great value and worth, a chance that, when taken, proves over and over again that they are.

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On my second-to-last visit in mid-June, we make paper again. The new blender is here: a model with a button you push in. Consumers sit at tables punching holes in colored paper, making confetti to stick in the pulp. Job coaches hover around the counter, helping each consumer in turn to make a piece of paper, carry it out to the makeshift clothesline, and pin it up. The wind is strong and the sun is bright, and within an hour the first sheets of

paper are curling off the strips of sheet like potato chips.

A supervisor comes to take a Polaroid picture. We smile beside the flapping bits of paper and the torn squares of white sheet.

Back on the assembly line, desperate Sadie cries about her lunch, so worried about the possibility of missing out on Diet Coke that she can think of nothing else. Helen tells Sadie it's okay, she'll talk to the supervisor, but meanwhile why doesn't Sadie make colored designs on the clothespins and hand them out? Sadie draws with a fine green marker on a clothespin the approximation of two eyes and a smile.

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Little kids are fascinated by animals as soon as they become aware of the world around them. I was no different, but I did have more to go up against than many kids because my mom did not want pets in the house. This meant that I faced an uphill battle in convincing her that, like practically every family in America besides us, we needed to have a pet!

For the longest time, I had to imagine pets of my own, turning my stuffed animals into living, breathing creatures in my own mind, aided by the pet-care advice of numerous books that I found on the subject. However, by the time I turned seven, I somehow pressured Mom into allowing my acquisition of a hamster. I named her Honey, after the color of her fur. I got her on a Saturday. The day of the week is significant because exactly one week later I arose from my bed, hurried to gaze at the exciting thing that had recently become my own, and opened my mouth in terror. Apparently, the pet store did not keep the male and female hamsters in separate cages; Honey had given birth overnight to six hamsters. More disturbing was the fact that she subsequently ate all of her babies over the course of the next several weeks.

Somehow I was not scared off from ever having a hamster again; some months after Honey's death, I bought a new hamster! She was followed by another one, after whose death I decided to switch to guinea pigs. These would each live for a year or two, but after the last one died, I decided that it was much too traumatic to have a pet only to have it die. So, for the past four years I have been content to entertain myself with stuffed animals.

— Michelle Diaz,
Poway H.S.

My family has had a fair share of pets. Zakes Mokae was in the family before me. This cat joined my parents in 1988, four years prior to my birth. I don't have anything more than snippets of memory about Zakes, except for his death. Zakes died while my family was in Oregon. The kennel called and said that our cat was having seizures. He died while we were on our trip home. We buried him under a pine tree at my grandparents'. It was my first experience with death. I was seven. I sat in Grandma and Grandpa's yard and sobbed for 15 minutes.

We got Luna, an Australian Shepherd, when I was five. She is still with our family. She has a passion for playing tug-of-war with stuffed hedgehogs. In the act of replacing Luna's toys, our family has caused a shortage of hedgehogs in the Petcos of San Diego County.

Cosmo was also called "The cat formerly known as Zoe," partly in homage to Prince, but more due to the quick wit of a vet's assistant. When we purchased Cosmo, he was listed as a female. After a dip into the baby-name books, he was named Zoe. The vet walked into the room and asked, "How do you feel about Zoe as a boy's name?" Cosmo was promptly renamed. Upon our return, the assistant asked about the cat formerly known as Zoe. The moniker stuck. A little less than a year after he came into our lives, Cosmo didn't come home when called. One night turned into three or four. Now the Prince-like cat resides only in our memories.

After Cosmo's demise, we got a kitten (a male, for sure) who we named Taj.



There is a huge stereotype about dogs chasing cats, right? But Luna and Taj take turns chasing each other. They tear about, Taj flicking his tail, attempting to provoke Luna. They'll hit a dead end, turn around, and the chaser becomes the chased. Cosmo preferred my brother and me to our parents, but Taj is definitely my mom's cat.

— Kyle Landau,
Valley Middle School

Among all the living creatures that have resided in my house, few have survived. In the past, my family and I have owned two dogs, a hamster, three rabbits (and a million bunnies after that), and two goldfish. We currently have one dog. Yes, that says it all — we are horrible caretakers.

It all began when, at the age of seven, I spotted a little yellow hamster in the pet store. Of course, the moment I laid eyes on it, I wanted to keep it as my own. My mom gave in, so we bought a colorful plastic cage and took Peanut home. After I learned that she would pee in my hands if I wanted to hold her and bite if I wanted to cuddle, I soon neglected her. I grew accustomed to the reeking smell in my

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bathroom, where her cage was located. Throughout her life, Peanut was anything but content (I can't blame her), which led to a chewing habit. So, when we applied duct tape to a hole that she had chewed in her cage, she chewed through that. When my family and I went on vacation, we placed the cage in the garage with a fresh layer of duct tape. The story ends with us arriving home to find a stiff Peanut lying in the washing machine. Well, at least the smell from her unclean cage in my bathroom disappeared.

Within the next period of my life, rabbits

played a big part. My brother and I really wanted some bunnies, so after some begging, our wishes were granted. My brother's was Peter and mine was Pellet. Because chasing rabbits did not appeal to me, I decided that I didn't want a rabbit as much as I'd thought. Pellet wasn't fun or cute after I realized how much work a rabbit requires. Well, one day, after discovering that Peter was a girl and could bear furry children, I let Pellet out for a midday frolic and he disappeared. The end. I have no clue what happened to him. However, my dad did get me

another rabbit after that. His name was Thrasher, and he disappeared too. Fortunately for me, I didn't miss either one of them.

The goldfish started out fine; I fed Bubbles and Pop every day, and they swam happily in their little tank. One day, though, they began growing mold on their scales. I flushed them down the toilet. Yes, just because they had mold on them. But, I was young...and I didn't want sick fish.

The first dog we owned, we gave away, which is admirable for my family. I mean, we prevented a pet's death. The

second dog we still have and plan on keeping for a long time.

— Alexis Sebring,
Carlsbad H.S.

When I moved to California about five years ago, I was promised a puppy so I could look forward to the move. Somehow, I came home from the animal shelter with a kitten. I still can't remember how that happened. The kitten that I chose came with the name Boris. He is energized, clumsy, cute, and weird all at the same time. When we brought him home, he would follow

the older cat around the house and pounce on top of her and annoy her to the point where she had to hide from him. He enjoys watching TV by sitting on top of the television and leaning over in front of it.

Another one of our cats, Crystal, was diagnosed with kidney failure when she was young. Consequently, we bought her special food and had to give her fluids via an IV every other day. "You do what?" people would always respond when we told them that we did this.

Another cat, much older than the first, developed a tumor near her

mouth. Since it was causing problems, we decided that removing the tumor would be the best option. After the operation, the tumor grew back. We put her to sleep.

My mom has generally been the one who feeds and takes care of the pets. I've always helped out, but it's never a major responsibility of mine. The medical care that we have given our pets may seem odd to other people, but the thought of them suffering or living in pain was enough for us to be sure that we were doing the right thing.

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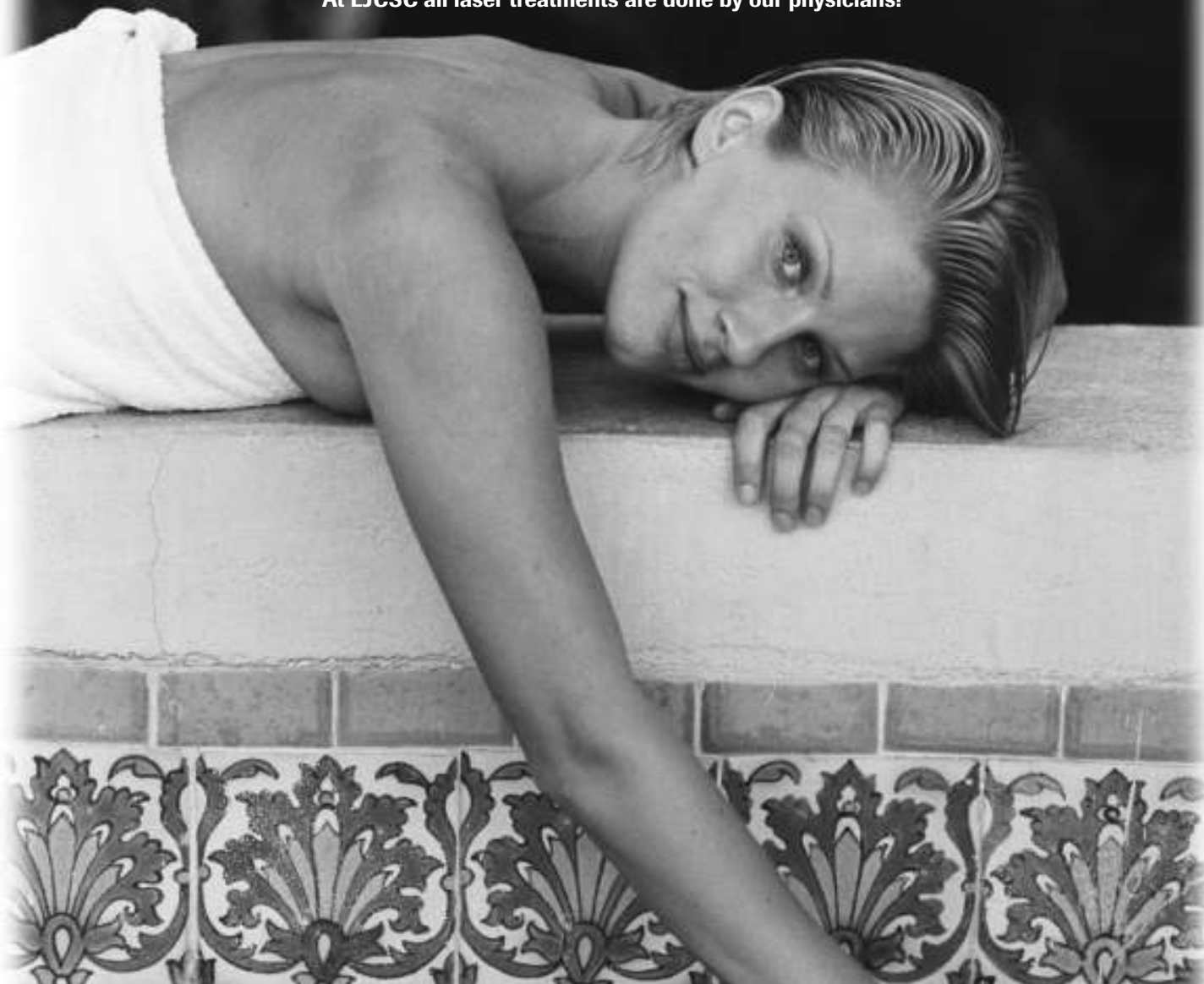
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sleep and the other one disappeared — I was not as sad as I thought I'd be. I enjoyed their company but was never extremely attached to them. It seems like the world is divided into "cat people" and "dog people." I definitely like having cats around. I can't imagine living without pets — the house would be too quiet. But I'm still waiting for my dog.

— Naomi Serling-Boyd,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

When I was little, we had two cats: Alan Ladd and Magic Johnson. Magic, a light-cream-colored cat with a white belly, was one of a litter of stray cats my mom found, and she gave him to my dad while they were dating. When Magic and then Mom moved in with my dad, Alan was jealous and temperamental. But I remember him as old and sweet with moody bouts.

Both cats' deaths were most traumatic for

my mother. One morning, she went out to get the newspaper and found Alan's body torn to pieces across the lawn. Alan was a feisty cat that would hiss at approaching dogs. Unfortunately, his bravery cost him his life. Several years later, Magic became temperamental and needy in his old age and would sit in the middle of the street and wait for us when we went out, sometimes darting under cars. We always worried a car would hit him. One morning, my mom was pulling out of the driveway and Magic ran under her wheel.

While Magic was still alive, my sister got an orange kitten from her second-grade teacher. He was a monstrous creature that attacked everything, so we named him Beast. Like Alan and Magic, he was allowed outside. One day, when our family was playing catch with some neighbors in the front yard, a big yellow dog approached. The dog

snatched up poor Beast by his hind legs and shook him. Although Beast survived, he was never again allowed outside and has become fat, lazy, and loving. He occasionally tries to escape, but only half-heartedly.

After Magic died, we found Zoe at a pound. She's a little gray monster, who is even sprightlier than Beast was. No one in the house can sleep with the doors open because she will jump on you and bite your nose. She is also a kleptomaniac who regularly steals game pieces, hair ties, pens, and Christmas ornaments and stashes them inside couch cushions. My mischievous friend, Heather, adores Zoe and Zoe's traits remind us so much of Heather that we often call her Heather. I complain about her daily, but she's so little and rebellious that I love her as much as Heather does.

— Megan Zapanta,
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There are mountains which are just mountains and there are mountains with personality — vessels of cosmic power. — LAMA ANAGARIKA GOVINDA

The Man Who BOUGHT CUCHAMA



We waited for dawn. It was 38 miles back down the highway to San Diego and only three to the Mexican border, closed and deserted now at five in the morning. In this part of the country, there are no distractions at this early hour; the radio is full of static, no businesses are open, and it's too dark to walk. Anyway, we had to have enough light to find our trail, for beside us loomed Cuchama, the "high, exalted place" of the Diegueño Indians.

It was silent around Cuchama — it usually is, even in daylight. A deep, unbroken collection of star clusters hovered over us. A bright quarter moon created an ethereal slackness, a continuum of reflected glare from the broken country. The dry, barren aspect of this area prevailed through the dark; slices of raw earth (new fire trails) appeared as luminescent veins snaking over the ground; massive white boulders dotted the dark ridges.

At first glance it doesn't look like much. Made of Jurassic rock and formed about the middle of the Mesozoic era, 135 million years ago, Cuchama stands somewhat rugged and forbidding on the boulder-

strewn line of the international boundary. However, Indians (Diegueños, Luiseños, and Cochomis) used it in secret initiation rites long before the white man arrived.

And the power here is still to be reckoned with. It comes on subtly at first, in the clarity of the air. To city dwellers so accustomed to the sick halftones of what passes for the atmosphere, the cloudless, clean-smelling intensity is a bit overpowering. Dust and plants take on different perspectives. They belong here more than we; it is we who are the intruders, much as they are in our cities. There is little of the 20th Century to deal with at Cuchama; only a few ranches are scattered at her base and the border town of Tecate is some five miles away. There is nothing else around.

In the early years of this century, Dr. Walter Evans-Wentz, pioneer editor/translator of *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*, discovered the spiritual power of this mountain while horseback riding. It impressed

him enough that over the years he bought approximately 3000 acres here. Decades later he claimed to his friends that though he might not be very psychic about people, he was attuned to places. One San Diego acquaintance of his, John Theobald, remembers he would come into a house sniffing, just to get the current spiritual reading.

For the last 25 years of his life, Evans-Wentz divided his time between the Keystone Hotel on Tenth Avenue in downtown San Diego and Cuchama. He stayed in a small wooden house on the lower slopes during his meditation retreats and practiced the Dharma, the Buddhist "way of truth." He was a devout vegetarian, a practitioner of an obscure yoga, and a scholar of arcane religious practices. He keenly felt the power of this place known as Tecate Mountain and renamed it Cuchama in honor of the redmen.

Cuchama lies surrounded by the foothills near the high desert, by weirdly shaped defiles and mesas. It's hard country and quite often looks as though the devil plowed it up. This morning Isa Tercero, daughter of a Nicaraguan healer, and I were far up the fire

trails before the full blast of the summer light hit us. The red-orange light seemed to creep along the mountain ribs like a slowly approaching tide, flooding and covering all the shadows and with the morning heat. Everything here surrenders to the sun, which, in turn, has withered and wrinkled most of the works of man that lie scattered at Cuchama's base. Not a land for easy living or casual pursuits.

In his will, Evans-Wentz stated, "I desire this holy mountain in the southwest United States be made a public property in honor of the redmen to whom it was a temple." As a result, the land was divided between the San Diego County Council of Boy Scouts (who now have a "Camp Coo-chama" there), the San Diego YMCA, and the state, the lion's share going to the state. One clause prohibited any sale, alienation, or commercialization of any part. The bequests were made on condition that the land be used as an experimental reforestation area, recreational spot, and game refuge. Basically, it remains untouched and accessible only by fire trails which present an almost impossible variety on the approach, with several dead ends, private driveways, and rutted cowpaths from the border-crossing station. They lace the mountain in a series of switchbacks, cutting through the rock fields and ravines in easy undulations.

For the two of us this morning the silence was pervasive; even the birds were quiet. It was as though the sun had beaten down all thought of sound or movement. Our smallness slowly became greater the longer we were in the overwhelming presence of the mountain itself.

Evans-Wentz was no stranger to the vastness and solitude of mountains. He spent more than 20 years between the World Wars ranging around a great triangulation of holy spots in India, mostly in mountainous areas — Kashmir, central Ceylon, and Darjeeling-Sikkim. It was in Gangtok, Sikkim, where he met the Lama Kazi Dawa-Samdup, whom he worked with and who started him on his journey in preparing for the Western world *The*

Tibetan Book of the Dead; Tibet's Great Yogi, Milarepa; Tibetan Yoga and Secret Doctrines, and *The Tibetan Book of Great Liberation*.

Cuchama and Sacred Mountains was his last work. After being in publishing

limbo for more than 15 years, it will be out shortly. Before his death in 1965, Evans-Wentz and his friends tried to arouse some interest in it, but without success. John Theobald, professor emeritus of San Diego

State University, feels it may have been due to the late doctor's denunciations of the white man for what was done to the Indians. The entire third section of this manuscript contains his commentaries on the supe-

riority of the redmen's spiritual life and the paucity of the Europeans', and the bloody history between the two. (The first two sections of Cuchama and other sacred mountains of the world serve almost as introduc-

tions to the third.) San Diego did not escape notice in his listings of cruel acts against the Native Americans. One action he cited was that of a Lieutenant Ybarra in 1826, who sent to the San Diego

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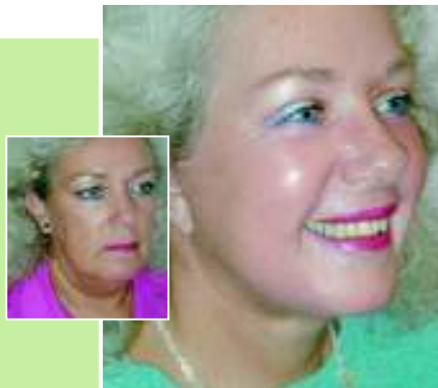
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The Man Who Bought Cuchama

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Mission 20 sets of ears from a band of Indians he slaughtered.

"Mountains grow and decay, they breathe and pulsate with life," Lama Anagarika Govinda, a German-born Tibetan lama, writes in the introduction to the work. "The worshipful or religious attitude is not impressed by scientific facts...nor by the ambition to 'conquer' the mountain. Few who hear the call keep alive through the ages the arcane knowledge of these terrestrial sources of divine inspiration."

The approach to this mountain must be made with a reverential attitude, for its immensity dwarfs most efforts. Gargantuan rocks, some three stories high, point toward the crest like giant fingers. Many appear shaped as animals — lizards, squirrels, roadrunners — and take the place of the real but absent residents. Though tracks abound

in the road dust, none are seen.

Evans-Wentz believed and reported in *Cuchama and Sacred Mountains* that though lightning struck frequently around Cuchama (3887 feet), it was not known to hit the mountain itself. "It may be due to a protecting envelope of terrestrial magnetism or to an emanating psychic force," he declared. This theme on the sanctity of places he had developed over the years; he felt holy areas had psychic protection. "In varying degrees," he wrote in May 1942 for *The Theosophical Forum*, "[they] have been made holy by that same occult power of mind to enhance the psychic character of the atom of matter; they are the ripened fruit of spirituality, the proof of thought's all-conquering and all-transforming supremacy."

Cuchama was reportedly an island once, a spot that Evans-Wentz says sheltered local Indians during a great flooding in historical times. Further, he wrote, other tribes throughout

Southern California spoke of this and told of other mountains in the vicinity that provided similar services.

Indians in this area, he reported, also believed there was a lake within the mountain which allowed the "orderly green shrubbery" on the north and west sides to be watered. (While "orderly" and "green" appear to be stretching descriptions of the nearly barren north and east sides, there are remarkable differences. While the opposite sides are covered with boulders and brush, the north and east have an almost topiary, heatherlike ground cover.) Even a "thermal belt" is spoken of. While thermal normally refers to a warm or hot condition, in this case it refers to a psychic-climatic shield. Not far below the ridge line the fog stops, as though halted. While it may be explained away by wind conditions and temperature changes, Evans-Wentz thought otherwise. Whatever the reasons, this "fog line" allows a strange panorama of unlimited scope, with the

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closer peaks pushing through, like the tips of islands in a tide of low-lying clouds.

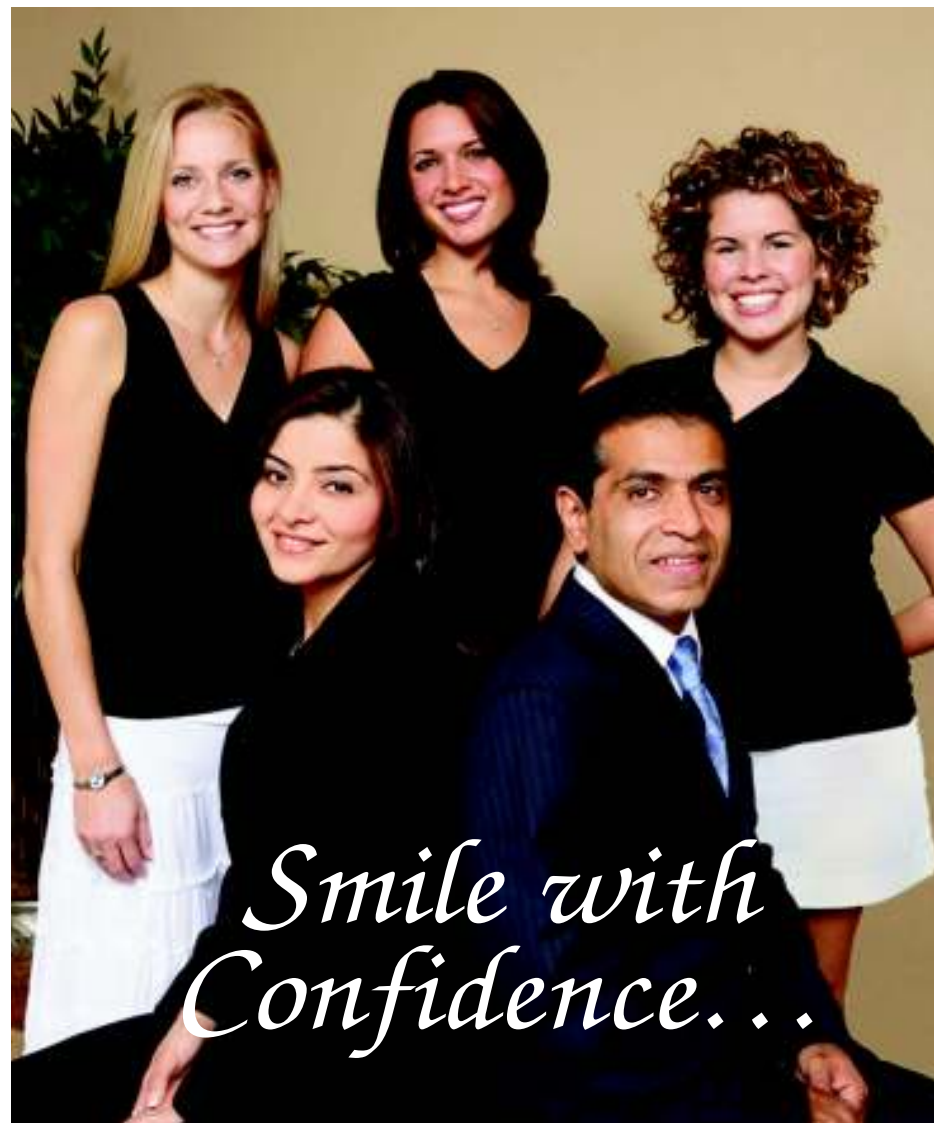
Evidently, Indians came here to invoke the great mysteries and the guardian deities of the mountain. For years Evans-Wentz wrote of the high places where religious figures received their instructions and their visions of guidance. He reported that after proper mental preparation and three or four days of eating only the purest foods prepared by themselves, these initiates climbed up and lay down to sleep through the darkness. For Indians this was common; it was part of their psychic education, Evans-Wentz reported. They were capable of psychically controlled and connected dreaming, much like Tibetan Buddhists.

The late doctor reported these came to them "in the vision of the shining beings, clothed in the radiance of the sun, to behold in the dazzling splendor the various lots in life from which men may choose." They were guided, he says, in their own innate tendencies inherited from past lives; each had "no difficulty or hesitation in making the right choice."

Isa and I continued to climb in silence. A slight breeze came from the mountain, cutting the heat.

Obviously, the social life of the Indian was shaped by his psychic experiences and supported by the entire tribe. For what elder himself had not taken such a journey? Europeans, Evans-Wentz admits, are governed in their everyday life by external appearances. (During and right after World War II, his diaries were filled with his disgust of the moral decay and illusionary pursuits of his fellow San Diegans.) The white man, he writes, is "habituated to ignore, if not deny, the reality of that inner guidance which their religious founders proclaimed as essential to the health of society...but the redman seeks truth spiritually, being more introspective." He felt the wise Indians kept to their pueblos and reservations, thus avoiding becoming "psychically impotent."

His disparaging observations of Western people were endemic and came from his youth. In India he had little use for superficial



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Though a man of immense learning, one who was greatly sought after, Evans-Wentz preferred the quiet byroads. "Although the work of the teachers must be chiefly with dwellers in towns and cities, they ever seek, as all mankind should, solitude for meditation and restoration of physical and psychical energies in the aura of high places. Mankind is fettered," he lamented, "bantering away their bodily strength and health and length of days for the things that pass away. If our civilization is to endure, it must break its urban fetters." Following his own advice, he repeatedly retired to Cuchama to tend his gardens and to study. Without a car

or a license, he was strangely never immobile. There was always someone he could depend on to take him out there from his downtown hotel.

Some mountains, he continued, "are of such outstanding character and position that they have become

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Though holy people can infuse a place with their presence, it is also true their polar opposites can deplete an area of its sacredness.

the spiritual foci of the ancient civilizations and religions of humanity." Thus, by way of introduction, Evans-Wentz spoke of the various earthly high places considered profoundly sacred. These high, often remote places, he explained, where holy men gravitated, became "so attuned to their

Province, it was well known for the phenomenon of the "Buddha's Glory," spheres of colors that floated through the clouds, sometimes in broad daylight. Such was the power of this extraordinary phenomenon that separate replicas of the same floated in nearby ravines.

Kailas, in Tibet, was the

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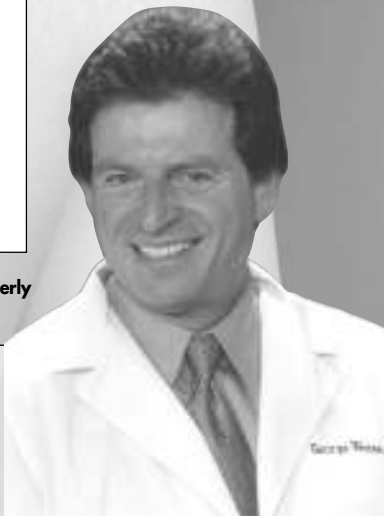
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center of the world to many Buddhists, who felt it was a primary source of power. Though a difficult and dangerous place to journey, it attracted a great number of pilgrims. The surrounding hills were strangely shaped and the colors of the earth and the light were bizarre. Great rivers (Brahmaputra, Indus, Sutlej, and the Karnali) radiate out from it like spokes of a massive wheel. Visitors have reported great visions in the powerful silence and solitude. Strange sounds and voices have been heard.

Arunchala, the "hill of light" in South India, Evans-Wentz circumnavigated himself barefoot in 1936. Adherents believe it is the divine light of Shiva (Hindu god of destruction), and, as such, at the base is the ashram of the late Sri Ramana Maharishi, one of the greatest Indian holy men of this century. The physical mass of the mountain is viewed as the lingam, the phallic symbol "of the ever-becoming which sustains the never-ending pulsation of the cosmic heart of Brahma."

Closer to home is Mt. Rainier, which was the redman's "holy land of peace," Evans-Wentz reported. Tribal members who were found guilty of infractions were sent there to do penance. No weapons were allowed on this mountain, which the Indians called Tacoma, "the mountain that was God." Evans-Wentz did not like Europeans desecrating mountains with their Western names. In the early 1960s, he felt the oncoming American renaissance would have to correct these faults and give the redman his due after repressing him for so long.

After two hours and four miles we arrived on top of Cuchama, where the panorama is limited only by "the immense circle of the world's horizon," as Evans-Wentz so aptly put it. The main peak is conical and capped with a small, humming telephone relay station. A great ring of treeless, distorted mountains surrounded us.

Mexico was below, Tecate a stone's throw away. The smoke from her morning fires, the blue, scabby haze from her shacks and huts created the feeling of an abandoned central Asian city edging toward total

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destruction, a place peopled with refugees. Ribbons of road led nowhere. Small farms stretched into the canyons. The impression was that of being surrounded by an endless deserted country that man had only touched temporarily. To the west, stretching infinitely toward and over the Pacific Ocean, was a carpet of fog, covering all but the nearest and highest peaks.

For more than an hour we rested and meditated. A slight wind brought occasional sounds from the ranches — sounds of dogs, chickens, and of braying donkeys. Three times Isa paced the top, chanting, her

fine, strong Indian face set in reflection. How appropriate that she, whose ancestors were Mayan, cousins of the initial visionaries of Cuchama, should pray and give the thanks for being on the mountain.

We walked down about a quarter mile to the second level of Cuchama, a slightly rounded mesa, and experienced a profounder silence. Tilting slightly north, with long streamers of grass, with bushes and with boulders in a rough circle, this area is easily missed. No trails lead to it; in fact, it can be overlooked because it appears so insignificant. Perhaps by design this is so. No

one was around — no animals, no birds, barely a whisper in the air. The wind kept moving, however, causing a slight rattling in the vegetation. Here is where the Indian shamans came. Here is where the visions were given.

“The redman believes only that which they realize through their own psychic experience, mainly in dreams and the disembodied state of astral-body projections,” Evans-Wentz wrote. “Dogmatics, Bibles, are not essential to the inner vision.”

There is *orenda* here, which he describes as an Iroquois word meaning “holy chant” or “holy song.”

Great magnetic forces attracted the awakened medicine man to these areas. Long interested in dealing with the supernatural, Evans-Wentz spent some years (1907–11) wandering over Celtic countries, where he gathered lore for his first book, *The Fairy Faith in Celtic Countries*. While there, he discovered the great local healing areas. William Butler Yeats himself introduced the American scholar to some. Cryptically, Evans-Wentz describes in several places in his notes that he believed there were three such major healing centers in America. Though loath to speculate on the possi-

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bility, there were hints he believed Cuchama *might* have been the center affecting the entire Southern California area.

Today there is only silence up here. There is nothing to deflect one's attention in the rock circle. It was obvious to Isa and me from the beginning that this place had once been involved with great activity and power. Though the entire mountain had been used as a

stronghold for the Indians as they warred against each other before the white man came, the mesa was off-limits — no trees, no hogans, just a natural alignment of rocks which at first glance serve no apparent purpose.

The Diegueño Indians reportedly had a symbolic ground-painting of four holy mountains in Southern California, four being a sacred number to them. One of the points, Evans-

Wentz wrote, was for San Bernardino in the north-east. In the northwest were the Santa Catalinas, while the southwest was represented by the Coronado Islands. Then the southeast, he felt, was Cuchama. The two northern points were indicated in the painting by two small circles; the southwest Coronados by a small circle within a larger one. Cuchama was signified the same way as the Corona-

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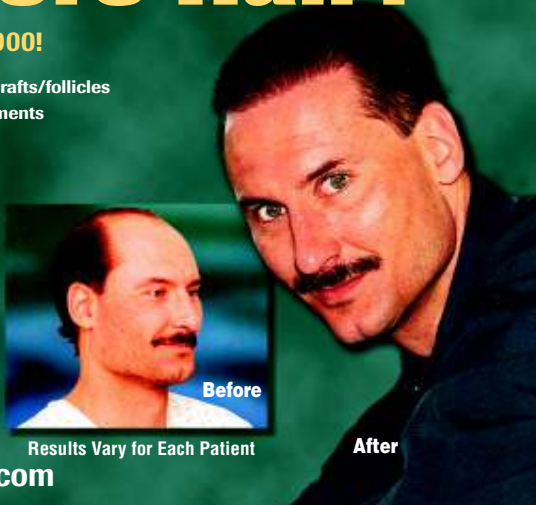
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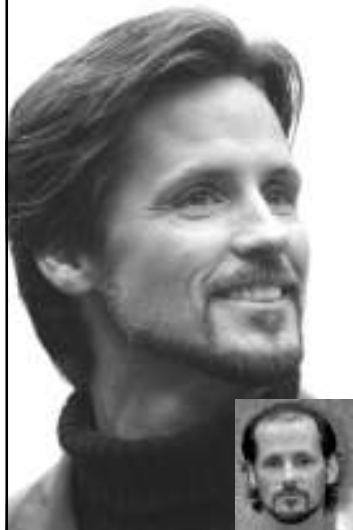
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dos; however, a vertical line bisected it, perhaps indicating more importance.

Was this slightly built man, who lived in an obscure hotel and who caused the local librarians (my aunt among them) to feel he was playing an ironic joke by checking out his own books (he hadn't any copies; he was forever giving them away), and who often dressed in a suit without a tie — was he a shaman himself? Or was he just an advanced pilgrim without need to worry over externals? A frugal man, sparse in his habits and somewhat short with those not on the Path, Evans-Wentz felt the need to protect such places as Cuchama. However, he considered himself merely the caretaker of such, not the owner.

He lived near the main branch of the public library (in which he studied constantly) and a short walk from the House of Nutrition on Sixth Avenue, for years the only vegetarian restaurant downtown. He was quiet, according to Cliff Lucas, former owner of the

Keystone Hotel. He said only "good morning" or "good evening" as he entered or left. Evans-Wentz had few needs, only space and privacy to continue his work.

Early in life he knew he was to be a wanderer. In his unpublished autobiographical notes, written in

fell to singing a song of ecstatic rapture, composed as I sang it. There came flashing into my mind with such authority that I never thought of doubting it, a mind-picture of things past and to come. No details were definite, there was only the unrefutable conviction that

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Hotel, he traveled constantly, moving in a great circle from San Diego, through Oxford, to India, and back again. He rarely spent more than a few months in any one place.

However, up on Cucama all this seemed so far away and from another time. The immensity of the horizon, along with the compelling nature of the silent circle of boulders on top, demanded from one more attention. There was a distinct magnetism here, a feeling of power and peace. The attraction this mountain had for the Indians became more evident the longer Isa and I stayed there. However, it was apparent to us that the white man was once again attempting to scatter and diffuse this energy, despite the mountain's relative isolation.

Though holy people can infuse a place with their presence, it is also true their polar opposites can deplete an area of its sacredness. Drunk vandals regularly hurl their beer cans into the brush while spray-painting their names in Spanish on

the rocks. Trash on the top is much in evidence despite a heavily locked gate. A group of businessmen, headed by former San Diego City Councilman Tom Horn, have plans for "developing" a new town just this side of the border crossing. At alarming intervals, signs pop up along the old Highway 80 announcing vertical acres on Cucama at moderate prices. It is fashionable for San Diego land speculators to trade on the area's beauty, handily dodging the fact they themselves are contributing to its demise. When the condos are up, the highways in, and the traffic flowing, what will there be worth seeing from the mountain's sacred heights? Carl Jung could have been referring to Cucama's uncertain fate when, in his commentary on Evans-Wentz's *The Tibetan Book of Great Liberation*, he said, "I have serious doubts as to the blessings of Western Civilization."

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hansa Yogananda, whom he had met as a young man in India, once told him he could stay in the ashram as long as he felt the need. Sadly, it was only for a few months. Long plagued with a nervous condition, Evans-Wentz found himself increasingly more unable to write or take care of himself. His notes and his diaries became more and more difficult for the man himself to copy, let alone anyone else to read.

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Blevens to take him there. Now his ashes rest in a magnificent white stupa in northern India overlooking the "abode of snows," the Himalayas he so often wrote of and had studied in for so many years. At the local funeral service, Lou Blevens read in the traditional Tibetan liturgy; "Oh nobly born...listen. Now thou are experiencing the Radiance of the Clear Light of Pure Reality..." ■

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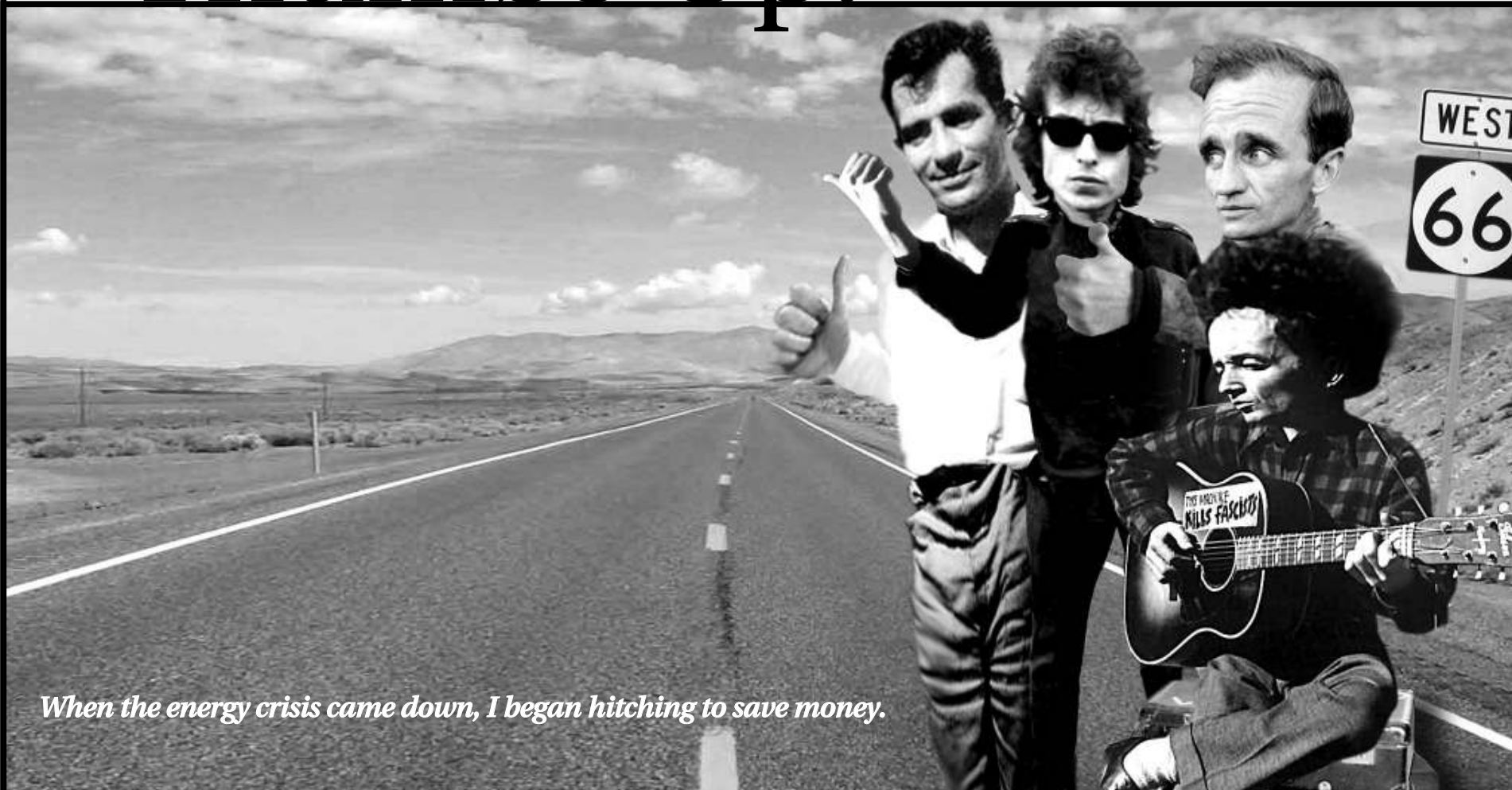
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More citizens hitchhiked cross-country in the period 1965 through 1972 than in all the other 200 years of our national history combined. The '60s brought a veritable hitchhiking revolution, but Kerouac's *On the Road* was published in 1957 and folks had been building a transient subculture out of the superhighways, on-ramps, and University Avenues for generations. Old-time hitchhikers had gone prosperous and were out picking up the kids in new Cadillacs. Human cooperation, the pure share and share alike. Besides, it was cheap, FREE, and the mobility was fantastic.

There was history as well. Woody Guthrie hitching with his guitar, and later, young Robert Zimmerman on the road to see his hero. With Cassidy and Kerouac direct lines existed to the Beat Generation. Wobblies and Hobos who had earlier traversed this country on top of, inside of, and underneath railway boxcars were being reincarnated as hitchhikers. Hallelujah, I'm a Bum. Combine romance with economy and watch America react.

The late '60s were my introduction to cross-country hitchhiking. I hitched extensively up into 1972. Route 70 cross-country, San Francisco to CHI, CHI to Denver, Denver to the East Coast, and round-trip San Diego to St. Louis a couple of times. I gained a genuinely good feeling about the people of my country, a pride in the social revolution of the period, and a sense of personal fortitude acquired in 13-hour stints south of places like Pueblo, Colorado, no traffic, and surrounded by millions of potentially hostile (?) prairie dogs.

I used to have so much fun that I swore I would hitchhike cross-country once a year for the rest of

my life. But natural laziness and a middle-class tendency toward comfort have kept me kicked back in San Diego for the last couple of years. Temporarily flush, I had bought a car and become addicted to the security a regular means of transportation provides. When the energy crisis came down I began hitching again, locally, to save money. I had forgotten how much fun hitching could be. This summer I decided to take a trip up to Canada to see if long-range hitchhiking was still as fascinating and functional as I remembered.

I left San Diego at 1:00 p.m. on the 21st day of July for Vancouver, British Columbia. A minimum of planning, a small amount of reefer, no maps, a sleeping bag and backpack, mosquito repellent, and I was on the road. Attitude is all-important in hitchhiking and I had been rapping about how much fun I was going to have for so long that the night before takeoff, my good friend Mike signed on for the expedition. Solo hitching is easier, there's more opportunity to wheel and deal. Two people seldom get a ride in a Volkswagen bug, and Volkswagen bugs

give a disproportionate amount of the rides to hitchhikers (perhaps in keeping with their owners' obvious intelligence and appreciation of the energy shortage). In all my years of hitchhiking I've only gotten one ride in a Cadillac. He got me lost in the Bay Area.

Anyway, now there were two. Mike's brother offered us a ride to Port Hueneme, the other side of L.A. We zoomed onto I-5 heading north, riding in the back of a pickup. All right. We would avoid the first obstacle for any hitchhiker heading north from Diego, the L.A. pass-through. Camp Pendleton was foggy, as usual. The Vietnamese refugees must think the sun never shines in Southern California. San Clemente, from the back of a pickup, is an upper-middle-class kind of place, an ex-*Presidential town* — the U.S. Versailles. Farewell, Southland.

Mike's brother dropped us in Port Hueneme and we waited 15 minutes for our first official pickup. It was short, from a biker with a van

full of motorcycles; he dropped us at the 101 on-ramp in Ventura. The ramp was crowded; summer hitchhiking season was in full swing. A few ramps like this one convinced me that more people are hitchhiking now than ever before. I'm happy to report the state of hitchhiking in these United States is good. Movement is perhaps a little slower than before, the on-ramps are definitely more crowded than I've ever seen them, and the pool of freak-driven automobiles has been lessened by the recent economic hardships. All of which means nothing to the hitchhiker who has been stranded in Bumball, Idaho, for 20 hours. His next ride could well be a beautiful blonde driving straight through to the East Coast.

There is an etiquette observed by the hitchhiker when faced with a small, crowded on-ramp. The people there first are usually the ones who will get out first. Others wait their turn. The exceptions to this general rule occur when a car stops

right in front of a specific hitchhiker or when the hitchhiker first up on the corner refuses a ride, perhaps because it's too short. Another obvious exception occurs when a female, solo or escorted, walks aboard the on-ramp. She will get the next ride out. This isn't due to any chivalry on the part of her fellows. It's strictly the way the driver wants it. Every male hitchhiker has spent hours on an on-ramp only to see some lady walk up and get a ride out in ten minutes. For some, sexism has its positive aspects.

Eight or nine people were clustered on the small on-ramp in Ventura, even more on the other side of the street, heading south to L.A., and on the back of the freeway entrance sign someone had written, "Patience is the name of this game." Again acknowledgement of the fact that attitude is all-important. First up on the corner, sitting, symbolically, next to the freeway entrance sign, was a young Navy kid, L.A. to the Bay Area. It was apparent to veteran hitchhikers that



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the kid didn't know how to do it. He sat there, lethargic and shorthaired, in no particular frenzy to return to the military but obviously frustrated by his slow progress hitchhiking. There is a Zen aspect to hitchhiking. Vibrations are all-important. When a ride is desperately needed the only way to find one is by not caring. Enjoy the on-ramp view, laugh, sing or dance, jive with fellow hitchhikers. Be free, and the people will fall all over themselves to pick you up. This Navy dude was looking so sour and frustrated that I might not have given him a ride. And I always pick up hitchhikers. Finally, some freak headed for Big Sur walked over to the kid, shucked, jived, and was able to flag down a Bug to get him off our corner. Fifteen minutes later two Seabees in a van picked up the four people on the ramp, myself and Mike included. Everyone reached for their stash, the driver turned up the tape deck, and the next stop was Santa Barbara.

Anyone who's ever hitchhiked California has a story to tell about Santa Barbara. People who don't hitchhike tend to think S.B. is good for hitching because they always see a lot of thumb jockeys in the area. Actually it's the other way around. The freeway runs either side of S.B., on-ramps north and south are lightly traveled, and hitchhikers tend to cluster along the fast-moving highway going through the town. Going north is the more difficult, over a hundred miles of Okie country to travel before San Luis Obispo. There were about 30 people stationed up and down five blocks heading north out of Barbara when we got there. Competitive hitchhiking at its worst. Everybody trying to get the psyche in, find the right corner or gimmick. A steady stream of traffic passes, all moving just fast enough that they can't stop safely. After a few hours by the road hitchhikers contemplate daredevil tactics. Maybe stand in the center of the road like the anti-hero in Polanski's

Knife in the Water. But that was Poland; Orange Countyites in their new Electras would love to run your hippie butt over. In America one has the freedom to be run over by a huge, tasteless hunk of chrome and iron. Santa Barbara brings thoughts like this to the hitchhiker.

My spirits were temporarily raised when a local alcoholic walked up and said, "Don't worry, boys, you'll get out of here. I've been a wino in Santa Barbara for the last 25 years and I've never seen the same face twice." The old dude had sensed we were down. I felt better until he came back 20 minutes later with a bottle of white port and went through his 25-year same-face routine again. Suddenly I realized the dude never saw the same face twice because he couldn't recognize the same face twice. Mike asked him if he had hitched into Santa Barbara originally. Seven hours after arrival in Santa Barbara, it was night and most of our competition had retired

behind roadside shrubs. We still flogged the highway. Around 11:30 we scored two bank couriers making their nightly run to San Luis Obispo. They dropped us on 101, just north of San Luis. We camped for the night a short distance from the road. In the morning I woke up under a plum tree; we had slept in someone's abandoned orchard.

Next day we waited 35 minutes for our first ride, then Mike started flashing a reefer at passing cars. It worked. Jim from Sacramento was an ex-con working as a halfway house counselor. He advised (he was into advising) us to go to Sacramento with him and then take I-5 on up. Super-highway and all, it sounded logical. Until we came to the heat. We went inland at Paso Robles through a crunch-dry desert. Jim said he'd almost gone bananas coming down through the desolate country with no companions. The heat was vicious. A forced acclimatization was our only choice. We stopped by Jim's house

in Sacramento, briefly, then he took us downtown to what he said was a pretty good on-ramp. "Take rides to Woodlands, Redding, or into Oregon, only, all the other freeway ramps are bad." Be cool, Jim.

An hour and a half later, the heat (105 degrees F.) had driven us under the freeway-ramp bushes when two kids in a pickup stopped. They lived in Sacramento but were willing to take us anywhere within reason if we would buy them some beer. We opted for Woodlands, about 25 miles away, on Jim's recommendation. After buying the beer we were dropped at a very hot and nowhere on-ramp. Forty-five minutes and two cars later we noticed a magic-marker note on the freeway entrance sign: "Dear Hitchhiking Brothers and Sisters. This on-ramp is fucked, walk down past two red lights (the town had three), and turn left and you will find an on-ramp that is better, shady, and with more traffic." Joyously, we started to the other on-ramp. Old Jim

hadn't been full of shit after all. We'd been dropped at the wrong end of town. The heat was so intense my new pair of Jap flaps disintegrated on the nearly two-mile hike. At the other on-ramp we joined four other hitchhikers reading the magic marker note on the freeway entrance sign: "Dear Hitchhiking Brothers and Sisters," etcetera.

This was disquieting. The heat was intolerable, traffic was nil, the four other hitchhikers were obviously ahead of us and beginning to quarrel among themselves. Mike and I walked, found the shade of a black walnut tree, and smoked a joint. The heat began to recede, sunset was coming with practical as well as aesthetic significance. A sign on the tree read Woodlands Hitchhikers Camp, and toilet paper was scattered around. We invited the other hitchhikers over and smoked another joint. My heat-stroke headache began to dissipate and I scribbled some notes about black walnut trees and the utter freedom of

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the road. I was beginning to think I had discovered the true Zen of hitchhiking. Then the mosquitoes came. The next morning, after a night that will live in infamy, Mike and I walked the two miles back to the other on-ramp. No one else was there; we were first up.

Mike saw the hippie van first and we watched as a longhair and his lady walked into one of the local restaurants. When they came out Mike was ready. As they drove into the on-ramp he frantically waved a joint back and forth. They stopped. Fifteen hours in Woodlands is enough for anyone. The heat never lets up in the Sacramento Valley. By the time we reached Redding, maybe 100 miles away, it was again well over 100 degrees. Mike and I repaired to the local Denny's and watched three or four hitchhikers get rides. Two girls got out within ten minutes, a trucker. Truck drivers will cross three lanes of radical traffic to pick up an ugly woman. I have never seen one give a ride to a male.

We sat in Denny's about an hour waiting for the on-ramp to empty, but more hitchhikers kept piling up. Redding turned into a convention: two of the guys from Woodlands eventually showed up—the other two had broken down and caught a bus. At first, invigorated by Denny's air conditioning and food, we had pranked and laughed, but soon enough, Redding began to feel like Woodlands. By 9:00 p.m., six hours after our arrival, there were 15 hitchhikers spread out along the ramp. Mike had begun suffering from a toothache and I was getting so pissed that even dope didn't help. Then salvation arrived in the form of a rainbow-family hippie driving a battered '59 pickup with Arkansas plates. His truck was named Red Star. We called him Stardriver. He walked onto a dejection filled on-ramp and immediately hippies were grabbing their packs, eyes lighting up. "Hey, I need gas, and I'm going to Seattle, plus I've got Rocks, beautiful rocks to trade."

"Rocks. Rocks," one excited individual gleefully repeated, thinking he meant cocaine.

"Yeah, beautiful rocks." Mike, this other guy, and I quickly joined up with Stardriver. We walked to a nearby gas station where Red Star was waiting, pushed her to start, filled up with engine running, and moved into the heated night. Stardriver felt bad because he couldn't ride more than three persons in his truck. The driveshaft had a tendency to rub noisily on the frame when carrying a relatively small load or even when hitting dips.

Stardriver talked to his truck the way I talked to my cat. Pure animism. Mike crashed in the back most of the way, still toothached. The rocks turned out to be exactly that. They were kind of pretty. We made good time going over Mt. Shasta at night. The brakes were bad. Then Oregon, sweet Oregon, all-time together state. The freeways and roads are actually empty of trash. They look naked. Oregon

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allows hitchhiking on the freeways. No on-ramp-waiting bullshit. The driveshaft was rubbing seriously by now. It was physically and spiritually painful to pass all the freeway hitchhikers. Four freaks in a big pickup; we drew some ugly stares. By 5:00 p.m. the day after Redding, Stardriver was dropping us at one of the two on-ramps in the university district of Seattle, the best hitching in town. Washington State is no freeway hitching again.

Thirty minutes after drop-off and we had a ride to Vancouver. Hitching across the border is tricky. The Canadian authorities will turn you back if they think you're indigent. The best deal is to stash packs, etc. in the trunk and work out a simple cover story with the

driver. Shopping in Vancouver, blah-blah, worked for us. Coming back across you can expect to have the American authorities run a warrant check. Sweet hitchhiker to Vancouver, 1975. Arrival time: 7:30 p.m., 25 July.

RETURN TRIP

I looked up a friend in Seattle. Mike went on ahead, and after a few days I followed, this time taking I-5 to Portland, then over to the coast routes 1 and 101, slower, but no mosquitoes. On the return trip I logged 16 rides and the average elapsed waiting time per ride was 30 minutes. The longest ride traversed 350 miles, the shortest 1/4 of a mile. I liked every person I met. My random scribblings include the following: on back of No

Hitchhiking sign, Mt. Vernon. Wash.: "I think I ate too many mushrooms. No Dope. No Ride. No Hope. I Died." Underneath: "Me, too," and the basic "No more freedom, too many Pigs." U-district on-ramp, Seattle, I-5 heading south. Wasted, 35-minute wait, new Monte Carlo, rich 40ish swinger driving: "I don't smoke, don't drink, don't like any sports or games. My thing is balling women." Neat stories about orgies with nuns in St. Louis, etc.

The swinger dropped me in Tacoma on a corner with two crazed Jesus freaks dressed in long sackcloth robes. Culture shock. "Praise God," plus a sermon, I tell the two. "Jesus is OK. Buddha is OK." but before I can say Confucius is OK they turn ugly and mumble, "Buddha is not OK." I moved across the street to another on-ramp. A 20-minute wait and two G.I.s on their way to cop a pound picked me up. Both were being court-martialed because their hair was too long. Next ride was from a meatcutter who lived in Centralia. A Centralia local who'd driven past my ramp on his way to the movies came by again hours later and gave me a ride 115 miles south to Portland. His grandfather was a Wobbly. I crashed that night along the road and woke up to a local homeowner's friendly wave.

It took me nine more rides to get home. Highlights were a sunset in the redwoods, and University Avenue in Berkeley, the capital of West Coast hitchhiking. On the corner with me were jugglers, tumblers, and beautiful teenyboppers passing joints from hitchhiker to hitchhiker. I rode with ironworkers, fishermen, divers, welders, female grooms (horses), and the son of an Argentine millionaire. My fellow hitchhikers were French, British, and itinerant farm labor. I slept in the redwoods, and in an artichoke field near Salinas. I took a bath in the Eel River. I came home. The nicest thing about leaving home is coming back again.

Hitchhiking is as wonderful as ever. Trains, planes, and buses are crowded with sourpusses. Hitchhikers meet the nicer people. My fellow countrypeople have reassured me about America. ■

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The general rule has been that no one can kill off somebody else's character without their permission. Everything I do is owned by George Lucas, so technically [Lucas Films doesn't] need our permission to do anything, it's more of a courtesy," says bestselling author Timothy Zahn. On Saturday, February 25, Zahn will sign and discuss his seventh novel in the *Star Wars* universe, *Outbound Flight*, at Mysterious Galaxy Books.

Zahn first entered the *Star Wars* genre with the "Thrawn Trilogy": *Heir to the Empire*, *Dark Force Rising*, and *The Last Command*. Then came the "Hand of Thrawn

LOCAL EVENTS

duology" with *Specter of the Past* and *Vision of the Future*. Next was *Survivor's Quest*, a story that begins

shortly after Luke Skywalker and Mara Jade, a character of Zahn's creation, are married. In this novel, the newlyweds are invited to investigate the wreckage of *Outbound Flight*, "a project to send an expedition to another galaxy in the days before the Clone wars."

"When asked to do *Survivor's Quest*, it occurred to me that since there would be a year or two between books, I could take a page from George Lucas and do *Outbound Flight* as a kind of prequel. [In *Survivor's Quest*], I could have the story of the end of *Outbound Flight* and leave some mysteries as to what went on. Then, years later, *Outbound Flight* would come out, [set] fifty years earlier, and show how [the flight] had gotten in that position," explains Zahn.

There are over 70 authors of *Star Wars* novels and short stories. Each story must go through the "Lucasfilms editorial process"

to be approved, and each author must stay true to the *Star Wars* story line, characters, and time line. With hundreds of books in print it became necessary to develop a method to assist authors in keeping track of *Star Wars* information. "Now we have the Holocron, a word taken from one of the books, meaning 'holographic encyclopedia.' Lucasfilms has one of these things and keeps it as up to date as they can with a listing of planets and characters."

The Database Content Administrator, or "Keeper of the Holocron," is Leland Chee. Chee is responsible for cross-referencing *Star Wars* novels, comic books, games, trading cards, and any other form of merchandising. In a recent interview for the gaming company Wizards of the Coast, Chee explained how he determines which "truth" to accept when he comes across contradictory information: "Everything is looked at on a case-by-case basis. Among the factors we consider: In how many sources does this particular fact appear? Which source has the largest audience? Which explanation is the coolest? Have we been told by George Lucas to avoid this topic? If, after weighing all those variables, the answer isn't yet clear, the issue is presented to an internal group that makes the final determination as to which source is 'correct.'"

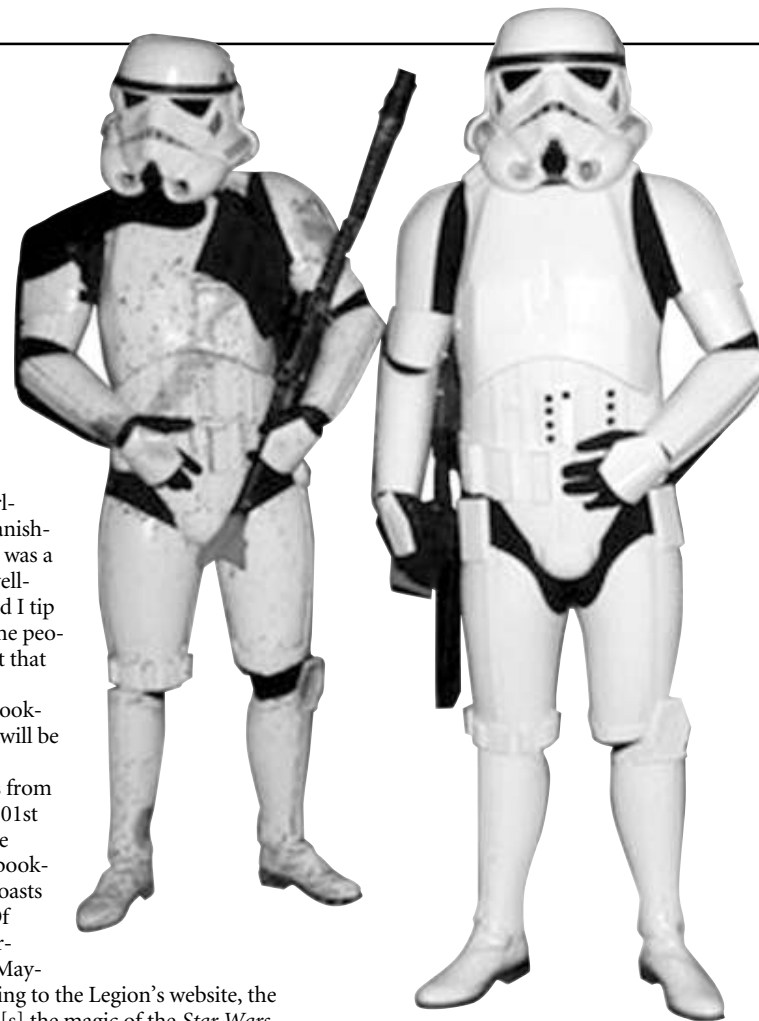
When the publishing company asked Zahn to write the Hand of Thrawn duology, he said he would agree on two conditions: He wanted to end the war between the New Republic and the Empire and to marry Luke Skywalker to Mara Jade. When his conditions were approved, other writers were required to keep the path clear for these events. On *scifi.com* Zahn writes, "...it was highly amusing to hear the speculations as to

why Luke's girlfriends kept vanishing offstage. It was a wonderfully well-kept secret, and I tip my hat to all the people who kept it that way."

For the book-signing, Zahn will be escorted by stormtroopers from Vader's First 501st Legion into the Kearny Mesa bookstore, which boasts the tagline, "Of Martians, Murder, Magic & Mayhem." According to the Legion's website, the group "spread[s] the magic of the *Star Wars* genre through authentic-looking costumes."

"The only problem for stormtroopers is I don't think they can sit down in their armor," says Zahn. "Because of the way the armor's put together, if you sit down, you're going to crack it, so they're basically standing up as long as they're in the outfit." Zahn has worked with members of the 501st before. "They add panache to any event. It just feels cool to have stormtroopers with you, and they are some of the nicest people you will ever meet. So polite."

Fans may dress up as well. "You get the costumers — people who like to dress up at a convention who are very much into their outfits and get in character as Jedi or bounty hunters — but when a convention is over, they put away the lightsaber and go back to their jobs." Aside from one encounter with a woman who believed she truly was Mara



Stormtroopers

Jade, Zahn insists that all of his fans "have a perfectly good grip on reality. It's just a fun thing to do, like being on Broadway and pretending to be the Phantom of the Opera. The acts are very convincing."

— Barbarella

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BAJA

Baroque Concertos promised when Orchestra of Baja California performs Thursday, February 23, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Orchestra also presents concerts on Friday, February 24, 8 p.m., at Centro Estatal de las Artes, Mexicali; and Saturday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Teatro de la Ciudad, Ensenada. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA, MEXICALI, ENSENADA)

"Invasion," Ignacio Solares reads from and signs his new book, Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

"UFOs" discussed during lectures by Jaime Maussán and Giorgio Bongiovanni, Friday, February 24,

7 and 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, February 25, 6 and 8:30 p.m. Talks presented at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$20, \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Colinas-Chapultepec Bike Ride, Saturday, February 25, 9 a.m., at Unidad Deportiva CREA, in Zona Río. \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-185-0932. (TIJUANA)

Visit Cerro Prieto Geothermal Site, found south of Mexicali, at crown of Colorado River Delta on San Andreas fault — adventure hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Monday, February 27, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Electricity from steam wells is "exported to U.S." \$92 fee includes transportation, meal, guide. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (MEXICALI)

Mardi Gras Carnival celebrated with parades, balls, music, family entertainment through Tuesday,

February 28. Details: 011-52-646-172-3022. (ENSENADA)

The Family Play *Yo Madre, Yo Hija*, presented at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Ice Plant is responsible for many of the carpet-like splashes of yellow, pink, red, and purple we're now seeing around San Diego. Popular as a ground cover for concealing ugly cuts or stabilizing steep, easily eroded slopes, ice plant covers the shoreline bluffs at La Jolla, road embankments in Rancho Santa Fe and Balboa Park, and front yards from Point Loma to El Cajon.

Hummingbirds are swarming over San Diego County's backyard gardens, scrub-covered coastal hillsides, and the warm Anza-Borrego Desert. Red monkey flower (which is only beginning to bloom now) is a favorite source of nectar near the coast, while red-blossomed chuparosa and ocotillo normally play the same role in the desert. Keep an eye out for the male hummingbird's mating "dance," which involves soaring ascents followed by dramatic downward dives.

Very Low Tides this weekend and early next week coincide with optimum times of day for tide-pooling: Saturday, February 25, at 1:49 p.m. (-1.5 feet); Sunday at 2:24 p.m. (-1.7 feet); Monday at 2:59 p.m. (-1.6 feet); and Tuesday at 3:32 p.m. (-1.2 feet). Very high tides will also occur within that string of days, most notably on Sunday at 7:22 a.m. (+6.3 feet) and on Monday at 8:08 a.m. (+6.4 feet).

Visit the Best Birding Side of Lake Hodges with Audubon Society birders, Saturday, February 25, 8 a.m. Look for grebes, kites, osprey, California and blue-gray gnatcatchers, and golden eagle. Meet in parking spaces just past Joslyn Senior Center (18402 West Bernardo Drive). 619-280-7710. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Bring a scope. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Explore "Volcanic Neck" of Mt. Calavara during hike led by MiraCosta professor John Turbeville for Preserve Calavera, Saturday, February 25. Moderate hike with "some elevation gain and great view from the summit" starts at 9 a.m. at Oak Riparian Park (off Lake Boulevard). Free. 760-724-3887. (CARLSBAD)

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Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Visit Ramona's Grasslands and witness winter migration of hawks, falcons, and eagles during outings led by Wildlife Research Institute every Saturday through February, 9 a.m. to noon. Walks are led by trained biologist; participants usually observe trapping and banding of birds of prey.

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See San Diego Sunflowers during guided nature walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, February 25, 26, and March 1, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

An Expert Birder from San Diego Audubon Society leads bird walk in Tecolote Canyon on Sat-

urday, February 25, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, February 25, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Basic Birding program by Tom Troy, Saturday, February 25, 8:30 a.m., at Buena Vista lagoon landing. Emphasis on using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, local resources. Free. Directions: 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Small Things of Nature, look for mushrooms, liverworts, and lichens when (former president of San Diego Mycological Society) Les Braund leads hike, Saturday, February 25, in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Adventure starts at 9 a.m. in Mercy Road staging/parking area, at junction of Mercy Road and Black Mountain Road. Free. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

Salt Works Cleanup, help remove trash at salt works area of San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, February 25, 9 a.m. Endangered Belding's savannah sparrow uses habitat for nesting. Wear work clothes, work gloves. Free. Directions: 619-575-2704. (CHULA VISTA)

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Fire Recovery, naturalist Carol Stanford leads moderate to strenuous walk in Daley Ranch to see gains plant communities have made since 2003 wildfires. Hike starts at 9 a.m. on Sunday, February 26, in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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)

Look for Life Along Coastline when a naturalist from Birch

Aquarium-Museum leads "Tide-pooling for All," Sunday, February 26, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Fee: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6–13. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

A Thin-Grinned Crescent Moon returns to easy visibility in the evening sky on Wednesday, March 1, hovering prominently over the last gleam of twilight. On the dark portion of the moon — the part that does not include the bright crescent — look for "earthshine" (poetically called "the old moon in the new moon's arms"). This faint glow is our view of sunlight reflected back into space by the earth and reflected once again by the moon.

DANCE

Bellydance Gala by Theresa, Nadirah, and Violeta, Friday, February 24, 8:30 p.m., at Luxor Cafe (1100 Fifth Avenue). \$5. 619-405-2308. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Waltz Cross-Steps or Schottisch taught on Friday, February 24, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. Beginner friendly. (BALBOA PARK)

Raks el Anwar and Friends of Art/Dance Academy perform Friday, February 24, 7 p.m., at Greek Paradise (608 Mission Avenue). Reservations, fees: 760-721-1044. (OCEANSIDE)

Contradance to tunes by Lime in the Harp, calling by Steve Barlow, Saturday, February 25, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Dick Crum Memorial Dance, Saturday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). Crum, who passed in December, introduced dances such as Setnja, Orijent, Makazice, many more to American dancers. Bring potluck goodies to share. \$6 general. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Night in Marrakesh," belly-dancing, Middle-Eastern fare, dancing to DJ music, Saturday,

February 25, 7:30 p.m., at Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$18 at door. 619-697-6001. (SAN CARLOS)

All Things Swing Dance Party with music by Jump Jones, workshops, dancing, performances, games, on Saturday, February 25, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate "Shadow Charleston" workshop: 7:15 p.m.; beginners: 8:30 p.m., open dancing 8:30 to midnight. Dance only: \$13; additional fee for lessons. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Ellen Riley and Steve Maranto call on February 26. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Belly Brunch presented by Scherazade's Souk, Sunday, February 26, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). Games, live music, belly dance lessons. \$5 cover. 858-581-0135. (SDSU)

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

Eveoke Dance Company presents excerpts from *Hip-Hop Is Everywhere*, *Soul of a Young Girl: Dances of Anne Frank*, Tuesday, February 28, 8 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Hip-Hop, Don't Stop, hip-hop instructor Prince leads classes on Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m., at 4569 30th Street. \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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FILM

Silent Film Nights at Winter Pops — events by San Diego Symphony promise screening of *The Black Pirate*, Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Gillian Anderson conducts music by Mortimer Wilson. Tickets: \$20–\$65. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Yogis of Tibet: A Film for Posterity" screens Friday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at Art Produce Gallery (3139 University Avenue). Learn of "true meanings of richness and life." Donation. 619-692-2148. (NORTH PARK)

Silent Film Fest with live music by pianist, silent film expert Philip Carli, February 24 and 25, 7:30 p.m. Each night includes film screening with original composition by Carli, lectures highlighting history, pertinent facts, anecdotes of each movie.

Enjoy Frank Capra's *Submarine* on Friday, 7 p.m., in room 3601 of MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive); *Mantrap*, one of Clara Bow's first films, is shown on Saturday in room 204 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Film also screens at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. Requested donation: \$5. 760-795-6613. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

¡Cine Club! Monthly Latino Film Festival continues with *Mirror Dance*, on Friday, February 24, 6:30 p.m., in P-32 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission

Road). It's story of Cuban twins "forever linked through birth and dance but separated by a revolution." Free. 619-230-1938 x101. (SAN MARCOS)

El Cajon Video and Film Festival, Saturday, February 25, at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Screenings begin at 9 a.m., continue until awards at 7:30 p.m. Entries in student and open divisions compete for cash awards. All-day pass: \$10. 619-444-3770. (EL CAJON)

How About a "High-Tech Take on the Euphoria of Love"? See Mark Decena's *Dopamine* when it's shown for Film Forum, Monday, February 27, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Legendary Filmmaker George Kuchar — director of 214 films veering "from the scatological to the sublime" — visits CSU San Marcos arts building room 240 on Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m. Kuchar will show and discuss his films, recognized as "paving the way for...David Lynch and John Waters." Free. 760-750-4000. Find campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"Stealing Heaven," a romance based on true story of Abelard and Heloise set in medieval Paris screens Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m., in Nasatir Hall room 100 at San Diego State University. Discussion follows. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

Films By, For, and About Women showcased when Lunafest screens Thursday,

March 2, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center Ballroom. Documentaries, animated shorts, dance narratives on range of "women's topics." \$10 general. 714-501-2660. (LA JOLLA)

"Un Passeporte Hongrois/Hungarian Passport," UCSD Visual Arts Department faculty member Sandra Kogut directed this documentary investigating her Jewish and Hungarian roots and desire to regain Hungarian nationality. Screening begins at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, in University Art Gallery at UCSD. Free. Reservations requested by February 28: 858-822-3547. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Greece: Secrets of the Past; Mystic India: An Incredible Journey of Inspiration* (through March). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Under the Volcano: The Buried World beneath Vesuvius" explored by art historian Nigel McGilchrist for Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, February 23. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. \$12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Propagating Fruit Trees by Grafting, budding, and cuttings discussed when California Rare Fruit Growers gather, Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m., in room 102 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-226-6469. (BALBOA PARK)

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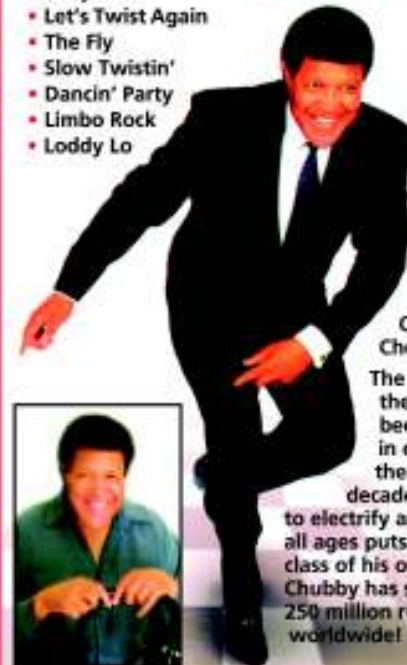
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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

"Evolution and Divine Providence: Are They Really Compatible?" John F. Haught, distinguished research professor in department of theology at Georgetown University, addresses the question on Thursday, February 23, 8 p.m., in York Hall room 2722 at UCSD. Among Haught's recent books: *God After Darwin*. Free. 858-453-4618. (LA JOLLA)

Known for Research on Memory and Eyewitness Testimony, UC Irvine professor Elizabeth Loftus examines "Illusions of Memory" on Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m., in Manchester Conference Center at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park).

Learn why "False Memories Matter" when Loftus speaks at same spot on Friday, February 24, 12:30 p.m. Admission is free to both programs. 619-260-4003. (LINDA VISTA)

"You're Not from Around Here," photographer Mike Smith discusses his career, work, and current exhibition, Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m., at Museum of Pho-

tographic Arts. \$10 general. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

"Birding Adventures in Ecuador," world-class birder Roy Poucher plans illustrated lecture for Audubon Society on Friday, February 24, 7 p.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 619-682-7200. (CLAIREMONT)

Bulging Eyes, Squirming Demons, Flames! "Flames of Enlightenment" Tibetan art workshops led by artist Andy Weber at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). Beginners concentrate on drawing Vajrapani; middle-level and advanced students on

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Instruction begins with lecture on Friday, February 24, 8 p.m. (\$25), followed by classes Saturday, February 25-Tuesday, February 28. Pay \$250 for weekend classes, \$80 on Monday and Tuesday. Registration: 619-299-4278. (NORTH PARK)

"Solidity to Sensuality: The Story of How Stone Becomes Sculpture" presented by Oxford University lecturer and Rhodes Scholar Nigel McGilchrist, Friday, February 24, 10 a.m., for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

How Will "Clean Elections" clean up city hall and "return city government to the neighborhoods"? Find out when San Diego Clean Elections Initiative organization gathers, Friday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Requested donation: \$3. 858-274-5844. (HILLCREST)

Vedic Astrology, Chakrapani Ullal makes predictions for 2006, Friday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at Yoga Fuzion (5632 La Jolla Boulevard). Free. 858-454-2436 x14. (BIRD ROCK)

"Giverny" is focus when San Diego Museum of Art director Derrick Cartwright speaks (in English) for Alliance Française, Saturday, February 25, 2 p.m., in room 107 of Hahn University Center at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10. 858-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

"Great Bulbs for California-Friendly Gardens" explored by Mary McBride, Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). No digging up, no chilling! Reservations: 619-660-0614. \$8. (EL CAJON)

Parrot Education and Adoption Center offers seminars on variety of topics on February 25 and 26. "African Greys" are subject at 1 p.m.; "Behavior Problems" explored at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

"Macaws" take center stage on

Sunday at 1 p.m.; followed by a look at "Feather-Destructive Behavior" at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way). \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"California-Friendly Plant Landscaping" is focus for Dave Ehrlinger, Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-7986 x211. (ENCINITAS)

"Composting for the Health of Your Soil" presented by "compost professional" Rich Flammer on Saturday, February 25, 10:30 a.m., at Jack's Pond Nature Center (986 La Moree Road). Free. (SAN MARCOS)

Busy on Saturday? Whitney Dueñez repeats workshop, Tuesday, February 28, 6 p.m., at Santee City Hall (10601 Magnolia Avenue). Free. 760-436-7986 x211. (SANTEE)

Herbal Teas and Baths, learn to grow and harvest herbs and how to blend herbs for "custom tea and bath experience," Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$35. Herbal tea and scones served. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Host a Tea Party! Learn "basics of putting together your own tea social" during workshop on Sunday, February 26, 5:30 p.m., at Infusions of Tea (8750 Genesee Avenue, suite 258). \$5 fee includes sampling of tea, light snacks. Required reservations: 858-450-6500. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

What Happened in San Diego Before 1542? Learn about missing data that can be found in hard science when Cindy Stankowski addresses Association for Rational Inquiry, Sunday, February 26, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Donation. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

"Beth Jacob Congregation — Its Unorthodox Beginnings and Its 67-Year History" illuminated during panel discussion for Jewish Historical Society, Sunday, February 26, 1 p.m., at Beth Jacob Congregation (4855 College Avenue). Free. 619-232-5888. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Anne Frank: Choices Young People Made Before, During, and After the Holocaust and the Choices They Make Today" explored when Cornelius Sink speaks Monday, February 27, 3 p.m. in Academic Hall 102 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Otto Frank made Suijk responsible for additional pages from Frank's diary after Otto's death. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"The Russian Far East: Life at the Edge of the World" presented by David D. Edick Jr. for North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council, Monday, February 27, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635, 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Using the Law Library for Genealogical Research" presented by "attorney and professional comedian" Anita Milner when North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets Tuesday, February 28, 10 a.m.,



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"Music of American Cinema" examined in lecture series by Bruno Leone at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), Tuesdays, February 28 and March 7, 7:30 p.m. Each lecture explores different era, from silent film scores to present-day films. \$17. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Digital Photography is topic when Al Roller addresses Tri-City Computer Club, Tuesday, February 28, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). 760-724-8673. (OCEANSIDE)

"Hiking the John Muir Trail" is topic for discussions on Tuesday, February 28, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400) and on Wednesday, March 1, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020). 7 p.m. Free. (KEARNY MESA, ENCINITAS)

"Amnesty International as a Political and Moral Force" — discuss on Wednesday, March 1, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

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Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 1. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"How to Live Happily Ever After With Your Dog" is topic on Wednesday, March 1, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Workshop covers house-training, socialization, nutrition, more. \$15. 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

"Dying to Be Fashionable," Pulitzer Prize-nominee Susan Cayleff speaks for History Alive series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society, Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m., in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). Why are women's wardrobes so bizarre, uncomfortable, expensive? \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"The Value of Creative Play in the Lives of Children" explored when Dorothy Hewes speaks for "A Is for Art" lecture series, Thursday, March 2, 4 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Hewes is professor emeritus of child and family department at SDSU. Free. 619-594-5000. (SDSU)

"Decisions, Responsibility, and the Brain," learn of "debate concerning the balance between considerations of public safety, justice, fairness, and individual freedom" during class, Thursday, March 2, at San Diego Natural History Museum. Details: 619-255-0203. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

A "History of the Red Cross" presented by Keith Goosby when Daughters of the American Revolution gather Thursday, March 2, 10:30 a.m., at Admiral Baker Golf Club House (2400 Admiral Baker Road). \$15 fee includes luncheon. Reservations: 858-279-2677. (MISSION VALLEY)

Twisted live oaks and sycamores and pungent bay laurel trees highlight the brief trek up the L.A. coast's most easily accessible waterfall-bearing canyon. The goal is an 18-foot cascade tucked into an upper branch of Santa Ynez Canyon.

A maximum seasonal flow of water over the falls is likely during the next couple of months. Both the trail and the falls, however, may be rendered inaccessible if too much rain arrives at one time.

From Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades, take Sunset Boulevard north 0.5 mile to Palisades Drive, and follow Palisades north for 2.4 miles into the Palisades Highlands housing development and to the street called Vereda de la Montura. Turn left and within a long block find the Santa Ynez Canyon trailhead on the right — a narrow gate unlocked during daylight hours. There's abundant free curbside parking in the surrounding neighborhood.

After a short descent, pick up the trail going up along Santa Ynez Canyon.



Oak woods, Santa Ynez Canyon

Before long, you're dodging stray branches of willow and bay trees, stepping across the soggy creek, and forgetting about the civilized world behind you. The California bay (bay laurel) trees here are commonly found in shady, moist canyons throughout coastal California. Crush one of the dark, elongated leaves and sniff it to get a whiff of the minty/pungent scent.

After 0.5 mile, the wide mouth of Quarry Canyon, site of an old limestone quarry, opens to the right. Stay left and go another 100 yards to a second canyon on the right. The main trail going straight leads to the Trippet Ranch headquarters of Topanga State Park. Take the lesser-traveled trail right (north) up the second canyon, which is

actually the major fork of Santa Ynez Canyon.

After some foot-wetting creek crossings and a slippery scramble over some conglomerate boulders, you arrive at a grotto below the falls. With their orientation subject to deep shadow, the falls are difficult to photograph properly — unless the day is cloudy-bright, in which case the lighting is fine. The cool, damp air here is always refreshing, whether or not the falls are whispering or hissing loudly.

On your return (utilizing the same way back), near the two canyon mouths mentioned earlier, you can look for the stone chimney of a burnt-out cabin and a sandstone

owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and naviga-

SANTA YNEZ CANYON

Santa Ynez Canyon above Pacific Palisades hosts an agreeably melodious waterfall.

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boulder pocked by Indian mortars.

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IN PERSON

"Dear Miss Breed" is an account of how San Diego librarian Clara Breed worked to help interned Japanese-Americans during World War II and publicly criticized the injustice of the camps.

Author Joanne Oppenheim discusses her book on Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Judgment Days! Laura Schlessinger presents her "one-woman theatrical event," *Dr. Laura: In My Never-to-Be-Humble*

Opinion, on Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24, 8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Act One mixes humor with true stories, current events; Act Two promises answers to pre-submitted audience questions. Tickets: \$25, \$50, \$70. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Condor: To the Brink and Back — The Life and Times of One Giant Bird" discussed, signed by author John Nielsen, Thursday, February 23, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Local Author Jincy Willet discusses her adventures in publish-

ing *Winner of the National Book Award and Jenny and the Jaws of Life*, Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Bolga Zohdooah, high-energy dance and songs from Akayaa Atule's village in northern Ghana featured Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). 760-750-4366. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

Poet and Critic Paul Naylor reads from his new book, *Arranging Nature*, Friday, February 24, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Spring Concert by Point Loma Nazarene University Concert Band, Friday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"A Night of Anomas," Southwest Nomadic with violinist Adam Ainsworth (9:30 p.m.) and Life Force Trio with drummer Russell Bizzett (11:15 p.m.) perform Friday, February 24, at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). \$10. 619-260-1731. (NORTH PARK)

Country Music Star Jamie O'Neal performs Friday, February 24, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets range from \$15-\$50, benefiting HOME (Helping Others More Efficiently). 760-749-1919. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Jazz Party runs Friday-Sunday, February 24-26, at Del Mar Hilton Hotel (15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Program boasts 18 "mainstream jazz artists performing classic or straight-ahead jazz." Hours: 7:30-11 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m.-noon, 1-5 p.m., 7-11 p.m. on Saturday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. Ticket prices, details: 858-453-0846. (DEL MAR)

Fitness Expert, author Lorraine Bosse Smith discusses "practical health ideas and plans for everyone over 50," signs books, Friday, February 24, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

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Rumi Symphony Project — Persian and Kurdish singing star Shahram Nazeri in concert with son and composer Hafez Nazeri, along with an ensemble with setar, barbat, daf, tabla, viola, and cello on Saturday, February 25, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets begin at \$30. 619-688-0688 or 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

The Psalmist Hour showcases live music and poetry by Steven Kim, Claire de la Cruz, D'Angela Cooks, Mike Cordova and host Kendrick Dial, Saturday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Tickets: \$7 in advance, \$10 at door. 866-815-6550. (NORTH PARK)

"Bad Childhood, Good Life" signed by Laura Schlessinger, Saturday, February 25, 1 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway). Free. 619-593-5119. (EL CAJON)

"Star Wars" Fans have been waiting for Outbound Flight, which author Timothy Zahn discusses, signs, Saturday, February 25, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Cabaret Variety Show, Saturday, February 25, 8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). "Technomania Circus," "The Carnival Barkers," blacklight show, Dr. Techno, "surprise artists of all shapes and sizes." \$15. 619-231-1950. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Border Collapse: Electronic Music Sessions" dedicated to "cross-pollination of border cultures in celebration of the joys

found in the universal and fraternal love of music and culture." Artists from Tijuana such as the Trebles, La Hydra, and El Poeta featured, Saturday, February 25, 9 p.m.–2 a.m., at Kadan Club (3696 Adams Avenue). Free. 619-640-2500. (NORTH PARK)

"Lifting Spirits: Loving Laughter," live comedy show benefiting Casa de Amparo, Saturday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$20. 760-754-5500 x29. (CARLSBAD)

"Making Music Together," Eve Selis and Mark Twang celebrate their 15-year musical partnership in concert, Saturday, February 25, 8 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). \$15 general. 619-515-4474. (ENCINITAS)

Local Author John J. McGraw presents "Neuroscience and the Soul," then discusses and signs *Brain and Belief: An Exploration of the Human Soul*, Saturday, February 25, 1 p.m., at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del Mar). Free. 858-755-4254. (DEL MAR)

45th Anniversary Peace Corps Celebration Concert, Saturday, February 25, 5 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Ghanaian band Bolga Zohdoomah performs; Ghanaian food available for purchase, digital imagery by Peace Corps volunteers. \$10. 619-491-1801. (BALBOA PARK)

The William Faulkner of Songwriting in Our Time? So says Nanci Griffith of Eric Taylor, playing for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Thursday, March 2 (\$15, \$20). Taylor's concert follows performance by acclaimed social and political humorist Mort

Sahl, Saturday, February 25 (\$30).

Also on schedule for week: Tom Russell on Sunday, February 26 (\$22), and the Kennedys on Tuesday, February 28 (\$17, \$20). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

23rd Anniversary Concert planned by 85-member Coastal Communities Concert Band, Sunday, February 26, 2 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Church (3175 Harding Street). Tickets: 760-436-6137. (CARLSBAD)

Former St. James Rector and author Father Blayne Colmore discusses *God Knows: It's Not About Us*, Sunday, February 26, 1:30 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

70 Voices Strong! Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir performs music "drawn largely from the black church tradition, from spirituals to gospel to more contemporary music," Sunday, February 26, 3:30 p.m., Church of Christ (6070 Division Street). Free. 619-585-0782. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

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Performance Art Show by performance artists from all over San Diego, Sunday, February 26, 7 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$5. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Slave Music of Colonial Perú brought to life by Perú Negro. The 26-member song-and-dance ensemble hits stage of UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium, Sunday, February 26, 8 p.m. \$34. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Singing for a Cause, series continues with Brian Benham, Michael Yugo, Janice Watkins, and Heather Baker on Sunday, February 26, 4-7 p.m., at Metaphor Cafe (258 East Second Avenue). Tickets: \$3, benefiting music programs in Escondido Union School District. 760-747-1882. (ESCONDIDO)

Spirituals Festival 2006, concert on Sunday, February 26, boasts bass Michael Morgan, pianist Cecil Lytle, Bayview Baptist Chancel Choir, Martin Luther King Community Choir, others. Concert starts at 6 p.m. at Bayview Baptist Church (6126 Benson Avenue). Requested donation: \$10. 619-846-0361, 858-715-1864. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

Crime Writer Robert Crais signs, discusses *The Two-Minute Rule*, Monday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

OUT & ABOUT

"BLACK TO THE FUTURE"

Kuumba Fest through Sunday, February 26, Lyceum Theater.

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A Scintillating Night of Expression! San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, February 27, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Participate by slamming, judging, or lending vocal support. Donation for spectators, \$5 for poets. 619-239-3872. (EAST VILLAGE)

Poets "Old and New" beckoned to open-mike poetry night, Monday, February 27, 8 p.m., at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues performed by Moxie Theatre, Monday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door, benefiting Community Resource Center. 760-753-1156 x304. (ENCINITAS)

Fat Tuesday Show presented by Comedy Grill, with comics Scott Bowman, Joe Palen, members of Comedy Under Construction, February 28, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

The UCSD Gospel Choir performs variety of gospel music and "other forms of sacred music of the 20th-Century African-American experience" on Tuesday, February 28, 8 p.m., in UCSD's

Mandeville Auditorium. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Jazz and the American Song," Marvin Stamm and Bill Mays play for Jazz in the Park series, Wednesday, March 1, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry Unlimited showcases poet Dana Porter, music by Devora Susman and others, Wednesday, March 1, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Author Paul Eno plans seminar on "Understanding the Supernatural: How to Investigate and Access the Paranormal," then signs and discusses *Faces in the Window* and *Footsteps in the Attic*, Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Celtic Music and More on tap when SilverWood performs for First Thursday Concert on March 2, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Author Jon Jackson discusses, signs *On Edge* at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North), Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m.

Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Drought Buoy performs Thursday, March 2, 12:30 p.m., during Concert Hour series in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Group includes Gunnar Biggs (contrabass), Terry Sprague (dance), Brandon Cesmat (spoken word). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Dance and Woodcut Animation showcased during Thursday Night Thing, March 2, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). See Jay Bolotin's "woodcut motion picture," experience how Patricia Rincon Dance Collective interprets his work. 619-234-1001. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

"Elevated," poetry reading featuring Ryan, Thursday, March 2, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). \$5. 619-795-9587. (NORTH PARK)

SPORTS

The Utah Grizzlies arrive for ice hockey against San Diego Gulls on Saturday, February 25; Long Beach Ice Dogs hit ice with Gulls on Wednesday, March 1. Games start at 7:05 p.m. at iPayOne Center. Tickets: \$12-\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

San Diego Siege professional women's basketball team plays San Francisco Legacy on Saturday, February 25 (7 p.m.); Colorado Chill on Sunday, February 26 (4 p.m.); and San Jose Spiders on Tuesday, February 28 (7 p.m.). Home games played in Harry West Gymnasium at San Diego City College (1313 Park Boulevard). Tickets: \$10 general, \$7 students. 619-398-8399. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Surf Series continues with competition on Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., on south side of Oceanside Pier. Free for spectators. 760-607-1225. (OCEANSIDE)

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Cycle the Hills of Fairbanks Ranch, Santa Luz, Rancho Peñasquitos, Poway, and Escondido with Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, February 26. The 53-mile starts at 8:30 a.m. behind Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). Bring money for snack stop. 760-479-0187. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

"Raising Kenya," students raising funds for Marten's Day Nursery (a school in Kenya) have planned "Rhythms of MiraCosta" event, Thursday, February 23, noon, on south lawn at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Yoruba House performs, authentic Kenyan food for sale. 619-795-6891. (OCEANSIDE)

"Black to the Future — Healthy, Strong, and Conscious" is theme for 14th annual Kuumba Fest, February 23–26, at Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. Thursday opens with African-American art exhibit, community-based jazz band (6 p.m.); royal court procession (7:30 p.m.); performance of Shondavette Timms's play *Wrong Place at the Right Time* (9:05 p.m.). \$15.

Friday night includes African marketplace, royal court procession, Daniel Beaty's *Emergence-*

See! (8:45 p.m.). \$20.

Saturday boasts educational workshops, African marketplace, Dajahn Blevins's play *Know Who You Are*, speech competition, hop-hop dance and step competition, Taste of San Diego Soul, "Late Night Live at the Lyceum" (9 p.m.; \$15).

"A day of positive celebration featuring black drama and gospel inspiration" planned on Sunday, with plays, more Tastes of San Diego Soul, finale gospel celebration (6:30 p.m.; \$10).

Thursday/Friday day pass: \$30; Saturday day pass: \$40; Sunday day pass: \$20; all-festival pass: \$85. Details: 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society on Friday, February 24, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines. Dog-friendly trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

15th Annual Heritage Day Parade, Saturday, February 25, starts at 10 a.m. at 49th Street and Logan Avenue, traveling to Market Creek Plaza. Celebrity guests: Raven, Kyle Massey, Booker T and Sharmell, others. Arts, crafts, vendor booths, live entertainment following parade. Free. 619-286-9989. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

"Blossoms of Spring," 33rd Annual flower show and bazaar presented by Ohara School of Ikebana, February 25 and 26, 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. Flower arranging demonstra-

tions: 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 p.m. Free. 619-683-2432. (BALBOA PARK)

Dog Days, Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego's AKC All-Breed Dog Shows, Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Terrific fun to watch. No unentered dogs are allowed on show grounds. Free. 619-588-0507. (DEL MAR)

"A Way We Go," the PhotoArts Group exhibits work at Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Closing reception: Saturday, February 25, noon. Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

San Diego Brazil Carnival 2006, Saturday, February 25, 8:30 p.m.–2 a.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Music by SambaDá, Super Sonic Samba School, Mindinho, Capoeira Brasil, samba show, more. \$30 at door. 619-224-4684. 21 and older. (DOWNTOWN)

Pup and Circumstance, Canine Companions for Independence hosts graduation ceremony — when humans graduate with their new helper dogs — Saturday, February 25, noon, at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Free. 800-572-BARK. (OCEANSIDE)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. (JULIAN)

Little Italy Carnevale, Saturday, February 25, 5–9 p.m., along



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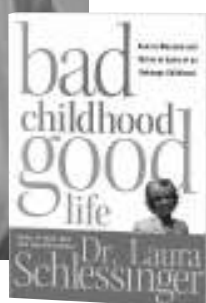
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Laissez les Bon Temps Rouller! Mardi Gras costume ball and showcase planned for "Entre Nous Showcase," Saturday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Donations accepted. 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

U.S. Mormon Battalion Parade and community event, Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., in Old Town State Park (4002 Wallace Street). Parade (10–11 a.m.), wagon rides, pioneer exhibits and booths, gold panning, Dutch oven bake-off, music, dance, more. Free. 619-850-4856. (OLD TOWN STATE PARK)

Bonsai, Bamboo, more offered during plant sale, Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Regular garden admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"When I'm 64...A Magical Mystery Tour to the Arts," fundraiser benefiting ArtsBusXpress, Saturday, February 25, 6 p.m., at Art Expressions Gallery (2645 Financial Court, suite c). Beatles-themed art auction, food, Beatle music and dancing. \$64. 877-278-7675. (SAN DIEGO)

Ishmael/Idealist Discussion Group "for people with an earnest desire to save the world" meets Sunday, February 26, 3–5 p.m., at tables in front of lobby of Montezuma Hall, Aztec Center, San Diego State University. Bring an idea or book to share, suggest an activity. Free. 619-582-7583. (SDSU)

Boat San Diego Services Show and Market, Sunday, February 26, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., at 9384 Frost Mar Place. Boating and fishing vendors, manufacturers, boat parts and accessories, boating

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What thoughts I have of you tonight, Walt Whitman, for I walked down the sidestreets under the trees with a headache self-conscious looking at the full moon.

In my hungry fatigue, and shopping for images, I went into the neon fruit supermarket, dreaming of your enumerations!

What peaches and what penumbras! Whole families shopping at night! Aisles full of husbands! Wives in the avocados, babies in the tomatoes! — and you, García Lorca, what were you doing down by the watermelons?

I saw you, Walt Whitman, childless, lonely old grubber, poking among the meats in the refrigerator and eyeing the grocery boys.

I heard you asking questions of each: Who killed the pork chops? What price bananas? Are you my Angel?

I wandered in and out of the brilliant stacks of cans following you, and followed in my imagination by the store detective.

We strode down the open corridors together in our solitary fancy tasting artichokes, possessing every frozen delicacy, and never passing the cashier.

Where are we going, Walt Whitman? The doors close in an hour. Which way does your beard point tonight?

(I touch your book and dream of our odyssey in the supermarket and feel absurd.) Will we walk all night through solitary streets? The trees add shade to shade, lights out in the houses, we'll both be lonely.

Will we stroll dreaming of the lost America of love past blue automobiles in driveways, home to our silent cottage?

Ah, dear father, graybeard, lonely old courage-teacher, what America did you have when Charon quit poling his ferry and you got out on a smoking bank and stood watching the boat disappear on the black waters of Lethe?



Allen Ginsberg

— Allen Ginsberg, Berkeley, 1955

From *Collected Poems 1947–1980* by Allen Ginsberg, published by Harper & Row.

service companies, more. Admission: free. 858-866-1525. (MIRAMAR)

Everything Photographic — from vintage to modern equipment — on offer during Bargain Camera Show, Sunday, February 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). General admission: \$4. 310-578-7446. (KEARNY MESA)

Celebration of Hope and Healing hosted by Survivors of Torture International, Sunday, February 26, 2–5 p.m., at Institute for Peace and Justice of University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Event includes presentation of play *I Have Before Me a Remarkable Document Given to Me by a Young Lady from Rwanda*, chocolate and wine reception. \$50. Reservations: 619-278-2400. (LINDA VISTA)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, February 26, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

"Artist Books on a Japanese Theme," San Diego Book Arts Invitational Exhibit continues through Monday, February 27, at Japanese Friendship Garden. Featured books "reflect a plurality of contemporary methods and attitudes toward the art of the book." Admission: \$3 general. 858-484-7755. (BALBOA PARK)

Who Will Be the Pourwars Bartending Champion? Competition is Monday, February 27, 9 p.m.–2 a.m., at Hennessey's Tavern (4650 Mission Boulevard). Admission is free. Required reservations: 858-483-8847. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Hillcrest Mardi Gras 2006 is Tuesday, February 28, rain or shine, in Uptown area (near University and Sixth Avenue). Tootie and the Lips Girls, Candye Kane, Cashdout, the Monicas Show, more. Party, stage shows start at 6 p.m. \$20. 619-299-3330. For those 21 and older. (HILLCREST)

40th Annual Local Authors Exhibit on display through Febru-

ary at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

Mardi Gras in the Gaslamp, Tuesday, February 28, 7 p.m.–midnight. Five stages with continuous entertainment, masquerade parade (8:30 p.m.), "secretly judged" costume contests. \$20. 619-233-5227. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

February Is Museum Month — with half-price admission offered at 30 area museums. Museum month passes are free at all county Robinson's-May stores. 619-276-0101. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

National Pancake Day celebrated at IHOP restaurants, Tuesday, February 28, 7 a.m.–2 p.m. On offer: short stacks, with donations benefiting First Book. Details: call your local IHOP. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

U.S. Chess Championship, featuring 64 of "nation's best chess players" competing for prizes, March 1–12, 1–5 p.m., at NTC Promenade (2801 Rosecrans). Meet players, expert commentary during matches. Free for spectators. 619-226-1491 x108. (POINT LOMA)

Play Duplicate Bridge every day of week except Thursday and Sunday, 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., at Redwood Bridge Club (3111 Sixth Avenue). \$2 per play. 619-296-4274. (BALBOA PARK)

Recently Remodeled, Hosting International San Diego's downtown hostel is open for free tours, Thursday, March 2, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Learn role hostels play in local, international community. Multicultural dinner available; \$5 (reservations required). 619-338-9981. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Creating an Oral History of America is goal for StoryCorps, hitting Balboa Park for recording through March 5. At StoryCorps mobile booth, participants record in pairs, with one person interviewing the other. At end of each 40-minute session, participants receive CD of interview, with second copy sent to American Folklife Center at Library of Congress. KPBS will air selection of local stories; select stories will air nationally on NPR's *Morning Edition*. Requested donation: \$10. Recording reservations: 800-850-4406. (BALBOA PARK)

Witness the Gray Whale Migration during outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions through Friday, March 31. Scripps naturalists and assistants are on hand during cruises to search for whales, on their way to lagoons in Baja California to calve. Fee: \$25 weekdays, \$30 weekends for adults, \$15 for those

4–12. Registration: 619-234-4111. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

FOR KIDS

Make "Three Wishes" with Puppet Express at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, February 26. Next up: *Sleeping Beauty* performed by Weaver's Tales, March 1–5.

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

Musicals for Children...By Children, singers, dancers, and actors aged 8–18 perform in Christian Youth Theater productions. *Tom Sawyer* presented at Truax Theater (El Camino High School, 400 Rancho del Oro Drive), February 25–March 5. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for kids 3–19. Reservations: 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (OCEANSIDE)

Learn About Beach Critters when Birch Aquarium hosts Tidepooling for Tots led by aquarium naturalist, Friday, February 24, noon. Fee: \$12 per adult, \$8 per child (6–13 years old). Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

"Kinderfasching," a German children's Mardi Gras party — games, dances, performance by German preschoolers, more — Saturday, February 25, noon–3:30 p.m., at Santa Clara Recreation Center (1008 Santa Clara Place). Requested donation: \$3 per parent. 619-894-2697. (MISSION BEACH)

Magic Show planned by J.P. Scirica for kids seven and younger, Sunday, February 26, 9–10 a.m., at Grand Magic Shop (1607 South Escondido Boulevard). \$5. RSVP: 760-741-0835. Free workshop for adults at 6 p.m. (ESCONDIDO)

Nature Scavenger Hunt for all ages at Batiquitos Lagoon, Sunday, February 26, 3 p.m. How many creatures and features at lagoon will you find? Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

"Berenstain Bears On Stage," original musical by Stan and Jan Berenstain written for and presented by Omaha Theatre Company for Young People based on five *Bear* books, Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$10. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Rumpelstiltskin," based on Brothers Grimm fairy tale, presented by theater school students at North Coast Repertory Theatre March 2–5. Find NCRT at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$12 general, \$9 for children. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a

The Cult March 4

Korn March 15

Flogging Molly March 19

David Gray March 20

Guster March 22

Black Eyed Peas March 26

Chris Botti March 26

Train March 31

Fall Out Boy April 1

New Orleans Jazz April 7

Jim Gaffigan April 8

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Alison Krauss

March 8

Luis Miguel

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Michael Bublé

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Rob Zombie April 21

Avenged Sevenfold April 28

Michael Feinstein May 14

Linda Eder June 10

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Reading

Frantic Transmissions to and from Los Angeles: An Accidental Memoir



Kate Braverman

By Kate Braverman
Graywolf Press, 2006; 218 pages; \$15

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Kate Braverman grew up in Los Angeles in the late 1950s at the time when glitz was just beginning to be manufactured. It wasn't a destination city yet, it was the end of the line, the last outpost with an ocean view.

Frantic Transmissions to and from Los Angeles, chosen by Robert Polito as winner of the 2005 Graywolf Press Nonfiction Prize, chronicles the trajectory of Braverman's

Left Coast generation with a voice of singular power. Born in 1950, Braverman grew up in Los Angeles and Berkeley. She graduated from Berkeley High School and UC/Berkeley with a degree in anthropology. She was an antiwar activist in Berkeley, a punk poet, a single mother in the East L.A. barrio, and a woman in and out of recovery at AA meetings. In her 40s, Braverman left Los Angeles for a six-year odyssey in a 150-year-old farmhouse in New York's Allegheny

Mountains.

In wide-ranging transmissions, Braverman deftly contrasts the social histories of Los Angeles with her new, traditional and isolated rural community; describes the effects of the changing seasons on sun-informed psyche; and is astonished that a remote dwelling surrounded by an apple orchard can offer surprising consolations and disappointments.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Her 1989 *Palm Latitudes* remained, I said to Kate Braverman, one of my favorite California books.

She answered, "It was my true love song to Los Angeles. I felt that the real Los Angeles novel was not about white people. As I became more and more an Angelino, and more indigenous, and spoke only Spanish and lived in the barrio and had my baby there, I felt the winds of García Márquez. I wrote *Palm Latitudes* as a survival book, a

textbook for my daughter on how to survive, as if I was leaving it in a time capsule for her."

I asked about the title of this newest book.

"I felt it was important to say that it was an accidental memoir. It had not occurred to me that the book formed a memoir, until I had taken essays, short stories, stand-up comedy routines, and laid out sequences of poetry.

"As a California writer, I am an experimentalist. I believe in genre-demolition. I think that the work that Joan Didion and Hunter Thompson did in demolishing the patrician vestiges of privilege, that call themselves 'genre,' that that all happened quite some time ago. And, yet, these changes don't seem to resonate through the culture the way one might think they would.

"What I have discovered is that unless a reader is headlined into taking on a book that is complex and demanding, if they don't think that it is *de*

rigueur, they simply won't. My work always needed to be framed and presented to people because I think it is too complex for a reader to take on unless it is adequately framed for them. There was no infrastructure in Los Angeles, or probably in California at all, to provide the context that my work needed.

"I expected that as time went on that a context would appear. *Frantic Transmissions* is part of an attempt to make a map of my fictional poetic terrain, in a way that might make navigating the waters of Braverman more accessible and also not seen as dangerous as perhaps it has in the past.

"I give you a map of the country, and when you go back and read the fiction you will understand something about the region, the kingdom, the era, the currency, dialect, deities, of which I am speaking. So, that was one idea for *Transmissions*."

The trip itself, from California to New York, said Ms.

Braverman, "was a very interesting odyssey — embarking on the classic, mythic American road trip. We packed up our whole life in Los Angeles and drove across the country to the extreme remote world of the Allegheny Mountains. We went looking for the Great American Dream, and like Hunter Thompson we saw things along the way that were beyond belief. Where we lived in Allegheny County is the poorest county in New York. It's fifth-generation Appalachian poverty. People have not worked in generations. I was astounded when I went to our neighboring town for the first time, in the Appalachian Mountains, because I had never seen anything like it.

"I can see it, now, vividly. It was a cross between documentary footage from a Kentucky mine in an impoverished Appalachian village, plus there was a sense of rawness. I expected to see corpses, hear bullet rounds in these streets.

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"We went looking for the Great American Dream, and like Hunter Thompson we saw things along the way that were beyond belief."

National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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

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

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

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

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

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

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300–2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368–1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.–A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of

gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the

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

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

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gar-

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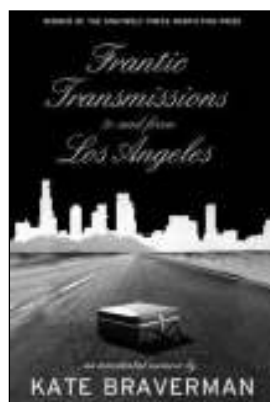
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Reading

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They looked post-war.

"How different it is to be an urban person than a rural person. I have never done anything but live in cities, except for when I have been on the run, which required me to live in Hawaii in a shack without electricity in the jungle for 18 months. I was on the run again for two years in Northern California, but essentially I had always been a city person." Ms. Braverman laughed, "I am a Berkeley High and U.C. Berkeley graduate. I took my degree in anthropology.

"Anthropology was per-

fect because I knew I was going to write, so I wanted to study as much about man as I could. Saul Bellow also took his undergraduate degree in anthropology."

Did Ms. Braverman think MFA programs in writing were of particular value to would-be writers?

"I get asked about MFA programs all the time. My answer is that you're not only defined by what you know as a writer, but it's equally important what you resist knowing, what you delete from your consciousness. To enter into an MFA program, you have to have a sense, an instinct that you trust, because it asserts itself as part of your DNA, which is another reason why so much writing that I read is not sustaining, because people try to inflect their politics or their agenda into their characters without recognizing that if you have a character that is made of real DNA, that your character will, by itself, either on acts of commission or omission, engage in the politics that you truly support anyway. They will manifest themselves in how your character arranges flowers in a vase. It comes from the inside out.

"Corrections are possible, even in a career such as mine; it is the 25th anniversary of my first born, *Lithium for Medea*, my first novel, but I'm afraid Los Angeles did not have a critical infrastructure to deal with that book in 1979. I think the *Los Angeles Times* saw themselves as having a missionary duty, which they followed. That was to bring the barely literate heathens of the region as filtered through New York. *Lithium for Medea* is probably the first girl rite of passage story written by a Los Angeles girl."

Ms. Braverman's work encouraged other L.A. women to write. "They tell me that; they say, 'What you did is you gave me permission.' I never stopped in my battle to have women inhabit the page with the same dimensionality and the same arsenal of weapons as men. They haven't had this. Because, first of all, when we talk about literature, we're only talking about what men have said about what other men have written.

"Our women have been able to vote less than one hundred years. The first woman's voice I heard was Sylvia Plath. Joan Didion's would have been the second. *Democracy* was

probably my favorite Didion novel. I recently reread *White Album*, and the essays hold up, although I must tell you I had great loathing for the National Book Award memoir, her newest book. I no longer felt that she had the power to convince me.

"Women have to behave on the page like they're all nurses, housewives, librarians, that women are confined to the same jobs they're consigned to in life, the same roles that the patriarchy in literature, and in everything that we call law and order, the gravity of this world, is such that the rules for men and women are different. I would say that, historically, the personal elements of women's lives let their poetry, fiction, novels, and essays be derided and dismissed.

"When men lead lives of disturbing chaos, when men abandon children and collect divorces and run red lights drunk, accumulating essays with extravagant appetite — we admire them. Men are, by the intensity of their passion, the heroic embodiment of the mythic, tormented artist so that their emotional defamations, the silly and collateral damage of their activities are rendered insignificant.

"For the 35 years of my writing life, I have battled stereotypes about what girls and women are allowed to do or say or think or feel."

When women exhibit similar behavior, when women engage in risky endeavors, when women respond to the lore of pharmacologically conscious dissection, we call them mentally ill. They can be disposed of. For a male, risk and deviant war wounds, men receive metaphorical purple hearts, while — for the same behavior — women are locked in institutions.

"For the 35 years of my writing life, I have battled stereotypes about what girls and women are allowed to do or say or think or feel. It's remarkable when one thinks that Plath's work is almost 50 years old, and she is still not in the canon."

"And," I said, "her late poetry is often considered excessive."

"That's when she did her greatest work. She dared to complain about the smog of cooking and the smog of diapers, and what it's like to be abandoned with two children on the coldest of winter days. How dare she write poems complaining about this?"

"The child is having a tantrum, and she had no money and couldn't get the heat on, and one thing and another, and the fact that her rage — women are not allowed certain upper stratus of emotions. It's considered impolite. Women are supposed to be as if at a tea party on the page. 'Would you like more sugar with that? Are you sure you have enough napkins?'"

"Plath is still being casti-

dens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled

Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spirit* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

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

and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

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

VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

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)

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TALENT UPDATE

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gated for her work. While women are the dominant number of readers, one has to wonder what they are finding as models for their identity since all they are given are conventional, anemic renderings of the female experience.

"I set out to reclaim girlhood. I wanted to make this region that I knew as a child, barefoot. I can only know a region when I've had my body exposed to it, when I've been rained on by it, when I've been sunburned by it, when elements have stamped across my flesh and told me their stories, in indelible ways.

"I knew Los Angeles like that. I knew it from being a child, walking the streets in vacant lots, down to the Santa Monica Pier. You must walk a city, and its side streets, and climb its hills and be scratched by the vegetation to know the different sounds of what is danger in the air."

"Are you glad you've come back to California?"

"Yes. One thing I learned, when I was gone for those six years in self-exile, is that there is a kind of progressive, experimental feel that California has. I live here in California, but it

is as easy to take my cultural bearings from Mexico City or Bangkok as it is from the East Coast or Europe. The literary climate here is so open for confession. I think our writers in California are more confessional because we're more open, we're less traditional. I think we're more influenced by things other than the standard American perimeters because there really is no border with Mexico.

"There's this continuous region. Vegetation is the same for hundreds of miles, up almost to San Francisco, you could still be in Mexico. So, I think that when you live in a border area, that this influences your thinking. *Frantic Transmissions* talks about that, what it was like to grow up in a region that is nothing like what the fictional national interpretation is.

"Growing up in Los Angeles, I was assigned to typing, apron making, meatloaf making – because of socioeconomics."

"How is your meatloaf?"

"My meatloaf is spectacular."

"Mine is terrible."

"Not mine. It's one of the few things I can cook because I don't cook. I try to do as few unnecessary diverting tasks as

possible. I know that there are many professional women who will do things like plan their court calendars around soccer practice and ballet schedules and their children's enhancement activities.

"I think we give our children a false sense of their importance and entitlement, and how real can they believe our feminism is if we are not practicing it? My daughter grew up with a mother who said, 'I was writing before you were born, I will be writing during your life, and I will be writing after you have your own children. I do not carpool, I don't throw victory parties.' My daughter has grown up to be a self-reliant individual.

"I think that it's absurd to see friends I have that are writers, forming their lives over very trivial activities going on with their children, and I would like to stress that there are alternative strategies to the pure pressure of being like everyone else. Many of these child enhancements and constant soccer things are just a new form of consumer consumption. Now, every child is studying seven sports, three musical instruments. They have to have

their haiku translation book out by their 13th birthday. They seem to have professional mothers who are perfectly able to divest themselves of their professional duties to supervise completely what are now rituals of no significance.

"Now that my daughter is older and I'm able to look at her peer group, I don't see that the kids have made real disciplines of what they were exposed to, or that they have continued to progress or continued to avail themselves at all of any of these enhancements."

"Well, the new book is wonderful."

"It's meant to be subversive, and I hope that that comes across. It took a long time to understand the new region where we lived and to understand what happens when people live in a remote, isolated community, where it is dangerous to leave your house. If you haven't swerved into a ditch or been hit by another car, or gone off the road, you were lucky. Because where we lived, driving conditions were so bad that having an accident was like having the flu – it was just a question of who would have a car wreck when.

"My daughter has grown up to be a self-reliant individual."

"A kind of smallness of purpose sucked into a community like that, a sense that to get anywhere is so difficult that when someone called to say the 9/11 attack had happened, and they said it was in New York, I said 'New York, America?' Because it was so remote where we lived, that everything had become abstract – New York, Boston, Paris, Peru. It was all equally inaccessible. It was much like being marginalized as I'd been when I was a poor girl in Los Angeles.

"I'd never lived in a little town before, and to find that people are violently against change, and they're so fundamentalist in their religious beliefs, and so rigid in their essential philosophy, I was not prepared for that. The psychological climate of difference between California and where we lived, was as extreme as the actual climate. I'd never

been in a situation like that before. But there were some lovely, lovely things about it – to experience fall, living in a maple forest. I had a sense of marvel when I grew my own pumpkins and when the trees' leaves turned pumpkin orange, and to understand what a harvest ritual is, whereas in a major city it's just another consumer consumption opportunity.

"But it is good to be back in California. After this self-exile, I'm able to see Los Angeles and California with a clarity and an appreciation that I don't think I could have before."

– Judith Moore

On Friday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m., Kate Braverman, winner of the 2005 Graywolf Press Nonfiction Prize, will read from *Frantic Transmissions* to and from Los Angeles at D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1800. Free and open to the public.

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 Natural History Museum, "Genome: How the Secret of Life Works," continuing through April, explores the human genome, revealing the mysteries of genes, delineating the last two centuries of discovery, and unraveling implications of gene therapy for future of medical science, health care. Interactive displays, "family-

friendly activities" to help visitors understand the genome's function and role in daily life.

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," running through December, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordovery Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through September, 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 Cali-

fornia's arid and diverse wildlands." Current "giant-screen films" include *Ocean Oasis* and *Bugs!* 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. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, 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 ma-

rine 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. 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)

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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God, Not Mammon

A Medieval Suggestion for Clergy Reform
BY CHRISTOPHER ZEHNDER

To reform the Church, the Church must reform the clergy. This is the truth in a hierarchical institution, and the Church, as Vatican II points out, is hierarchical. But is the Church reforming the clergy? The year 2005 saw what seemed to be the beginnings of some sort of clerical reform. In September, I



Senator Boxer Calls for Revocation of Abortinist's License

Dr. Reich Has a 20-year History of Sexually Assaulting Patients

BY MARIA ELENA KENNEDY

Pro-abortion Senator Barbara Boxer has called upon the Osteopathic Medical Board of California to have abortionist Laurence Reich's osteopathic medical license removed. The call for action by Boxer was prompted by recent media revelations that Reich has been convicted of sexual molesting his patients. In a December 8th letter to Osteopathic Medical Board director Linda Bergmann, Boxer demanded that Reich's license be revoked immediately. "I believe that immediate action should be taken to suspend Dr. Laurence Reich's medical license until a full hearing is held and any legal cases against him are completed."



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Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series continues with concerts by Piano Quartet, February 23–25. Listen to Mozart's "Duo in G for Violin and Viola," "Piano Quartet in G Minor," and "Violin Sonata in A" on Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at Church of the Nativity (6309 El

Apajo Road). \$35.

Program is repeated at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25, at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$42.

Reservations: 619-239-0100. (RANCHO SANTA FE, LA JOLLA)

Donizetti's Bel Canto Masterpiece *Lucia di Lammermoor* is next production for San Diego Opera. The passionate tragedy set on the Scottish moors includes South African soprano Angela Gilbert, American tenor Richard Leech, Slovakian baritone Dalibor Jenis, German bass Reinhard Hagen, others. Sung in Italian, with English translations projected above the stage. Conducted by Richard Bonynge, directed by Andrew Sinclair.

Performances at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 24, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 26. Tickets range from \$27–\$142. Enjoy the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

Silent Film Nights at Winter Pops — events by San Diego Symphony promise screening of *The Black Pirate*, Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Gillian Anderson conducts music by Mortimer Wilson. Tickets: \$20–\$65. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Genius" provides theme for Camarada's "Candelight Concert," Saturday, February 25, 6:30 p.m., at Botanica (2310 Kettner Boulevard). Beth Ross-Buckley (flute) and Fred Benedetti (guitar) will "celebrate Einstein's centenary with his favorite composer, J.S. Bach." \$50 fee includes wine, hors d'oeuvres. 619-231-3702. (LITTLE ITALY)

Southern California Premiere of Lera Auerbach's "Sonata No. 1 for Violoncello and Piano" when cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han perform for ArtPower! in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, Saturday, February 25, 8 p.m. Also on tap: "Sonata for Cello and Piano in C Major" by Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff's "Sonata for Piano and Cello in G Minor." \$36. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Music by Hugo Wolof, Shostakovich, and Brahms promised when Hyperion String Quartet performs Sunday, February 26, 2 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-6060. (SDSU)

Sunday Soirée, classical "open mike" opportunities with concert pianist John Danke planned on final Sunday of each month, including February 26, 7–8:15 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Per-

former registration: 6:30 p.m. Offering. 858-717-4320. (CLAIREMONT)

Mainly Russian Music promised when pianist James Gary performs for San Diego Public Library concert series, Sunday, February 26, 2:30 p.m. Listen for pieces by Rachmaninoff and Scriabin, as well as a little Mozart. Find library at 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs Sunday, February 26, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Hyperion String Quartet performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, February 27, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Piano Students of Aleck Karis present their recent work, Thursday, March 2, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"Runtissimo" by Dan Adams and "Not Everything Is Mythology" by David Powers are featured along with youth art from Cathedral Catholic High School and juried, awarded artwork from "Outstanding Visual Artists" of region at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado) through Sunday, March 19. Artists' reception: Friday, February 24, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Arrange Whatever Pieces Come Your Way" — exhibit of work by collage artist Althea Brimm and ceramic pieces by potter/sculptor Elizabeth Woolrych commences with reception for duo on Saturday, February 25, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Closes Sunday, March 26. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"Body and Soul" — black-and-white photographs made in 1960s by Major Morris, as well as documentary and fashion images, are on view through March at Photographer's Gallery (at Calumet Photographic, 830 West Valley Parkway, suite 330). Reception is Saturday, February 25, 3 p.m. 760-737-6002. (ESCONDIDO)

"Flavia Gilmore: Recent Work" is on view through Sunday, April 2, at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Exhibit boasts more than 30 assemblages and "collage paintings" never previously shown. Meet Gilmore during reception on Sunday, February 26, 1 p.m. 858-581-9934. Gilmore plans artist talk on Saturday, March 11. (PACIFIC BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, more than 90 bottles, bowls, platters, and tiles made between 1940 and 2004 are included in retrospective "The Art of Vivika and Otto Heino." Vivika Heino died in 1995, but Otto Heino continues to make pots in his Ojai pottery, throwing 100 pounds of clay at a time. Closes Sunday, March 19.

"Norway — Art of the Land and the People" celebrates 100 years of Norwegian independence. Exhibit includes arts of daily life such as metalwork, jewelry, *bunads* (festival costumes), textiles, *rosemaling* (decorated pottery and furniture), and Norwegian-American immigrant chests from 18th Century. Closes on Sunday, May 21.

Art and significance of Japanese dolls from the Edo period showcased in "Ningyō: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, *ningyō* embody the customs, tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, February 26.

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

Mingei International Museum — North County, “Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly,” includes a blown-glass chandelier, *macchias*, and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through July.

“Horses — Circling the Globe” includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, “Jay Bolotin: The Jackleg Testament” is “latest project by this prolific writer, composer, performer, and visual artist.” The piece comprises two interrelated parts, a print portfolio and a woodcut motion picture. Each of the pieces in exhibit, closing Sunday, April 30, demonstrates Bolotin’s “continued interest in weaving Judeo-Christian creation stories and personal mythologies as a means to better understand the human condition.”

“Cerca Series: James Drake: City of Tells” opens on Sunday, February 26, and continues through April. For this monumental drawing, Drake composed a Renaissance tableau, incorporating portraits of his family and friends, as well as diverse historical and contemporary influences (Diego Rivera, Dante, Bruce Nauman, Homer, Herman Melville, Sherrie Levin).

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, after four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in “Southern Exposure,” continuing

through Sunday, September 3. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

“La Dolce Vita: Selections from the Ruth and Murray Gribin Collection,” continuing through Sunday, May 7, features a broad range of works by Southern California artists including John Altoon, Baldessari, Vija Celmins, Robert Therrien, Irwin, and “a seminal 1958 painting by Ed Ruscha.”

Raymond Pettibon’s work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is also on view through Sunday, September 3. Pettibon — known for “his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations” — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, “Eye to Eye: Photographs by Graham Nash,” on view through Sunday, April 30, includes works from the rocker’s recent book (*Eye to Eye*) and new additions from his current work. Nash is considered a “pioneer innovator in the world of digital photography and printing.” Color photographs of rural Amer-

ica “both intimate and monumental” on view in “Mike Smith: You’re Not From Around Here.” Work depicts “places where the forest stops and agriculture begins...combined with more ominous images of what may have taken place out behind the shed.” Closes on Sunday, May 7.

“John Gutmann’s Century,” also on view through May 7, features the German-born photographer’s focus on “America’s *joie de vivre*, its parades, billboards, cars,

and sports” during the 1930s.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, artwork created during the Works Progress Administration-era mirrored a period in American history when the country was recovering from the Depression. “Art of the WPA from Collections of the San Diego Region” includes 60 paintings created in San Diego

during that time by artists such as Belle Baranceanu, Phil Dike, Dan Dickey, Charles Reiffel, Everett Gee Jackson. Through Sunday, March 19. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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Cheaper Concert Tickets Soon? Besides its downtown nightclub, House of Blues Concerts owns and operates Coors Amphitheatre.

expect House of Blues to book quality attractions at 4th & B when HoB owns its own venue just a few blocks away?

"We have certain criteria [in their two-year contract] everybody has to meet. When we were bidding against each other, we were having to pay so much for shows. This way we can put the right show in

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The company books the headliners at SDSU's Cox Arena and Open Air Theatre. Two weeks ago, in an agreement with 4th & B owner Ali Nilforshan, House of Blues took over booking control of Nilforshan's recently remodeled club.

An insider suggests the association may work to the benefit of the concertgoer because the two downtown venues will no longer bid against each other to present the same artist. Because the artist will theoretically get paid less, ticket prices will be lower, says the insider.

Not so, says a promoter who declined to be identified. "Major corporations like House of Blues will never lower prices, ever. Even if they get the band cheaper, they price tickets at what the market will bear."

How can Nilforshan

the right room." Nilforshan points out that 4th & B admits only 21-and-up while HoB can switch to all ages. He says every Friday will be dedicated to a recorded dance-music



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4TH & B DANCE CLUBBERS

night produced by L.A. promoter David Dean and local company Polka Dot Productions. "Friday nights will be off limits to live concerts."

— Ken Leighton

Bad Gutter Hippie?

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Patrick Harmon played the popular Tuesday open-mike night at E Street Café in

Encinitas a month ago. Two of his protest songs spoke out against "...religion and control," says Harmon. "Both songs had the word 'fuck.' As soon as I got offstage they kicked me out. This lady who worked there said she didn't



PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIC RIFE

HARMON: DISCRIMINATING F-BOMBER

like me or what I sang about. They kicked me out because I said 'fuck' onstage."

Harmon, 21, says he had been an E Street open-mike regular for four months. He says he used the F-bomb sparingly. "If there were kids in the audience, I wouldn't say it."

"I heard some stories from people who play [at E Street Café] that they were having problems with people in management power-tripping," says Johnny Ciccolella, who has run Twigg's music venue in North Park for nine years. During that time, he says he once felt the need to interrupt an open-mike performance because of content issues. "It was over this one guy who kept singing excerpts from *The Vagina Monologues*. It was a little crass. But I have never 86'd anyone over content. Before you kick somebody out, you should seriously think about the impact it will

have on that person."

E Street owner Bob Nanninga says Harmon was not ejected because of his use of the F-word.

"In no way does anyone associated with E Street Café support censorship," says Nanninga. "We have a bigger problem of people hanging out, sprawled all over the café and not buying anything." He says Harmon was ejected because "It's just us being greedy capitalists."

Harmon admits that by the time he went up to play he did not have a cup in front of him.

"I go in there and buy one cup of tea. Usually, by the time I go on, that cup is gone and I don't have money to buy anything else. I guess they are thinking of me as a bum."

"Bad gutter hippie," says Nanninga.

Nanninga says his Tuesday-night open mike is on hiatus but will resume next month, when the café secures its entertainment permit from the city.

Harmon appears Wednesday at Twigg's.

— Ken Leighton

Download Lowdown

Mark the CD Trader, a shop in an Oceanside strip mall that had been open for over a year, closed last month. Rhino Westwood, in L.A., pulled the plug last month after 30 years. Aron's (in business for 40 years) and Vinyl Fetish are a couple more well-known L.A.-area indie record stores that have recently gone belly up.

"Things are real tough for independent stores," says Norm Leggio, owner of Blue

Meannie in El Cajon. "It used to be you had to come here to get product from [indie metal labels] Metal Blade, Relapse, and Century Media. Now, if you go to Best Buy, across the street, they are giving it away at cost. It used to be big chains wouldn't touch metal with a ten-foot pole.... All they had to do is look up on Soundscan and see that a lot of dirtbag metalheads live [in the El



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LEGGIO THINKS POSITIVE

Cajon area].... I saw where 85 percent of all consumers download music now. Doomsday will come when everyone starts downloading, but I don't see that happening real soon."

According to SoundScan, in 2005, digital album sales were up 194 percent from the previous year. Meanwhile, CD sales were down by 7 percent. Apple iTunes sells more tracks than the Tower or Borders chains. Four years ago, there were 23 Warehouse outlets in the county; now there are 3.

"Unless you're a collector, it seems like [music purchases] are all going to be MP3," says Josh Jones, who works at Spin Records in Carlsbad. "Especially for a small store like us, it's a hard thing to stay afloat when everybody turns to downloading music."

— Ken Leighton

Gratitude for Switchfoot On the way to town last year, Gratitude's van broke down in a Ralphs parking lot about 30 miles from their show at Mira Mesa's Epicentre.

"An axle had broken on our trailer, or something odd and unfixable," says the band's former singer, Jonah Matranga. "It was a show that had been booked very last-minute, and we knew we'd be back to San Diego soon, so there was a strong argument for just canceling, but...it just seemed stupid to not make it there, being so close."

Then, a "clean-cut suburban dad sort of guy" approached them and asked if they were in a band.

"If you've been on tour a lot, especially in Middle America at some awful restaurant at 4 a.m., with the staff and clientele looking at you like you're aliens, you know that this is the most boring, annoying question



MATRANGA GETS A FREE RIDE

ever," Matranga says. "But this guy seemed nice. We started chatting, and then came the next-most-annoying tour thing: 'Yeah, my boys are in a band, too.'... Inevitably, one of us asks, 'What band?' Sometimes, this can be funny,

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'cause the band name is usually 'Satan's Dildo' or something that's just wrong, especially coming from a suburban dad's mouth."

This time, the guy was the father of Jonathan and Tim Foreman of Switchfoot.

"And he's a pastor! For real!" Matranga says. "The father of the Christian-alternative rock band of the moment is actually a pastor. And a really nice one at that. I joke that Switchfoot should take us on tour even though I'm Jewish, and he takes the joke well, which is a good sign."

Matranga told Mr. Foreman what happened to their van, and he lent them his mini-van to get to the show.

"We're all sort of stunned at this, obviously," Matranga says. "I ask, 'But how will you get home?' He just smiles this beatific, sweet smile and says, 'Oh, I'll get a ride or something.' As if his posse of angels will pick him up or something equally magical.

"By the way, I'm sorry the van's a little dirty, we just came back from surfing," Mr. Foreman said. "Just leave the keys with it when you bring it back, and I'll pick it up in the morning."

Matranga plays a solo show at Soma tonight.

— Jeremiah Griffey

It's the Stupid Music, Stupid! At the CMJ New Music Festival in New York City last fall, Loud and Clear Records owner Brad Lee got a rude awakening after trying to explain to industry execs why

music sales are down. Lee was part of a panel discussion about independent music labels. To his left he saw John S. Hall (King Missile's singer), and to his right was Steve Gottlieb, owner and founder of TVT Records, the largest indie label in the country. Lee took note that he, at age 25, was dwarfed by the industry folks that surrounded him, all of whom had at least 10 to 20 years of age and experience on him.

"Gottlieb was going on and on about how music sales are down because of ripping, burning, and file-sharing," Lee says. "I piped in and said I thought music-industry sales are down because music is



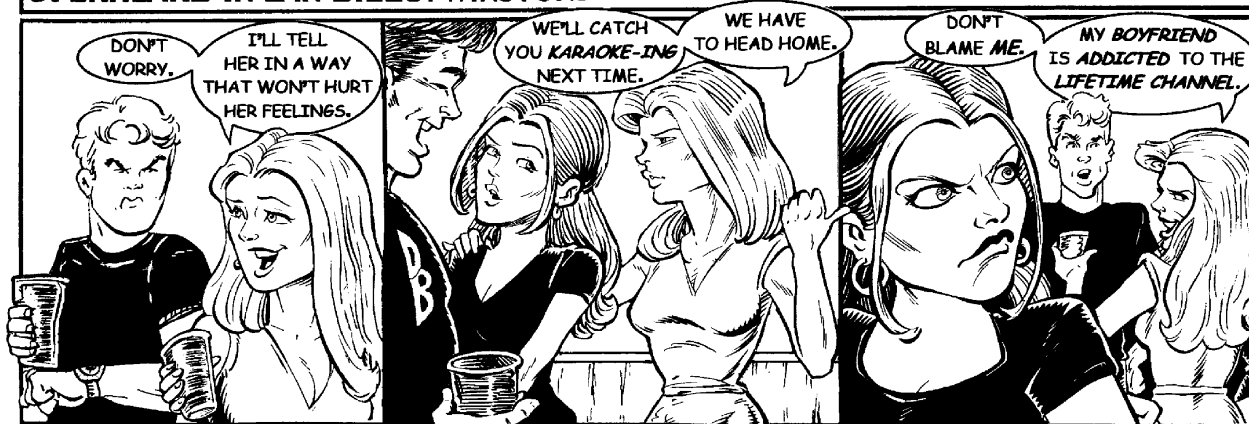
LEE THINKS OF TOASTERS AND OTHER THINGS

really bad these days. I made some comment about the Ying Yang Twins [who are on TVT] and said that if labels would start signing bands with actual talent maybe sales would go back up again. [Gottlieb] didn't take too kindly to this and pretty much tore me a new one. Needless to say, he had the upper-hand when it comes to industry smack-talk session.

"John Hall kind of got my back by agreeing that music is pretty weak these days," Lee continues. "But all I could think about when he was talking was [the King Missile song lyric] 'I saw my penis lying on a blanket next to a

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: WINSTONS

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broken toaster oven."

On February 25, Lee's Loud and Clear Records celebrates its fourth year at the Casbah with Adam Gnade, Goodbye Blue Monday, Via Satellite, Manouk, and neonthief.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Not Strange Bedfellows

At All OB's Defamation League calls itself "the official band of the Bryan Barton for Congress Campaign." The onetime Arizona Minuteman volunteer hopes to win the seat to represent California's 53rd District. "Barton's opponent is [incumbent Democrat] Susan Davis," says Nick Slezin, "and she's sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, so it seemed like a good fit."

Barton, a self-described "conservative Christian," earned headlines last year for allegedly detaining a Mexican man at the border and forcing him to be photographed with a T-shirt that read, "Bryan Barton caught an illegal alien and all I got was this lousy T-shirt." Authorities decided that Barton didn't hold the man

against his will.

"We don't necessarily align ourselves with his political positions," says Khemicle Ali. "I mean, it's not like we endorse pro-life and shit like that. We think the guy's cool, though."

The band is tied to Barton via campaign supporter Steve York, who gained notoriety after he used UCSD's closed-circuit campus-TV channel to broadcast video of himself having sex.

"A lot of the instrumental tracks on our first CD were



DEFAMATION LEAGUE KNOWS A GOOD FIT

used in the soundtrack to [York's] porno, *Rising Fees and Popping Bs*," says Dune Murderous. That CD, *Anatomy of Grit-Hop*, was released last month. "We also did some songs just for the porno that aren't on the CD 'cause, well, 'cause they're porno songs."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Pauper's Ransom

Mick Miller operates a recording studio out of his two-bedroom apartment in North County. The studio consists of a Mac and a PC, a Pro-Tools software program for digital recording, and a collection of microphones. He says it cost him \$10,000 to \$12,000 for all the equipment. With such low overhead, he is able to charge bands \$25 per hour.

Advertisements for small studio operations have been popping up in the musicians' listings on San Diego's Craigslist website. Rates usually run about \$20 to \$30 per hour, with some exceptions. Miller claims to have seen a posting that listed a \$10-per-hour rate.

Hourly studio rates at established studios have been closer to \$50, but a recent glance through the classifieds shows that traditional studios may be cutting rates to stay competitive. King's Ransom, Audioquest, and Hobartrax all advertised hourly rates as low as \$30 per hour, while CV Studios charges \$20 per hour.

"A lot of my recordings, quality and production-wise, totally hang with the million-dollar studio sound," Miller says. He admits that some of the comforts of a traditional

studio are sacrificed; a recent session consisted of a 15-piece children's choir (and all of their parents) crammed into Miller's living room. "I had to kick the parents out onto the porch," Miller says.



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As for the potential of home-based studios knocking out their larger rivals, Miller sees this as an unlikely scenario.

"There's a lot more to it than simply going out and buying a Pro-Tools rig and hitting the record button."

— Dryw Keltz

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Single-Handed Anger

"I like to keep things intense and heavy."

Eric Beard's musician credits stretch back some 20 years, though it's his recording degree from Chico State that allows for some of the bigger technological leaps in his stage act as Angerhead, the one-man metal band. "First of all, I never was a singer, and some people probably would say I'm still not," he laughs. "But singing and playing guitar at the same time is still a challenge. Also, I play video behind me along with bass parts I record and drums that I program, so synching everything up is definitely the most trying and challenging thing."

Beard began playing piano at age eight. "But as soon as I heard the first three chords of AC/DC's 'Highway to Hell,' I said to myself, 'You can't do that on a piano,' and I went and bought an electric guitar for \$125." He calls Angerhead's music "a blend of rock and metal. I like to keep things intense and heavy. All my songs must have this quality."

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Unwritten Law, "the Black album" ("There's something really catchy and heavy about this record. Very good songwriting.")
2. Megadeth, *Greatest Hits: Back to the Start* ("I would have to say Dave Mustaine is one of my

favorite metal songwriters of all time. I love this stuff.")

3. Dr. Chunk, *Dr. Chunk* ("I wrote this record with some friends, and I haven't heard it in two years until a week ago. Now I've been listening to it a lot.")

LISTS JAY ALLEN SANFORD

DESERT-ISLAND DISCS?

1. Slayer, *Reign in Blood* ("One of the best metal albums of all time.")
2. Megadeth, *Rust in Piece* ("An-

other of the best.")

3. Pink Floyd, *The Division Bell* ("Just a beautiful record.")

4. "The best of Led Zeppelin, AC/DC, or Menudo would fight it out for the last spot."

WORST GIG?

"In San Marcos at the Longshot Saloon — I was so pissed and stressed. I had just got back from Vegas, and nothing was going right. Guitars sucked, video wouldn't work, amps sucked, just awful... I guess I lived up to the name Angerhead that night."

BRUSH WITH THE FAMOUS?

"I hung with James Hetfield and Jason Newstead of Metallica back in the day. Jason had just been asked to join Metallica, and he was really cool. He



Angerhead

let us take pictures and was buying us beers all night."

FAVORITE CARTOON?

"Pink Floyd cartoons are amazing. You feel like you're taking LSD or something just watching

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FRIDAY

Los Lobos [476]: House of Blues, Friday, February 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Jamie O'Neal: California Center for the Arts, Friday, February 24, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Derek Trucks Band [950]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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SATURDAY

"San Diego Brazil Carnaval 2006": 4th & B, Saturday, February 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sevendust [261]: House of Blues, Saturday, February 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Mason: Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, February 25, 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.

SUNDAY

Tom Russell: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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**UPCOMING
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MARCH

Eric Taylor: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, March 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Styx [523]: House of Blues, Thursday, March 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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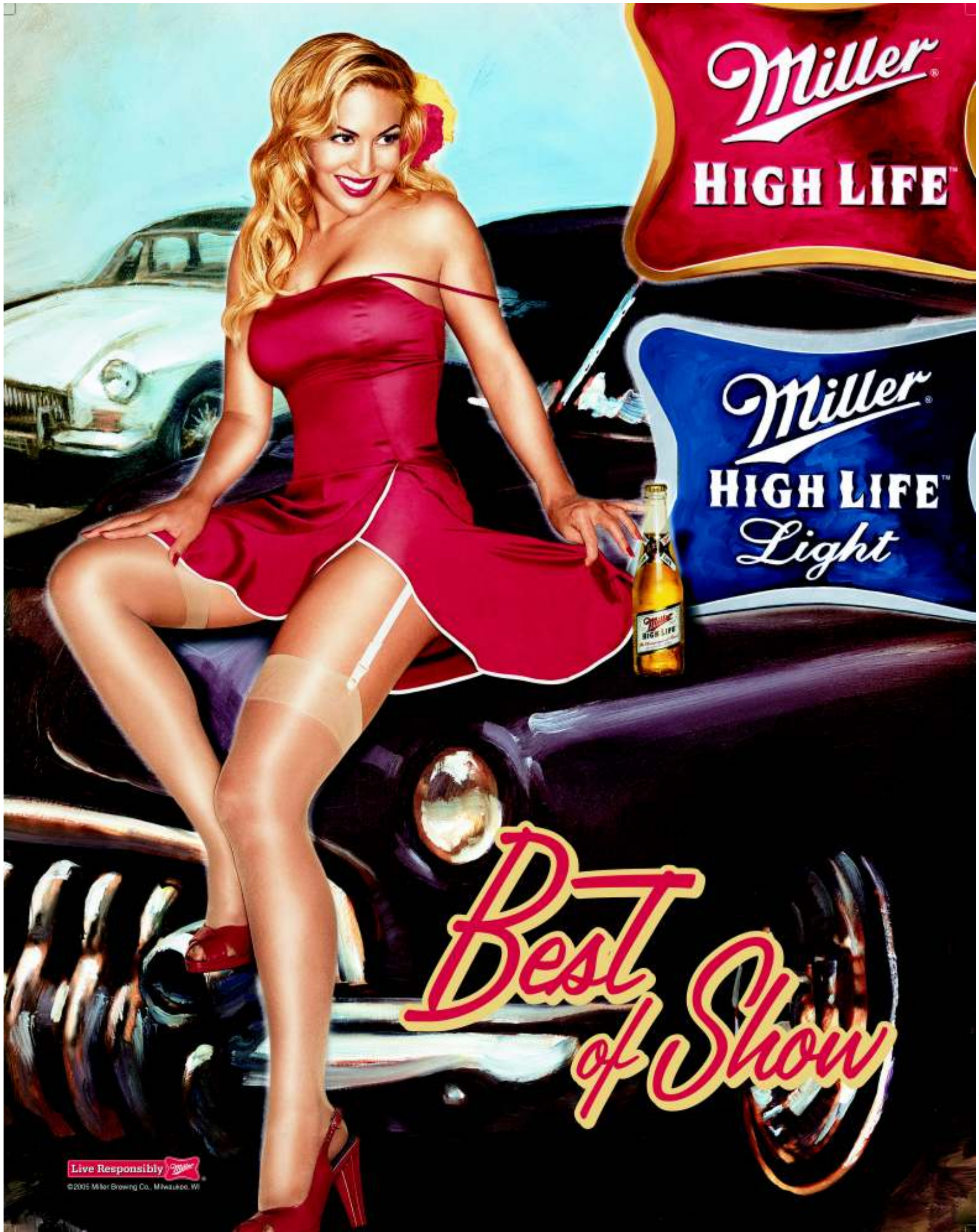
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Russell Crowe & the Ordinary Fear of God: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Alison Krauss: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, March 8, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Johnny Mathis [614]: Pala Events Center, Wednesday, March 8, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Motörhead: House of Blues, Thursday, March 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Girls: House of Blues, Saturday, March 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Tito Puente, Jr.: Rincon Casino, Saturday, March 11, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Saves the Day [218]: Soma, Sunday, March 12, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Tristan Prettyman [882]: House of Blues, Sunday, March 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Opheth and Devildriver: House of Blues, Monday, March 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Korn [265] and Mudvayne: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 15, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-220-8497.

The Kottonmouth Kings [129]: House of Blues, Thursday, March 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Arlo Guthrie: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, March 16, 340 N.

Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Kottonmouth Kings [129]: House of Blues, Friday, March 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Toots & the Maytals [752]: House of Blues, Saturday, March 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Young Dubliners [571]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Rincon Casino, Saturday, March 18, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Cesaria Evora [885]: 4th & B, Sunday, March 19, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Burt Bacharach [608]: Pala Events Center, Sunday, March 19, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

The New Pornographers: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, March 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

David Gray [610]: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, March 20, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Guster [282]: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Kem: 4th & B, Thursday, March 23, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Beth Orton [887]: House of Blues, Thursday, March 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Chuck Pyle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 24, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Michael Bublé: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, March 24, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Stamey: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, March 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Steel Pulse [730]: 4th & B, Saturday, March 25, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ghostface Killah: House of Blues, Sunday, March 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Eyed Peas [533] and the Pussycat Dolls: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, March 26, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Botti [689] and David Sanborn: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, March 26, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Jon Secada: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Sunday, March 26, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Pretenders [558]: House of Blues, Monday, March 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

UB40 [737]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 28, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Pretenders [558]: House of Blues, Tuesday, March 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dilated Peoples: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Stereolab [116]: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Donald Fagen: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, March 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Donne Warwick [567]: Rincon Casino, Thursday, March 30, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

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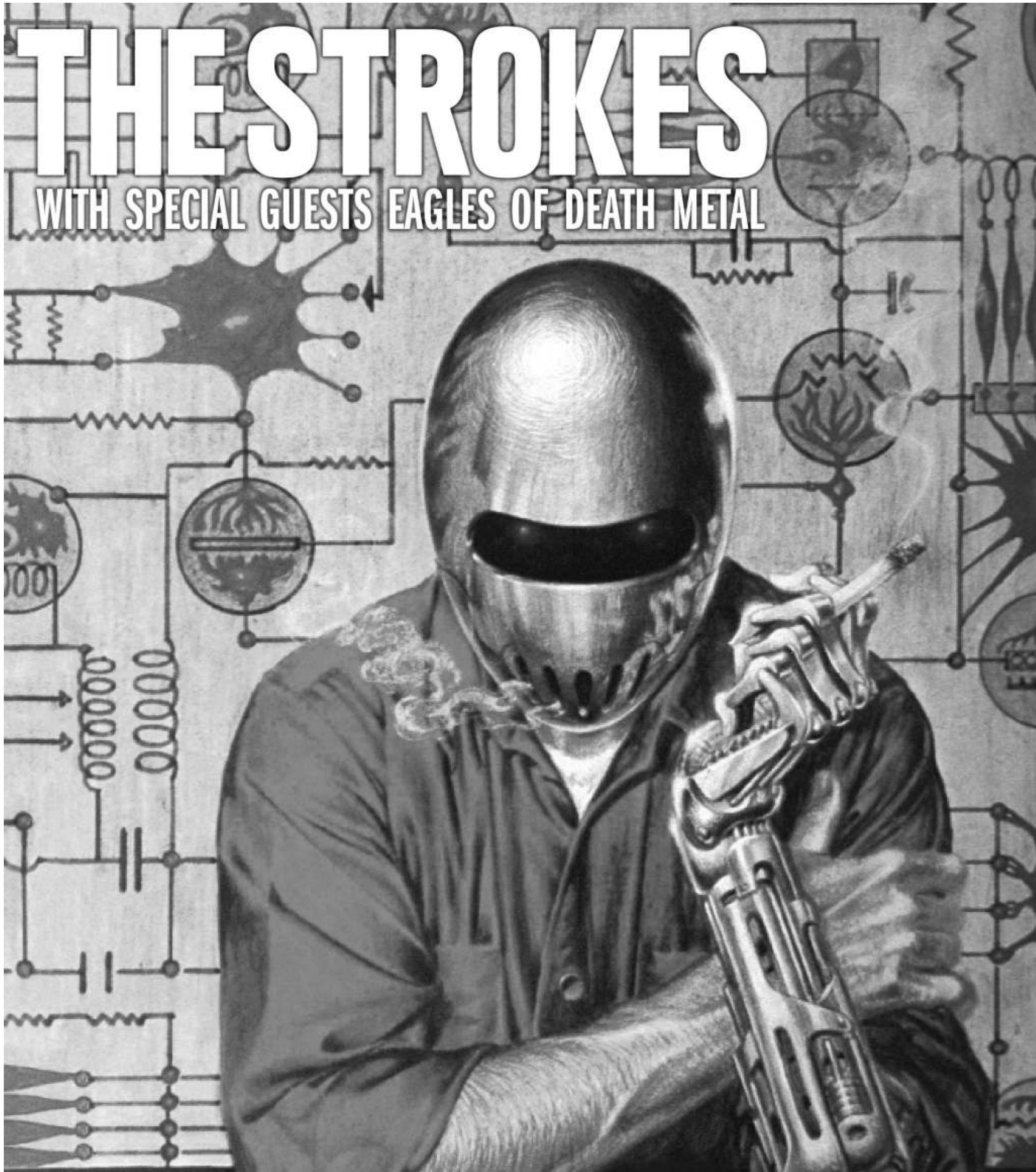
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APRIL

The Alkaline Trio [345]: House of Blues, Saturday, April 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Fall Out Boy, the All-American Rejects, and Hawthorne Heights: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, April 1, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Queen and Paul Rodgers: Cox Arena, Saturday, April 1, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald [605]: Pala Events Center, Wednesday, April 5, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Toni Braxton: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Richard Butler: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel [617]: Cox Arena, Sunday, April 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Umprey's McGee: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Better Than Ezra [118] and Sister Hazel [475]: House of Blues, Sunday, April 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Zombie: Soma, Friday, April 21, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield [529]: House of Blues, Friday, April 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Pepe Aguilar: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 21, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, April 22, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Yonder Mountain Sting Band: House of Blues, Sunday, April 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Buckethead: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, April 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Devendra Banhart: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 27, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Taj Mahal [941]: House of Blues, Friday, April 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Avenged Sevenfold [561]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, April 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-220-8497.

FOOTNOTES

BY DAVE GOOD

Sir Paul McCartney was finally asked to play the Grammy Awards this year. He showed up with a lean band of younger players and ripped into "Helter Skelter." I've not heard him in better voice; I wanted to download a copy straightaway and listen to it over and over. The Beatles...what 12-year-old boy in my circle back in the '60s didn't try to pick out the wiry opening riff to "Paperback Writer"? We were committed, diehard fans. We had seen the Beatles usher in the British Invasion on television and noted, but did not mourn, the passing of surf rock.

Scott McCaughey has British Invasion written all over his music. Footnotes to Lennon and McCartney and George Harrison and maybe even the Kinks illuminate his

songwriting with the **Minus Five**, a project he's headed since 1993. Is "the Gun Album," the unofficial title of M5's latest, not a reference to *Revolver*? As channeled by McCaughey, John Lennon's post-Beatles Park Avenue complexion is far seedier: "Am I going to be an asshole for the rest of my life?" he sings, "Aw shit, man, and never be forgiven by my daughter and my wife, aw shit, man."

Cowpunk runs in McCaughey's veins; it slithers through some of his songs on the back of a pedal steel guitar. The Minus Five (another reference to the Fab Four?) are a side product for the hyperactive Seattle godfather of pop punk in which McCaughey collaborates with his extended musical family: REM, Wilco, the Decemberists. Add the gritty edge of punk and some surprising pop hooks, and on the first pass



MINUS FIVE

it plays off as coy parody. Succeeding listens reveal something else: McCaughey writes music as if the best songs of the '60s have not yet been recorded.

Robyn Hitchcock headlines.

MINUS FIVE, Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 23, 8 p.m. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497. \$17.

MAY

Jaguars [301]: Pala Events Center, Monday, May 1, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

R. Kelly: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, May 5, 1245 Seventh Avenue,

downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Bill Engvall: Pala Events Center, Thursday, May 18, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Ministry [572]: House of Blues, Sunday, May 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

JUNE

Bo Diddley [938]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

JULY

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, July 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.



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Indie Limelight: Humphrey's

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Kill Me Tomorrow [152]: Epicentre

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Leif (Kolt): Dreamstreet

The Lost Disciples [203]: Longshot Saloon

Machine: The Jumping Turtle

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Mest: Soma

The Minus 5: Belly Up Tavern

Mother Mae I: Dreamstreet

The Movies: The Casbah

Neon Thief: The Casbah

The Night Fell Silent: Epicentre

Nonpoint: House of Blues

Parkhurst: The Jumping Turtle

People: 'Canes

The Perfect Face for Radio: Blind Melons

Plastic Explosive [270]: The Casbah

The Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower: Epicentre

Pump: Belly Up Tavern

The Prime Ministers: Blind Melons

Radio 1: Blind Melons

Rhino Bucket: The Casbah

Sangre: Dreamstreet

Scar'd Sanity: 'Canes

Scary Kids Scaring Kids: Soma

Sevendust [261]: House of Blues

Sever Your Ties: Epicentre

Sims: The Casbah

Six-Foot Deathtrap: Dreamstreet

Smoke the King of Poke: Dreamstreet

Social Burn: House of Blues

The Soft Lights: The Jumping Turtle

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ROCK

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Audio Antics: 'Canes

The Band in Black: The Pine Hills Lodge, Winstons

Annie Bethancort: Humphrey's

Big Backyard: Coaster Saloon, Tiki House

Big Rig Deluxe: Tio Leo's Lounge

Blizzard: The Casbah

Bottom Line: Soma

Joey Bowen and Friends: Winstons

Burt Brien: Humphrey's

Cactus Jim Soldi: Winstons

Carol Ann: Epicentre

Cash Only: Winstons

Cash'd Out: Winstons

Citizen Band: Winstons

Clay Colton Band: Winstons

Custard Pie: The Kraken

Darkhorse: Epicentre

The Detroit Underground: Humphrey's

Difficult Henry: Dreamstreet, 'Canes

VIII Fraud: The Zombie Lounge

The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

Emery Byrd: The Casbah

The Far-Away Boys: House of Blues

51 Guns: The Jumping Turtle

5 Alarm: Surf N'Saddle

The Flat Out Liars: Neimans Bar and Grill

Full Service: Dreamstreet

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina

Gecko: 'Canes

Get Back Loretta: Soma, The Casbah

The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

Adam Gnade: The Casbah

The Gooses: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, Winstons

The Grams: Winstons

The Hacienda Brothers: House of Blues

Peter Hall [502]: Winstons

Joey Harris: Winstons

The Taylor Harvey Band: Don's Cocktail Lounge

Robyn Hitchcock and the Minus 5 [509]: Belly Up Tavern

Holiday Atticus: Blind Melons

The Ideas: Carvers

Ironworks: The Jumping Turtle

Jack the Original: Lestat's Coffeehouse, Belly Up Tavern

The Jade Shader: The Casbah

Johnny Different: Winstons

Joint Custody: Blind Melons

Ketchikan: Dreamstreet, Brick By Brick

The Nikhil Korula Band: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Laguna: Carvers

Red Lane: Patrick's II

The Language Arts Crew: 'Canes

Los Lobos [476]: House of Blues

Stevi Lynn & Triple Heat: Tiki House

M Oceans: Winstons

Mac Lethal: The Casbah

Mark Jackson Band: Winstons

Tim Martin & the Midnight Hour: Blind Melons

Masterguru [466]: Dreamstreet

MC 3: Blind Melons

Mercy Road: Tiki House

Money Shot: Bub's Whiskey Dive

The Neverly Brothers: Winstons

New Monsoon: Winstons

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Nude Bar-B-Q: Surf N'Saddle

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

Pickford's Party: Hennessey's Tavern (Gaslamp)

Pink Floyd: Winstons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

Reason to Rebel: The Jumping Turtle

Reggie & the Full Effect: Soma

The Rockoholics: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Rockola: Humphrey's

The Romantics: Belly Up Tavern

Rose!: Winstons

Second to Last: Fannie's Nightclub

Eve Selis [410]: Winstons

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

7th Day Busters: Winstons

The Sex Pistols Experience: The Jumping Turtle

Shady Gray: Zip & Zack's Filling Station

Slewfoot: Dreamstreet

Smoke Staxx: Tio Leo's Lounge

Split Finger: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Joe Stansberry & the Hawk the Farm: Blind Melons

The Stiletto: Henry's Pub

These Corsairs: The Casbah

Thunderoad: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Transfer: The Casbah

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Tubby: Winstons

Turbo Nemesis: The Casbah

Two For Thirty: Blind Melons

Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Uptown Groove: Dirk's Niteclub

Cory Wilkins: Winstons, Humphrey's

Withdrawn: Dreamstreet

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Humphrey's

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

ManDonna: 'Canes

The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort

Pop Rocks: Jimmy Love's

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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Al Howard & K23 Orchestra: 'Canes

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo [636]: The Calypso Cafe

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective [678]: Thrusters, Magnolia's

The Brubeck Brothers: Humphrey's

John Cain [703]: Bahia Resort Hotel, Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

Jorge Camberos & His Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Excelsior

Gilbert Castellanos & His Quintet: Dizzy's

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The Paul Ingram Quartet: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company (downtown)

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Robyn Hitchcock's lyrics about insects, fish, and failed relationships (and insect or fish metaphors that explore failed relationships) seem designed to put off the casual listener even as his melodies are designed to rope them in. That's sort of how he conducts his career.

Like Syd Barrett, to whom he's often compared, Hitchcock inhabits the time-honored role of eccentric Englishman. Unlike Barrett, Hitchcock has kept his sanity and his career going for 30 years, veering from psychedelia-flavored rock to folk and other less classifiable sounds. Many of his albums — with the Soft Boys, solo, or with the Egyptians — have fallen out of print and

been reissued, only to fall out of print and be reissued again. Each (re)issue will often feature different versions of some songs. One album, *Groovy Decay*, later spun off an alternate-takes album called *Groovy Decoy* before both were bundled together as *Gravy Deco* — and this is the album that Hitchcock has said he likes least!

Although he has lots of dedicated fans (most famously, the members of REM), even his greatest admirers admit that his output over the years has been hit-or-miss. His career waxes and wanes, his most artistically satisfying periods corresponding with the times when he is least well known, while his brief stints with a higher profile (a major-label deal in the '80s, the release of Jonathan Demme's documentary film *Storefront Hitchcock* in the late '90s) inspire him to come out



ROBYN HITCHCOCK

with some of his most forgettable music. These days, Hitchcock is flying under the radar, which could mean he's at his best. The **Minus Five** open.

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The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Croce's Jazz Bar

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The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

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Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect

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The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Rob Thorsen-Jaime Valle Jazz Duo: Fresh Seafood Restaurant and Bar

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar and American Grill

Vintage Vegas: Martini's Bar and Grill

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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

- Joel Ackerson:** Lestat's Coffeehouse
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Evan Bethany: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Bill: The Casbah
John Bosley: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)
Brax: The Ould Sod
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub
Brian Dolzani: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Jim Earp: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)
Tim Easton [834]: Belly Up Tavern
Ryan Ferguson: Soma
Josephine Foster: The Casbah
4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Grand Canyon Sundown: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
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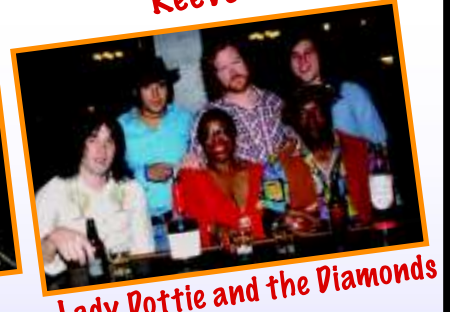
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The Slater Sisters: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Stasia: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Samantha Stollenwerck: Winstons

Sweet James: Tiki House

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe

Janice Watkins: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Lucinda Williams [864]: Belly Up Tavern

Rose Winters: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Wood'n Lips: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

Renata Youngblood: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Michael Yugo: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

The Big Mo Band: Dizzy's

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Blues Connection: Island Sports and Spirits

Buddy Guy: House of Blues

The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans, Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Turquoise Cafe

The Credit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill

Taryn Donath & Mojo Rising: Patrick's II

The Pelicans: Belly Up Tavern

The Fremonts [923]: Patrick's II

Robin Henkel [914]: Lestat's Coffeehouse

The Hoodoo Blues Band: Blind Melons

The Ironworkers: The Jumping Turtle

L.A. Jones & the Blues

Messengers: Patrick's II

Candy Kane [939]: The Calypso Cafe

Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: Henry's Pub

Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak: Humphrey's

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band [971]: Blind Melons

Lydia Pense & Cold Blood: Belly Up Tavern

Plato Soul: The Kraken

The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band: Belly Up Tavern

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: Tiki House

The Peter Rutman Blues & Jazz Band: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

J.J. Slyde & the Blues Talkers: Squid Joe's

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

3 EZ Pieces: The Kraken

Triple Shot [933]: The Calypso Cafe

The Derek Trucks Band [950]: Belly Up Tavern

Uncle Bob & the Earthmovers: House of Blues

Billy Watson: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Armenta de San Diego: La Valencia Hotel

AWOL One: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Balaio: 'Canes

The Boston Pops Repertoire: Carlsbad Community Church

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub and Grille

The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare

Chicharones Guapos: The Calypso Cafe

Crash Carter [991]: 'Canes

D-Styles: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Daddy Kev: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

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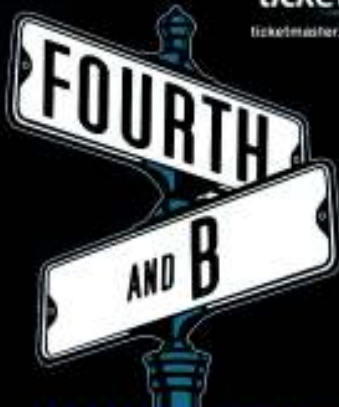
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Angels in Agony: Second Friday of the month, synthpop, industrial, and gothic with DJs DarkAngel, NoSleepDamon, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown, 619-543-0933.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and EBM with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin glam, Britpop, and indie. Go-go girls, manicures, and body art. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-516-4746.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallcrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, Istr, and guests. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Hot Wax: Thursdays, funk, classic hip-hop, and '80s dance hosted by Mr. Riddles and DJ Veep Reekins. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m.; high school sophomore and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

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Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, noise, and EBM with DJs Bryan Pollard, OT7, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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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, 8 p.m., *Robyn Hitchcock and the Mimus 5* and *Plump*, alternative. Friday, *the Derek Trucks Band* and *the Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band*, soul/rock/blues. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Romantics* and *Jack the Original*, rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Lucinda Williams*, *Doug Pettibone*, and *Tim Easton*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Lydia Pense & Cold Blood*, funk/soul/blues, and *the Pelicans*, soul/rock.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Carlos Rull*, jazz.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, hip-hop/Top 40. Wednesday, country.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. 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., *Joseph Angelastro*, solo guitar.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Lee Tyler Post*, acoustic rock/soul.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Javid*, flamenco.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Triple X*, rock. Saturday, *Money Shot*, rock.

California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 1-800-988-4253. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Shahram Nazeri* and *Hafez Nazeri*, modern Persian music.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Chicharones Guapos*. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday, *Candye Kane*, blues. Monday, *Uplift*, reggae. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz.

Carlsbad Community Church, 3175 Harding Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-2331. Sunday, 2 p.m., *the Boston Pops Repertoire*.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Ideas*, classic rock.

Del Mar Hilton, 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 792-5200. Friday, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., *San Diego Jazz Party*, classic jazz.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, *Bradley Leighton*, R&B/jazz/dance.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, *Triple X*, rock. Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

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I get the need for pop groups...I do. I'm not prejudiced toward "happy" superficial music or bubblegum, but this is terri-

ble. Rusty Like plays sweet, sentimental music that's a little folk, a little punk, and a little They Might Be Giants or — if you're familiar with

them — local band, Bunky.

But, Bunky can raise a little hell, whereas Rusty Like seems to be stuck in second gear. They irritate me. The childish, unintelligible vocals are maddening and sung in a gravelly alto. (Is that a wimpy guy, a woman, or Hervé Villechaize?)

Okay. I don't hate poppy music. Hell, a couple of the songs on this CD show signs of taking off — in a style similar to the glam punk band Tsar — but they always fall short. They plink along with tambourines and cheesy keyboard and *those horrid vocals*. Listen carefully for the unpolished guitar work and clunky transitions in pace.

Kitsch and irony are no substitutions for talent and well-executed practice. If you wanted a handcuffed con-



Rusty Like

fession from me, "Stay Back Black Kitty Cat" in my headphones would work quicker than a 16-penny nail through my scrotum.

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Mardi Gras is next Tuesday — sad to miss the place they used to call “the City That Care Forgot.” But if you want to celebrate by eating authentically and well, there’s a new destination, aptly named Fix Me a Plate, where you can enjoy a satisfying soul-food dinner to the sound of N’awlins blues and Cajun prairie zydeco.

The chef/owner is “Jimmy P.” — James Pomier, from Lafayette, Louisiana. Jimmy was executive chef at the Gaslamp’s late, lamented Juke Joint Cafe. I heard it through the grapevine (e-mail from a *Reader* reader — thanks, Denise!) that he’d opened his own place and headed out to a strip mall at the farthest reaches of La Mesa, half a block short of the El Cajon welcome sign. It was worth the trip. The cafe’s overall rating is just two stars, but if you choose right you can have a four-star meal.

Fearing we’d get lost en route, we first ventured out by daylight for lunch. The oyster po’ boy turned out to be the best I can remember outside of NOLA. The fried oysters are tender, plump, and of fine flavor (with no hint of iodine), the batter is light, and the dressing flawless, with zesty remoulade, crisp lettuce, and ripe tomatoes. True, you can’t get real Louisiana French bread in San Diego, but the warm, fresh local French roll is a credible substitute.

Every Cajun (and every Creole) has his or her own recipe for gumbo. Jimmy P’s chicken and sausage gumbo is both wonderful and highly personal. It’s different from his Juke Joint gumbo but none the worse for it. At the bottom of the cup is a scoop of rice. Over that is a tomatoey broth with a touch of gumbo filé (ground sassafras), loaded with diced chicken, zesty andouille sausage from Louisiana, near-melted green peppers, firm okra rounds — a fried chicken drumette perches on top. The flavors grow more compelling with every spoonful. As Jimmy says, “The last bite is as good as the first.”

Summoning reinforcements — Marty and Dave, who live in the neighborhood — we returned soon afterwards to assault the dinner menu. There’s lots to choose from, starting with ten appetizers, including a sampler plate of any three. Right now, you can’t get the boiled crawfish because it’s out of season (wait until next month), but there are four different preparations for chicken wings. We chose “Cajun wings” —



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unbattered fried wings in slightly diluted Louisiana-style hot sauce. This is the original version of “Buffalo wings.” The dish was common in black households throughout the South well before the Buffalo gals reinvented it (with melted butter to smooth out the hot sauce and celery sticks and ranch dressing on the side). Fix Me a Plate’s rendition, spicy but not killing, mainly tastes very tart from the vinegar in the sauce. While authentic, we decided that we like the buttered Buffalo version better.

Heading deeper into soul territory, my partner wanted the chicken gizzards. Jimmy P’s version — which we loved at Juke Joint — reminded me why my guy is so fond of them. Swathed in seasoned batter and deep-fried, their crisp exteriors and chewy-soft meats make them fun to eat, especially dipped in the garlic aioli that arrives alongside. (It goes well with the wings, too.) Our party also took a chance on the Cajun egg roll. What, you may ask, is a Cajun egg roll? Careful analysis by our laboratory staff (me and

mine tearing one apart in our kitchen) has determined that it’s a deep-fried Chinese egg roll wrapper stuffed with collard greens, carrots, and cabbage — a near-exact replica of a Tibetan vegetarian *momo* but with a thicker skin. (What, you ask, is a Tibetan *momo*? See “Cajun egg roll.”) It’s served with a light, sweet-spicy tomato-onion dip resembling Thai chili sauce. The dip makes the dish; don’t take a bite without it.

The jambalaya here is served farmhouse style — that is, the rice, sauce, and toppings are all cooked separately and then stirred together at the last moment (this method ensures that the shrimp won’t overcook). It’s a firm (not soupy) version, the way I like it, and the sauce is savory. The toppings consist of chicken, shrimp, and the gumbo’s andouille sausage, which starts out tasting mild but blossoms into a long, slow, and gentle afterburn that lasts a long time.

Pork ribs are tender, if rather fatty. They’re glazed on one side with a sweet-tart BBQ sauce, then flipped and slathered with the sauce at serv-

Fix Me a Plate Cafe

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food, in large portions, served with a choice of sides. A few supermarket and jug wines, Anheuser-Busch beers, soft drinks, lemonade, tea.

PICK HITS: Oyster po’ boy; gumbo; chicken gizzards; “Mo Betta” (étouffée) dishes; collard greens.

NEED TO KNOW: From I-8, take the Fletcher Parkway exit, turn east toward El Cajon, and look for Souplantation. No BYOB allowed. Reservations for large groups only. Some menu items (especially crawfish, frog legs) not always available; seafood gumbo available by the bowl only (not by the cup). Ample parking.

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There's plenty more here to eat, so much that you practically need a road map to the menu — and here it is: The entrées start with fried seafood selections: crab cakes, stuffed shrimp, and combination platters as well as various fish species such as cat and snapper. Next come "Mo Betta" seafood platters, with your choice of Creole or étouffée sauce. Upon request, you can get your fish "blackened." "Yardbirds" (chicken) are available in BBQ sauce, "Mo Betta" with étouffée or Creole sauce, blackened, fried, smothered, or baked with rosemary and garlic — and — at the bottom of the menu — fried and served on sweet potato waffles. "Southern Traditional Platters" include smothered meat loaf, pot roast, beef stew, and roast turkey with stuffing. (That turkey's what I'm ordering on my next visit.) If steak is your thing, you can have it country-fried, blackened, smothered with mushroom sauce, or you can go for an un-

adorned rib-eye cooked to order.

All entrées are of a generous size, and most of them come with your choice of 2 sides from a list of 15 possibilities. We all loved the collard greens, simmered until tender and served with the irresistible "pot liquor," which includes a single red jalapeño. I got a kick out of the buoyant hush puppies — crackly little balls of deep-fried cornmeal with finely minced scallion, sweet and reasonably moist. Fried okra is similar to the hush puppies, but with a breadcrumb crust. On the downside, the red beans and rice are vegetarian, lacking the traditional smoked-pork garnishes (sausage, hocks, bacon, whatever). Yams, too, are oddly one-dimensional, fluffy and light but missing some needed spice (e.g., nutmeg or allspice). Most entrées come with corn muffins (they were delicious at Juke Joint), but on a slamming Saturday night, our waitress forgot to bring ours, and we were in no danger of starving without them.

For dessert, the same yams are piled high on a thin shortening crust in the sweet potato pie. One evening's bread pudding was very plain and barely sweet, with no raisins or other fruits. (I've tasted a very similar one at a restaurant in the

Crescent City.) Other choices include pecan pie, apple pie, and cheesecake, although not all of them are available every day.

The restaurant is housed in the former Trattoria Nos-trana. Outside, the roofed patio is painted with an exuberant mural that distills the joyous spirit of Louisiana. Inside, it still looks like a trattoria — *molto Italiano* with lots of booths, wine racks above them, and vinous wallpaper and decorations. That doesn't mean that you can get a decent glass of wine. There's Fetzer, Sutter Home, and a jug product, Emerald Something-or-Other. All the beers are from Anheuser-Busch: Bud, Michelob, Miller, and O'Doul's. Want to bring in something better? No way — no outside beverages are allowed, not even that jumbo of '61 Chateau Latour you've been aging in your cave all these years, waiting for just the right smothered pork chops to serve it with. However, Jimmy is thinking about expanding his wine and beer selection, so stay tuned.

If I lived closer (it's about a 30-minute trip from my house), Jimmy would see a lot more of me for his yummy-to-the-tummy cooking. In a part of town where most eating-out choices are chains or buffets,

this little stand-alone adds something special to the community.

And remember, folks — just *ten days'* worth of GW's proposed new war budget would pay for Category Five-worthy levees in the City That Bush Forgot.

In fond memory of NOLA filmmaker Stevenson Palfi (Piano Players Rarely Ever Play Together), 1952-2005.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"You can tell by my name — 'Pomier' means 'little apple' in French — that I'm Cajun," says Jimmy Pomier. "I was born on the bayou. If you come from there, both boys and girls learn to cook if they want to eat. We cooked Cajun food. The difference between Cajun and Creole is, Creole is city cooking, Cajun is what country folks eat. Every year people celebrate Mardi Gras, but we celebrate life with our food all year long. Jambalayas, gumbos, étouffées."

He spent 15 years in the Navy, and that brought him to San Diego some 25 years ago. At night, he attended the San Diego Culinary Academy. "I realized I had a real love for cooking. Other people read magazines — me, I read cookbooks. My mentors are Paul Prudhomme, Emeril..." He

taught food service in the Navy and, after leaving, went to work for the Department of Defense. "The last three wars we've been in, I've been in all of them," he says.

"I wanted to spend more time with my family, so I finally left. I started managing restaurants — I managed Jenny's, IHOP, Carrows. Then I decided to start cooking. I was executive chef at the Juke Joint Cafe, and then I was the chef at the Sycuan Buffet and put that prime rib on the map there. I had a small restaurant called Cajun Express near the 32nd Street base. But these people get paid twice a month, the 1st and the 15th, and the rest of the time, they're broke and they eat on the base. So I had to think about where I'm investing my dollars, how I'm investing my dollars. That's when I chose this location."

I asked him why he decided to open a soul-food restaurant in a mainly white neighborhood. "I'm next to Souplantation, and Souplantation does a lot of my marketing. I spent a night in this parking lot before committing. I saw people lining up outside and getting tired of waiting for a table. So I said to myself, I can get all the leftovers. And even those people who go into Souplantation,

they see my cafe and say, 'Well, that's interesting.' And they think about it, and many of them come back here. When you think about investing your life savings in a restaurant, it's not about the color of the people but if the food's good. Food is for everyone.

"My motto is, 'The last bite is as good as the first, with flavors that dance in the mouth.' That's my mission. Everything in this restaurant is made from scratch — nothing comes out of a can, no shortcuts. I don't care if another Cajun restaurant opens next door to me, they'll never be able to do what I'm doing. People will give you a shot the first time, it's getting people to come back that counts.

"When you eat Louisiana-type food, we want you to be able to remember it two or three days down the road. Food that you get excited about, that's not boring. The spices just do a number on you. It's not spicy — foods that are too spicy are from people who can't really cook. The flavors should complement each other. People are always asking me, 'What do you put in your collards?' and 'How do you make your étouffée?' The answer is always, the main ingredient is L-O-V-E, love." ■

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"Gangs, knifings, deals, the pier was one tough area."

'So what's the choice?" I ask. "Choice?" says Raquel. "Cheese, ham, and egg in a bagel. That's the choice."

Uh, this is the breakfast menu?

I'm standing at the counter of this cozy, booky, wired, sofa-strewn little place on Seacoast, in Imperial Beach. Hank and I ended up here a few months back at sunset one evening. We got a coffee, sat out on the back patio, and watched Ye Olde Sun descend angrily into The Pond. Back then, the place was called Hubbard's Cupboard.

This morning, I saw the new awning, IB Coffee and Books, and had to pop in. The idea was to grab a coffee, something to eat, then hive out to the back patio and watch for morning dolphins.

"We're for coffee, really," Raquel says. "Food-wise, we just want to keep it simple. But we have these blueberry muffins [\$1.95], bagel and cream cheese [\$1.95], chocolate chip cookies [75 cents] — and that breakfast bagel [\$3.50]."

I see they have cake, too — cheesecake, lemon cake, and chocolate cake, all going for \$3.50 a slice, and pastries like the Danish, at \$1.95. But there's a couple of other guys waiting behind me now. "Okay," I say. "The breakfast bagel. And a large coffee." That's \$2.00, with 50-cent refills.

I fully intend to go out back and sit with my cawfee. But first, I want to snoop around. They've got taupe rag-wiped walls, overhead fans with blades carved to look like big troppo leaves, alcoves with comfy chairs, settees, and shelves

packed with books. Plus they have paintings by local artists, including a whopping print of a painting of Ye Olde Plank, the venerable pub on the next block. "I'm selling the original for \$10,000," says the artist, Linda Kristine, who just happens to be in for a coffee, too.

"Breakfast bagel!" announces

Raquel. I grab the blue plate with my simple egg, ham, and cheese. I'm about to head outside, when — what the heck? — I cave in to the comfort of the chairs and, especially, the chance of conversation.

'Cause there's plenty of that flying 'round.

"Some people paint or draw to get rid of their frustrations," this guy Todd is saying. "Me, I play full-contact football." Turns out he plays full-back for the San Diego Raiders. Yes, you heard right. They're a semi-pro circuit team that doesn't get on television because these guys just play for the love of it. So TV sports ignores them. Todd always calls in here for a coffee and a chocolate chip cookie before heading over to the gym. He's new in town. "That's why I come here," he says. "You feel like family."



on a poetry night, too."

Guy named Roger comes in from cleaning the windows. Raquel hands him a note. "He does it for \$5!" she says.

"I've been window-cleaning 15 years," Roger says. "And this coming fall I'm going to Europe. Spend all the money I saved."

Rosie, a pretty gal who works next door, comes in all a-flush. She tells Raquel, and then Raquel tells everybody, that she's heading for the doctor, 'cause "she thinks she's pregnant."

Guess it's one of those days. Everybody jumps up and down for a moment. Then stops when a guy comes in with a bunch of flowers. He presents them to Raquel. "Wow. We had just chatted a couple of times on MySpace.com," she says. "I'd never met him before."

The books in the back section are second-hand, and each sells for \$1. I notice they have whole shelves filled with Alcoholics Anonymous books, like 12-step instruction manuals. "A lot of folks meet here casually," says Raquel. "I know about this. My father drank. My mom died in a car accident. I became an orphan, here in San Diego. I feel kinda strongly about it."

I head out for the 933 bus. God. What is it about IB? I feel like I've just come out of a really complicated family movie. I mean, let's face it, Gastronomy Central it's not, yet I feel as if I've just had one of the best meals of the year. Maybe choice is overrated. ■

Raquel is stirring a coffee, thoughtfully, with a metal spoon. "I believe in Dr. Imoto," she says. "He did experiments that showed that your thoughts actually transmit to the water, or say, the coffee that you make. If you make it with love, it physically reacts differently than if you make it with hate. I try to put love into each cup."

"That's IB," says this surfing vet-looking dude, Joe.

"IB reminds me of Hemingway's Cuba," says Jack, a lawyer from Arkansas, who's working on his laptop. "Unpretentious. I could afford to live in other towns up the coast, but this is the last of old coastal California."

"It's Mayberry," says Roberto. He's come for his daily coffee fix.

"Well, hey, not always," says Joe. "I've lived here for 30 years, since I was 14. And I tell you, back then it was dangerous to walk the streets at night. Gangs, knifings, deals, the pier was one tough area."

Joe's just fixed it with Raquel for him to come with a couple of friends to play '70s rock on a Saturday night. Their new band is called Love Glutton.

"What's important is that they're local, not if they're as good as the Stones," says Raquel. "We can hear our own. We also have a Favorite Movie night. Customers write down *Casablanca* or whatever, and we get the video and all watch. Families come. Kids play backgammon. We're working

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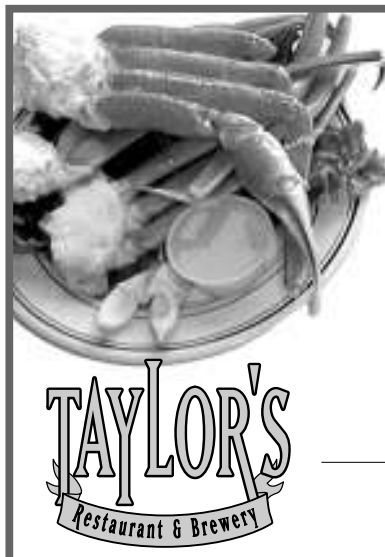
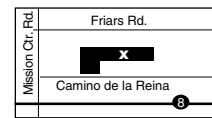
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Columnist and Advocate

"I haven't really come to the point where I'm a wine critic."

Like many good Italian boys of his generation, Frank Mangio, wine writer for Copley's *Today's Local News*, started drinking wine somewhere around age four. "My granddad had a big cellar in Boston, perfect for keeping wines. He had barrels in the cellar, and he would buy the grapes somewhere and crush them right there in the house." His other relatives did the same and would bring their bottles to family gatherings, which gave people a chance to argue about whose wines were better.

Mangio didn't stay in Boston, however, and he didn't stay too close to the world of wine. He headed west to Alaska, then south to California and radio work. "I was national music director for KYNO, got to go backstage with all the bands. It's amazing I survived the whole damn thing." Chino led to a new station in Vista, which in turn gave way to DJ stints at KSON and KIFM.

After radio, Mangio found his niche in PR work. "I was a special-events guy for a long, long time, did a lot of shopping-center work. I did 55 shopping centers all over the West Coast — community-sized things. My job was to get people into the shopping center parking lots through

events or special sales. I know the end-user part of business."

A few of those shopping centers included wine shops, and Mangio helped them set up tastings to attract business, but what got him writing was a trip to Italy in 2002. He had become fascinated by the wine industry. "At the time, it was just beginning to rear its head," to serve notice "that it was a world-wide business. Italian wine was starting to recover its former prestige. Take Sicily. It was only fairly recently that they became aware

that their wines could make it on the world commercial scene. It struck me that it was a living, breathing, dynamic thing, going in a lot of different directions. You can never really get enough information about it."

He hit upon the idea of joining the Sons of Italy, a local Italian organization, and presenting himself as their correspondent while overseas. "This was during the '02 harvest — it was the worst year in memory there because of all the rain, so they weren't in a very good mood. But Italians love Americans, and vice versa. I stayed at the wineries, got to know some of the winemakers," in particular, Felsina's Giuseppe

Mazzocolin. "He was a philosophy professor at the University of Florence who married into the wine business in the '70s. Now, his hands are dirty from the soil. I got my epiphany over in Italy. Everything revolves around wine and food. They like nothing more than to sit for hours and just wax poetic about love, life, food, wine, and their land. You can go to any piazza in the smallest town, and it's the same thing. I don't know what they do for a living."

Once he returned, the old PR instincts started to kick in. "I started to publicize the story of my visit there — the wines, the hospitality, the ambience. I took some pictures and donated them to places like the YMCA — they've fetched \$500-\$600 apiece at fundraisers. One was printed in the *Union-Tribune* as the Photo of the Week from around the world, with a nice caption. I call it 'added value.'" His story made it into *L'Italo-Americano*, "the largest Italian newspaper on the West Coast. I knew I had something the public was reacting to in a positive way. Editors started coming around."

Mangio kept adding "added value." "I found out about *Wine Spectator*, how they were helping subscribers to elevate themselves with their online program for becoming a certified wine connoisseur. I jumped all over that — studied the texts, went through it all." After he completed the course, he could add "certified wine connoisseur" to his list of credentials. Serendipity struck when a friend, Wendy Evers, took over as president of San Diego State's extended studies program. "I got myself hooked up as a lecturer on Old World wines at her Business of Wine program. Now I could call myself a lecturer, a photographer, and a writer. This all happened within about six months."

His break came at the end of 2004. "Copley News Service was throwing a lot of money into



Frank Mangio

North County; they wanted to set up a local sort of *USA Today*-type publication, a breezy, informative thing that kept the news light. They were willing to drop about 200,000 papers onto driveways, and that had a lot of appeal to me. I saw them as really getting serious about taking circulation away from the *North County Times*." He approached them, and his "A Taste of Wine" column was born. "I've done 53 columns so far, and no two are alike," though the format is pretty consistent: a main feature, a couple of shorter news bits, and the Local Sip, which highlights area wine tastings and wine dinners.

The column hits a lot of driveways, but Mangio doesn't let it rest there — he's still a PR man at heart. "I haven't really come to the point where

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I'm a wine critic," he admits. "I don't feel I'm really qualified yet to do that. Now, I'm a wine advocate. If I'm going to say something, it's generally going to be positive." (This "highlight the good" approach was similarly favored by pioneer wine writer Robert Lawrence Balzer.) "We all ganged up on two-buck Chuck...but I really feel that you gained a lot more advocates for wine."

And when he does find something good about "wines or wineries or wine shops," he lets them know. "If there's anybody who may find the information useful, I send it out to them. I know how valuable a mention can be." On top of that, the column goes out via e-mail to some 350 "aficionados, people in the wine business, media people, people that really live and breathe the wine thing" — including Felsina's Mazzocolin. "He comments a lot about it."

The networking may be paying off. "There's a cable-TV production company that's hired me to go and do interviews and emcee work up in Temecula. We've got a few in the can, and we're going to do some more. Temecula really wants to put itself on the map, and I hope to spread it to regional coverage. I love Leon Santoro, what he's doing at

Orfila."

And from there? "I want to do something with casinos. That scene is about to take off. They haven't quite caught on, but they will. Big wine events, big celebrity appearances — 'Let's get Mike Grgich, the Man That Conquered Paris.' A lot of winemakers are getting groomed by PR places, shown how to really get out there and show themselves. And there are a lot of cruise ships sailing out of San Diego right now. I don't know if you've ever seen a wine event on a cruise ship. It's usually run by the second captain, or somebody in ship's uniform, who really doesn't want to do it. He just mumbles through about an hour's worth. I'm starting to formulate a...special-events kind of thing, where I can come in and capture an audience. That's where it's going." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

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The Bird House Grill

250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and tzatziki sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean

diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we do do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread,

and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey-burger. Open seven days for all three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m.,

he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01)

The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommy-burgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

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A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/04)

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/03)

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Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Day-times are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — N.W. (8/04)

GOLD COAST

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. Some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's own home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world-class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M. (1/05)

Cafe Europa 667 San Rodolfo Drive, Suite 133, Marshall's Shopping Center,

Solana Beach, 858-793-4693. The menu in this *gemütlich* dining room is mainly German but flirts with France and Italy. The Peruvian owners sometimes offer a South American special at lunch, and Cuzqueño is among the bottled beer brands. The standard German preparations here encompass sausage plates, rather thin-cut schnitzels, meat stews, et al. Lighter dishes include chicken breasts, seafood, and three vegetarian entrées. The outstanding veggie sides include succulent home fries, delicately sweet red cabbage, and a house salad featuring pickled cukes in sour cream. Nice, quiet service with no put-on oom-pah-pah. Beer and generic wines. Breakfast and lunch Sunday, Monday, Wednesday; three meals Thursday through Saturday. Closed Tuesdays. — N.W. (4/05)

Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. All bottles are also available by the glass; you can even get a sip before choosing. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Low corkage for

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Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

910 Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb, a protégé of Trey Foshee (of George's at the Cove) carries on the 910 tradition of clean, flavorful Cal cuisine, based on the seasons and showcasing the fabulous foodstuffs of local farms. Dessert chef Jack Fisher contributes superlatively happy, avant-garde endings. The flies in the buttermilk? The service is Space Cadet Corps, and during dinner, the room is usually noisy. Open daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Mondays. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is

more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — E.B. (10/01)

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Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple, and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brick, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, shawerma, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Hillcrest's new owners also offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming.

Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue (under the same ownership as next-door Dino's Greek Restaurant) has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports bar-patio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions,

Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; diners moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

THE BEACHES

China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-

owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, straw-

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berries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açai* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open daily until 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Stickee Fingers Barbeque Smokehouse 1404 Garnet Avenue (at Gresham), Pacific Beach, 858-581-6526. Chef-owner Sonny Choudo is an Egyptian Jew from Mexico City who learned to cook in Israel but fell in love with barbecue on a trip to Texas. This bright little room has big windows and a few tables, with Mexi-

can folk art and chile-pepper posters on the walls. Outside is a pleasant wooden patio with a few more wooden tables and an oil drum smoker where the meats are cooked over sweet hickory chunks. Best bets are the tender pork ribs and smoky brisket. Sauce is shallow-flavored and very tomatoey. Sides include a lively coleslaw and an unexpectedly sophisticated heart-of-romaine salad with Caesar dressing. Street parking (difficult). Italian sodas, but no alcohol. Free delivery in PB with minimum order. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished in-laid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like "Horseradish Crusted Salmon" and "Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako." Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — E.B. (1/04)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsicle colors, noted dessert-chef Beryl Ann Byrd and co-chef Kurt Metzger offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode — very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Open three meals daily. Moderate. — N.W. (9/04)

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chimmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "Treno della Pace." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes differ-

ent. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Puong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines, but you can bring your own. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — N.W. (3/04)

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-617. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato"

and "honeymooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner seven days. — N.W. (1/05)

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Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Rancho sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (4/03)

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area,

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Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily for dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of

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Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is

reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. No lunch, but dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine,

patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can

eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (2/04)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!" an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morn-

ing until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. — N.W. (5/05)

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cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the palapa bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Three meals daily. Open until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and

thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the *quesadilla* with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypical Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the

"hot & spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D. (6/05)*

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 superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobbler, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big

plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950's pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly

McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

The Latin Room 560 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-237-7800. This austere, concrete-floored space is mainly a tequila bar, offering at least 120 brands to sample and tasty Mexican cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interesting Mexican meal from a menu that's considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood's regular border-Mex yawns. It offers excellent tortilla soup, decent ceviche, and filet mignon strewn with *cuitlacoche* (a.k.a. "corn mushrooms," a mild and juicy black fungal delicacy), with recipes imported here by a chef who used to cook at Tijuana's revered Cien Años restaurant. A couple can easily make a meal of a few shared appetizers. At 10 p.m. weekends, the place goes disco, with cover charge (IDs checked). Open nightly for dinner, appetizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from Idaho. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Agnus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak.

Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Puerto La Boca 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp "la boca." Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*ñoquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Lunch and dinner daily until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 8:30 p.m. Sunday. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You could order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blan-

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ket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greasless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M. (6/03)*

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. Under inventive young French chef Fabrice Tissier, the fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes or the classic bouillabaisse. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the tastes of hotel diners, with 48 hours notice you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all

over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice

is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily,

standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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.

Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon

comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlan" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albondigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like

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Thirty years after Watergate, Bob Woodward wanted to interview Mark Felt, the mysterious "Deep Throat." Woodward vowed never to disclose his key source until after Felt's death, or until Felt consented. When they met, the 86-year-old Felt had dementia: he barely remembered Woodward, couldn't remember Watergate or being "Deep Throat," and couldn't even remember his age. Woodward wondered if he still owed allegiance to a man "who is no longer that man who you knew and gave your word to."

In Lee Blessing's *Body of Water*, Moss and Avis — which may or may not be their names — find themselves no longer the people they knew. They wake up in a house on a hill, surrounded by water. Their robes fit but their lives don't. Where are they? Who are they? Are they married? She doesn't have a ring or an indentation on her ring finger. He's attracted to her, but his flirtations put her off. Each has only one memory: of someone else's inability to remember. Chronic amnesia isn't "normal" behavior, she suggests. According to *A Body of Water*, maybe it is.

Somehow Avis and Moss have been cast

adrift. The play offers reasons for this identity theft — Alzheimer's, trauma-induced amnesia — but doesn't specify. And now everything becomes a potential clue, or ruse. But can the contents of a wallet define you (and was the wallet yours)? Moss and Avis share some things in common but also act like complete strangers. If they were married, were they always this distant?

Enter Wren (if that's her real name). But every time she shows up she's someone else. She's either their daughter, a caregiver, a doctor's assistant trying to "flip" their memory switch with shock treatments, or the lawyer defending the couple for the brutal murder of their 11-year-old daughter ("Everyone in the world thinks you did it"). In a moment of candor that feels heartfelt, Wren says she lives to see fear on their faces. A clue? Not really. The lab assistant could say it about the treatments, or the lawyer, or the frustrated daughter who has sacrificed her life tending to parents who don't recognize her.

A Body of Water overstates its point and feels like a shorter play stretched to two acts: lulls occur when the author writes about — long descriptions and a lengthy letter — rather than dramatizes his subject. The play is ultimately

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Ned Schmidtke, Sandy Duncan in *A Body of Water*

A Body of Water, by Lee Blessing
Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Ethan McSweeney, cast: Sandy Duncan, Samantha Soule, Ned Schmidtke; scenic design, Michael Vaughn Sims; costumes, Charlotte Devaux; lighting, York Kennedy; sound, Michael Roth
Playing through March 19; Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-239-2255.

Limonade Tous Les Jours, by Charles L. Mee
Diversionsary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights
Directed by Esther Emery; cast: D.W. Jacobs, Jo Anne Glover, Arme Chandru; scenic design, Nick Fouch; costumes, Mary Larson; lighting, Jennifer Setlow; sound, Jeremy Siebert; projections, Brian Ulery
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just Existentialism Lite (Jacques Derrida took things a step further by proving, conclusively, that perception doesn't exist, that the moment itself is "always already" gone). But for anyone who's had experience with Alzheimer's, or anyone intrigued about memory, or the fragile ways we construct our selves, *Water* sets its characters, and its audience, "afloat on a huge sea of assumptions" most people don't question.

The best part of the play: afterward, when you try to piece it together. At least Humpty Dumpty began as an egg. Where does *Water* begin? You need solid ground for a place to start. But your own memory plays tricks. Definite assertions stop at the tip of your tongue: just who was Wren? Did Avis exist in real time (is time real)? Soon your moorings recede and you find yourself treading water.

At the Cassius Carter, the set's a dark-stained deck atop a pale swimming pool. Everything's square, geometric, and pristine, except for seven smudged windows that threaten to block our view of the actors. The windows do double duty: as a metaphor for inhibited perception and later

for a dazzling, four-wall rain effect. York Kennedy's flexible lighting and Michael Roth's music transform moods, in an instant, from clarity and order to nether-world dissonance.

A local actor begins researching a role by stick-pinning the character on a map — here's where X came from — and builds from there. Sandy Duncan, Ned Schmidtke, and young Samantha Soule don't have that luxury. Yet all three create credibly fractal characters, almost a new being for each scene. Beneath her signature smile, Duncan's got the chops for comedy and drama. As Avis, she delivers both. Though a mite mannered, Schmidtke's Moss could be a judge, or even more delusional than first appears. And Soule's character(s) — Wren, et al. — may conceal profound depths of caring by trying not to. Or maybe they just don't. Soule's crafted work resembles the blurry windows. She seems to provide access to easy answers. Instead she raises new perplexities.

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Some of the best local theater is produced by homeless companies. Because San Diego has no venue for them, their productions too often close before word of mouth, which takes four to six weeks, can bring in

the audiences they deserve. Here's a case in point that breaks my heart.

Charles L. Mee's enchanting *Limonade Tous Les Jours* details a relationship that has no business being in business. Ya Ya, as Tommy Edwards sang, is "on the morning side of the mountain," and Andrew's on "the twilight side of the hill."

They meet at a Parisian cafe in springtime. She's dressed *au courant*; he's tidy, buttoned down. They discuss every reason why they shouldn't become an item. Good ones: both are on the rebound, the 30-year age difference, they are not anywhere near each other's "type." You can even see the person each will trash, if/when they break up, in the other's behavior. In his rearview mirror, she'll have been "crazy" from the get-go; in hers, he'll be a banana slug. So they have a fling, and that's it. Or...is it?

Moxie Theatre has a dilemma just like the play. Will their excellent production be a three-week fling, or could it extend into something more lasting? The show's such a charmer and thought-provoker it could run six months. But unless Diversionary Theatre, where it's being staged (and which has its own full season to honor), can work out schedules, *Limonade* must close this weekend. ■



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A Body of Water

Reviewed this issue.

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Evita

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's musical — Eva Perón Superstar? — has less substance than a tabloid exposé. It shuffles through the rise of Eva Duarte so fast because it wants to make the Argentine sinner/saint a mystery, when it turns out the composing team just didn't know much about her (or Ché Guevara, or the evils of *peronismo*, for that matter). *Evita* has a splashy style and rousing music, and these stand out in the Welk Resort Theatre's production. Slick-haired Doug Bilitch is coolly understated as Juan Perón (whose draconian tactics raised murder and "disappearances" to a new level and who had *Evita* mummified). Aided by Ambra Wakefield's iconic costumes and Jennifer Edwards-Northover's red-lavender lighting, Laura Dickenson looks and sings *Evita* capably, though she could stoke the furnace a bit more. Jenn Grinels makes the most of a cameo when, as Perón's rejected mistress, she sings one of the show's best tunes, "Another Suitcase in Another Hall." Danny Bolero's Guevara fascinates. He has the requisite angry puzzlement but also throws in a mocking, clownish attitude that fills in some of the book's wide gaps. To Bolero's credit, and also director/choreographer Sha Newman, this is the first *Evita* I've seen (out of maybe five or six) that gets the point of view right: it's a reverie in Guevara's mind. Newman also deserves credit for brisk stage movement, a textual trim job, and rich Latino spirit.

Worth a try.

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Into the Woods

"Happy endings can spring a leak/Ever after can mean one week," jaded lovers sing in Stephen Sondheim's *Do I Hear a Waltz?* As if to prove the point, Sondheim borrowed Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella, and Little Red Riding Hood, from the brothers Grimm and sent them back into the woods as adults. The result: *A Midsummer Night's Dream redux*, comically harrowing afterlives. *Woods* premiered at the Old Globe 20 years ago (it's amazing to compare this trimmed version to the original's ungainly thickets and Sondheim's hipper-than-thou pseudo-nihilism). It's currently enjoying a spritely mounting at Lamb's Players. Best of show, in fact, is the cast's obvious pleasure in doing it. Even the performers' squeaks, and they are legion, are perfect pitch. Director Robert Smyth has orchestrated a track meet over and through Mike Buckley's cardboard cutout set (gnarled Rorschach faces embedded in the trees; leaf fossils on the ground). Nate Parde's sunlight bright and gloomy red lighting enhances tragic and comic moods, and Jeanne Reith's costumes, from Little Red's big red cape to woody peasant garb, are excellent. It's unfair to single out individuals from the ensemble, since all contribute to an always-entertaining, if undemanding, evening of theater.

Worth a try.

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Limonade Tous Les Jours

An odd couple? Maybe not. Both Ya Ya, a French woman who hates surprises, and Andrew, an American who craves them, are in "recovery." Each has recently ended a

relationship: Ya Ya with an older, controlling man; Andrew by divorcing his wife. They meet at a Parisian cafe. They talk, among other things, about being "damaged goods." They deny a growing attraction for each other (due mostly to their ages: she's early spring, he, midwinter). The more they argue against it, the more they fall for each other. Charles L. Mee's splendid chamber piece is an 80-minute dance in words. Without a single hint of didacticism, he lays out every claim for resisting, and yielding to, adult love. Mee, one of America's finest playwrights, shakes up gender stereotypes: in both Ya Ya and Andrew, reason and intuition flip-flop faster than a spinning coin. The Moxie Theater and director Esther Emery have given *Limonade* a superb production. The design work is minimal and elegant (curtains with slides projected on them), and the performances top caliber. D.W. Jacobs's Andrew and Jo Anne Glover's amazing Ya Ya just might achieve something beyond the moment — could enjoy their lemonade every day. Or might not. But...

Critic's pick.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-634-3965.

The Lion in Winter

Scripps Ranch presents James Goldman's epic comedy about Henry II; his wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine; and a dysfunctional Christmas. David Kelso directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, ALLIANT UNIVERSITY, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH MARCH 11; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. 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 AcroTurf. 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 Symptom," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booted; 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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Quidam

Cirque du Soleil's jaw-droppers beguile: gymnastic strength moves of Jerome La Baut and Asa Kubiak's "Statue"; the human pyramids of "Banquine"; and the spinning, yo-yo-like spoofs of "Diablos." The story of *Quidam* makes more sense in the program notes than onstage, however: something about strangers and anonymity; and Zoe, who thinks she's seen everything (then her family, reading newspapers, suddenly floats into the air). Zoe, her guide, and the audience are in for extraordinary treats and, surprisingly, more mundane sections than usual. Though the music's loud as ever, the show also has dull spots. People walk on and off wearing the latest fashion — hybrid-weird — and there are two audience-participation scenes that are mildly funny but feel like filler between the special acts. The languid pace conjures up the opposite of the old military expression, "Hurry up and wait." You want to shout, "Hurry up and spellbind." But then out come the "diablos," or 17 Slavic artists shaping human towers, and your notion of the humanly possible demands rethinking. THE GRAND CHAPITEAU, DEL MAR FAIR-GROUNDS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 800-450-1480.

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brid/homage of some sort (the thing's so jumbled it's tough to figure out which), it needs much more than an edit job. The music's hall of fame. But the concept is lost in the rain in Juárez, and it ain't Eastertime too.

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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.

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Borderland

The general effect was a bit like looking at the image in the Wicked Witch of the West's crystal ball.

Given the available options — the documentaries *Why We Fight*, *Ballets Russes*, and *Neil Young: Heart of Gold*, not to speak of the unspeakable *Date Movie* — this week would seem to be

as ideal an opportunity as any to confess that I finally broke down and attended a show at the

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, thus crossing off the oldest item on my professional list of Things To Get Around To. (That leaves, in order of succession for the spot of oldest item, Read *Film Language: A Semiotics of the Cinema*, *Defend Betamax*, and *Find Out About Laser Discs*.) Some years back, I had thought about going to the Fleet for an anniversary reissue — the twentieth? the twenty-fifth? — of *2001: A Space Odyssey*, but I never got past the thinking stage. Another time I went so far as to turn up for a lunchtime press screening of something or other, but a technical delay and a tight schedule sent me packing without ever seeing the inside of the auditorium.

The final breakdown occurred way back in mid-October on the occasion

of the premiere of *Mystic India*, and inasmuch as its four-month run happens to be coming to an end next Tuesday, February 28, the timing could hardly be more fortuitous. My

time will not have gone wasted. Regular patrons of “the world’s first IMAX dome theater” (as I find I jotted

down on my note paper during the introductory remarks) might immediately cry out that I could have made a better choice of occasion on which to break down. Better, that is, than this undramatic re-enactment of the late-18th-century pedestrian odyssey of an eleven-year-old yogi by the name of Neelkanth, traipsing the length and breadth of India, 8000 miles in seven years, making him an eighteen-year-old yogi by the end of it, a storyline that serves as a mere pretext for dispensing little tastes, little glimpses, here and gone, of temples, mountains, rivers, festivals, anything Indian, while Peter O’Toole reads through the narration as if for the first time, very, very slowly, placing heavy stress without regard for the meaning of the text. I

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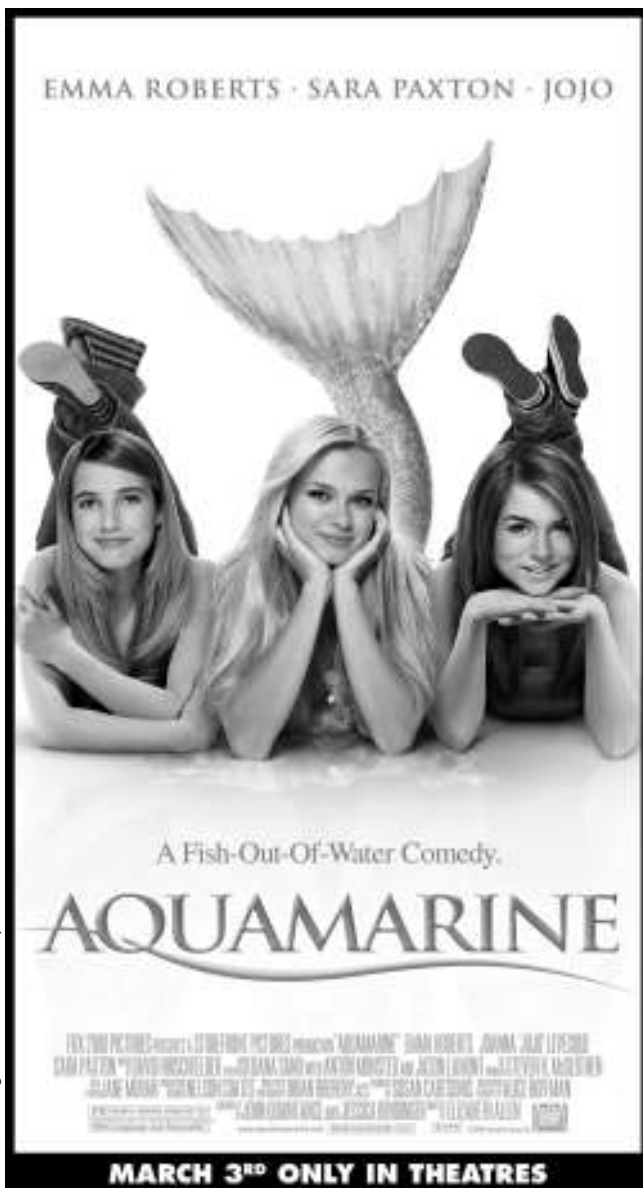
Mystic India

don’t doubt I could have made a “better” choice. I do doubt I could have made one that would have convinced me I belonged there.

My frame of reference is perforce not other IMAX films but other films. The qualifying term for what gets shown in an IMAX theater (if I can further dust off my notes) seems to

be “large-format” or “giant-screen.” I concur that, whatever it was, it was big. The concave screen, although you cannot get far enough away from it to take in its dimensions all at once, appears to be in the shape of an orb, an ovoid, a flying saucer or flying platter of some type, having no straight edges or square corners. It has been quilted

together in small triangular sections whose webwork of seams remains faintly visible, at least in the lighter areas of the picture, throughout the projection. There is a good deal of stretching and bowing of the image, a good deal of splaying it out like Greenland on a flat map, particularly noticeable nearer the edges and whenever



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the camera is moving, creating an impression something like that of a Dali timepiece oozing over the edge of a tabletop on an August afternoon as if made of taffy. Nowhere is the image sharp or bright, seeming to call for somebody to turn out the lights in order to achieve proper clarity and saturation, except that the lights have been turned out already. On the advice of veterans, I sat in the upper tier of seats, centering myself in front of the screen as best as possible, from which aerie it was still necessary to crane my neck to see the top of the screen, tuck my chin to see the bottom, swivel my head to see the sides. I pitied the groundlings seated at the base of the screen. What on earth would the thing look like from down there?

The general effect — distortion, fogginess, amorphousness, and all — was a bit like looking at the image in the Wicked Witch of the West's crystal ball, only the ball is the size of a hot-air balloon and we're imprisoned on the inside of it. The effect was nothing much like looking at a movie, unless perhaps from the first couple of rows, the Peanut Gallery. This is not to propose that an IMAX film is a nullity. It is what it is, a separate species, and discriminations could doubtless be made between a better one and a worse one. When placed atop or alongside the framework of a movie screen, however, neither a better nor a worse will make a match. And the difference is far greater than that between a 1:1.33

aspect ratio and a 1:2.5, greater than that between *Stagecoach* and *How the West Was Won*. Greater, even, than that between a movie screen and a TV screen. Granted it's a visual experience, but so are (just to cite ones with motion in them) a camera obscura, a kaleidoscope, a snow globe, a lava lamp, and a fish tank, none of which will be mistaken for a movie by anybody but Mr. Magoo. I can recall attending another such visual experience at the Luxor Casino in Las Vegas, in which a traditionally shaped wide screen was tipped on its side to become an untraditional tall screen. Despite a semblance of plot, I did not consider that a movie, either. I can also recollect standing in the center of a 360-degree cylindrical screen at Disneyland (more precisely, and altogether appropriately, Tomorrowland), and even though there were moving pictures all around me, nor did I consider that a movie. These days I often find it hard enough to recognize as movies what I see in the run-of-the-mill multiplex. (*Date Movie*, as a handy example.) I'm not much inclined to start making allowances for misshapen mutants.

Of the films this week with minimal cinematic interest:

Why We Fight and *Ballets Russes* are the standard documentary salads of talking-head interviews and illustrative archival clips. The first takes its title and a tiny fraction of its footage

from Frank Capra's series of seven WWII propaganda films. The reapropriation is, needless to say, ironic. Eugene Jarecki, maker of *The Trials of Henry Kissinger*, adduces no less definite reasons why, just less noble ones. In a nutshell: the military-industrial complex; money; profit; corporate greed. The film takes the form of a forum, with views expressed across a broad spectrum (Gore Vidal on the left to Richard Perle, "the Prince

of Darkness," on the right), but there is no mistaking toward which end of it the filmmaker is nudging us. Ranging as far back as the Second World War and as up to the minute as Iraq, lingering admiringly (and surprisingly) over Eisenhower's admonitory farewell address in 1961, embracing both the eminent (John McCain, Dan Rather) and the Little Guy (a retired New York cop who lost a son on 9/11, a callow new Air Force recruit), Jarecki

matches Michael Moore's scope but not his nimbleness, his sprightliness. Like-minded viewers can feel some fellowship within their powerlessness.

The second, directed by Dayna Goldfine and Dan Geller, offers an introductory lecture (Marian Seldes, the not overly familiar narrator) on the post-revolutionary Russian refugees who laid the foundation of modern ballet, namely the Ballet Russe and its warring spinoffs, the Ballet Russe de

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Monte Carlo vs. the Original Ballet Russe, Leonide Massine vs. Wasily de Basil (and companies). The supplementary anecdotes of ancient survivors are informative, daintily juicy, sometimes charming: "Anyone who's not bedridden could be in *Rodeo*," scoffs the *premier danseur* George Zoritch at the choreography of newcomer Agnes de Mille. Charming, too, is Zoritch's and Nathalie Krassovska's creaky re-creation in the present day of their pas-de-deux from *Giselle*. The video image for the talking heads has the look of an oil slick (the DVD should blot that up), and the bottom-drawer archival clips appear, through the blur, to be second- or third-generation. The snippet from a wartime Columbia musical, *Tonight and Every Night*, is the glorious exception.

Neil Young: Heart of Gold, directed by Jonathan Demme, fumbles through ten minutes of perfunctory interviews with the headliner and his fellow musicians, wretchedly shot in the interiors of cars and elevators, before settling down for nearly an hour and a half of well-recorded concert footage at the Ryman in Nashville. Reflective of the recent loss of his father and his own brush with a brain aneurysm, it is a mostly mellow set, even a melancholy

one, a conspectus of new Young and old Young, with the now jowly, scowly singer squeezing out that effortful, painful, soulful voice from beneath a classic Good Guy's white cowboy hat. (Which changes to a tan hat, still that of a Good Guy, midway through: the film was shot over two nights.) His accompaniment encompasses, in varying combinations, bass guitar, dobro, keyboard, percussion, horns, strings, and backup singers. One of these last, Emmylou Harris, joins him on two duets, of which "This Old Guitar," a song about and performed on an instrument handed down from Hank Williams, is some sort of high point. "When God Made Me," a soft-sell, Socratic appeal for tolerance, with the singer at the keyboard for the only time and a silhouetted chorus behind him, tops it. Young, to be sure, is amply documented on film, notably in Jim Jarmusch's *Year of the Horse* from the late Nineties and his self-directed *Rust Never Sleeps* and *Journey through the Past* from the Seventies. The rabid will need no urging to see the latest addition. The more tepid might require assurance that if they were to limit themselves to just one, this should be it. Let them be assured. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Annapolis — By-the-numbers military training exercise: a sensitive riveter, not content just to build ships, joins the Naval Academy on a promise to his late mother. There's a withholding father, a hard-ass drill instructor, a roly-poly lagging roommate, a foxy female officer, and a boxing tournament for proving manhood. James Franco might hope to remind you of Montgomery Clift in *From Here to Eternity* (his character's name, Huard, even sounds a bit like Pruitt), but he can only hope. With Tyrese Gibson, Jordana Brewster, Donnie Wahlberg, and Vicellous Shannon; directed by Justin Lin. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Ballets Russes — Reviewed this issue. With Irina Baronova, Tatiana Riabouchinska, Nathalie Krassovska, George Zoritch, and Alicia Markova; directed by Dayna Goldfine and Dan Geller.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 2/23)

Brokeback Mountain — Here's fulfillment of any desire for a homosexual cowboy movie, superseding all those inadmissible innuendos as to Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, the Lone Ranger and Tonto, the Cisco Kid and Pancho, et al. It fills out and plumps up a sketchy, skinny, yet ample short story by E. Annie Proulx, about a love that dare not speak its name in the unliberated time and place of 1963 Wyoming, a love that could not be denied despite denials ("You know I ain't queer" and "Me neither"), a love that would survive each man's marriage and fatherhood, over a period approaching two decades, but a love that could never come down from the mountain where it sprang up: "This is a goddam bitch of an unsatisfactory situation." Though the story was quite presciently written before the murder of Matthew Shepard in that same territory, the movie arrives long after that, and with a clearer, cruder sense about it of payback, of axe-grinding, of remedial education. There is also a sense about it of material stretched too thin, a slow, uneventful, time-biding start, working up stealthily to the moment of maximal male bonding, and then a straightforward, chronological, but time-skipping follow-through. The greater detail

and delay on screen, as against the page, do not equate to greater credibility. One credible detail: the horseplay that turns rough on the eve of their first parting, the eloquent expression of nonverbal types. Contrastingly, their first reunion, a clinch of sumo-wrestler ferocity, right under the nose of one of the wives, is miles from credible. Jake Gyllenhaal, with his choirboyish pretty face and lofty voice, is the more acceptably typecast of the two. But Heath Ledger, lowering his voice to a Scott Glenn register, inside a clamped jaw, and suppressing his native Aussie accent, conveys the more poignant image of inhibition and concealment. Both actors look good in their jeans, in their hats, on their horses, and with their Marlboro Man smokes. And the voluptuous landscape is lovingly photographed. Director Ang Lee already did a lot of that in *Ride with the Devil*, and did it, at the time, with more impact of surprise and revelation. (Ang Lee? Man of action?) What's new here feels frankly inevitable, not at all revelatory; and the director of *The Wedding Banquet*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *The Ice Storm* seems an unsurprising man for the job. Michelle Williams, Anne Hathaway. 2005.

★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Caché — Well-chilled French thriller comparable in degrees centigrade to *Time Out*, *With a Friend Like Harry*, *Merci pour le Chocolat*, *Red Lights*, et al. An anonymous videocassette in a plastic bag is left without explanation at the doorstep of the civilized host of a book-chat TV show: a two-hour static surveillance shot of the front of the house where he lives with his wife and their twelve-year-old son. A similar second tape, night-time, follows, accompanied by a childish drawing of a figure with blood streaming from the mouth. You can readily imagine, inasmuch as you are put snugly in the shoes of the protagonist, how this might give you the willies. An additional drawing, later, of a bloody chicken and additional surveillance tape of his boyhood home in the country, where now his mother alone resides, would seem to point the finger at an Algerian immigrant, a long-ago playmate of the protagonist, whom the latter's parents had once planned to adopt. There's a story there, a story hidden, a deep dark secret from the past, unknown even to the wife. The measured disclosure of it is as

much a test of patience as a test of nerve. The austere Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke lowers the temperature a few degrees nearer the deep freeze, even, than the French ideal. He gets unostentatious fine performances from Daniel Auteuil and a thicker-in-the-middle Juliette Binoche, and it's always good to see the venerable Annie Girardot (the mother in the country). He avails himself of no mood-setting background music, staying alert to ambient sound only, maintaining the stillness of a stalker, a voyeur. His spookily empty images, not just the ones borrowed from the surveillance camera, possess something of the expectancy, the pregnancy, of the early-20th-century photographs of Eugene Atget. And the unsettling final shot, outside the school of the twelve-year-old, is a stimulating discussion-starter for viewers whose curiosity rises above "Huh?" Answer this: whose point of view? 2005.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Capote — Truman Capote, that is, during the six years it took to research and write his "nonfiction novel," *In Cold Blood*. Regardless of how true a story, it is truly a good story, whose claim on our attention is not that it's factual but that it's fascinating. It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at work; a writer in pursuit of a subject; an established novelist, a Manhattan dandy transplanted from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from *The New York Times* of November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, and who promptly gets the go-ahead from the editor at *The New Yorker* to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The story, then, of an exotic fruit in the Midwest breadbasket, with his nasally lisping castrato drawl and his ankle-length camel's-hair coat and flowing boa-like scarf. ("Bergdorf's," he volunteers, fingering the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, "Sears, Roebuck.") The story of a man who, in the end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It is not a story with a moral to it, although some viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put quotation marks around the name of Capote. His whole-souled commitment to the part, his concentration, his emotion, his expressiveness, his nuance, his multiplicity — all of that helps to make a good story better. Whether or not truer. With Catherine Keener, Chris Cooper, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Bruce Greenwood; written by Dan Futterman; directed by Bennett Miller. 2005.

★★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Cheaper by the Dozen 2 — A family feud, over Labor Day at Lake Winnetka, between the twelve-kid Bakers and the eight-kid Murtaughs, or anyway between their hotly competitive dads (Steve Martin, Eugene Levy). Humor and sentiment every bit as cheap as *Cheaper One*. The only notable change is in the suddenly sculpted Hilary Duff, who either has done some work or, odds are, had some work done. (The change in directors, Shawn Levy to Adam Shankman, is undetectable.) Bonnie Hunt finds a few crannies in which to do something resembling acting. With Piper Perabo, Tom Welling, Carmen Electra. 2005.

● (VOGUE)

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe — The mythic children's book by C.S. Lewis makes for a good children's film, better, to pick a couple of nearby co-ordinates, than any of the Harry Potters, better than any third of *The Lord of the Rings*, albeit still rather longish at two hours and twenty minutes. In the first place, and in spite of the existence of six other books in the Narnia series, it has a beginning, a middle, and an

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end — and all in one film! (What a concept!) In that respect, it calls to mind the original *Star Wars*, not the original trilogy, much less the following trilogy, but the single, solitary film. The stand-alone film. The ending of *Narnia* in particular, with all its triumphal pomp and circumstance, calls that film to mind. The beginning, on the other hand, calls to mind an even better children's film, *The Secret Garden* (the 1993 version at any rate), with four parentless children packed off during the London Blitz to a gloomy mansion of rigid rules ("No improper use of the dumbwaiter," etc.), where they soon discover, at the back of the wardrobe in the spare room, a portal to the alternative universe of Narnia, populated by talking animals and a messianic lion named Aslan. (The transitions between the two worlds are dreamily seamless.) A prophecy, they further discover, has foretold of their coming as well as their overthrow of the reigning Wicked White Witch, wonderfully visualized — an icicle crown, frozen-stiff hair, snowman's lump-of-coal eyes, clammy, oystery skin — and commandingly played by Tilda Swinton. The narrative incidents unfold smoothly and swiftly and at times quite excitingly. And the execution of Aslan, in an atmosphere that reeks of a witches' Sabbath, is about as brutal as it could be without becoming as sadistic as *The Passion of the Christ*. His immediate resurrection, although the logic of it had been withheld from us, and although the Christian allegory of it cannot be ignored, is nevertheless easier to swallow than, subsequently, the prowess of the children on the battlefield or the wholesale resurrection of casualties on that field. The lesson in courage at that point, or those points, gets a bit muddled. It almost smacks of cowardice. With Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, and the voice of Liam Neeson; directed by Andrew Adamson. 2005.

★★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Curious George — Juvenile monkey-shines, scimpingly animated, monopolistically voiced by Will Ferrell as the primate's adopted human, and accompanied by a posy of insipid songs. Based on the books by Margret and H.A. Rey; directed by Matthew O'Callaghan. 2006.

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Date Movie — In the mode of *Scary Movie*, a witless collection of references to, thefts from, and spoofs of, assorted romantic comedies, nonromantic comedies, non-comedies, anything at all, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* to *Lord of the Rings*. The assumption seems to be that mere recognition will bring forth laughter. With Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell, Jennifer Coolidge, Fred Willard, Tony Cox, and Eddie Griffin; directed by Aaron Seltzer. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Eight Below — Agreeably old-fashioned survival adventure, "inspired by a true story" as well as by a Japanese film inspired by the same story, about a team of Antarctic sled dogs who, after saving the life of a UCLA scientist in quest of "the first meteorite from the planet Mercury," are chained up for safekeeping while their masters fly out to get medical aid, and are then left on their own for six months — forty-two months, that would be, in dog years — when winter storms come ahead of schedule and seal off their retrieval. The early shots of the dog team in harness at full run ("They absolutely love their work") are stir-

ring; and the rescue of the scientist from a hole in the ice, the leader of the pack worming her way towards him with a life-line in her teeth, is breath-stopping. There is also, in their months of aloneness, one moment guaranteed to make you jump out of your skin, and that's just the start of the film's most nerve-racking sequence. All eight dogs, blessedly free of inner voices provided by the likes of Bruce Willis and Whoopi Goldberg, form as stoical an ensemble of actors as you could find outside a Jean-Pierre Melville gangster film. They thoroughly outclass Paul Walker, Jason Biggs, Bruce Greenwood, and Moon Bloodgood (as the hottie airplane pilot), despite the humans' sincerest efforts and the indiscriminately flattering photography, crisp, clean, bright, by Don Burgess. Not all of the dogs (pussies be warned) make it through alive, but it's precisely at the times of loss and injury that their demeanor is most inspirational. *This is bad*, their faces seem to say, *but let's get on with it*. A couple of them, over the course of events, emerge as individuals, but even then the overriding point, and very touching point, is their togetherness, their oneness. As their handler laconically puts it: "Good team." Directed by Frank Marshall. 2006.

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Final Destination 3 — Commonplace instance of a sequel that's really just an alternative version, a completely different cast of characters in a parallel series of contrived chain-reaction accidents with gory payoffs, all to test the dictum that you can't cheat death. Death, evidently, will go to great serpentine lengths to see that you don't. Gross lengths. Rube Goldberg lengths. You wouldn't think death had so much spare time. With Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ryan Merriman, Amanda Crew, and Kris Lemche; directed by James Wong. 2006.

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Firewall — Ridiculous heist-and-hostage thriller that requires the retirement-age Harrison Ford to shoulder altogether too much of the burden of heroics — *all* of it, to be exact — as much as Jean-Claude van Damme shouldered at half the age. And this in the role of a family-man Seattle banker! Not an ex-Navy-SEAL banker, not a former-FBI-agent banker, just a plain old banker, a computer geek. The clichés come in bunches. Because the story is set in Seattle, it must rain ninety percent of the time, the Space Needle must be visible out the banker's office window, and he must live with his wife, his TV-addicted teen daughter, and his peanut-allergic tween son in a sumptuous waterfront home that would be the envy of Bill Gates. In a slight modification of a cliché, the architect who designed the place is not the man of the family but the woman (Virginia Madsen in her first post-*Sideways* job opportunity, let's hope a lucrative one). The fiendish mastermind of the caper is a cultivated Brit (not Alan Rickman, not Jeremy Irons, not Sean Bean, but Paul Bettany), and the action is a techie's delight (computers, cellphones, security systems, fountain-pen video camera, GPS dog collar). It is not an aesthete's delight, shot as it is in such closeup that the viewer can't get a decent look at it. Robert Forster, Robert Patrick, Mary Lynn Raskub; directed by Richard Loncraine. 2006.

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Freedomland — From a novel and screenplay by Richard Price, directed by Joe Roth, a ripped-from-today's-headlines thriller that amounts to a virtual collage of newspaper clippings: child abduction, domestic violence, police brutality, racial profiling, ghetto rioting, and whatnot. Julianne Moore is once again a bereft mother, but in

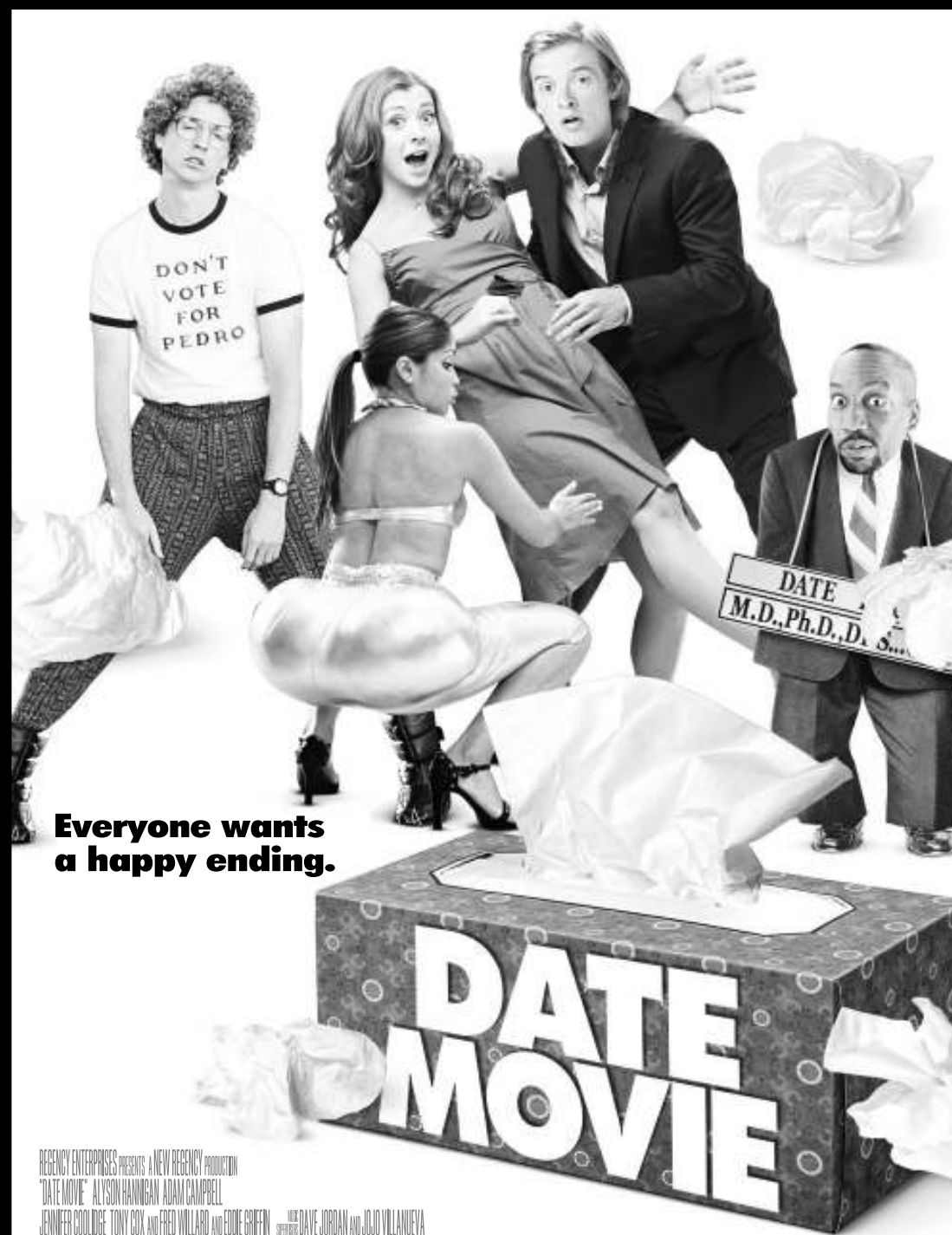
trying out, for a change of pace, a Joisey accent and low-rent grammar, she shows that she can broaden her range only at a cost of broadening her performance. Samuel L. Jackson, as the streetwise cop on the case, is able to incorporate an asthma inhaler without losing his equilibrium. And Edie Falco looks startlingly disguised as the plain-Jane brunette who heads up the volunteer search party. She has one very interesting dialogue with Moore, or anyhow her end of it is very interesting, when she seems to be telling Moore about the loss of her own child but beneath the surface is in fact probing Moore about Moore's. With Ron

Eldard, Aunjanue Ellis, William Forsythe. 2006.

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Calendar MOVIES

forgotten 1977 social satire by Ted Kotch-
eff, the American Nightmare reimagined
specially for the epoch of Adelfphia, Enron,
and other corporate miscreants. Fast pac-
ing, that is, and loose plotting. Jim Carrey,
as the out-of-work executive who stops his
financial free fall with a spree of armed rob-
bery (armed with a squirt gun), can still ex-
ecute a pratfall and can still out-flex
Gumby, but now a little more restrained, a
little more aged, he is starting to look less
like the new Jerry Lewis and more like the
new Johnny Carson. Ace cinematographer
Jerzy Zielinski (Agnieszka Holland's *The
Secret Garden*, *Washington Square*, and *The
Third Miracle*, for three) sees to it that the
star, his co-stars (Téa Leoni, Alec Baldwin,
Richard Jenkins), and their antiseptic sur-
roundings at least look good. 2005.
★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Glorious Road — Yet another Disney raid on
the annals of sport for an Inspirational
True Story: the 1966 NCAA basketball final
in which the upstart Miners of Texas West-
ern (today, UTEP) sent out five blacks for
the opening tip against the "basketball roy-
alty" of the all-white Kentucky Wildcats.
This story, within a larger story of sports in
America as an agency of social change and
collective consciousness-raising, is such an
intrinsically good one (what took so long to
get to it?) that it cannot really benefit from
dramatization, or more particularly, Dis-
neyfication. Nor can it benefit from its
transformation into a visual accompani-
ment for a double-disc collection of golden
oldies. It does depict some good practice

sessions and good coaching lessons, with
the dagger-eyed Josh Lucas as Don Haskins,
the fifth-year coach at Texas Western, not
first-year, as portrayed here, much less
straight from coaching a high-school girls'
team. (Ah, Hollywood.) And Jon Voight, in
a putty nose to rival the one he wore as
Howard Cosell in *Ali*, creates a sizable di-
version in his comical but not disrespectful
portrait of the old-school Kentucky coach,
Adolph Rupp. ("You're going to win this
game," he assures his disarrayed troops in
the desperate waning minutes. "Now go
out there and make me a prophet.") And
there are a couple of gratifying shots of UK
black students huddled around a TV set in
a dorm room and stifling their cheers for
the opposition. With Derek Luke, Austin
Nichols, Mehcad Brooks; directed by James
Gartner. 2006.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Good Night, and Good Luck — Un-
abashed hero worship of the "crusading"
CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow, directed
and co-written by George Clooney, who
also plays Murrow's television producer,
Fred Friendly. (In the lead role, David
Strathairn has Murrow's somber counte-
nance, speaks with his cadence, and goes
through a full carton of his coffin nails.)
Framed by a literal "Salute to Edward
R. Murrow" in 1958, and by the guest-of-
honor's scolding assessment of the current
state of TV journalism, it centers on his fa-
mous face-off four years earlier with
Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever
widening circles as the Boogeyman. (Mc-
Carthy, seen only in grainy archive footage,
looks even cruder than usual in opposition
to the crisply photographed thespian
smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV news-
caster himself, and high-profile Hollywood
liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the



Capote

sitting duck of the past were taken to be a
stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today —
Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the
religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick —
and pleased, too, if Murrow's example were
held up to the news networks of half a cen-
tury later. (But be careful, George, what
you wish for: the network that appears to
come closest to Murrow's stance of advoca-
cy, if nowhere near his humanity or in-
tegrity, would be Fox.) Clooney can surely
rival any of his targeted enemies, past or

present, in piety; and even, albeit in a
somewhat different sense, in reactionar-
ism: taking up the social-conscious subject
matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer
generation (he had already done so in his
live-television experiment of *Fail-Safe* a few
years back), setting it in the precise period
of their salad days, shooting it in black-
and-white (not just matching the custom of
the time, but Expressionistically matching
the *Weltanschauung* of white hats versus
black hats), scoring it with outmoded

moody jazz, and treating it in the hectoring,
lecturing style of the Rose-Serling-Schul-
berg screenwriters. In truth the message is
gotten across with an altogether unaccept-
able amount of speechifying; and for all the
feverishly overlapping dialogue and the oc-
casional hustle-bustle of cast or camera, it is
steadfastly a static film, nailed to a plat-
form. With Robert Downey, Jr., Patricia
Clarkson, Frank Langella, Jeff Daniels.
2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HORTON PLAZA 14;
LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Hoodwinked — A fractured fairy tale, the
Red Riding Hood tale, told in a fractured
narrative after the fashion of stuff like *Pulp
Fiction*, *Go*, *Snatch*, *Sin City*, with a dash of
Rashomon, a whisper of *Citizen Kane*. The
intersections of four narrative lines, from
four differing points of view, are fun to
spot; and the minor character of a banjo-
picking bluegrass billy goat, who can say
hardly anything without singing it, is truly
funny. The bottom-drawer computer ani-
mation sets a useful low standard, a base
baseline, against which to measure the
quality-controlled slickness of Disney or
DreamWorks: the nearest thing today to a
George Pal Puppetoon in arthritic rigidity.
Co-writers and directors Cory Edwards,
Todd Edwards, and Tony Leech can fully
match the big boys, though, in shoot-from-
the-hip hipness. If that's what you want
from your fairy tales. With the voices of
Anne Hathaway, Glenn Close, Patrick War-
burton, David Ogden Stiers. 2006.
★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

King Kong — Fresh from *The Lord of the
Rings*, Peter Jackson could presumably have
done anything he wanted. What he appar-
ently wanted was to do a remake. Check
that, a second remake. A 21st-century
Kong. A CGI Kong. A kung-fu Kong.
(Three T. rexes at a time, one hand tied up
with a savory maiden.) And not least, a
three-hour Kong, even though it takes over
an hour to get to him, and though he must
share screen time after that with an entire
ecosystem of slimy, slithery critters. Jack-
son, remaking almost slavishly the 1933
version rather than the rerouted 1976 ver-
sion, returns the action to the original pe-
riod, plays up and jokes up, with help from
the turtle-faced Jack Black, the film-within-
the-film element (Fay Wray is unavailable
because "she's shooting a picture with
RKO"), and imbues the beauty-and-beast
theme with the sort of modish, operatic
amplification that says so much about our
Age of Indulgence, squeezing every last
drop of emotion from the death of the ape,
all the way down to the emotion (among
the most sensitive individuals) of mirth.
The Kong films show a sharp decline, this
one a farther step down from the last than
the last was down from the first. Three
hours are not automatically "better" than
one and three-quarters or two and one-
quarter. Even the supposed progress in spe-
cial effects — from stop-motion models to
computer animation — is largely illusory.
The former falsity of stiffness and creaki-
ness has simply been replaced by the falsity
of fluidness and faileness. Exhibit A: the
stampede of brontosaurus, an enlarged
replication of the running of the bulls at
Pamplona, wherein these nimble, fleet-
footed behemoths scarcely seem to occupy
the same space as the humans, even when
stepping on them. Exhibit B: the attack of
the giant bats on Kong, fluttering like shad-
ows and creating a timely diversion that af-
fords the boring romantic couple (Naomi
Watts, Adrien Brody) a means of escape by
hang-gliding from a bat's feet, easy as
catching a ride on the trolley. In whatever
measure such effects might be "better" than
the old, it's too short a measure to make up
for the falloff in imagination. 2005.
● (MISSION VALLEY 20)

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India and Pakistan for one month and to write up a 500-page report on his findings, with no remuneration beyond the Medal of Freedom and its tricolor ribbon. And, too, "You'd be doing your country a great service." The idea is a good one not only as an entry, albeit tangential and superficial, to the subject of the War on Terror, but even more so as an entry, and a deep one, into the subject of Albert Brooks, a way for him to confront the bugaboos of his spotty career, the cruel truth that many people (Muslims, doubtless, but Gentiles, Jews, too, merrymaking Americans of all stripes) do not find him funny and many others do not even know who he is. To the extent that the idea affords Brooks a way to confront such bugaboos, it equally affords him a way to prove his bravery, notwithstanding his demurrals at the illegal border-crossing into Pakistan: "I've never been known for bravery." He always ought to have been. He should surely be hereafter. It could no doubt be alleged that the limitation of all of Brooks's films, and this one no exception, is his obsessive concern with self and little else. But in mitigation it could be answered that the other principal characters on display, while few in number and not deeply probed, are astutely cast and played: John Carroll Lynch and Jon Tenney as the stolid, imperturbable State Department flunkies assigned as chaperones, and Sheetal Sheth as the endearingly enthusiastic but uncomprehending Hindu amanuensis. The further, the deeper mitigation of Brooks's self-concern is of course his self-satire. If he spends most of his time looking at and into himself (instead of for comedy in the Muslim world), at least he's not satisfied with what he sees. 2006.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Matador — Smarty-pants comedy-thriller written and directed by Richard Shepard. Pierce Brosnan, producer and star, further purges himself of James Bond (if *The Tailor from Panama* didn't do the trick) in his garish portrayal of "a facilitator of fatalities" who befriends a timid American businessman on a job in Mexico: "For an assassin, he's very nice." He certainly appears to be enjoying himself. The viewer will be hard pressed to match him. Greg Kinnear, Hope Davis. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12)

Match Point — Didactic illustration, by Woody Allen, of the role of luck in human affairs, taking as its central metaphor a ball clipping the top of the net in a game of tennis, freeze-framed indecisively in midair. The story traces the progress of a lowborn Irish tennis pro (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers), not quite good enough to have held his own on the circuit with Sampras and Agassi, interested now in life's finer things — literature, art, opera — and wanting to "do something special, you know, make a contribution," but led by happenstance into the British upper class, into the affections of a sweet-natured, uncomplicated heiress (Emily Mortimer), into the family business, into a pact, if you will, with Mephistopheles, and into a bit of a sticky wicket. His prospective brother-in-law's American fiancée (Scarlett Johansson), a struggling actress but an accomplished flirt, has a certain something that his own lady-love lacks: "Did anyone ever tell you you have extremely sensual lips?" And Jonathan Rhys-Meyers should know! These two pairs of lips appear destined to meet. The developments to this point and beyond unfold organically, efficiently, covering a lot of ground swiftly yet without hurry, in the craftsmanly manner of Golden Age Hollywood. They hold, even if they do not tightly grip, your interest. At a full two hours, however, this is the longest Woody Allen film to date, and when it eventually enters the realm of a thriller, it starts to slow down, to drag, to grind. The British milieu and accents serve as an effective, a brilliant disguise for Allen's familiar rhythms and idioms, yet you can't help but wonder how well the film would hold your interest if you stumbled into it without knowing what — or rather, whom — you were seeing. For all its polish and proficiency, the film depends desperately on your awareness that it's Allen and your search for substantiation. For recognition. It's a sure cure for your increasing boredom with him.

Matthew Goode, Brian Cox, Penelope Wilton. 2005.

★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Mrs. Henderson Presents — Portrait of a Plucky Old Lady, a screen species that tends more often than not to be British, a subspecies that tends these days to be Judi Dench. She — Dame Judi — plays here, very playfully indeed, a well-bred widow from WWII-era London, who, with time and money on her hands, purchases and refurbishes the derelict Windmill Theatre in the West End, and, with the head-butting collaboration of a Jewish impresario (Bob Hoskins, in fine fettle), institutes the "radical idea" of nonstop music-hall performances: *Revue*ville. When her competition catches up with that idea, she advances another step ahead, a step in the direction of Paris, a step toward their Moulin Rouge namesake: "Why don't we get rid of the clothes? Let's have naked girls!" But the only way around the censorial Lord Chamberlain (Christopher Guest, probably having more fun than his character ought to be having) is to compromise on a rule of no movement: so-called *tableaux vivants*, to preserve an air of Frenchness. The results, copiously illustrated, are chastely, charmingly, nostalgically, elegantly erotic, and the fastidious period reproduction extends even to the shapes and sizes of the boobs. (It extends as well to the moral code: the unmarried girl who gets herself pregnant promptly gets herself killed.) All in all, a well-crafted film from the erratic Stephen Frears, a film that fully accomplishes its aims, modest though those may be. 2005.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Munich — Steven Spielberg's profoundly pessimistic account of the terrorist massacre of eleven Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics and the bloody aftermath of tit-for-tat reprisals. The director, while he plainly wants to pay his respects to all parties, has not rid himself of his grandiosity and his self-indulgence. The overextended running time is simply, contradictory though it sounds to say so, a shortcut to Importance, a direct equation of size with significance. And the assorted lightening, whitening, fading effects in the cinematography of Janusz Kaminski (*Schindler's List*, *Amistad*, *Saving Private Ryan*, etc.) call attention to themselves in their inconsistency. For a very large fraction of its two-and-three-quarters hours, however, the action is tense and unpredictable, kept within the straits of credibility by various means: by a consciousness of, if not a strict fidelity to, the factuality of the case; by a care not to let the thrills overpower the aversion to violence; by an accent on the human factor. With Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Ciarán Hinds, Mathieu Kassovitz, Hanns Zischler, and Geoffrey Rush. 2005.

★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

Nanny McPhee — A Mary Poppins for the Tim Burton era. Magical powers, for sure, but also a bulbous nose, a bucktooth, a unibrow, and two hairy moles, all of which disappear one by one as she imparts her Five Lessons to the "very clever but very, very, *very* naughty" seven children of a widowed undertaker. Emma Thompson, who also wrote the script, is remarkably restrained beneath the icky makeup, leaving the lusty caricature in the capable hands of Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, and Angela Lansbury. The good-looking as well as

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Murderball plays more like a narrative film than a documentary. On the surface, it's about quadriplegics who play full-contact rugby, but the filmmakers do an amazing job finding the true stories behind the players and why they do what they do.

Lars von Trier's **Dogville** is one of the most emotionally impacting movies I've ever seen: entirely filmed on a stage with imaginary doors, homes without walls, and a dog drawn in chalk. Yet, within minutes, I was completely submerged in the world. Nicole Kidman's great, though it's easy to get frustrated with her character...and all the characters, for that matter. I don't think I've ever been so infuriated at the stupidity of humanity as I was watching this film. Not a feel-good movie, yet it's strangely satisfying. It will definitely sprout interesting conversation afterwards.

MURDERBALL (USA) 2005, Velocity/Thinkfilm
List price: \$29.99

DOGVILLE (Denmark/USA) 2003, Lion's Gate
List price: \$26.98

good-acting Colin Firth and Kelly Macdonald round out a strong cast. Directed by Kirk Jones. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Neil Young: Heart of Gold — Reviewed this issue. With Neil Young and Emmylou Harris; directed by Jonathan Demme.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/24)

The New World — Two-and-a-quarter-hour history lesson, trimmed down from two and a half after its initial release, on John Smith and Pocahontas, and the latter's marriage to another, John Rolfe, and her intended sojourn in England which became instead her eternal rest. Terrence

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Batman Begins makes a strong contrast to the other *Batman* movies by Tim Burton. This one's directed by Christopher Nolan, who also directed *Memento*. It's very well done and successful. I can't wait for the next.

Lord of War is one of Nicolas Cage's best films. The first 20 minutes and the last 10 are like a documentary with Cage talking about guns and the world. Cage plays a man who sells guns to world leaders and presidents. He starts wars and sells guns to end wars too. A great film.

Transporter 2 is the sequel to the action thriller *Transporter* starring Jason Statham. It reminded me of the James Bond movies, but who doesn't make movies that remind us of other movies? If you're into action, then check this one out.

BATMAN BEGINS (USA) 2005, Warner Home Video
List price: \$26.98 (two discs)

LORD OF WAR (USA) 2005, Lion's Gate
List price: \$30.98 (two discs)

TRANSPORTER 2 (France/USA) 2005, 20th Century Fox
List price: \$29.95

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The bonus disc for *In the Mood for Love*, Wong Kar-wai's tale of hapless lovers in 1960s Hong Kong, contains a stockpile of extras (alternate ending, making-of documentary, interviews). The film's nonlinear editing, shot composition, and singular production design give the themes of love and loss a silent emotional weight that transcends the verbal hand jobs of most Hollywood romances.

King Kong eats \$15 million for a matinee snack but Jim Sheridan's little-seen *In America* represents everything right and good and wrong with the film industry. Spielberg spent \$130 million on *War of the Worlds*, roughly 13 times what it took Sheridan to make a personal and archetypal film about a family's journey through hard times. Raises the question: Are 13 *In Americas* getting passed over for *Spider-Man 3*?

IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE (Hong Kong) 2000, Criterion Collection
List price: \$39.95 (two discs)

IN AMERICA (Ireland/England) 2002, 20th Century Fox
List price: \$27.98

Malick's account is not a love story, or not just ("Love — shall we deny it when it visits us?"), but rather a vision of utopian idealism ("I shall make a new start, a fresh beginning") and the ineluctable progress of America from its native innocence ("They are gentle, loving, faithful, lacking in all guile or trickery") to its imported corruption ("Lord, they're gone away from You, they have not hearkened to Your voice"). No one could deny that Malick has a vision, or at the very least a favorite shot: a solitary person adrift in a sea of tall grass or grain, engulfed by nature, enraptured in a state of childlike wonder, wandering around confusedly as if trying to remember where he might have mislaid his script. Large chunks of the words in a very sparse screenplay have been dubbed onto the soundtrack later, in murmurous, barely audible voice-

overs from more than one narrator. (Most, if not all, of the parenthetical quotations above come from these first-person ruminations.) The employment of multiple narrators is of course a modernist storytelling device which Malick seized upon in *The Thin Red Line* — an advance on the solo, subliterate female narrators of his *Badlands* and *Days of Heaven* — and it sounds all the more anachronistic, all the more pretentious, in a setting of the early 17th Century than in one of the Second World War. Despite the bigness of the budget (the excellent set of the frontier fort must have cost a mint by itself), this is a bona fide art film, one whose jump cuts — very tiny jumps — cannot juice up its stagnant pace, one whose integrity is declared most clearly in its ineptitude. It's too earnest, it seems to say, to be bothered with entertainment.

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Colin Farrell, Q'orianka Kilcher, Christian Bale, Christopher Plummer, David Thewlis. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Night Watch — Part One of a Russian-made fantasy trilogy, directed by Timur Bekmambetov.

(KEN, FROM 2/24)

The Pink Panther — The resurrection of the pratfall-prone Inspector Clouseau can hardly be judged a degradation of the original Blake Edwards film of the same name, seeing as how Edwards himself degraded it in the process of doing seven sequels, including a posthumous patchwork with the peerless Peter Sellers, a substitution of the maladroit Frenchman by an unrelated American cop played by Ted Wass, and another substitution of him by his bastard son, the very Italian Roberto Benigni. Plus, Alan Arkin had a go at the character under the direction of Bud Yorkin in the *Inspector Clouseau* of 1968, before Edwards saw the wisdom, or the profit, in resuming the series himself. So now — and so what? — we get a game Steve Martin under the direction of Shawn Levy (*Cheaper by the Dozen*, again starring Martin) for another round of broken English, broken furniture, broken bones, etc. Political correctness has dictated that the function of the Oriental manservant Cato will here be filled by a deadpan cop partner, Jean Reno; and a rather half-hearted Kevin Kline takes the place of the wholehearted Herbert Lom in the part of Clouseau's hair-tearing superior. Beyoncé Knowles pitches in some pulchritude, and Emily Mortimer reminds us that a French accent can also be cute. The whole business is a matter more of maintenance than invention, more hard work than humor, like some TV sitcom that has outstayed its welcome. Amid the thickening glut of remakes and sequels, however, there is no cause to come down particularly hard on this one. The undemanding will not be disappointed. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8;



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Pride and Prejudice — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darcys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from *Romeo and Juliet*. The team behind the present production of it, apart from their at-

tempt to replace the titular conjunction with a dashing ampersand, earn no points for imagination or courage in finding their way to so trafficky a corner of the library. (Can no one, for a change, find his way to the shelf of Thomas Love Peacock? George Meredith?) And the prospect of again sitting through the machinations of the author's mating game (match four from Column A to four from Column B) sounds quite tedious in advance. Nevertheless, the filmmakers have not failed to make it involving. Austen herself made it hard for them to fail, as long as they stuck close to the text. Joe Wright, a British TV director in his feature debut, certainly did more

than his share to gum up the works, with an anemic, coarse-grained image and a lot of mushy telephoto camerawork: a pale substitute for the MGM sheen of 1940. And Matthew MacFadyen makes a dull Darcy, a blank, more stuporous than brooding, a kind of waxwork Stan Laurel. Any doubts, however, as to the star potential of Keira Knightley — and after the likes of *Domino* and *The Jacket* and *King Arthur*, how could there not have been doubts? — are decisively routed. She may be too pretty for Elizabeth, she may be too young, but she is just sufficiently feisty, just sufficiently fiery, without being too and too. It's a tightrope she walks, and she keeps perfect balance.

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Curious George (G) Fri.,-Sat. (2:15) 4:35, 6:50, 9:05 Sun. (2:15) 4:35, 6:50, 9:30; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 3:55, 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:25, 9:45, 10:40 Sun. 12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 3:55, 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:25, 9:50; **Doogal** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:45, 10:00; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15; **End of the Spear** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:20; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 2:25, 3:25) 4:50, 5:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:40, 10:35 Sun. (1:00, 2:25, 3:25) 4:50, 5:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:40; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:40) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30 Sun. (1:40) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; **Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:20, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; **Pride and Prejudice** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:05) 4:10, 7:10, 10:20 Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; **The New World** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:50) 7:05, 10:10 Sun. (12:40, 3:50) 7:05, 10:15; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:00, 2:55) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 10:35 Sun. (12:30, 2:00, 2:55) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35; **Underworld Evolution** (R)

Fri.,-Sat. (2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 10:45 Sun. (2:45) 5:25, 7:55, 10:30

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
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LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Curious George (G); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Eight Below** (PG); **Firewall** (PG-13); **Match Point** (R); **Munich** (R); **The Matador** (R); **The Pink Panther** (PG)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Brokeback Mountain (R); **Caché** (R); **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG); **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R); **Tristram Shandy** (R); **Why We Fight** (PG-13)

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Annapolis (PG-13); **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13); **Curious George** (G); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Doogal** (G); **Eight Below** (PG); **Final Destination 3** (R); **Firewall** (PG-13); **Freedomland** (R); **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13); **Match Point** (R); **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R); **Munich** (R); **Nanny McPhee** (PG); **Running Scared** (R); **The Matador** (R); **The Pink Panther** (PG); **Underworld Evolution** (R); **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Date Movie (PG-13) Fri. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45)

6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Freedomland** (R) Fri. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:15 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
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Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Night Watch (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
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Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:30) 8:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30; **Capote** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:35) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00; **Neil Young: Heart of Gold** (PG) Fri. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; **Transamerica** (R) Fri. (2:10,

4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Dolphins (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 5:00; **Mystic India** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 3:00; **Special Effects: Anything Can Happen** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center

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8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road
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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Date Movie (PG-13); **Eight Below** (PG); **Firewall** (PG-13); **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13)

Two old pros, Brenda Blethyn and Judi Dench, bring solid support as two very dissimilar women, the high-strung Mrs. Bennet and the haughty Lady de Bourgh. Any well-bred young woman who can endure the one on a daily basis and stand up to the other in a moment of crisis must be made of stern stuff. Donald Sutherland, Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Tom Hollander. 2005.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 2/23)

Running Scared — Crime drama written and directed by Wayne Kramer, of *The Cooler*, starring Paul Walker, Cameron Bright, and Vera Farmiga.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/24)

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada

— Tommy Lee Jones directs himself in a slight variation on the last act of *Lonesome Dove*, once more hauling the carcass of a close friend on horseback to his chosen resting place. This time he has the unwilling help of the friend's killer, a carpetbagging Border Patrolman from Cincinnati, who is made as unsympathetic as possible, brutalizing Mexican illegals, reading *Hustler* on the job, forcing himself on his wife from behind when she's trying to fix dinner and watch her favorite soap. The story is told nonsequentially and a touch incoherently, but Jones has a knowing eye for Tex-Mex squalor and ugliness, and he sniffs out some pungent gruesome details: e.g., setting the corpse's head on fire to beat back an attack of ants. With Barry Pepper, Julio Cedillo, Dwight Yoakam, January Jones, Melissa Leo. 2005.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; HILLCREST CINEMAS; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; FROM 2/24)

Transamerica — Conventional road movie and male-bonding movie despite the unconventional natures of the fellow trav-

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45); **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45; **Freedomland** (R) Fri. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **Roach Approach: The Mane Event** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 12:30; **Running Scared** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:00, 9:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)
Annapolis (PG-13); **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13); **Brokeback Mountain** (R); **Curious George** (G); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Doogal** (G); **Eight Below** (PG); **Final Destination 3** (R); **Firewall** (PG-13); **Freedomland** (R); **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13); **Hoodwinked** (PG); **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13); **Nanny McPhee** (PG); **Running Scared** (R); **Something New** (PG-13); **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG); **The Pink Panther** (PG); **The World's Fastest Indian** (PG-13); **Underworld Evolution** (R); **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
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ellers, a druggy street hustler en route to Hollywood for a career in gay porn, and a pre-op transsexual, a week away from his “reassignment” surgery, who his young companion does not at first realize is a man, much less realize it is his — the companion’s — long-lost father. It boasts a flat tire of a script, or anyhow a low-on-air tire (from first-time writer and director Duncan Tucker), but also a fascinating, disorienting performance by Felicity Huffman in a gender-blurring no-man’s-land, moving as if she were balancing a jug of water on her head, talking in a tranquilized monotone, stiffening her face into a fragile mask, generally acting like she has a gun at her back, all very understandable for someone who lives in breathless dread of being found out. Kevin Zegers, Fionnula Flanagan, Burt Young, Elizabeth Peña. 2005. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story — Michael Winterbottom’s free adaptation of the Laurence Sterne classic, starring Steve Coogan. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 2/24)

Underworld Evolution — Kate Beckinsale, back again in the blue-hued sequel as the black-leather vampiress and werewolf-slayer, demonstrates fidelity if not taste: the director, Len Wiseman, is her hubby. Fidelity in this case could indicate no taste as well. With Scott Speedman, Derek Jacobi, Steven Mackintosh, and Bill Nighy. 2006. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Walk the Line — The same line, that would be, as the previous year’s *Ray*, a musical biopic on a recently fallen giant of popular song, C&W instead of R&B, Johnny Cash instead of Ray Charles, two

years dead instead of mere months, but the same backstage tale of early poverty and tragedy, meteoric ascent, marital discord, drug abuse, salvation. Fewer people this time, in describing Joaquin Phoenix’s impersonation of the Man in Black, will be inclined to link the adjective “uncanny” to the noun “likeness.” Though he has obviously studied hard for the part, copying the horselike head-toss and breaststroker’s air-gulp in performance on stage, he lacks both the stature and the weight: a sort of Cash shortage. It doesn’t help that his singing (separate from his head-tossing and air-gulping) is of dog-howling caliber. Reese Witherspoon’s June Carter — a ten-year-old voice on the radio in Cash’s cotton-picking childhood, a touring mate in the mid-Fifties along with Jerry Lee, Buddy, and Elvis, and finally his second wife in the late-Sixties, when the movie ends — dances rings around him. And sings them, too.

With Ginnifer Goodwin and Robert Patrick; directed by James Mangold. 2005. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)

When a Stranger Calls — Simon West’s remake of a decent little well-structured somber thriller, vintage 1979, incidentally increases the budget, the scale, the affluence, and the sound effects, while dragging things out interminably and destroying the structure. Camilla Belle, Brian Geraghty, Katie Cassidy, Clark Gregg. 2006. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Why We Fight — Reviewed this issue.

With Wilton Sekzer, Chalmers Johnson, William Solomon, Richard Perle, William Kristol, and Karen Kwiatkowski; directed by Eugene Jarecki. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/23; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 2/24)

The World’s Fastest Indian — Roger Donaldson’s indulgent, ingratiating character sketch of New Zealander Burt Munro (an oddly cast Anthony Hopkins, feigning extroversion), on a mid-Sixties pilgrimage to the hallowed ground of the Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, where, battling a bad heart and a bad prostate, he hopes to set a land-speed record on his retrooled 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle. Life-affirming, feel-goody, yes, but not too obnoxious about it. With Diane Ladd, Christopher Lawford, Chris Williams. 2005. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)

Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG); **Hoodwinked** (PG); **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG)

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South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

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11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)

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Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

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Curious George (G) Fri. (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **Doogal** (G) Fri. (2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri. (4:30) 7:15, 10:15 Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Roach Approach: The Mane Event** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 12:30; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:00, 10:00; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45); **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Doogal** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Freedomland** (R) Fri. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:15 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Madea’s Family Reunion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 7:15; **Roach Approach: The Mane Event** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 12:45; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 5:00, 9:45

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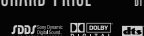
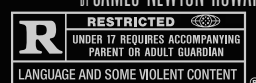
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Durante la semana que concluye Diario San Diego obtuvo información de que más de 200 migrantes cruzaron en un convoy de cinco camionetas el día en el que un vehículo se volcó y dejó a 24 indocumentados heridos.

“Este acto deja claro que existe una vinculación muy estrecha entre

el crimen organizado y las redes de traficantes de indocumentados,” dijo el vocero del consulado mexicano Alberto Lozano.

El pasado viernes 10 de febrero 24 migrantes resultaron heridos al volcarse la camioneta van en donde viajaban

Al ofrecer explicaciones de los actos, la Patrulla Fronteriza cayó en contradicciones con respecto a los reportes de la Patrulla de Caminos.

La Patrulla Fronteriza no afirmó que la volcadura del la camioneta fue producto de la pinchadura de neumático después de que pisara la malla con púas que agentes federales pusieron en la autopista.

Sin embargo, la Patrulla de Caminos afirmó la utilización de la malla con púas y la pinchadura de los neumáticos de la camioneta donde eran transportados los migrantes.



Pérdidas millonarias por cruces fronterizos

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La demora en los cruces fronterizos no sólo representa pérdida de tiempo sino de dinero y trabajos relacionados con el comercio, uno de los principales impulsores de la economía regional, según un estudio de la Asociación de Gobiernos de San Diego (SANDAG).

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de 2 mil 400 trabajos.

Para terminar con los cuellos de botella en las garitas de San Isidro y Mesa de Otay existen proyectos que no se han podido llevar a cabo por problemas financieros.

“Lo más difícil de estos proyectos de infraestructura es el financiamiento”, explicó Pedro Orso Delgado, director del departamento de transporte de California (Caltrans) en San Diego.

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La selección mexicana de fútbol apenas comienza a asimilar las lecciones del error cometido por su portero Oswaldo Sánchez y la derrota ante Corea del Sur en su ruta al Mundial de Alemania 2006.

"Imagino que va a aprender mucho de esta situación, porque son errores que a veces se cometen", comentó el seleccionador Ricardo La Volpe sobre el gol recibido por Oswaldo Sánchez, titular de la portería desde el 2003 y con 65 juegos internacionales.

Corría el minuto 15 del partido celebrado en el Coliseo de Los Ángeles y Sánchez atajó un disparo pero ense-

guida soltó el balón al pensar que el árbitro había marcado un supuesto fuera de lugar, entonces un coreano metió la pelota a la portería y sentenció la derrota de México.

Además del error de Sánchez, los expertos consideraron que México fue superado por Corea y que no fue capaz de entender al rival, y que tuvo problemas con la posesión del balón y la velocidad del rival.

La Volpe, quien volvió a México tras finalizar el partido, señaló que su mayor interés después de este partido es conversar con los jugadores y reforzar la inteligencia que hay que tener contra equipos tan rápidos como Corea.

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Grupo Industrial Minera México, subsidiaria del Grupo México, es una empresa privada dueña de la mina, ubicada en el Norte de México.

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había expresado preocupaciones en torno a las condiciones de seguridad en las minas del Grupo México.

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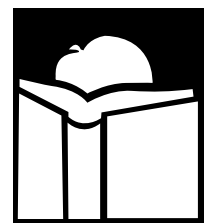
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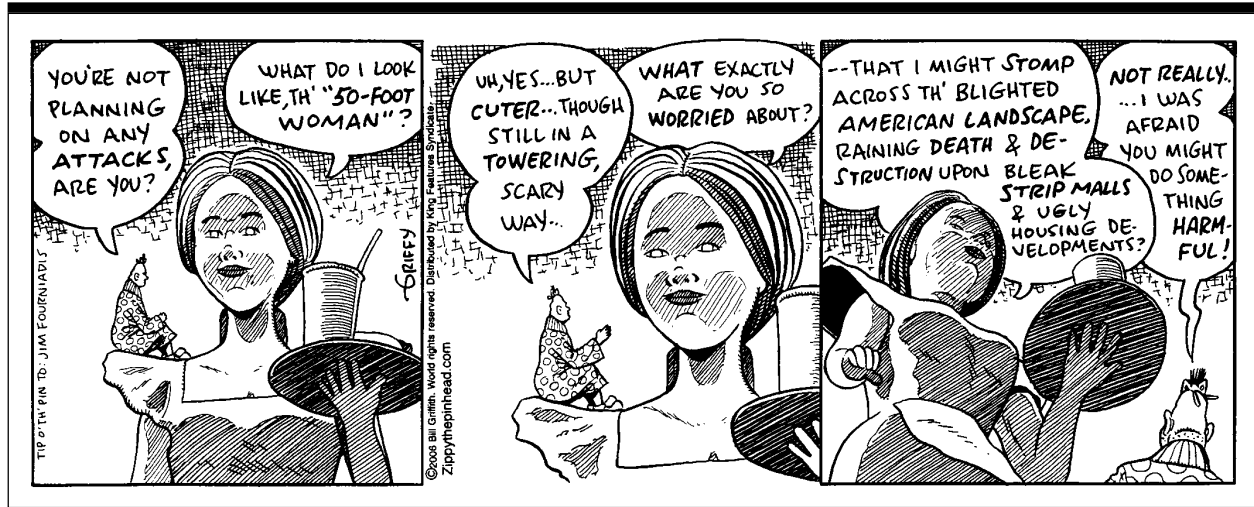
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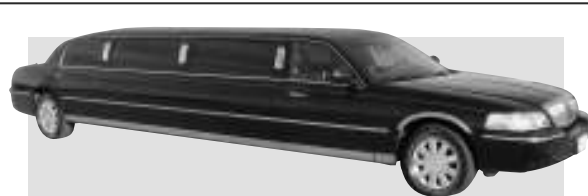
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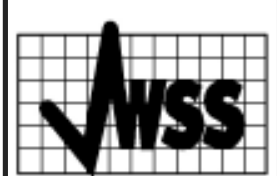
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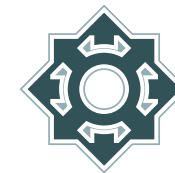
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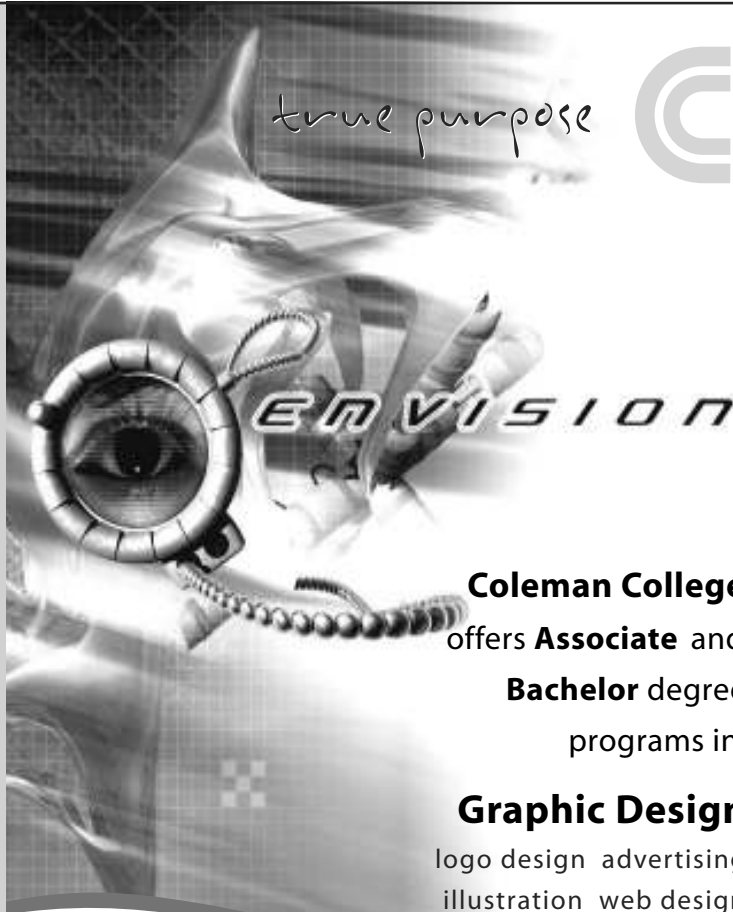
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Reno King
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I think that parents should kind of be strict, but let them learn from them [mistakes] on their own. The person I know without [curfews and restrictions], he likes it that he doesn't have to be home. [His parents] care if he does bad and stuff, but they don't get mad at him and it's not like they're encouraging him, but they don't, like, discipline him at all, so he just keeps doing it because he's already tested them. [Parents] just give you guidelines of what to do and what not to do, and if you follow them, you should be all right.



Sally Anderson
Student
Mission Valley

I liked the way I was raised and where I was raised up in Northern California. My parents are very liberal, but they didn't care what time I came home. When I was a senior [in high school], they let me do what I wanted. If you go hard on a kid, the kid's just going to do it anyways. Make them be honest with you, and have restrictions on them, but not too harsh on them. [Parents need to know where kids are because] you don't know everybody; my town's not that small.



Mary Rachel
Student
Mission Valley

I wouldn't necessarily change anything. My parents were very strict; I always had curfew. They'd make me be honest where I was going, and they'd want me to call them. I was caught many times where I was not supposed to be. I definitely lost part of their trust, and they'd put more restrictions on me going out. Honestly, even though they'd do that and when I was off restriction, I'd do it [whatever I did] again anyway. You need to know where your children are; you don't know what kind of creeps are out there. [My parents are divorced], so if one parent was restrictive, you'd just go stay with the other.



Molly Neef
Architectural Colorist
Ocean Beach

No, because I was raised in Nebraska and my Midwest values are really good; now that I'm here, I appreciate them more. As far as I see, California has no values. They don't take work very seriously, they just hang out all the time, but that's cool with me because I'm out here too. I feel the pace of life is a lot faster and so people don't really take the time to get to know you. It's always go, go, go. I do see a different relationship with parents, like, "Oh yeah, I'm going to hang out with my parents and I'm going to get drunk with my parents and party." [In Nebraska] it's more like, "I'm the parent and you're the child." I think it's hard because people get married in Nebraska a lot younger, and they divorce for different reasons because they're married younger, they change their minds; you're different at 19 than you are at 30.



Brian Hartlage
Student
Pacific Beach

My parents were a little bit too relaxed. It probably started with a little too much freedom a little too early. I'm from a small town; you'd be surprised [how much trouble there is]. It depends on what kind of person you are and what kind of friends you run with. Parents should know the friends of their kids; [friends] are the role models for their kids. Maybe my parents' parents were a little too protective, so they kind of lay off a little bit; they could've been rebelling [by going easy on me]. People change over time; we'll see if I'm conservative later. I think it's a good thing to be pretty involved with your kids' lives. Make your kids aware.



Anthony Mendeloa
Art Importer
Mission Valley

Well, I would probably...I grew up in a strong Catholic, Italian-American [household]; they were pretty devout Catholics. I went to Catholic school, but I did enjoy it; I feel like I got a higher-caliber education [because of the strict classroom setting]. One of the biggest things when I got out of high school and went to a public school: I was shocked that 5 out of 20 were paying attention while guys and girls are making out in the back of the classroom. I think at times it could [be overbearing]; I think I missed out on some things [of my youth]. I never really went through that strong of a [rebellious] phase; I had a better time and better experience in college. [With my own kids] I might be a little bit more open. I might have them choose their own religion; why should parents choose religion?

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AFRICAN RITUAL. And art. February 27. Malcolm X library. Market Street and Euclid, 6pm, free 858-481-0813.

AL-ANON. Grupo paz mental. Sufre por el alcoholismo en su familia? Juntas sesionan Martes, 5:30pm-7pm, y Sabados, 1-2:30pm. 3450 Bonita Road, #207, Bonita, CA 91902.

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THE READER PUZZLE

Across

- MTV show hosted by Ashton Kutcher
- "The Godfather" author Mario and others
- Make funny faces
- Stick out like ____ thumb
- Origami creation
- It was 1.87 for Roger Clemens in 2005
- Lake ____, separating Switzerland and France
- Where to find a picture of Shaquille O'Neal in the dictionary?
- "The Life of Henry James" author
- Boy band with the hit "Liquid Dreams"
- Where badly needed toilet paper might be in a public restroom?
- Tyke
- Sea near Thermopylae
- Baaing female
- When Earth Day is celebrated
- Canoeists' peril
- Honking of a car horn?
- Alamo rival
- Crotchety types
- Actress Gardner
- Hits the "Send" button, say
- "I'm f-f-freezing!"
- Faced with options after renting bowling shoes?
- Tito Puente's nickname
- Fairy tale starter
- Start of a famous phrase from Dumas (and a trade performed four times in this puzzle)
- "Dead Souls" author Nikolai
- Buck's partner
- Throat ailment
- Beach memento
- Sharer's word
- A lot of sass?
- Test mineralogically

Down

- Most like a ghost
- No longer bothered by
- Vegetarian's demand
- Grammy-winning jazz vocalist Diana
- Hibernation site
- 1994 campus comedy
- Samovar
- Actress Pia
- Weight limit of some pickups
- East Asian antelope
- Have good intentions

- Surfer's entry, for short
- Lass
- "Up, up and away" carrier
- Capital of Bolivia
- Master's worker
- Comment by the work-weary
- Like DNA strands
- Leatherworker's tool
- Positive response
- Works in a gallery
- String bean's opposite
- Roker and Unser
- Itinerant
- Slinky's shape
- Filly's brother
- "Yeah, right!"
- Mendes of "Hitch"
- "Roger ____ Book of Film"
- Heads downtown?
- Eats to excess
- Drink since 1905
- "Trapped in the Closet" singer
- One with a pole position?
- Got up
- "____ Heffalump Movie" (2005 animated film)
- Commotion
- CNN's Dobbs
- Maiden name preceder
- Some 45s, briefly
- Fed. property overseer

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 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).
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 2/16/06.

Of the 149 entrants, 134 were correct. The winners are:

- John Lyon, San Diego
- Cindy Clark, San Diego
- Nicholas Murphy, San Diego
- Alexander Wright, Lemon Grove
- Bob Baily, Cardiff

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HEALTHY WEIGHT LOSS, by Dr. Craig Ditzler, D.C. free. Thursday, March 16, 7-9pm, Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation, 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Meaning of the Human Struggle," February 27, 7-9pm, 4716 32nd Street, San Diego, CA 92116. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. For information call 619-296-9046.

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Last week's place: (clue: Kitchen is studio?) Outside kitchen, Estudillo house, Old Town Plaza, Old Town. According to Parks staffer Lisa Husher (pictured), this *horno* — oven — was placed outside to keep heat and fire danger away from the house. All the neighborhood women would come regularly to bake breads, cook meats, and socialize at what was the heart of their community. (Last week's winners: Karen Broderon, Carol Parrett, John Palumbo, Chris McGeary, Jennifer Fisher)

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COUNTRY MUSIC FANS, Female, mid-50, seeking outgoing female, pals to dance or listen to country music. (3/8) ☎50093

FRIENDSHIP, New to El Cajon. Female seeks pals with free time, withing reasonable distance for movies, dancing, music, light walking, dinners, over age 29, platonic. (3/1) ☎50079

SEEKING GAL PALS, for weekend activities and socializing. Must be interested in singles activities, between 35 to 50. No drugs, light drinker. (3/1) ☎50071

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GODDESS SUMMONS WARRIOR! This black, beautiful, childless, unique lady summons a strong yet gentle, unencumbered man of substance, humorous, humble, yet stimulating. No minors, please! (3/8) ☎50756

UNIQUE BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, intelligent, genuine, striking, sophisticated,

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BEAUTIFUL, 47 YEAR OLD striking bluish-green eyed lady. Like sports, beach, sunsets, animals. Seeking easy-going man, nonsmoker, between ages of 43 to 52, with similar interests. (3/8) ☎50751

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sensitive, down-to-earth lady, 53, wanting to share movies, dining out, walks, simple life with a special gentleman to enjoy happiness together. (3/1) ☎50728

FRENCH, 41, SEXY, attractive, fit, 130lbs., 5'6", blonde/blue, romantic, golden-hearted, passionate, successful, indoors/outdoors, travel, socializing, dancing, sports. Gentleman, 41-55, fit, handsome, athletic. (3/1) ☎50720

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ASIAN, SEXY, UNIQUE, slim, great legs, curvaceous figure, elegant, professional, childless, homeowner. Desires 35+, stable Caucasian gentleman, nonsmoker, fun, fit. Let's explore some adventures together. (3/8) ☎50754

ARE YOU CONSIDERATE, intelligent, handsome, sense of humor, gentleman, 48-62, who desires friendship, romance, adventure? This 57, Italian, educated, sweet lady wants to meet you! (3/1) ☎50740

WARM, CREATIVE, intelligent, spiritual, attractive blonde blue Navy widow, retired, enjoys healthy lifestyle, cruises, theater, swimming, gardening. Seeks Christian gentleman companion, British background. (3/8) ☎50746

CUBAN SPICY EXCITING, Sincere, 48, 147. Seeking Caucasian male 43-52 respectable sincere gentleman for possible relationship, romantic, energetic, let's do it all together. (3/1) ☎50733

ASIAN LADY, VERY PRETTY, slender, sexy, and fun. Searching educated, honest, trim and financially stable gentleman for friendship and marriage, 42-58, nonsmoker, no drugs. (3/1) ☎50729

MEXICAN LADY, 30s, size 7 looking friend, Caucasian 30-40, excellent sense of humor, nice looking, honest, healthy, financially/emotionally secure, open-minded for sharing good moments. (3/8) ☎50743

PASSIONATE, INTELLIGENT, outgoing lady. Seeking white male, 40-55, work-out, barbecues, sightseeing, etc. (3/1) ☎50737

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sensitive, spiritual, down to earth, curvy, 55 lady. Seeking nonsmoker male who enjoys movies, dancing, travel, cuddling, dining, 45-60, tall, handsome, secure lover. (3/8) ☎50752

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN professional, 45, 120lbs., 5'4", love outdoor, outgoing, financially secure homeowner. Seeking

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ATTRACTIVE, CLASSY, FIT, 60, Christian, caucasian widow. Seeking non-smoker gentleman to enjoy theater, walks, travel, good times together for committed relationship. Please call. (3/1) ☎50736

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ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, 52, 5'6". Likes music, dancing, the outdoors. Seeking gentleman for dating, race open, muscular build a plus! (3/8) ☎50744

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AFFECTIONATE PETITE, Blond 45, professional. Seeking 52-55 professional male, must be Christian, churchgoer, love dogs, emotionally/financially secure. Romantic dinners, hiking, walking, theatre, movies, travel. (3/8) ☎50761

FEMALE, 53, Seeking long relationship, marriage possibly, 5', thin. Likes travel, ocean, fishing, walks on beach, humor. No beauty, would like ordinary respectable man. (3/1) ☎50724

SINGER SEEKING, Capricorn born January, 3-9, or 17-22 for possible soulmate connection. I'm 47, creative, professional, sweet. Enjoy seashore, music, movies. (3/1) ☎50721

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ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, PETITE, real estate agent, 59, loves travel, art, outdoors. Seeks a reasonably fit companion for conversation and a glass of wine. (3/8) ☎50749

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HONEST HUMOROUS, Intelligent, psychologically minded, passionate, 5'8", 170lbs. Black-grey, enjoy rock music, movies, coffee houses, nature. Seeking intelligent, adventurous, communicative, for friendship, possible relationship. (3/8) ☎50117

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LOOKING FOR SOMEONE, To enjoy my free time with. Black male 42, 5'8", hard worker, and good man, likes to please. (3/8) ☎50104

HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL, South Bay, 52, divorced, healthy, fit. Enjoy life, travel, theater, concerts, movies, all sports. Clean, neat, homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with pets. (3/1) ☎50086

TEACHER 34, Enjoys tennis, dancing, concerts, theater, working out, and travel. You love to dance, sense of humor, marriage minded, fit, and easy going. (3/8) ☎50108

TALL, HANDSOME White, male, divorced-father, young 60, classy romantic, passionate. Seeks slim, attractive, hot, sexy woman, quiet evenings, movie, dinner, candles, wine, kissing, touching me. (3/1) ☎50062

SAN DIEGO NATIVE, 6'4", 205lbs. Blonde, blue eyes, looking for best friend, honesty and trust, passion for life then! The world to build a future! I'm back from Maui and mountains in northern California. Like to travel? Looking for an intimate, infinite relationship, secure. I can work anywhere, can you? North County, 25-40. Let's have fun! Life's short! (3/8)50113

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PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, debonair, 6'1", 165lbs., 53, blue/red, bald, swing dancer, bicycle road racer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking someone with the right chemistry/connection! (3/8) ☎50110

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GOOD LOOKING WHITE Male 43, 6'2", 240lbs. Seeking affectionate, compassionate, sincere, attractive lady for relationship, best friends, companionship. Travel, dining out. Good times, romance. (3/8) ☎50119

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ASIAN, 48, Seeking friend for sports, movies, horseracing, dinners, lunches. You are 45 to 59, have similar interests. Me, 5'9", 175, retired. (3/8) ☎50107

I'LL TREAT YOU Like a lady! I'm Latin, 39, outgoing, humorous, fit, attractive, intelligent, 5'11", 165lbs. Don't stay home tonight, let's enjoy SD. Race unimportant. (3/1) ☎50078

LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDORED thing. Yes, I'll try again. Divorced white male, 60+, healthy, nonsmoker, caring, financially secure, seeks attractive, loving, fit, 55-65, female. (3/1) ☎50074

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WHITE MALE, TAN, Dark and nice-looking, mid 40s, good heart, grounded, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent and good listener! Seeking: nonsmoking, fun woman for relationship! (3/8) ☎50111

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ACTIVE, HEALTHY, Fit Caucasian widower, 60s, well groomed 5'7, 170lbs. Seeking warm compassionate lady under 65 for dating, moderate drinker, enjoys music, dining, quiet times. (3/1) ☎50059

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47 YEARS OLD, HONEST, Italian. Looking for nice, simple lady. Race/age open. Enjoy music, travel, romantic dinner. I am good, sense of humor. Ciao. (3/1) ☎50090

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Blue eyes, sense of humor, good communicator, intelligent, kind, 50+, fit, swim, financially stable. Seeks an attractive woman to enjoy life with. (3/1) ☎50063

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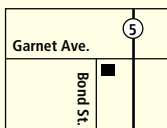
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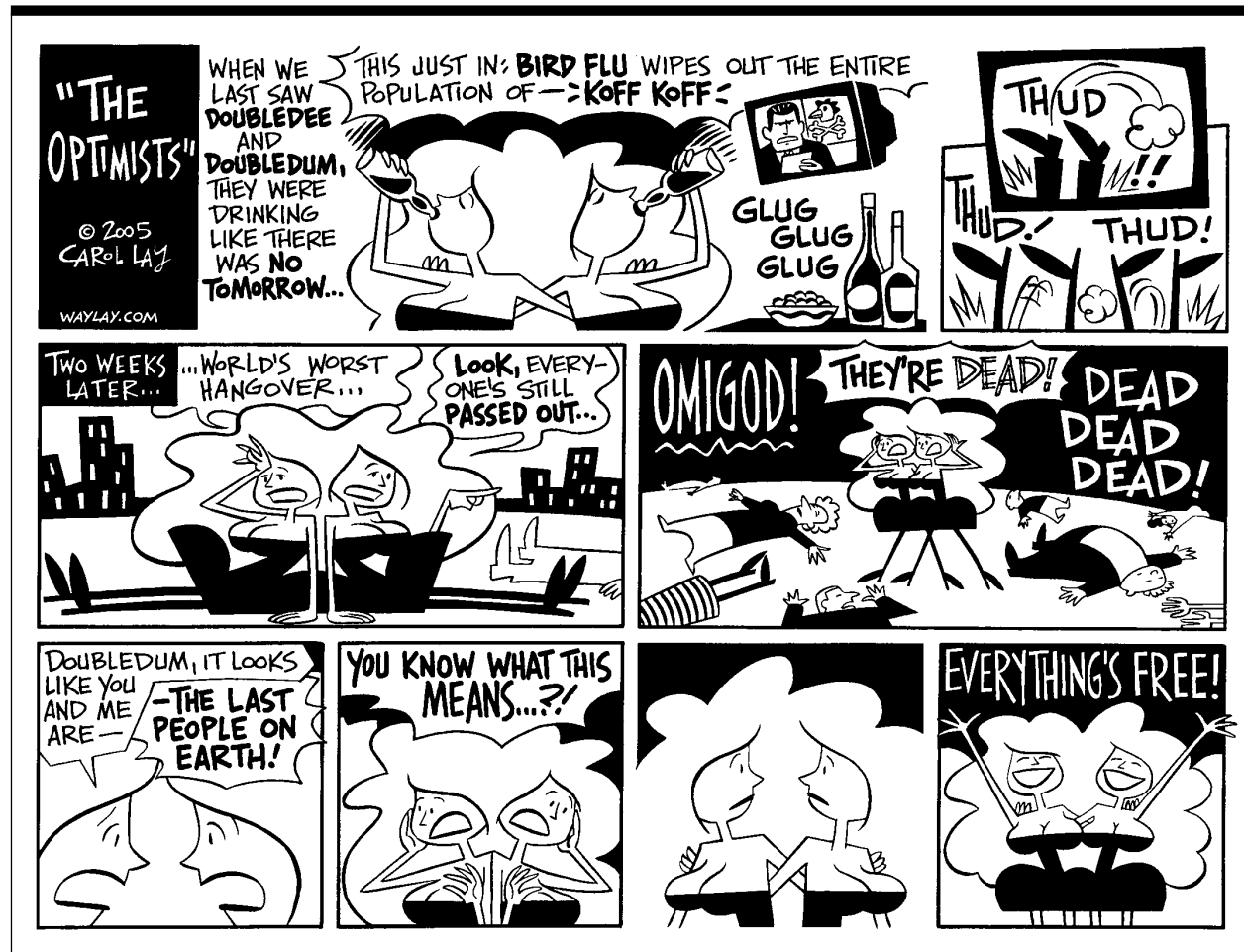
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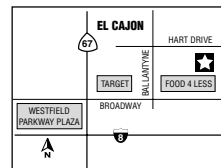
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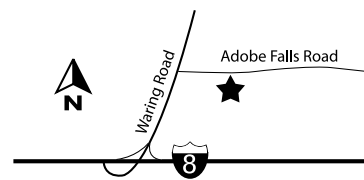


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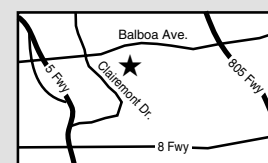
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PACIFIC BEACH. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly renovated. Hardwood floors. Gated. Parking. Laundry. 2009 Grand Avenue. 619-683-7638. Xilarent.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. Studio, Parking, \$795. Available by appointment only. 4006 Ingraham. 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry on site. Street parking. \$1250. Available for viewing by appointment

only. 3726-1/2 Ingraham. 858-490-1600, www.kandrproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$820. Studio. Parking. Laundry on-site. All basic utilities included. 4702 Mission Blvd. Call 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs unit. 1 tandem parking space. Laundry on-site. 2128 Thomas. Call 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Dishwasher. Fireplace. Vaulted ceilings. Travertine floors. 1 parking space. 1712 Grand. Call 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Large upstairs unit in quiet 4 unit property. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, parking, fireplace, private balcony. No pets. 1 year lease required. Available 3/10. 1861 Chalcedony. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, coin laundry, garage space with opener. No pets. Available 3/10. 3711 Ingraham. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1200. 1 bedroom in 4-plex. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, private garage. Pet on approval with additional deposit. Available 3/20. 5132 Mission Boulevard. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$825. Studio. \$825 deposit. Covered parking. 4319-1/2 Lamont. 5 blocks to bay. Approved pet. Secure ground level. 1/2 block to laundry/shopping. 858-273-2910.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1800. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. 2-car garage, washer/dryer, all appliances, fireplace. No pets or smoking. \$1800 deposit. 858-270-4779.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1150. 2 bedroom. Upper end unit. Garage available for \$125 extra. Quiet. Security gated building. Laundry. Near bay. Available now. No dogs. 858-454-3841.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Good location. Laundry, Parking. Quiet. No pets. Agent, 619-846-8754.

PACIFIC BEACH. Ocean front, \$1500. 1 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath, fully furnished, cable TV, linens, underground parking,

pool, spa, secure building. Available 4/1-11/15. No pets. 858-571-7469.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 master bedrooms, 2 full baths plus guest bath, fireplace, washer/dryer, new kitchen appliances, private deck, garage/outdoor space. No pets. 1838 Diamond Street. \$1800/month. 858-945-2370.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, parking, private patio, pool. Laundry. No pets. 2 blocks to beach. Near bus. Available March. 930 Thomas Avenue #17. Penny, 858-270-1619.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$695. Studio. California beach bungalow style. Quiet, clean. Hardwood floors, laundry. Available immediately. Near I-5. 3434 Del Rey Street. 619-222-9308.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, parking, private patio, pool, laundry. No pets. 2 blocks to beach. Near bus. Available March. 916 Thomas Avenue. Penny, 858-270-1619.

PACIFIC BEACH/SAIL BAY. \$1495. Large 2 bedroom townhouse, attractive interior, private patio, small complex. 2 blocks beach. Parking, Laundry. No pets. Available 3/1. 4073 Gresham. 858-274-7980.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$875. Large 1 bedroom, small quiet complex, 3 blocks ocean, near stores, bus, parking, no pets. Available now. 4324-1/2 Cass Street. 858-274-7980.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$975. Move in special! OAC! Utilities included. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, parking, laundry. 3755 Ingraham Street #301. 619-295-1100; www.cehron.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$735. Deposit \$600. Studio, downstairs apartment, near Crown Point Bay. On-site laundry. Quiet building. No pets. Nonsmoking 4275 Kendall Street. 858-273-4042.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$825. Deposit \$600. 1 bedroom near Crown Point Drive. Upper unit available. Laundry. No pets; non-smoking. 4080 Lamont Street. 858-273-4042.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1700. Refurbished 1 bedroom condo (Pacific Shores), ocean view, gated parking, 2 pools, new stainless appliances. Pets OK. Turquoise Street. Call Jim, 858-581-3481.

PACIFIC BEACH. Big 1 bedrooms starting at \$879. Pool, laundry, parking, new kitchen and more. 858-536-1900.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$875 plus \$900 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, patio, courtyard, water garden, paid parking. No dogs. 2227 Garnet. Available 2/25. Open house Sunday, February 26, 10am-11am. 619-224-7583.

PACIFIC BEACH. Great values, nice, clean, convenient apartments in multiple Pacific Beach locations. Studios from \$765. 1 bedrooms from \$945; 2 bedrooms from \$1350. Parking, laundry. Some buildings with gated entry, pool and/or deck. No pets. 858-483-3796.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1175. Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath in quiet luxury building. Intercom entry, dishwasher, imported tile, tropical garden, heated pool. Garage available. 858-272-4398.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$750. Studio. Available now! Laundry. Parking. 1845 Hornblend. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1620. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 3 blocks to beach. Upstairs. Laundry. Washer/dryer. 1163 Hornblend. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. Pets considered. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath 2-level duplex, \$1495/month. Dishwasher, new carpet, parking, laundry, patio. 4 blocks from bay. Beautiful tree-lined street. 858-483-9009.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2250. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo, split level, all appliances, new carpet and garage, a must see! 1844 Diamond Street #43. Call 858-688-0287. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$920. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, front cottage style duplex. Stove, refrigerator, common back yard. 3756 Yosemite Street. Call 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. Block/ocean. \$1060-\$1120. Lovely, bright one bedroom downstairs condo, tiled kitchen/bath, remodeled, dual-pane windows, Berber. 800/block Diamond Street. Appointment, 858-270-0214.

PACIFIC BEACH/MISSION BAY. Recently renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath ground floor condo, patio, fireplace, new appliances, on-site laundry, 3 parking. 2744 Hornblend. \$1600. 619-275-0269.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Near bay/Mission Bay Park. Downstairs. Large kitchen, laundry, parking. Easy freeway. Quiet. Available 3/1/06. 619-223-0985.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1495 rent. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper and lower unit with stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Blocks from beach. 4402 Dunes Street. 619-804-3325.

PACIFIC BEACH. Studio, \$865. Cat OK. 2 blocks bay! Fee Free search at www.sdrentals.com. 858-324-1780.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1050. Cat OK. Refrigerator, stove. Fee. Free search at www.sdrentals.com. 858-324-1780.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$900. Upper studio. 3 blocks to ocean. Nice/clean. Off-street parking. Laundry room. No pets. Available 3/1. 1050 Hornblend Street. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher. Fee. Free search at www.sdrentals.com. 858-324-1780.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1495. Spacious 2 bedroom. Decorator colors, marble bath, Italian tile floors, luxury carpet, gas appliances, laundry, assigned parking, great location near ocean/bay/stores. No pets. 858-270-7999.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$695. Cozy 2nd floor studio in heart of Crown Point. Laundry, parking. Open house Saturday 2/25, 1-2pm. 1928-C Fortuna Avenue. TPPM, 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$975. 1 bedroom. Great complex, 1-1/2 blocks from Sail Bay. 1 parking space. Laundry. Garage available for \$125/month. 3825 Riviera Drive #12. TPPM, 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great central location across from Henry's Market. Close to beach. Laundry. 1236 Felspar Street. TPPM, 858-454-4200 x119.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with garage. Upgraded, upper unit. Peak ocean view. Steps to surf. \$1790. 725-1/2 Chalcedony. TPPM, 858-699-3851.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$795. 1 bedroom in garden setting. Easy location. Pool, recreation room, laundry. No pets. 2710 Grand Avenue. TPPM, 858-273-8657.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, \$1195-\$1350. Clean, quiet, laundry, parking. No pets. 619-276-5520.

PACIFIC BEACH. Large 1 bedroom. Close to bay, new paint, microwave, laundry on site. Sorry, no pets. Move-in special! Available now. \$925. 2121 Thomas Avenue #6. 858-483-5111 x10.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1325. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, patio, barbecue, upstairs. No dogs. Cats ok. 1830-1/2 Mission. Steve Richards Realty, 858-483-2844.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1100. Second floor, 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex apartment. Porch, yard. Pet on approval. 1971 Felspar. Agent. Steve Richard Realty, 858-483-2844.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1425. Second floor, 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex apartment. Porch, yard. Pet on approval. Barbecue area, large tandem garage. 2038-A Felspar. Agent. Steve Richards Realty, 858-483-2844.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with all brand new kitchen, bath, carpet. Free laundry on-site. 4 blocks to beach. Penny Realty, 858-272-3900.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo on Pacific Beach Drive. Steps to bay and only few blocks from beach. Pool, sauna, parking, and more. \$2100/month. Rachel or Erin, 619-696-7368. www.sandiegobestrentals.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$995. 1 bedroom 1 bath. Near shops. New carpet. Laundry. 1844 Hornblend. No pets. 619-261-4793.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$995. Large 1 bedroom. 1733.5 Diamond. Laundry. 619-261-4793.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1295. Spacious 1 bedroom, downstairs with private balcony. Apartment comes with an assigned space in garage and on-site laundry facilities! 4321 Cass Street. 858-270-5500 x29. www.msbrwar.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$3500. New 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage, new appliances, washer/dryer, granite counters, hardwood floors, fireplace, 2 blocks from beach. Penny Realty, 858-272-3900.

PACIFIC BEACH. Lowered rent for move-in now! Bright 2 bedroom, 2 full bath! 2 parking. Small pet. 1948 Emerald. \$1450/month. 858-554-0400; signad2000@yahoo.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 4445 Fanuel Street. Spacious unit, garden building, gated entrance. 6-month minimum lease, no pets. \$1325 rent, \$650 deposit. Available 3/7. 858-483-3221.

PACIFIC BEACH. Large 3 bedrooms, 3 bath townhouse. Close to bay and beach. New paint, fireplace, washer/dryer, microwave, dishwasher, detached garage, high ceilings. No pets. Available 3/7. No pets. \$2500. 1366 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-483-5111 x10. www.melroyproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus loft. 1-car detached garage included. Brand new carpet and paint throughout. Located within quiet tri-plex. Updated appliances including dishwasher. Located behind 1352 Reed Avenue. Manager, 619-283-2144.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom. \$1500. 850 square feet. Upstairs in 2-unit complex. Very clean with new carpet, paint, stove. 2-parking spaces. Cathedral ceilings, mirrored doors, lots of storage, dishwasher, laundry. 1619-1/2 Diamond. 858-272-3178.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1 block from Tourmaline Beach. \$1995. 2 master bedrooms, 2 bath, garage. Upgraded with wood floors, granite. All appliances. Balcony. Community spa. Short term lease OK. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

POINT LOMA. \$875-925. 1 bedrooms. Onsite laundry. 1 unit with balcony/sky-lights. Water/trash included. Off-street parking. No pets. 2228 Chatsworth Boulevard. 619-224-6885.

POINT LOMA/SHELTER ISLAND. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New tile, new carpets. New appliances. Laundry, off-street parking includes basic cable TV. No pets. 6-month lease. 1434 Rosecrans Street. Manager, 619-977-5415 or 619-222-1692.

POINT LOMA. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet street. Dishwasher, trash compactor. No pets. Off-street parking. Available late January. 4467 Valeta #2. 619-225-2372; 858-488-4919; 619-297-5100.

POINT LOMA. Large units! \$1000, 1 bedrooms. \$1200, 2 bedrooms. Available now! New appliances. Cats OK with deposit. Pool. Laundry. Parking. 2551 Worden Street. 619-224-8806.

POINT LOMA Village. Nice 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, stove, refrigerator. Near Yacht Club and Shelter Island. No pets. 1-year lease, \$950/month, first/last. 619-606-3255.

POINT LOMA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. \$1300/month, \$1000 security de-

posit. Stove, refrigerator. Clean unit. Available immediately, 3110-1/2 Jarvis Street. Lame, 619-222-6020.

POINT LOMA. Deposit special! 1 bedrooms, \$925/up. Ocean, bay, city views (select units). Dishwasher. Tile counters. Air conditioning. Covered parking. Elevators. Pool. Spa. Sauna. Rooftop sundeck. Fitness center. Laundry. Internet. Barbecue. Picnic park. No pets. PointLomaTowers@att.net. Point Loma Towers. 3811 Marquette Place. www.sdreader.com/rent/1003. 619-223-6577.

POINT LOMA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 parking. New stove, refrigerator, paint, carpet. Light/bright. Gated security building. 3140 Midway Drive #A-312. 619-237-5032. 619-200-5500.

POINT LOMA Temecula Street/Famosa area. spacious 1 bedroom townhouse, fireplace, washer/dryer, off street parking, \$1000, least, deposit. See pictures on backpage.com. 619-990-4819.

POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH \$900. Duplex, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Renovated. Appliances, water, laundry. Near freeway and beach. Available 3/1. 4251 Whittier Street. 619-255-9270.

POINT LOMA. \$775. 1 bedroom/studio. Close to shopping, grocery stores, restaurants, busline. Laundry facilities. 619-306-8193.

POINT LOMA. \$1050 rent. \$600 deposit. OAC. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking spot. No pets. At 2833 Shelter Island Drive or 2836 Avenida De Portugal. 619-299-8515.

POINT LOMA. \$975 rent. \$700 deposit. OAC. 1 bedroom condo. 2 Parking spots. Pool. No pets. At 3861 Leland Street. 619-299-8515.

POINT LOMA. \$1100 rent. \$600 deposit. OAC. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony. Laundry. No pets. At 4359 Mentone street #1. 619-299-8515.

POINT LOMA. \$850 rent. \$600 deposit. OAC. 1 bedroom. Pool. Parking spot. No pets. At 2625 Camulos Street #12. 619-523-1453.

POINT LOMA. \$1250. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper. Small, quiet building in Village. Laundry on-site. Near stores and Shelter Island. Close to Downtown and airport. 3116 Dickens Street. Sorry, no pets. John A Reis & Company, Inc., 858-272-1348.

POINT LOMA. \$2200. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Approximately 1700 square feet. Sundeck. Washer/dryer. Central air/heat. Pool. Quiet. 2777 Nimitz Boulevard. Pet friendly. 619-297-0269.

POINT LOMA. \$1225. 2 bedroom vintage apartment with hardwood floors! Located in small 4-unit building. Centrally located, walk to shopping and library. Recent upgrades include complete refinishing of original wood floors, new bathroom vanity and fixtures. All new electrical outlets. New vinyl flooring in kitchen and dining area. Ceiling fans. All new window treatments. This is an upper level unit with a separate entrance to kitchen. Comes with an external storage unit. Many long-term tenants. This is only the second vacancy in the last three years! \$850 deposit. Year lease required. 3803-3809 Voltaire Street. Call 619-725-3648 or 619-846-6615. Please no calls after 7pm or before 9am.

POINT LOMA. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Lovely park-like setting, off-street parking, laundry facilities, no pets. \$1000 security deposit. 3139 Macaulay Street. 619-224-9238.

POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH. \$2000 off lease signed in February! 4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath townhouse on the park. Fireplace, water park and mountain views, laundry. No pets. 1 year lease. New carpet. 4754 West Point Loma Boulevard. \$2450/month. 858-525-5238 or 858-273-4820.

POINT LOMA. \$2000 off lease signed in February! New condo. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Great location. Laundry. No pets. Underground garage. Fireplace. 1 year lease. 4484 West Point Loma Boulevard. \$2500/month. 858-525-5238 or 858-273-4820.

POINT LOMA. \$2000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath large upper apartment with bay views. Garage and laundry included. Walking distance to cov. No pets. 301 Rosecrans Street. Orion Property Group, 619-749-6545. www.orionproperty.com.

POINT LOMA. 2 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath. Secured building. Close to all. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, Balcony, pool, spa, covered parking. No pets. 3140 Midway Drive. Month to month, \$1175. 619-952-3298.

POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, upstairs, laundry, 1 off street parking. No pets. 2214 and 2224 Chatsworth Boulevard. 619-640-7530. www.sdforrent.com.

POINT LOMA. \$850. 1 bedroom apartment with 1940s charm. Laundry. Newer carpet, new paint. Very clean. Near Shelter Island. Available 3/8. 619-224-6912 or 619-980-7766.

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RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$1550. Beautiful, private 3 bedroom townhouse with washer/dryer, shared garage with plenty storage, near freeways, shopping, 15 minutes from Del Mar. misskarlah@hotmail.com.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO. Move-in specials! OAC. Studios from \$740. 1 bedrooms from \$925. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments from \$1125. Great location to bus line. Central air conditioning. Spa. Dishwasher. Breakfast bars. Fireplace. Enclosed patios and balconies. Assigned covered parking. Calavo Woods Apartments, 10850 Jamacha Boulevard. 619-670-1858.

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SAN DIEGO. \$750. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry. Parking. Close to base, Downtown, Coronado. Bay views. Available now! 2850 Main Street. 619-857-1554.

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SAN MARCOS. Close to CSUSM, 2+ den, 2 bath, newer tri-level, fireplace, gated community, private. Pool, 2 car attached garage. View. \$1695/month, 619-540-6750.

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SANTEE. \$1225 rent. \$1000 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, off-street parking, on-site laundry, storage. 10157 Peaceful Court. Thomas Realtors, 619-296-6343.

SANTEE. New 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, 2 parking places, stainless steel appliances, pool, recreation room, more. \$1100. 619-820-0003.

SCRIPPS RANCH. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom, 2 car, end unit with view. Upgrades, custom closet, new carpet, laminate, tile, landscaped, refrigerator, washer/dryer. \$1995. 858-337-4124

SCRIPPS RANCH. \$1650. 2 bedroom 2 bath townhouse, 2 car attached garage. Central air conditioning, 1 year lease. No pets, nonsmokers. Close to I-15/56, 858-689-0156.

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SERRA MESA. \$1100/month. 1 year lease. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Pets ok. No smoking. 3549 Castle Glen Drive. Michael, 858-597-6100 x321.

SERRA MESA. Large, bright, airy 1 and 2 bedroom apartments from \$825-\$1075. Ceiling fans, carport, laundry facility. Close to shops and freeways. 858-279-3777.

SOLANA BEACH. Walk to Del Mar Race track, beach, shops, cafes, Cedros District! 2 bedroom condo, pool. \$1980/month-to-month, fully furnished, includes utilities, cable/Internet, maid-service. 480-510-5624.

SOLANA BEACH. \$2200. 2 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, two level, ocean/track views! Garage, Nonsmoking. No pets. Available 3/15. 315 Shoemaker Lane. Call 951-377-1601; fax 951-658-8908.

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SOUTH PARK. Studio. Laundry on site. \$675. Ask about Move-In Special! Call resident manager at 619-795-4601. 2855 A Street. www.kandrproperties.com.

SOUTH PARK. \$475. Room for rent. Shared bathroom and kitchen. 2952 Fir Street. 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

SOUTH PARK. \$800. Studio. Street parking. Upstairs unit. Carpeted. Laundry on-site. Pet OK with approval and additional deposit. Available by appointment only. 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

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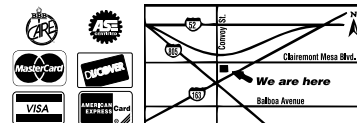
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— Dave “The Dragon” Lockwood and his tournament-tested sons (Max, 16, Jon, 13, and Ben, 10, of Silver Spring, Md.) might become to competitive tiddlywinks what the Manning family of quarterbacks is to football, according to a January *Washington Post* story. Dave was previously ranked No. 1 in the English Tiddlywinks Association (and is currently No. 8, with Max No. 52). “Tiddlywinks doesn’t sound very serious,” said Max, but “there’s so much strategy.” (For the uninformed: You mash a “squidger” down on a “wink” to propel it either into the “pot” or to “squop” it onto an opponent’s wink to temporarily disable it.) Dave said he plans to get Britain’s Prince Philip, a winker, to suggest tiddlywinks as a demonstration “sport” at London’s 2012 Summer Olympics.

Cultural Diversity

— In November, the military ruler of Myanmar, Gen. Than Shwe, ordered his entire government to immediately pack up and move from Rangoon to a new capital 200 miles away in the small town of Pyinmana, based on dire warnings from his astrologer (though the move had been long-rumored). (Myanmar/Burma has a history with astrology and numerology, and in fact, democracy activists purposely commenced their most propitious demonstrations on Aug. 8, 1988, at 8:08 a.m.) Shwe was just named the world’s third-worst dictator by *Parade* magazine.

— The traditional Norwegian dish of *malahove* is smoked sheep’s head with all parts except the skull itself counted as delicacies. Especially tasty are the eyes, said a restaurateur quoted in a November Agence France-Presse dispatch from Voss, Norway, since they are the most-used muscles in the face: “Eye just melts on the tongue.” A visiting Englishman, served eyes, lips, tongue, and ears, remarked that it is “a bit of a visual challenge, but the meat is very good.”

— Recent News About the Scottish Meal That Melts on the Tongue: In September in Bethlehem, Pa., the annual haggis-eating contest was won by Darren Lucey of Brooklyn, N.Y. (1-1/2

pounds in 2 minutes), but the only female entrant, slow-eating Joanne Shaver, said she competed only to get the free haggis, which she loves. Haggis is sheep stomach stuffed with tongue, heart, liver, oats, and onions, best served at the enticing color of gray.

Latest Religious Messages

— In January, an Anglican church vicar in Cambridge, England, commenced twice-monthly services for goths (with black garments and rock music) at his St. Edward King and Martyr church. Vicar Martin Ramshaw, 34, said he is a goth himself and reports that his dozen or so worshippers go straight from services to a goth nightclub. (He will soon issue goth T-shirts with Jesus speaking, “If the world hates you, remember, it hated me first.”) ... In Waco, Texas, in January, in another congregation-building move, Catholic Monsignor Isidore Rozycki, attending a gala opening, blessed the city’s new Hooters restaurant.

— Evangelical Christian minister Rob Schenck and two colleagues entered a U.S. Senate hearing room the day before the January confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito and daubed each seat with “holy oil” to bless the proceedings, saying that things had gone well when they had done the same thing for Chief Justice Roberts’s hearings. “God...is interested in what goes on” there, Rev. Schenck told a *Wall Street Journal* reporter.

Questionable Judgments

— Illinois Sentencing Guidelines: (1) Judges in Springfield, Ill., twice failed to order jail time in November for Jason Holman, 27, for the two latest of his 185 traffic tickets, opting for what amounted to probation. (2) After a Jacksonville, Ill., judge, in September, gave Oscar Cushionberry, 49, three years in jail for a probation violation, the prosecutor praised the judge for finally sending Cushionberry “a message that, at some point in time, you run out of options,” that one only gets “so many chances at probation.” In the past ten years, Cushionberry has 93 arrests and 29

convictions (including some felonies).

— The University of Florida announced in January it would provide health care and other benefits to domestic partners of their employees, provided the employee certifies that the pair are having sex (specifically, having a “non-platonic” relationship). A university human resources official said such a pledge is “increasingly standard” in domestic-partner programs, even though married couples are not required to certify that they actually have sex.

Oops!

— (1) Hunter Raybon E. Upton was tracked down and rescued by his worried wife near Mount Holly, Ark., in December, after he spent almost nine hours hanging upside down from branches following his entanglement in his tree stand. He was hospitalized with hypothermia and required surgery. (2) A fire rescue officer had to pull Australian Robin Toom, 38, out of a commercial washing machine in Townsville, Queensland, in January after he got stuck while playing hide-and-seek with his kids.

The District of Calamity

— (1) In a Washington, D.C., pedestrian tragedy in December, prominent urban designer Charles Atherton, 73, was fatally struck down by a driver, but then when paramedics arrived, they discovered that D.C. police had already been there and had issued Atherton a \$5 jaywalking ticket. (2) In December, a special committee of the D.C. Council, seeking to move the annual Martin Luther King Day parade from January to a warmer date, chose “April 1.” (Committee members later said they never realized that that was April Fool’s Day.) (3) The *Washington Post* found in December that the D.C. medical examiner’s backlog of autopsies stood at 1038, including 84 homicides more than a year old.

Least Competent Criminals

— Techno Wizards: (1) Boris Alvarado, 31, was arrested in September and charged with violating his Texas probation for a 2004 conviction

for soliciting an underage girl online for sex. Alvarado made it easy for investigators because he was still using the same screen name he had used in 2004. (2) Ten people were arrested on counterfeiting charges in Phoenix in November, helped along when two of them brought a computer printer to a shop for repair, and technicians found it clogged with counterfeit money.

Update on Fetishes

— (1) The bestiality count “News of the Weird” reported in October against mortgage broker Brendan McMahon in Sydney, Australia, was dropped in November, but McMahon is still charged with abusing rabbits in other ways. A court psychiatrist said McMahon probably genuinely believed he was helping the rabbits. (2) Former Oklahoma district judge Donald Thompson was finally scheduled for arraignment in January, 12 months after he was charged with indecency for allegedly using a noisy masturbation aid under his robes during trials and other court business. An additional count was recently filed based on a court reporter’s statement that she saw him shaving his pubic hair during a trial.

The Only Way Out

— Twice recently came news reports of people attempting suicide by sticking their heads in toilets: a 23-year-old woman being held in Chicago for three murders and using her cell’s toilet (unsuccessful), and a man being held on a murder charge in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., in December (successful, in that his head lodged in the toilet during flushing). ... In Belmont, N.H., in January, a suicidal man was successful with his elaborate, homemade guillotine, although the blade merely left a gash in his neck, causing him to slowly bleed to death. (He also had wired fire bombs to burn down the house as he died, but he apparently forgot to flip the electrical switch before the guillotine came down.)

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Thirty Years Ago

County tax assessors assess boats as personal property, unless they are a taxpayer's principal residence, and then the boat owner can file for a homeowner's exemption. If taxes are unbearable, you can move to Mexico or Australia without going out the front door of your home.

It is possible to rent a boat to live on, at least in Commercial Basin. In Sausalito, Amsterdam, and London, the houseboats hitch up by the sides of canals, rivers, or docks. Not in Commercial Basin, where you can anchor, but not dock, for free.

—“HOME, HOME ON THE BOAT,” Jacquelynne Garner, February 19, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

We're standing on the corrugated steel decking six floors above Columbia Street, and Joe Silva, the welding supervisor, is shouting. “There's no heroes here!” he yells over the clattering of an impact wrench. “Don't dramatize this!” Around us, above and below, ironworkers are erecting what will be the tallest high-rise building in San Diego. Behind Silva orange droplets of hot metal shoot down in a shower, and the buzz of frying steel descends from a welder perched on

a beam two floors up.

—“27 STORIES: THE RISE OF COLUMBIA CENTRE,”

Neal Matthews, February 26, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

Once in a while Ryan receives mail addressed only to “The Oak Lady, Escondido, California” — confirmation of her status as a defender and propagator of Engelmann oaks. In her refrigerator she keeps a jar of ground Engelmann oak acorns that she uses to make *weewish*, a gruel that sustained the local Indians. “You can make a drink out of the larger ground pieces,” she said. “You boil up a few of them in water and add honey. It's nutritious.”

—“THE OAK LADY,” Gordon Smith, February 27, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

When *Union-Tribune* publisher Helen Copley was fingered by a story in the *Los Angeles Times* last Friday as the city's biggest residential water user, her response was simple. “I don't doubt for one minute that I might be the biggest user. How many people have 9-1/2 acres?”

The next morning, Copley's *Union* took another approach, shrinking the size of the estate from the *Tribune's* previously reported 9 1/2 to 7 1/2 acres. “This place supports 15 peo-

ple,” the publisher revealed. “It has 10 gardeners. I am not living here all by myself.”

—CITY LIGHTS: “FLOOD OF APOLOGIES,” Matt Potter, February 28, 1991

Ten Years Ago

Spiderman and Dodger Blue are hanging with *cholo socios* at their father's upper-middle-class house, not far from Southwestern College. Both have tattoos on their shoulders denoting their neighborhood or barrio affiliation. They may be sets or tha boyz or crews or just homeys, but “gang” is *gabacho* newsman talk. The closest they might come is calling each other “G,” stolen from their dreaded black counterparts.

—“I'LL GIVE YOU A SHOULDER TO CRY ON,”

Junior Garcia, February 22, 1996

Five Years Ago

When my mother was pregnant with me, her eyes became light sensitive. Sunlight off our bright white garage gave her vertigo. Eggs, she says, fried sunny-side up, barely firm, soothed her stomach. All summer long she sat in the dark kitchen, eating eggs, their yolks shining like little suns on her plate. While she was carrying me, she says, the kitchen smelled always of fried butter.



San Diego Reader, February 19, 1976

My mother's job was to care for my brother, father, and me. My mother made my bed, washed the sheets and pillowcases. She woke me in the morning. I put on clothes she had bought, washed, and ironed. She never complained. Once when I was very young she was standing at the kitchen sink washing dishes. I said I wanted to go outside and play. She said, “I'm lonely. Please stay with me and talk.” I didn't.

—TIP OF MY TONGUE: “EGGS,” Max Nash,

February 22, 2001

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My sister lives in Arizona and we e-mail to keep in touch. I confided in her via e-mail about some personal difficulties I was having recently. In the same e-mail I also asked her a question to pass along to her husband about a problem with my car. Her husband owns a car repair shop and often helps me figure out what's malfunctioning and the best way to fix it. In response, her husband e-mailed me and offered some useful information about solving my automotive woes. I was happy for the good advice, but horrified to see the entire text of my personal e-mail right there at the bottom of his! This means that my sister just forwarded him my entire e-mail (they have separate e-mail addresses) so he could answer my car questions. I was terribly embarrassed. That was super personal correspondence between her and I. I am really mad at my sister

now. It was so obvious some of the things I wrote to her were of a highly sensitive nature. It would have been easy for her to take that part of the e-mail out or just tell him what I wanted to know. I'm feeling as if I can't confide in her anymore. I didn't tell her that what I said was between us, but I feel she should have known better than to just turn my whole e-mail over to her husband. Don't you agree?

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Dear Red Faced,

Sounds like your sister meant well. Probably she just forwarded the e-mail at a busy moment, without thinking it through. Let's give her the benefit of the doubt. She was trying to make sure that you got your car complications addressed. She also might have very different ideas about what's too personal to share with other family members. We sometimes have wildly different sensitivity levels than our near and dear, and that's where communication is key. Let Sis know that you're grateful for her getting you the vehicular assistance you needed. Also make it clear that you'd appreciate it if she didn't pass on unedited e-mails you send when you are baring your soul, writing for her eyes only. And when you e-mail her from now on, specify when you are revealing things that you want to remain top secret.

Hey Saffron,

I just read your response to "Concerned In Linda Vista," in which a woman was concerned about the way her brother-in-law was treating her sister. With all due respect, not so fast, my friend! This situation is crying out for intervention. "Hurtful hubby" is doing far more damage than "Concerned's" sister is letting on. The fact that the sister does not want "Concerned" or their mother to speak with the husband about his behavior is a very clear sign that the relationship is abusive. The fact that the husband won't get off his lazy glutes and help with housework and child rearing speaks volumes! Especially if the wife was dealing with a severe case of influenza! He may rationalize his actions by claiming that since he "pays the cost to be the boss," then his actions are justified. Oh, really? Since when is marriage a reason for one spouse to dominate and intimidate? In any relationship, you do not tell someone that you love them by acting like a total creep! In any case of abuse, intervention is the key. "Hurtful Hubby" needs a hard-edged reality check. He needs to know that bringing home the bacon does not entitle him to treat his wife like some house slave! If this man really wants to make the marriage work, he'd best realize that he is responsible not only for helping around the house, but also for helping raise his own children. You might wonder why I am so vehement about this. From my over 42 years on this mudball we call Earth, I have seen what happens when some fool decides that since he

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So what's the truth? His dad is white and I'm black. What does that make Jacob? I can't tell him he's white, because he's not, and I can't say he's black, because he's not that either. I could go with the flow and tell him he's mulatto, but is that really something you want to have to tell your child? That he's been dubbed a certain name by the world for lack of anything better? And even if you could tell your child that, what kind of word is that to call a person? I looked mulatto up in the dictionary: "Small mule; person of mixed race; mulatto, from mulo, mule, from Old Spanish, from Latin."

Are you kidding me? Small mule?! I realize mulatto's a word that he'll have to get used to, but I'll be damned if it's from my mouth he hears it first. I will tell him it is what he'll be called by other people, but I will not give "mulatto" as the answer to a question that has the potential to define how he views himself for the rest of his life!

Anyway, there we were in my bedroom, my five-year-old and I, staring at each other. I patted the bed and asked him to sit, but he was too upset to settle down. He shook his head

no and asked me again. Hoping to buy myself time to find a more appropriate answer, I told him he's caramel. "Like candy?" he asked. The look of bewilderment on his face brought tears to my eyes. "Well, sort of," I answered. "But why can't I look like you...or daddy?" he asked. I sighed, and told him that he is like his dad and me. That he's got little bits of both of us in him, and that's what makes him Jacob.

My son pondered this, and I had never seen anything so endearing. His little face scrunched as he thought deeply about what I'd just said to him. After he'd digested this information, he looked at me and asked if he could ask me something. I told him he could ask me anything at all, and he asked me if Zach, a kid from his daycare, was better than him because Zach's white like daddy.

Whoa. Where was this coming from? I told Jacob that no one is better than

anyone else because of his color, and I assured Jacob that Zach was NOT better than him. I put Jacob on my lap and told him that he was the smartest little boy in my book and that I could not be more proud of him. The smile he gave me was priceless; everything was right with the world.

So it begins...slowly but surely, it begins. As parents,



we try to protect our kids from everything that we think might hurt them, but I guess there's only so much we can do. A couple of months ago, I went grocery shopping with Jacob. He was walking ahead of me as I

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I know there'll be more questions, and I know there'll be more experiences for him — some not as easy to get over. I

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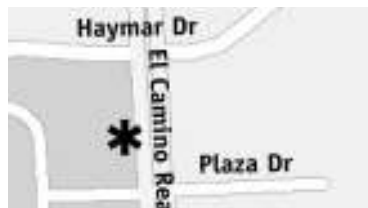
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ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 2525 El Camino Real, Carlsbad

Time/Date: 11:03 a.m. on 2/14/06

Investigation: Carlsbad P.D. dispatch began receiving multiple phone calls reporting a robbery in progress at the



Royal Maui jewelry store inside the Plaza Camino Real Mall.

Three male subjects

dressed in dark clothing, masks or hoods and gloves, entered the store brandishing handguns and hammers. They smashed multiple display cases while customers and store employees sought cover. The subjects took an unknown quantity of jewelry and high-value watches, then exited into the mall's central courtyard and out through doors on the south side.

The suspects had a vehicle waiting outside. The vehicle is described as a white sedan, possibly a Honda Accord. The vehicle was occupied by a fourth suspect who was dressed similarly to those who entered the store. This suspect was also armed with what appeared to be a handgun.

BATTERY

Location: [3000] Long Branch, Ocean Beach

Time/Date: 8:15 p.m. on 2/5/06

Report: I responded to a call to investigate a disturbance. Upon arrival, I contacted Randy R., who lived at the residence with his girlfriend, Janet G. They had hosted a Super Bowl party.

Statement of Randy: I had some buddies over, all of them ex-Marines. One was Trevor S. I have known Trevor for six years now. He's had drinking problems. He drank too much tequila and vodka today. I kept telling him to keep it cool and not drink so much but he wouldn't listen. Finally I decided to take the bottle away from him. Trevor got mad.

He took a swing at me and hit me in the face. My girlfriend tried to stop him and he pushed her into the wall. That's when I started hitting Trevor and then he left.

Statement of Janet: Trevor started to go crazy after Randy took the bottle away from him. He started to fight with Randy. Trevor also hit me. When I picked up the phone to call the police, Trevor left in his car. He shouldn't be driving.

DUI

Location: State Route 67, south of Poway City Limits

Time/Date: 5:45 p.m. on 2/12/06



Incident Report: Traffic Units from the Poway Sheriff's Station responded to an injury collision involving a motorcycle and five vehicles. Preliminary investigation shows that the motorcycle was southbound on State Route 67 after entering the City of Poway limits. The motorcycle was traveling at a high rate of speed when the driver attempted to pass another southbound vehicle by illegally passing in the northbound lanes. The motorcycle then swerved back into the southbound lane and struck the southbound vehicle it was attempting to pass.

The driver of the motorcycle and

his female passenger were ejected from the motorcycle. The motorcycle was thrown into the northbound lanes where it struck several other vehicles before coming to rest in the northbound lanes.

Both the motorcycle rider and his female passenger sustained injuries and were transported to Palomar Hospital for treatment. The female passenger was admitted with serious injuries.

Alcohol was suspected to have played a part in the cause of the collision and the driver was arrested and booked into the County Jail upon his release from the hospital.

BATTERY

Location: [5000] Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach

Time/Date: 11:56 p.m. on 2/5/06



Officer's Investigation: I received a radio call to investigate a possible domestic violence incident phoned in by Harold H. When I arrived I met with Harold on the street. He told me the male half of the incident was still inside his white Ford pickup parked in the dirt. H. told me the female half left the area, and did not want any police involvement. Her name was Sharon, later identified as Sharon T. by her boyfriend.

H. was concerned for Sharon. H. told me he heard Sharon screaming.

When he went outside his apartment to check, he saw her inside the pickup truck. She was struggling with a man. H. said it appeared the man was "manhandling" her. H. confronted him and told the man to get out of the truck but he would not. Sharon exited the truck with the keys. She left with H. She told H. not to call the police. I asked H. if he saw any hitting. H. said, "No." H. told me Sharon told him her husband "pulled her hair" earlier when they were driving. H. also told me Sharon went to a girlfriend's place [down the street].

H. told me Sharon was screaming, but he was not sure if she was screaming because she was being assaulted. Sharon and her girlfriend returned to the pickup prior to our arrival for a short period. Sharon's girlfriend said she wanted to return and "shoot" Sharon's boyfriend. The two women left for an unknown location. H. told me he wanted to place the male half under citizen's arrest for domestic violence.

I contacted the male half, later identified as Karl S. S. was asleep in the pickup truck. S. told me he had been arguing with his girlfriend of seven years. [He] told me the two of them got into an argument over the pickup truck. She was driving, and she tried to crash the truck into a dumpster. He said she had been drinking. He took the keys away from her, and she hit him on the head. He showed me what appeared to be a red mark on his forehead (left side). He told me Sharon started screaming to get attention. He said a bystander (H.) came up to the pickup and threatened to hurt him.

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ture feeds the desire to own or consume until what we think we need makes us greedy.

"The Bible says that we should work so we'll have something to share with people in need. I can work for a few days a week cleaning houses, and by not letting myself want a bunch of stuff, I can have money to give away. So I'm careful about what I buy, and I pick the things I do buy for durability and longevity. I need a car, so I buy a Toyota. If I needed a car that would break down, I could buy a Jaguar.

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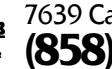
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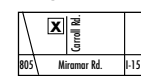
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"Two bucks on hard eight," a black transvestite yells and tosses down two blue chips. She makes eye contact with me and nods. The dice roll around my palm.

"All right," Steve breathes. "The point is eight. We've got a \$5 Come bet with \$15 odds on the number six, a \$5 bet with \$10 in odds on the six, and five on the Come line. Roll us a number."

My hand shoots toward the back wall and the dice come free. They draw a tight arc from my fingertips to the soft foam beneath the silky blouse and lacy bra of the dark man in need of a shave opposite me at the table. Tumbling with clicks and clacks from where they ricocheted to their final stop, the pink plastic cubes land. Before the stickman has a chance to call it out, I know what I just rolled and a string from my stomach pulls my jaw open.

"Seven! Craps seven! Take the Line and pay the Don't! Craps seven!"

"Gosh darn it!" Steve curses in the only way his East Texas Protestant upbringing will allow him. He glares at me.

"Man, don't be pissed at me," I say and point to the dice in my defense. "Be pissed at random chance."

"That's 200 bucks I'm down," he says with accusation.

"That's 400 I'm down," I plead in an attempt to ameliorate Steve's pinched-up neck and shoulders.

"You know what that means," Steve growls.

"Yep, it means I'm halfway through my bankroll eight hours after my plane landed from San Diego," I answer. "We've got three days left. I'm going to run out of money."

"This means we need that Indianapolis game to come through for us," Steve reminds me. Thank you, sweet Jesus. I forgot I had 100 bucks on Indianapolis to cover the five-point spread.

Steve and I grab a cocktail off the tray of a passing waitress and run to the sportsbook. We take two chairs with big puffy padding in the front row. Ignoring the slaughterhouse stains on the seat of mine, I ease down, acclimate myself to the smell of vomit, and scan the bank of televisions for the Indy game.

"Indy takes the lead in the final seconds and that's game!" an excited voice announces.

"YES!" Steve and I share a high five and he turns around in his seat. "Let's collect our winnings. The smart thing to do would be to bide our time, budget our remaining money, and not, under any circumstances, are we to go back and roll dice."

"You're right," I concede. "Let's play blackjack."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

THAT '70S SHOW
FOX 8:00 P.M.

I had a dream where I took the little brunette woman on a jet-ski trip across the reflecting pool to the foot of the Washington monument, and we covered the spire in motor oil and wool sweat socks. What do you think that means?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

TOP 10 COUNTDOWN
VH1 7:00 P.M.

Have you seen Madonna's butt? Good lord. I don't know what that old woman does in the gym or how she got that big bastard, but it looks like she's smuggling two bowling balls in the back of her unitard. Watch her new video. I defy you

to resist hypnotization by that thing. I DEFY YOU!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

SKELETON STORIES
DHLTH 7:00 P.M.

I have a show for Discovery Health. It's called *The Fourth Dentist*, and it follows the life of the dentist who doesn't recommend brushing your teeth, chewing gum, or rinsing your mouth out with anything other than LSD.



That '70s Show

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

INSIDE THE ACTORS STUDIO
BRAVO 8:00 P.M.

Douche.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

KING OF THE HILL
FX 5:30 P.M.

If I were Brittany Murphy's husband, I'd make her use the Luanne voice anytime she wanted to speak. If she used her normal voice, I'd hold my hands over my ears and yell, "I can't hear you! I want to talk to Luanne!"

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

AMERICAN IDOL
FOX 8:00 P.M.

After badmouthing *American Idol* for a year now, I admit to watching an episode for the very first time. On the program, this woman got up there, and it was apparent she had zero talent, in any form. It looked as though she could barely remember where she was. I think she was drunk. Her name is Paula Abdul. You might remember her from a long time ago. She was a singer or something.

QUEER EYE FOR THE STRAIGHT GUY
BRAVO 10:00 P.M.

Some think Vin Diesel could use a little spit and polish from the Queer Eye guys. (Some insiders have said that'd be more like peanut buttering a peanut butter sandwich, if you know what I mean. WINK!)

SURVIVORMAN

DSC 10:30 P.M.

Survivorman is rad! This goofy Canadian guy gets dropped off in some forsaken sinkhole and has to make it out alive. The show is an hour of this guy falling off cliffs, cutting his fingers, starving, dying of thirst, and getting the holy snot bitten out of him by bugs and spiders. It's like *Survivor* without the group dynamics, mocha latte rewards, and high-pitched whining from San Francisco bank executives in loincloths. If they figure out a way to add a woman in a bikini to *Survivorman*, it will be the only thing I ever want to watch for the rest of my life.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

PROJECT RUNWAY
BRAVO 10:00 P.M.

Project Runway is an hour of men with thin wrists and floating hands standing in doorways with their heads cocked back, yelling, "It'sss time, people. Let'sss go. Let'sss show everyone how fabulousss you are."

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

SMALLVILLE

ABCFAM 8:00 P.M.

The kid on *Smallville* who plays teenage Aquaman is the best looking guy I've ever seen. His presence could make my grandmother pop out of the grave and apply lipstick. I simultaneously want to slap his face and congratulate him on the volume and quality of wool he will be pulling.

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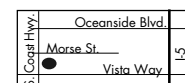
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"So good luck with your Wall of Shame."

By John Brizzolara

Spending a Friday night in Tijuana may have once sounded like a good time, but if so, distanced enough in memory to seem now a confabulated desire, a state of mind impossible to reconstruct. Still, on a recent Friday I found myself confronting nearly half a mile of pedestrians in line for Customs and the U.S., a wait longer than any I had seen since just after 9/11. At least three hours, I judged, four more likely, possibly longer. I took my strictly legal cardiac meds with me to a seafood joint in that plaza just past the taxi stands and the Caliente betting parlor. I ordered *caldo de pescado*, a Coke, sat assailed by metallic/norteño/disco/rap, a fusion of hellish styles to qualify as torture to an old gringo. I read Graham Greene and watched the plaza turn shades of charcoal studded with party lights: winking non-sequiters. A merchant next door to my table, leaning against a glass counter, looked over at me, "Hey! Al Pacino! Serpico! Scarface!" If I had sideburns I would have been Elvis, longer hair and different shades maybe John Lennon. "You're waiting for the line, eh? Thas no-thing. Wait till they build the Wall."

His name was Tomás. It probably still is, but you don't know. He was writing something in between hustling customers; a soft hustle, not in your face. We talked. He asked if I could get his editorial about the Wall into an American paper. After reading his piece and talking with him, I am still no closer to establishing details, a timetable for instance, regarding Tomás's Wall, or as he calls it, Bush's Wall.

After a while, I decided it didn't matter, it already existed. I was waiting to cross it myself.

"Border Line 'Wall'
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 "First of all, shame on you, Mr. Bush.
 "I can [sic] believe you want to build a wall — between two cities — two nations, neighbors. It's so SAD and so bad idia [sic]."

The rest is edited as best I can for readability. The preceding may serve as color if it's needed.

"What are you trying to do to your neighbor, a very honorable and hard-working country which is Mexico?"

"Supposedly this wall is to stop illegal migrants and undocumented people, like terrorists. It is understandable because of the war. But you know well that none of that is happening in Mexico. Number one, this is not Germany. If you want to build a wall go to Germany and build as many walls as you like. Besides, nobody believes you about all those weapons of mass destruction that you claim to be found in Iraq's territory.

"Now, a few countries are against the wall, they even called it 'the Shame Wall.' So since no country believes you about these weapons of mass destruction, now they know you were only after the oil. Even Americans don't believe you and are against the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. In exchange for your [illegible] invasion of the Middle East a lot of innocent people were killed for no reason whatsoever. Now U.S. Americans don't want no more war. We want our troops to come home as soon as possible.

"Check this out. The fact is very simple: people will keep on crossing with a wall or without a wall. Because people in Mexico and Latin America don't make enough money. Check this out: a regular worker with two kids makes from \$70 to \$120 a week, but that portion is only enough for two or three days. What about the rest of the week? What if your son wants a hamburger or an ice cream cone? Will there be enough for the household? Therefore people are always trying to reach the States.

In other words...[illegible]...so much shit crossing the border...if you build a wall there will be another way...not going to work and will not be enough... [illegible]...you're not going to have enough workers to build your [illegible] wall.... I remind you this is not Germany. I don't know what America will do without Mexican workers. You need to think it over.

"You need to reform. You know how many tunnels they found in January of 2006 only? They found at least four or five. Some of them good enough to take a lot of undocumented people as you call them. The people have already found a cure [or curse] already for you, Mr. Bush.

"So good luck with your Wall of Shame. Hopefully the next one is a good one because this one already has a curse [cure?] on this way of crossing."

It was the tunnels. That was why I was sitting here eating extraordinarily



Traffic at the U.S./Mexico border

good fish soup, smoking a supposedly Cuban cigar (I believe it might have been, too), and reading one of the best novelists in the English language, a thoroughly enjoyable interlude in the day and an irony that did not trouble me.

Tomás (if that is his real name) is waiting for a probationary period to pass so that he may enter the U.S. legally once again. He was apprehended almost five years ago crossing without papers. He has lived and worked in several U.S. cities, notably Chicago, for a long period, and as his editorial letter reveals, considers himself something of an acculturated American.

Later that evening, it seemed clear that the Friday night line would lengthen before shortening, and I took a hotel room off Revolución.

As the night wore on and I finished the Greene beneath a single harsh bulb, I let the sound of distorted disco/hip-hop and sirens echo through the room along with the screaming of gleeful American children getting as bombed as Baghdad. Waiters blew shrill whistles, not fireworks, but the even more toy-ish popping of handgun fire stuttered down back streets briefly. Families waiting to cross the border beneath an absence of moon watched TV sets. The younger ones cried, and their crying echoed again through the common stairwell up five floors. The older brothers or fathers or uncles patronized the women in the building if they could afford it.

I slept for maybe 15 minutes and dreamed of Tomás stabbing his countertop with one of his pocketknives for sale. He was stabbing *El Diario* or the TJ newspaper and speaking to George W. "What's it gonna be, Mister Bush? It's not gonna work. You gotta reform your way of thinking. You got a curse."

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