

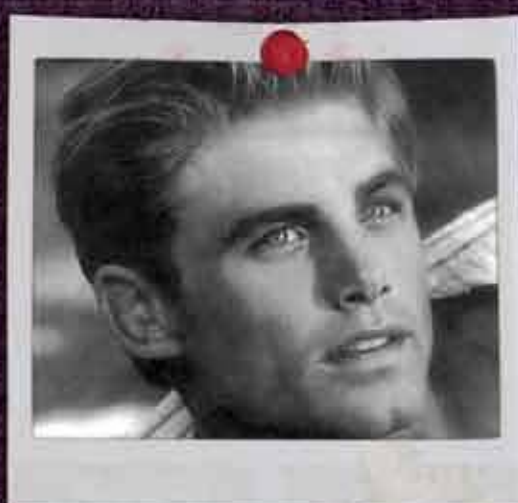
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San Diego Models Tell All

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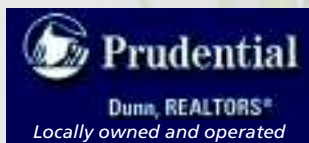
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Il duce During the past two decades, since political consultant **Tom Shepard** was forced to plead guilty to campaign-law-related violations in the 1985 political money-laundering case against his ex-client, fallen San Diego mayor **Roger Hedgecock**, Shepard has become the fixer of choice for the city's GOP establishment. He's handled the well-bankrolled campaigns of



Tom Shepard

Mayor **Susan Golding**, Sheriff **Bill Kolender**, county supervisor **Ron Roberts**, the downtown convention center expansion, the Padres' taxpayer-subsidized baseball stadium, and Mayor **Jerry Sanders**.

Those gigs were paid for by wealthy contributors and heavily promoted by the *Union-Tribune*, the longtime herald of business insiders like real estate mogul **Malin Burnham** and his partner, Padres owner **John Moores**. At the same time, Shepard, a former Del Mar mayor, has also been tapping the public till with a series of gigs as a "public relations" consultant to government entities like the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, which through the beginning of this week has paid him \$152,265.59 to help persuade voters to move Lindbergh Field.

Latest on the list of Shepard's public clients is San Diego State University president **Stephen Weber**, who last year grabbed control of the Paseo campus-redevelopment project — which was being planned in conjunction with the city — away from the San Diego State University Research Foundation. Neighbors who had worked for years on project planning were up in arms, city councilman **Jim Madaffer** went on a rampage, longtime foundation board member **Tom Carter** quit in disgust, and even the *Union-Tribune* began reporting on the cascade of negative fallout that followed Weber's clumsy takeover. The SDSU president seemed to be up to his neck in alligators, but the *U-T*'s Prague Spring was not to last.



Stephen Weber

Shepard's arrival, at a reported fee of \$10,000 a month, coincided with a series of remarkable turnabouts. Weber appeared on KPBS-FM, the public radio station he controls as university president, and was given a sympathetic hearing during which, according to irate neighbors, their calls critical of the project were screened out. Mayor Sanders and his top land-use aide, **Jim Waring**, met with Weber and appeared to cut the ground from under Madaffer by announcing they were close to a deal to cede control of the Paseo to Weber. City redevelopment officials, who had been expecting to put the Paseo back out to bid per Madaffer's plan, were incredulous.



Jim Waring

Under Shepard's tutelage, Weber then headed over to the *Union-Tribune*'s editorial board, a venue notoriously

friendly to downtown's powers that be. A March 17 story under the byline of **Lisa Petrillo** explained that the board "regularly hosts newsmakers to discuss current events and invites reporters and editors from the newsroom." Definitely not a friendly venue for tough questions from lowly beat writers. The result was clear in a lengthy editorial the paper ran last Friday: "Opening the project to all bidders would spur a counterproductive confrontation between the city and the university." Proclaimed the *U-T* with finality: "A project that SDSU pays for, Weber has said, SDSU will control."

Game player **Tom Shepard** isn't the only local politico to cash in on local government largesse. Take the example of **Arturo Castanares**, ex-chief of staff to former state Democratic senator **Steve Peace**. After leaving Sacramento, Castanares started CornerStone Strategies, which has done campaign work for San Diego city councilman **Ben Hueso**, among other local Democrats, as well as for labor unions. In the spring of 2004, CornerStone signed a \$60,000 contract with the airport authority to provide "assistance in the development of message points" and "assistance with identifying issues that could affect public relations strategy." An airport spokeswoman said Peace, who authored the bill setting up the authority, was closely involved in CornerStone's work, but Castanares says Peace doesn't have an ownership interest in the firm. When first asked in January 2005 for invoices submitted by CornerStone, the authority said the company had never been paid; a recent inquiry under the Public Records Act revealed that CornerStone was cut a single \$60,000 check last April 6. A series of \$10,000 monthly invoices submitted by the company from April through September of 2004 say services included "research and counsel relative to legislative issues"; "travel time and meetings in Sacramento related to proposed language"; and "contact with legislative members and staff regarding legislation."



CornerStone invoice

Free food Before **Ellen Oppenheim** caught a plane last week to her new job running Reno's convention and visitors authority, she dropped off her last statement of economic interests at San Diego's city hall. Dated March 17, the document reveals that Oppenheim, the ex-park and recreation head who served a short time as chief deputy of public works to Mayor **Jerry Sanders** before pulling the plug on him and heading north, got a \$175 gratuity this January 21 in the form of "participation in a dinner event" from the Buick Invitational golf tournament, held on the city-owned Torrey Pines Golf Course.

— Matt Potter

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David Copley's Wallet Losing Heft

By Don Bauder

Wall Street seems to be saying "Lights out!" to daily newspaper chains, but David Copley — although almost certainly

not the billionaire he is touted to be — can still pay his utility bill.

Stocks of newspaper groups have sagged since 2004, and the selling

of daily newspaper assets are being marked down, and that means the valuation of the privately held Copley Press is falling.

Late last year, *Forbes* magazine in its list of the 400 richest Americans placed David Copley, owner of La Jolla-based Copley Press, 283rd at \$1.2 billion. Although David has stock market, venture capital, and real estate investments outside the company, *Forbes* based the estimate overwhelmingly on his ownership

of Copley Press, says Matthew Miller, staff writer for the magazine and one of two persons responsible for the *Forbes* 400 each year.

This means that last year, *Forbes* was saying the Copley Press is worth over a billion dollars. If the newspaper industry continues "on its

downward turn, the valuation [on David's wealth] will change next year," says Miller. "We trim these things." Because

intensified this month because of negative reaction to the proposed purchase of Knight-Ridder at a lowball price. Val-



David Copley

statistically Copley Press does not appear to measure up impressively with Knight-Ridder and other chains, my guess is that the "trim" will be more like a slash.

A billion-dollar valuation of Copley Press "is within the realm of reasonableness," says John Morton of Maryland-based Morton Research Co. At least three newspapers Copley owns, including the *Union-Tribune*, are quite profitable, says Morton.

Larry Grimes, president of W.B. Grimes, a Maryland investment firm specializing in media, thinks newspaper valuations will turn back up, and he also believes Copley Press assets "could bring a pretty penny." However, he says of the *Forbes* 2005 estimate of David's wealth, "That valuation was pre-Knight-Ridder; maybe *Forbes* would like to do another valuation."

Is Copley Press, the 19th-largest newspaper chain, worth more than a billion dollars when the stock market a week ago put a valuation of only \$4.2 billion on the 2nd largest, Knight-Ridder? In the middle of this month, Knight-Ridder agreed to sell itself to Sacramento's McClatchy Company for \$4.5 billion plus assumption of \$2 billion in debt. McClatchy, publisher of

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High-Rise Hopes Just South Of Border

By Ernie Grimm

Imagine a high-rise condominium offering views of downtown San Diego, the bay, and the Pacific Ocean. Each condo features granite in the kitchen, tile in the bathrooms, and wood trim throughout. The 25-story building stands in a gated complex patrolled 24 hours a day by private security guards. The resort-style grounds have swimming pools, tennis courts, putting greens, a gym, and a day-care center. A “skybar”



Moisés Abadi

occupies the top floor of the building. And you can have all this for between \$155,000 and \$190,000.

Such a place doesn't exist in San Diego, you say. But less than a mile south of the border, in Tijuana's Zona Río, a Panamanian developer who made his fortune in Mexico

dominium towers separated from the city by 12-foot walls. When they're built, they'll be the seven tallest buildings in Tijuana.

Stylishly dressed in olive green slacks and a black jacket, Abadi, a slim, clean-cut man in his mid-50s, leads a visitor through the two-bedroom,



Jeff Cranford

City and now lives in San Diego sells three such condos per day to Tijuana and San Diegans alike.

Well, sort of. Except for two model units, these condominiums don't exist in

1500-square-foot model, which sells for \$155,000, and then through the 2000-square-foot, three-bedroom model. “This one is \$180,000,” he says as he settles into the leather couch in the living room. “More,

with upgrades.”

In a soft yet commanding style punctuated with one-liners and anecdotes, Abadi, chief executive of TrueStone Properties, explains the philosophy behind the project he calls New City. “We are not just selling condominiums here. This is a way of living, it is a way of living that we are already living in Mexico City because of safety reasons.”

Two years ago, Total Shield, an automobile-armoring business from Mexico City, opened an office in Tijuana. Fear of kidnapping and carjacking fuels the business they've been doing since. Abadi feels the same fear of crime will help him sell another Mexico City concept to Tijuana. “Around 1992,” he says, “when the situation in Mexico City started getting a little wrong, people started moving out of their huge houses into complexes like this one we are building here. People started realizing that their houses were not the way of living anymore. And houses that used to sell in a moment for three or four million dollars, today they sell for less than a million. Nobody wants to buy them because of safety. Now, here in Tijuana, the situation is getting a little unsafe too.”

But unlike in Mexico City, where the rich are moving from the center of town to New City-type developments on the outskirts, buyers at New City, Abadi says, cite the convenience of its central location as a reason they're buying. “Tijuana is getting inconvenient,” he explains. “This city used to have a population of 500,000 to 600,000. Now it is 2.4 or 2.5 million people. To live in a nice area, you cannot buy here in the urban area anymore. You have to go to the outside. But the roads and the traffic are not so nice as they used to be. So for us, now is a time that we can start building some downtown condos, like in San Diego.”

There are other differences between the condominiums Abadi sells in Mexico City and his Tijuana development. “In Mexico City,” he explains, “they're a little bigger than these. There, we usually design from 2800 to around 4000 square feet, minimum. It is a bigger city, with a higher



Tijuana condominium model

standard.”

The larger Mexico City condos sell for \$500,000 to \$700,000. Abadi figured Tijuana would not pay that kind of money so he decided on 1500- and 2000-square-foot units. The first phase of the design calls for two towers of 100 units each — four to a floor — at those sizes. “I was surprised,” he admits, “that the people were searching for something bigger than these. Some have even bought two apartments and asked if we could join them together

because they needed more space. The first two towers have already been designed, so they will be these two sizes. But the third tower, we are changing it to apartments of 2500 to 3000 square feet and only 75 per tower, three per floor. So instead of being seven towers of 100 units each, it is going to be just two towers of 100 and the other five towers of 75, so it will reduce the population density.”

For 16 years, the land that New City is being built on was the subject of an ownership

dispute between a federal government housing agency called Infonavit and a wealthy family from Monterrey, Mexico. “So I sat them together,” Abadi says, “and we paid each one an amount of money.”

Abadi declines to disclose the amounts paid to each side. With the land in his possession, he next approached the municipal government for approval. He was surprised at how receptive officials were. “In Mexico City and in the States,” he explains, “we have

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the *Sacramento Bee*, *Fresno Bee*, and *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, among 26 other papers, intends to dump 12 of the papers it will acquire from Knight-Ridder.

That's assuming the deal goes through as planned. After the announcement, the market whacked stocks of Knight-Ridder and McClatchy as well as other newspaper chains. For one thing, the sale of Knight-Ridder, forced by an investor owning 18.5 percent of the stock, did not attract a slug of bidders. In the end, only McClatchy made an offer. As Morton points out,

McClatchy proposes to pay only 9.5 times cash flow (cash receipts less cash payments) for Knight-Ridder. Last year, Iowa-based Lee Enterprises paid 13.5 times cash flow for the Pulitzer papers, including the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Last October, *Forbes* valued Copley Press at 10 or 11 times cash flow, says Miller.

Wall Street has soured on daily newspapers. Last year, industry circulation was down 2.6 percent daily and 3.1 percent Sunday. Advertising was up a mere 1 to 2 percent. Newspaper stocks fell an average 20 percent, and stock of the New York Times Company plummeted 35 percent. This year, newspapers are still out of favor. In particular, demo-

graphics hurt: the only people who aren't cutting back on newspaper reading are those over 65, so the market is dying off. More and more get what news they want (depressingly little) over the Internet or from TV. Classified advertising is cratering. The negativism on newspapers persists even though the industry is much more profitable than most other industries.

The *Union-Tribune* is also in a tailspin. The daily paper reaches slightly more than 30 percent of county households, down from 46 percent in the early 1980s. Advertising, particularly classified, is under pressure.

So how does Copley stack up against Knight-Ridder?

According to *Forbes*, Copley wrings 20 cents of earnings power out of every dollar of revenue, the average for large chains, compared with Knight-Ridder's 17 cents.

Other comparisons suggest Copley is hardly worth one-fourth of Knight-Ridder. Copley publishes 9 paid-circulation daily newspapers and 11 non-dailies. Knight-Ridder publishes 32 dailies and 65 non-dailies. Copley's total daily circulation is 700,000. Knight-Ridder's is 8.1 million. Copley has 5 dailies in the top 200 newspapers ranked by circulation. Knight-Ridder has 21. Copley's annual sales are \$550 million. Knight-Ridder's are \$3 billion. Knight-Ridder's profits are almost as

high as Copley's sales.

Copley's papers are in slow-growing markets in Illinois, Ohio, and California. For example, Copley owns the *Peoria Journal Star*. Population in that Illinois metro area declined from 366,000 to 347,000 between 1980 and 2000. Copley owns the *Repository* in Canton, Ohio. Population there is barely crawling upward — common for the industrial heartland.

And San Diego? It has always been considered a Sun Belt growth market. But San Diego County population slipped last year for the first time in three decades, a victim of high housing prices. The previous year, growth was just 1 percent. San Diego busi-

nesses have to get used to operating in a slow-growth market. One of the slow-growth Knight-Ridder papers that McClatchy plans to dump is the *San Jose Mercury News*, of Silicon Valley, a former sizzling-growth area belted by the tech wreck and peopled by techies who consider ink and paper out of date.

Morton, who was a consultant in Copley's purchase of the Peoria paper, says it, the *Galesburg Register-Mail* in Illinois, and the *Union-Tribune* are very profitable. If some of the others sport high returns, then the Copley chain's cash flow — the most important value determinant — could be strong.

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Harold W. Fuson Jr., vice president and general counsel of Copley Press, agrees that "it's all about cash flow" but won't reveal his company's.

It's possible the chain could be worth \$1.1 billion if it were valued at two times sales. *Forbes* says it's worth slightly more than double revenue. But only one major newspaper chain is capitalized at two times sales: the highly diversified Washington Post Company is valued at 2.01 times sales, and McClatchy, Gannett, and Dow Jones are valued at around 1.9 times sales.

But these chains are capitalized at significantly lower multiples of sales: New York Times Company 1.11, Tribune Company (including the *Chicago Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times*) 1.54, Knight-Ridder 1.40, Belo 1.39, Lee Enterprises 1.52, Media General 1.22, Journal Communications (including the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*) 1.14, and Journal Register Co. 0.85.

Of those, Lee Enterprises, which among other things owns the *North County Times*, most resembles Copley Press. Both companies are strictly

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in newspapers. Lee is larger than Copley (58 dailies, 30 weeklies, daily circulation of 1.7 million) and has papers in slow-growing, midsize markets in states such as Wisconsin, Nebraska, Indiana, Missouri, and Illinois, plus some in California and Arizona. Lee rakes in about the same percentage of earnings power from sales as Copley does.

If Copley should be capitalized at Lee's 1.52 times sales, then David Copley is far from a billionaire on paper, although he should have no problem paying for incidentals such as the individually tailored yacht he is having built up in Washington.

David has had a heart implant, and insiders engage in guessing games whether the company plans to sell itself eventually or be run by a non-profit foundation. Fuson won't address such issues, but he emphasizes that Copley Press is not for sale. He won't say whether the company may buy some of the papers McClatchy will sell if the proposed purchase of Knight-Ridder goes through as currently anticipated.

"We feel the newspaper business is a sound business," says Fuson. Tell it to Wall Street. ■

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High-rise hopes

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a huge problem because of permits and licenses to build something. We buy a property in the area of Spring Valley near Bonita to build 20 houses — I've had that project for two and a half years — but I cannot build one house because the permits are impossible. And now they are telling me that the property has a wetland area. In Mexico City, every time I need to do something, it takes me also from one to three years for the permits and all the licenses and everything. Here in Tijuana we have found that these people want to promote investors such as myself to develop things. I first contacted them less than a year ago, and already we're selling models."

In two months, Abadi and his staff of attractive saleswomen sold 110 condominiums, mostly to Mexicans but a few to Americans, despite the fact that New City hasn't been marketed in the United States. "There have been a lot of Americans coming through, we don't know from where."

As Abadi talks, one of his sales agents leads an English-speaking couple into the model condominium for a tour. Jeff Cranford and his wife, who is Mexican, live in North Park, but their children attend school in Tijuana not far from the New City development. Cranford, a U.S. Customs agent, says he saw a billboard for New City just south of the border while bringing his kids to school one day. He and his wife came back for a visit and, he says, "We were blown away. We've looked at condos and townhomes around North Park, and some of the condos are running \$500,000 to \$600,000, and you are not getting anything. So we saw this place and saw how nice the


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Not that Abadi wants speculators buying his condominiums only to resell them or rent them out. Renting will not be allowed. And when it comes to selling, "We will have the first option to buy it back from you. If we don't want to buy it, we will let you put it on the market, but for a minimum price."

Controlling the buying and selling of the condominiums will allow Abadi and his associates to control the type of customer who buys into New City. "We cannot discriminate," he is quick to point out. "Mexican law won't allow it. But when we see somebody that we don't like, we try to give him a little hard time about the possibilities of paying and buying here. If he is able to pay, then it gets a little bit more complicated. But Mexico is not like the United States. Here when people see that we aren't looking at them in the right way, they will say, 'This is not for us.' Mexican people live where they feel they will be comfortable with the people around them." ■



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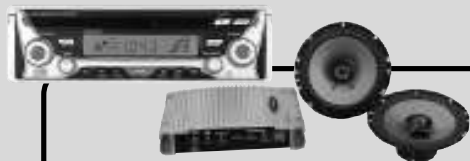
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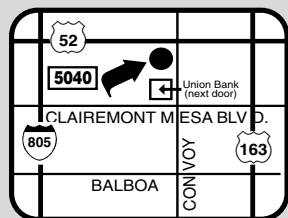


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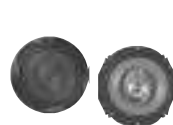
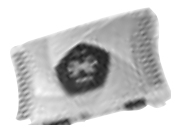
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Potter Turns Stones

Re: Matt Potter's cover story on "Maximum Bob" Dynes ("Buddied Up," March 23). A fish rots from the head. The University of California has rotted. Honorable men and women would resign. Resign, Bob. Resign, regents. You have betrayed the university, the students, the workers, the taxpayers, and the state legislature. Matt Potter has connected the dots, turned the stone, found the maggots. Rich, fat ones...and all at the top.

Bert Thomas
via e-mail

Reprint Request

Wow! We here at the *Berkeley Daily Planet* are mighty impressed with Matt Potter's piece on Robert Dynes ("Buddied Up," March 23). Any chance we could get reprint rights? Our readers would love it.

Becky O'Malley
Editor
Berkeley Daily Planet

About Time To Expose Greed

Many thanks to San Diego's Matt Potter. I've hoped he'd write a piece like this for years ("Buddied Up," March 23). I lived in Carlsbad and worked at UCSD for 16 years. For 3 years I represented clerical workers on the UCSD campus as president of CUE (Coalition of University Employees).

The mindset of the UC administration, from Bob Dynes to Marye Anne Fox, is one of "We take care of our own." "Our own" does not include any represented UC employees and in fact only includes people they've hired on an administrative level, usually those making over six figures a year. Finally it's come to the attention of legislators that the combination of corporate greed and educational arrogance may not be a good

thing for California taxpayers. Yes, all of you taxpayers provide a gorgeous lifestyle for the Marye Anne Foxes and Bob Dyneses of the University of California along with those they unilaterally choose to reward along the way.

I hope enough taxpayers read the article and are incensed enough to put the screws to their legislators and end this reign of corporate and educational greed so that employees can receive equitable raises and student fees can be kept at levels where most Californians can afford a UC education. After all, isn't that really the point?

Sally Sun
Marina, California

Acknowledgement Of Ed's Sacred Duty

Bravo to Ed Bedford ("Chop Shop," "Tin Fork," March 23). As regulars of China Too — we call it Robert's — we think Bedford captured the absolute essence of the place. While we used to protect it like a Baja secret spot for fear of crowds and rising prices, we finally realized it's just too good to keep mum.

Jason
via e-mail

Love Juice Logistics

Ken Leighton correctly reported in the March 23 "Blurt" column that Pacific Records is planning to open and operate a San Diego branch of Love Juice Labs recording studios. However, Pacific Records would like to address several other statements that were made.

Love Juice Labs' existing studios in Riverside and OC are the busiest studios of their kind. They have been successful because of a simple philosophy that the end product is more determined by the ears and talent of their engineers than the cost of the studio's gear, especially when the cost of excellent technology has dropped as it has in recent years. Love Juice has developed techniques and protocols that produce uniformly consistent results. Love Juice engineers are musicians — they are required to play at least two instruments themselves before they are hired, and many are in bands themselves. While the studios do *not* guarantee an album for \$680 — the charge is still by

the hour — they make it possible for bands to move quickly and quite possibly achieve that goal because the engineers are trained to help them stay on track and understand what the bands want.

Love Juice Labs are youth-oriented studios — but then there are lots and lots of young bands out there, more every day. And since the San Diego Love Juice will have four rooms operating simultaneously, there is plenty of room for return on Pacific Records' investment. Additionally, having the studio "in-house" will benefit our record label and CD duplication divisions. There is always a place for the big-budget, high-overhead studio with \$3000 Neumann mikes, just as there is always a place for fine restaurants despite McDonald's. But not every hamburger stand has it down like McDonald's; we thank Ken Leighton for comparing our business model to theirs, and we agree.

Stefan P. Georgi
Vice President
Pacific Records

More Echos From Pretty Face

I am a parent of an almost 22-year-old daughter with developmental disabilities who will in June 2006 be leaving the public school system, where she has been integrated with her nondisabled peers and has had a stimulating environment with many activities to do that are individualized to her unique cognitive and ability levels and her physical needs ("Let the World See Your Pretty Face," February 23).

She *should* be entering an adult-day-center program. She *should* be able to have her higher support needs met. She *should* be in a program which *should* stimulate her because of her lower interest level.

This all *should* happen, but we haven't found it, so she will be staying at home, and it will be our — her parents' — responsibility to provide all these activities for her until a program is developed that will meet the needs of our daughter and other people with similar needs.

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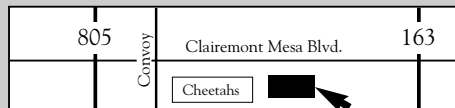
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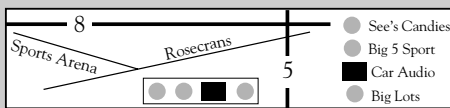
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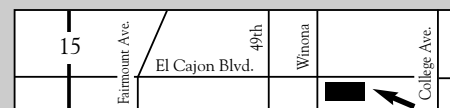
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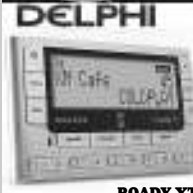
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BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Dear Matt:

Is my paper-chewing habit killing me? For years I've been tearing off fingernail-sized bits from legal pads, computer paper, note cards, paper napkins, and an occasional Reader movie review, chewing them into paper wads (elapsed time: 30 seconds), and spitting them out. I gnaw from 5 to 50 wads per day, depending on stress levels. Although I try to avoid nibbling colored papers and inked areas, I suspect that the "pure" paper I choose is loaded with dioxins and other poisons. I'd like to give up the habit, so spare no lurid detail.

— JS, San Diego

With encouragement like that, how can I resist? Unfortunately, paper is a lot less life-threatening than you imagine. Recent studies have shown that Reader movie reviews are packed with manganese and riboflavin. In therapeutic doses, they've been known to cure certain disorders of taste and judgment. But I'll do what I can to instill in you the fear of nibbling, all the while being grateful I don't sit at the desk next to you.

Here's a rundown of some of the chemicals used in the pulping and bleaching processes that turn wood chips into a pale slurry of wood fibers: sulfur dioxide gas, sodium hydroxide, sodium sulfide, and chlorine dioxide. In general, these are very caustic, and inhaling or ingesting any of them in pure form would be the quickest permanent solution to your paper-chewing habit. But these chemicals are washed out of the pulp before it is dried and made into sheets. Only tiny amounts, if any, would remain in the finished product.

But once the tree has been reduced to a mass of sopping shreds, papermakers do add things that help produce an acceptable body and bright finish, and these remain in the paper. What they add depends on the paper's end use. The list includes titanium dioxide and zinc sulfide (white pigments), barium sulfate (the stuff you drink when you have an upper GI x-ray), rosin (a turpentine byproduct), alum, clay, calcium carbonate (lime), and casein or other water-based adhesive. Toxinwise, a relatively wimpy collection.

If paper makes up a substantial part of your diet, you'd be better off gnawing on the cheapest grade you can find — lumpy, soft newsprint sold as inexpensive drawing paper, or cheap paper towels and toilet paper, matchbooks, undyed construction paper, and cheap cardboard. These might be considered the granola of papers, not heavily refined and containing a larger percentage of water-processed ground wood pulp. High fiber, low toxicity, and with a little milk and sugar, a real taste treat. Avoid that expensive, high-rag-content bond stationery, though. Eat that stuff and you'll be chewing on somebody's worn-out shirt or dress. Rag bonds are made from just that, shredded cotton salvaged from discarded clothes too funky to resell or from otherwise useless remnants sold by cotton mills.

That's about all the aversion therapy I can offer, J. Given the wide variety of 12-step programs, though, I'm sure you'll have no trouble finding a convenient meeting of Spitwads Anonymous.

Heymatt:

Why do stores south of the border have such an abundance of vanilla extract for sale? The world wonders....

— Mark, Ocean Beach

Well, at any rate, you wonder, Mark. I'm more likely to wonder at the questioners, not the questions.

Southern Mexico produces some of the world's best vanilla extract, obtained from the seed pods of certain orchids. It's very pricey, no matter where you buy it. So what's all that bargain-basement, dollar-a-gallon vanilla stuff? According to the Cooperative Extension at UC Davis, it's cheap because it's not real vanilla. It's made from tonka beans, which yield a quite adequate substitute for the real thing. Tonka beans contain coumarin, a chemical precursor to dicoumeryl, which is a blood-thinning agent, so the FDA nixed its import. You can buy here the inexpensive Mexican "vanilla" that's had the coumarin removed, if you're concerned about it.

Heymatt:

Why are bathroom doorknobs silver on the inside and brass on the outside?

— Jeff, Tierrasanta

I'm not sure what this says about the research elves, but they spent an awful lot of time dissecting the bathroom doorknobs, looking for the silver insides. At some point it dawned on them that you mean inside, as in inside the bathroom. You put the brass knob on the hall side of the door and the silver one on the tub side. Handyman Walt, our local expert on all things D.I.Y., says that in some of the more, um, "economical" knob sets this is true, but if you want to spend a little, you certainly can get all-brass sets. Anyway, knobs for frugal folk have only a very thin brass coating on a nickel or other silver-metal base, not thick enough to stand up to the potential assaults from inside the bathroom. We hang stuff on the inside knobs; we grab the knobs with our hands coated with gels, mousses, lotions, soaps, astringents, sticky sprays, and all manner of personal-maintenance chemicals. The inside knob spends a lot of time in a very humid environment, inviting corrosion. Sez Walt, a wimpy brass coating just isn't up to the job.

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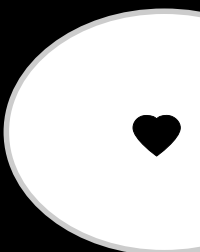


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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Everybody Knows

The NCAA tournament ends Monday. I've perused my sports calendar, and other than the first annual West Coast Beach Boomerang Tournament, set for April 8 at Playa Del Rey (on the beach side of LAX), there's nothing left in the cupboard save the obvious, unavoidable, can't-run-from-it, start of the baseball season. Specifically, the San Diego Padres will open, at home, Monday, April 3, against the San Francisco Giants.

Barry Bonds. Barry Bonds. Barry Bonds. How I hate the sound of thy name.

"When Barry Bonds hit 73 home runs in 2001, he was 37 years old and had gained 38 pounds of rock-hard-muscle from his 1997 playing weight. Now, we can believe he hit home runs in a tight pattern for 15 years and then, suddenly, hit 24 more home runs than his highest previous year and 32.9 more home runs than his average annual home run total because he started eating fruits and vegetables. We can believe that 37-year-old men are more athletically powerful than 25-year-old men. We can believe in the tooth fairy. We can believe Barry Bonds was juiced to the tits. We can believe he had a religious experience and grew muscles. We can even believe he lifted weights 365 days a year."

I wrote that four years ago, come June. Long before BALCO, long before the corporate media decided it was safe to use "Barry Bonds" and "steroids" in the same sentence.

Last week, I shuffled down to Borders and picked up the new Bonds book, *Beyond the Shadows*. The surprising thing about the book is not that Bonds was using steroids; there is no way you can read *Beyond the Shadows* and not be convinced that he was. The surprise is the authors' meticulous documentation. This is journalism from the 1950s and '60s, where every fact is backed up.

The reason I keep coming back to Bonds (and I don't like doing it) is that the story keeps growing. Besides Bonds, we have our overly praised judicial system, Congress, mainstream media, Lords of Baseball, and now, the coast-to-coast triumphal tour of a notorious cheat on his way to claiming the most prestigious record in American sports. Barry's fraud will be documented in his own weekly TV show.

It took a federal prosecution to make the subject safe enough to cover. Last year, when Congress finally got the spine to hold public hearings, Bonds wasn't "invited" to attend. Baseball had to be hauled before the

committee under threat of subpoena. Finally, under the most extreme congressional pressure, Baseball announced a steroid-testing policy. Their first plan was so weak, they were sent home and ordered to come up with something stronger.

Life was becoming unpleasant for Barry. He was in spring training and had to resort to dragging his 15-year-old son to practice, hiding behind the kid whenever reporters said, "steroids." You could sense Barry was cornered. Every day, more reporters, harder questions. Then, Bonds had knee surgery and announced he was out for the season. It was a brilliant move or a brilliantly lucky move. Either way, when he exited stage left, the spotlights were turned off and everybody went back to sleep.

A year has passed and Bonds is back in business. The lad has lost weight; he looks like a normal human being nowadays. Barry has hit 708 home runs, needs 7 more to pass Babe Ruth, 48 more to pass Hank Aaron. He can play part-time for a couple seasons and make it. Won't need steroids.

Everything was settling into place quite nicely for Mr. Bonds when out pops *Beyond the Shadows*. Another Bonds book (*Love Me, Hate Me: Barry Bonds and the Making of an Antihero*) is scheduled to be published next month.

We all know Bonds got here by cheating. His employer, the San Francisco Giants, knew Bonds was using steroids. The Giants have a huge mortgage on their new stadium, had to have three million customers a year to pay for it. Bonds brought them in and the Giants kept their mouths shut.

Congress knew, certainly by the end of last year's hearings. ESPN2, of all institutions, knows. They have a team following Bonds as he makes his glorious trek around the ballparks of America hitting a home run there, a home run here, closing in on the Bambino with each swat. What drama! What excitement! ESPN2 plans to broadcast ten hours of *Bonds on Bonds*. You can expect half-hour shows at first, but as anticipation builds, hourlong shows will capture every thrilling moment. The lie debuts Tuesday night as Bonds comes to the plate in Petco Park.

The Giants are still planning a big hometown celebration when Bonds hits his 715th home run and passes Babe Ruth. Every MLB club owner pants in anticipation of Bonds filling their stadium. They all know.

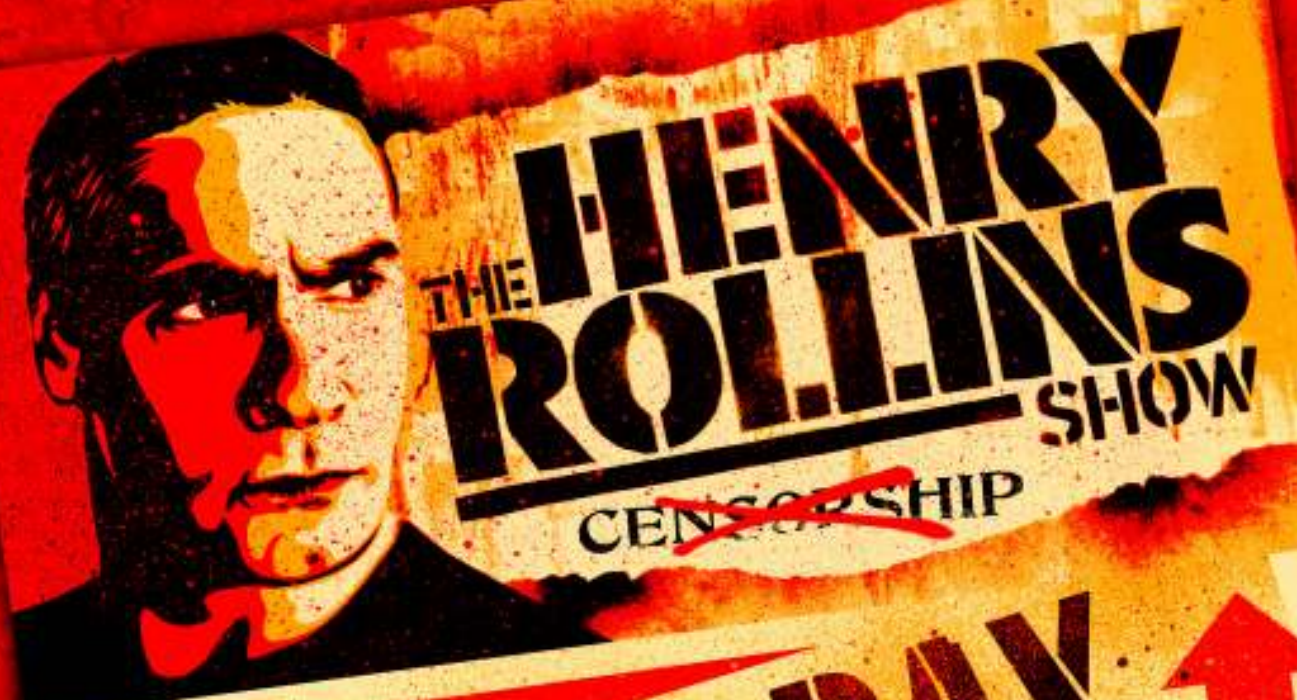
But, it's us that interests me. We know. What will we do?

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Player	Odds	Player	Odds	Player	Odds
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Andrew Jones	15 to 1	Ryan Howard	18 to 1	Derek Lee	20 to 1
Barry Bonds	23 to 1	Vladimir Guerrero	25 to 1	Richie Sexson	25 to 1
Jim Thome	25 to 1	Ken Griffey Jr	25 to 1	Travis Hafner	30 to 1
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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Episcopal
Address: 1114 Ninth Street, Coronado, 619-435-4561
Founded locally: 1888
Senior pastor: Rev. Mitch Lindeman
Congregation size: 500 families
Staff size: about 12
Sunday school enrollment: about 60
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: yes
Dress: semiformal to formal — plenty of jackets and ties
Diversity: mostly Caucasian
Sunday worship: Morning prayer, 7:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist (Rite I), 7:30 a.m.; Jazz Mass, 9 a.m.; Holy Eucharist (Rite II), 10:15 a.m.; Contemporary Eucharist, 5 p.m.
Length of reviewed service: 45 minutes
Website: www.edsd.org/coronado.html

"It used to be a very old congregation," says church administrator Susie Clifford. "But within, I'd say, the past ten years, young families have really started coming here. The Jazz Mass is part of that. It's really taken off and become one of our stronger services."

You could hear the jazz from half a block away as you approached Christ Church's stately stone exterior. Trumpet, flute, saxophone, keyboard, bass, drums.

Situated in the very back of the sanctuary, under the stained-glass window depicting Christ knocking at the door, the band kept a steady groove as the server lit the candles on the altar up front. The sanctuary's rounded wood-slat ceiling caught the sound beautifully and poured it out into the church's well-appointed interior. *Hmm... Tiffany-style windows in the dormers. Oh, wait, it says here that they're not Tiffany-style. They're Tiffany windows, just like the big ones fore and aft...*

A few people knelt and prayed while the music played. "The Jazz Mass is intended to be both solemn and joyful," read the note in the service book. "It brings to divine worship the deep feelings and emotions so well expressed through the art and complexity of jazz music.... You are invited to enter fully with enthusiasm into the reverence and joy of this Service."

The children were dispatched to their appointed gatherings, and the band started up a rollicking, almost Dixieland version of "Amazing Grace," as Father Lindeman processed to the front behind his candle- and cross-bearers. (The cross was wrapped in a net of purple mesh to mark the Lenten season, as were the crosses in the sanctuary and another on the wall.) After ascending, Father stepped back and waited for the solos to finish before entering into the liturgy.

The Collect named Christ as "the true bread of life, which gives life to the world." The Lesson, taken from Ephesians, stated that, "by grace you have been saved through faith...created in Christ Jesus for good works." And the Gospel told the story of Jesus' multiplying the loaves and fishes for the five thousand.

Lindeman descended into the well again for his homily. He began by noting that few Americans today know the hunger that comes from "grinding poverty," even as he acknowledged that "we as a parish work every Sunday to make sure no one knows those kinds of issues in this life," by participating in all sorts of charitable giving. But, he said, "We're dealing with the double hunger that humans can face.... Jesus takes the bread, he blesses, he breaks, and he gives. That's what we do every Sunday to the bread. We follow Jesus in this. He took His life, He gave it over to God, and it was blessed and then broken for us, and given for the life of the world. He set the pattern for you and me to follow."

As indicated by the passage from Ephesians, He also provided the means: "The bread from heaven, which Jesus said is also the Word of God. Every word He speaks feeds us inwardly and gives us power to go and share and to be Christ in the world. To do his works of love, living the commandments out...such bread for the world, given to share.

"We can hoard it." But, "we do that to our peril. Think about what they did in the Old Testament days, when they tried to store up manna that was given freely to preserve the people of God. They couldn't keep it — it rotted. It corrupted them, made them sick. They had to depend on God, and that meant they had to be faithful and share. And then it kept coming.... Our Lord feeds us. We become one with Him through the sacrament, and also by doing what He says.... The world needs what He offers."

During the Offertory, the band eased into a mellow take on "Just a Closer Walk With Thee." The altar server drew a bar across the open section of the communion rail, sealing off the sanctuary for the Ministry of the Lord's Table — tradition enduring under the more contemporary soundscape. She and Lindeman filled the pottery

chalice with water and wine as the piano launched into a solo.

We recited the Sanctus without music. And when Lindeman entered into the Eucharistic Prayer, the server knelt by his side, one hand resting atop a large brass bell-stand, the other holding a soft mallet. The only sound at the elevation of the bread and the wine was a gentle peal.

"May the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life," said Lindeman. As the people came forward and knelt at the rail, a soft samba filled the church — brushes on the drums, sax and trumpet trading off on the melody. Then a flute solo, then the dismissal, and then a swinging recessional, sending the congregation back toward the Pre-Raphaelite angels depicted in the rear window and out into the courtyard.

What happens when we die?

"The abundant life that begins in Christ now continues on beyond this life," says Lindeman. "That's the Christian hope."

— Matthew Lickona



MITCH LINDEMAN

Christ Church Coronado

★★½

Sermon

content.....★★★
delivery.....★★½

Liturgy.....★★½

Music

congregational.....n/a
band.....★★★

Snacks.....★★½

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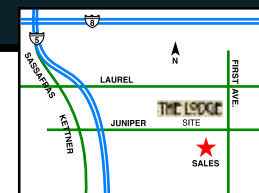
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— EVE KELLY

When Uncle Max comes to town, it's like Mardi Gras, St. Paddy's, and Halloween all rolled into one. Max is an eclectic gentleman, fond of the exotic. For last summer's family gathering, a Hawaiian-themed barbecue at Casa Kelly, he brought in ice sculptures and hired hula dancers. This summer's barbecue event is supposed to be a bit more rusticated, sort of a chuck-wagon theme. Max is insisting that we serve buffalo meat, and since he foots the bill, buffalo is going on the menu.

Still, I couldn't help but ask, "Buffalo?"

"I have lived well, Evey, and it's starting to take its toll. Buffalo meat is what some people might call a healthy alternative for an old carnivore like me."

Rich from Iowa Meat Farms in Mission Valley (619-281-5766) clued me in as to what Max was getting at. "The main thing about buffalo meat is that it is leaner than beef. It has less fat, and a tiny bit more protein. Even domesticated buffalo are leaner, because they eat only grass. Buffalo don't process grain as well as beef cattle."

Rich said that while "buffalo are closer to a wild species, the texture is almost exactly like beef. Buffalo looks a little darker and a little coarser, but every buffalo steak I've had has been super tender, even though it has less fat. The main things behind a meat's tenderness are inactivity, age, feed, where the meat comes from on the animal, and the breed. However, buffalo are all one breed," and wild or no, "they don't run like they used to out in the wild."

Less fat, in this case, also means less marbling — "tiny veins of fat that run through the meat." In beef, less marbling can mean less flavor, but buffalo seems to deliver anyway. "The flavor is a little sweeter than beef," said Rich.

Iowa Meat Farms gets its buffalo frozen (as do most of the other markets in town). "We thaw it, grind it, then freeze it right away. Once in a great while, in the summertime, we'll put it in the case, in patties or in bulk [\$4.99 a pound]. I would recommend trying a patty first. If you like it, we have New York steaks [\$15 for 10 oz.], which is a piece of the loin. You'll probably find that to be one of the best-eating pieces of meat."

Tip Top Meats in Carlsbad (760-438-2620) also sells buffalo. Vince seconded Rich on the leanness, and added, "It's very, very rich in iron." (An ad I came across claimed that buffalo delivered three times as much iron as chicken and twice as much as beef.) As for taste and texture: "When I eat buffalo, I get a much more rich, robust flavor than I get with beef. The texture depends on the cut." Tip Top sells New York or ribeye steaks (\$14.99 a piece for a 10-oz. steak), ground buffalo patties (\$6.98 a pound), and top sirloin roasts (\$8.98 a pound).

Tourists and Native Americans are the chief buffalo customers at Don's Market in Santa Ysabel (760-765-3272). "We're surrounded

"They don't run like they used to out in the wild."

by Indian reservations up here, and a lot of Indians buy it for their use," said Graham. "And when the tourists come up, we get cleaned out — and I've got most of the animal here, except for the shanks." Don's Market carries New York steaks (\$17.50 a pound), ribeye steaks (\$20 a pound), top sirloins (\$12 a pound), T-bone and Porterhouse steaks (\$17.99 a pound), ground buffalo (\$7.49 a pound), and chuck roasts (\$9.50 a pound).

Graham warned me not to overcook the steaks. "You've got to be careful, because the meat is much more lean than beef. But a chuck roast would be cooked the same as beef, because you're slow-braising it with moist heat." Also, "I think buffalo meat has a sweeter taste than beef, so be careful not to overseason it, or you'll miss out on the flavor."

Trader Joe's carries a 20-oz. box of four ground buffalo patties for \$5.49.

Whole Foods Market carries fresh buffalo (as opposed to frozen): New York steaks (\$18.99 a pound), tri-tip (\$8.99 a pound), and ground buffalo (\$6.99 a pound).

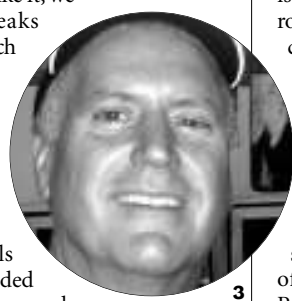
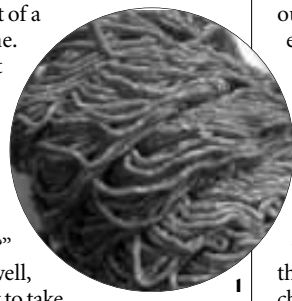
Buffalo can also be found roaming the menus at a few restaurants around town. Ruth's Chris Steakhouse offers fresh (meaning never frozen)

buffalo ribeyes and New Yorks (\$28-\$35 for 16 oz.), usually from the fall through the month of January. Chef Neftali at the Del Mar location (858-755-1454) praised the beasts. "When we run the buffalo special, we get a tremendous amount of compliments. It's a very lean meat; I'd say it was 80 percent leaner than beef. The texture is a bit grainier. Some people think it will taste gamey, but it doesn't. And because it's sweeter than beef, it's easier to pair with wines. We serve it several different ways. One is plain grilled and seasoned with salt and pepper — seared, so that it retains all the juices. Another preparation is with a blue cheese crust — blue cheese, roasted garlic, panko breadcrumbs, and heavy cream. We put it on top of the steak, then put the steak under the grill to form the crust."

And if, unlike Uncle Max, you want to start with something a little less grand, The San Diego Burger Co. in Seaport Village (619-239-7901) will prepare a 1/3-pound buffalo burger to your liking for \$6.95. Me, I decided to run a taste test on some burgers and New York steaks — one of each from Iowa Meat Farms. Husband Patrick was delighted; the buffalo steak was grainier than beef, and it shredded as I chewed, releasing a trickle of juices. In the burger, the texture gave the meat a crumbly quality. The meat gave up its sweet richness without a struggle.

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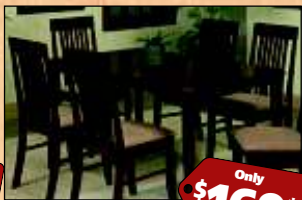
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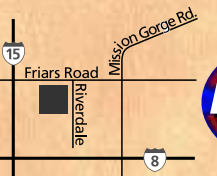
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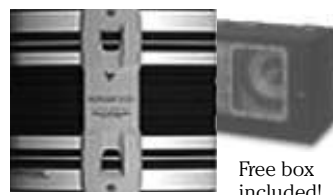
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TORTILLA TOSS

by Josh Board

Our first day in Rosarito Beach we held the tortilla toss. This being the group's 32nd annual party, bragging rights were at stake. Bragging rights and a cheesy trophy — a guy throwing a discus. Another prize was a nude woman painted on velvet. Watching the lady who crossed the border holding that prize was amusing.

While in a gift shop earlier in the day, I thought about buying a Frisbee to place underneath my tortilla. As we were handed our three tortillas for practice throws, I asked Larry if he thought it was bad that children were starving in the world while we tossed perfectly good tortillas off the pier. A guy who overheard me said that one year he put butter on his and ate them. I ripped mouth and eye holes out of one of my tortillas and walked around with it on my face saying, "Silence of the lambs." Someone asked, "Why did you put holes in yours? Does that make them more aerodynamic?"

Before my throw, I stuck my finger in my mouth and placed it in the air, checking wind strength and direction. For my throw, I spun as one would while throwing a discus



and stumbled on one of the boards on the pier. I decided that wasn't the best technique.

I was satisfied with the distance of my tortilla toss, but the wind took it off in another direction. Seeing seagulls fly down to eat the tortillas from the water, I claimed that a seagull knocked my toss out of the air. One guy heard me say this and added, "There is the possibil-



that the judges awarded her so she'd stop complaining.

The winner in the men's competition was a former Olympic athlete, a bobsledder who missed the bronze medal by a thousandth of a second.

"Why did you put holes in yours? Does that make them more aerodynamic?"

ity of a seagull catching it mid-flight and carrying it farther, too."

The lady who threw her tortilla the furthest kept complaining about something. She ended up winning, and I joked

His brother suggested that we should've tested him for steroids. I said we should've done a Tonya Harding on him and bashed his elbow on the bus.

A guy told me that in pre-

vious years people heated the tortillas so they would flop less when thrown. He told me that he used lids from cans to practice. This competition was serious business.

I was told that the pier we were on was originally built for cruise ships, but the water was too shallow and the ships that docked here got stuck.

We went to the resort for dinner. Security was having problems with a group of guys in the Jacuzzi who had taken off their clothes. One guy said, "Why is it always guys doing that and never the

women?"

Larry got back before us and was seated at the piano playing.

I talked with Kelly and her date. They were seated in front of me on the bus ride down. They're neighbors and met when he had his truck broken into. When he told me that he was a dance teacher, I said, "Women like guys who can dance. Is that how you scored Kelly?" He looked surprised. "I didn't score with her yet." He told amusing stories about dance instruction, and Kelly talked about the jewelry business she's in.

The dinner buffet at the hotel offered several choices. The meat in the fajitas I chose was disappointing. It's said for the best Italian food, go to Italy. I guess that doesn't apply to Mexico and Mexican food.

There was a floor show with dancing and traditional costumes. It was entertaining, and the show's host urged the crowd to join them. Many did. I went back to my room with stomach problems. The view of the beach wasn't as nice at night. I couldn't see a thing. I heard kids in the distance and someone was lighting firecrackers.

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When the conga line started, my stomach pain returned, and I went back to my room. I had avoided drinking water, but was wondering about the ice in my margaritas.

I didn't want to stay in my room so early in the evening, so I walked around the hotel. Someone asked, "Is that why they call you the crasher? Because you went back to your room to crash?" Across the street there was a dive bar with a band playing "Good Golly Miss Molly."

The next morning at breakfast, the women were talking about a guy at karaoke who had muscular arms and looked like a pirate. Larry told me he played Stanley in a production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

We boarded the bus back to San Diego in a hurry. It was Super Bowl Sunday. One person started knitting, and a guy said, "You better not have a sweater done by the time we cross the border." A pretty blonde was standing up talking to someone and a guy said, "Are you going to pole dance on that thing?" She said, "I have to pee, so the answer is no."

When we found out that there was a two-hour wait at the border, our driver decided to go another route. We were told we'd have to get off

the bus and wait in a long line. At this point, we realized that we were going to miss the beginning of the game. The woman who won the painting of the nude didn't want to carry it, so Mary McDonald volunteered. People honked their car horns as they drove by. As a joke, McDonald walked up to cars waiting to cross the border and asked if anyone was interested in purchasing the painting.

We made it across the border, and tensions over the tortilla toss resurfaced — Olympic athletes should've been barred from competition, urine tests, peeing over the pier.... One woman said, "This is getting gross. Can we talk about something else?"

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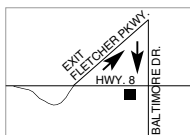
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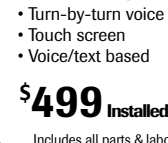
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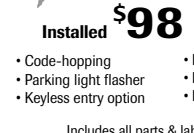
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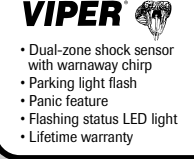
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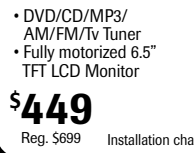
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by Barbarella

Contrary Godmother

He is a hypocrite who professes what he does not believe; not he who does not practice all he wishes or approves.

— William Hazlitt

I was raised Catholic. For years I spent Sunday mornings trying to avoid eye contact with my sister Jenny because when our eyes met, we couldn't help but burst into laughter. This would earn us painful pinches and chilling glares from Mom, who sat between us in an attempt to stave off the inevitable cacophony of two energetic children forced into silence on an unforgiving

wooden pew so some old guy could read aloud from an antiquated book.

I hated church, hated the strained smiles and reproachful stares that only the most pious of women could fuse into one discomfiting facial expression. I hated the poorly written hymns and the fact that we had to sing the same few over and over when the book was filled with so many. While living in Rhode Island,

my sisters and I attended a private Catholic school. The only thing I learned there (not counting the first commandment beaten into the head of each young lamb: Thou shalt not question the word of God, or those who teach it) was that nuns and priests creep me out.

When we reached San Diego, we were released back into the public stream. Over the next few years, due to laziness or lack of interest, Mom and Dad gave up the good fight and limited their insistence that we attend church to major holidays. We became partially practicing Catholics, acquaintances of the church rather than the good friends we'd once been.

Then one Easter Sunday I refused to get in the car, and, to my surprise and

delight, my parents did not argue. Eventually, everyone in my family stopped going to church except for Dad. Though he may have altered his beliefs away from the strict interpretation of Catholicism in the direction of tolerance and progress, my father's relationship with his higher power has only grown stronger over the years. For the rest of us, religion has always seemed more a sense of duty than anything else.

All religions come with roles. Mom thought to spare her daughters from the difficult task of choosing favorites later in life by having us pre-assign these responsibilities to each other at a young age — we were each chosen as another's maid of honor (because, of course, we would all get married), and we were given a simple formula to figure out who would be whose child's godmother (having children was also expected without question, as was the assumption they would be raised Catholic).

So when Heather got married, Jane stood by her side, and vice versa. When Jenny gets married, I will lead her down the aisle, and it would have been vice versa, but in light of my choice to never approach the altar, I am robbing my younger sister of her right to carry my train. Heather's firstborn received Jane as his godmother, just as Jane's firstborn received Heather. According to our assignments given so many years ago, I was next in line to serve as godmother to Heather's sec-

ond-born son. But here I fucked things up once again by making it clear, before my sister had the chance to ask me, that I would not accept the honor of being a godparent.

When I first expressed my disinterest in godparenting, my family reacted the same way they did when I got my tongue pierced — with shock, disgust, anger, and, finally, confusion. They regarded me as one would regard a teenager who was taking great lengths to be difficult. But this was different. "To be a godmother," I explained to my bewildered sisters, "I would have to stand in front of a room full of people, including those I love most, and *lie*. I would have to pretend I was a practicing Catholic, vow that I denounce a devil I do not believe exists, and promise to teach my godchild, my nephew, to follow a doctrine to which I do not subscribe."

My explanation was not satisfactory. My younger sister snapped, "You don't have to *do* anything. It's just symbolic. It's an honor. I don't know why you have to be so high and mighty about it. It's not like you have to believe in it, you just have to say you do." I could tell that when faced with my conviction they felt judged, which was not my intention. If I had been asked to teach theology to my nephew, I would agree in an instant. I would make information on all religions available; my mission would be to explain what various cultures believe and why, and then ask, "What do *you* believe?"

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I have godparents — my mother's sister Karen and her husband, George. I haven't talked to either of them in years. Aunt Karen is a well-meaning woman, but her husband is a schmuck

whose absence in my life I do not mourn. Did they stay true to their vows? No. Do any godparents? Maybe.

When I brought up the subject with my sister Jane last week, she asked in a wary tone, "Are you going to call me a hypocrite because I baptized my daughter but I don't take her to church every Sunday?"

"No, of course not," I said. "This has nothing to do with you. I respect your beliefs and the fact that you want to raise your kid within the confines of a religion that helps you to teach her the basic rules of morality. I don't care if you go to church, and I'm not saying you should. I'm just saying that I don't want to be directly involved in any of this God crap. I won't contradict you in front of your kids, but if they ever ask me

for my opinion, I'm going to give it honestly, and I hope that you can understand and respect my position the way I understand and respect yours." This seemed to please Jane, as she smiled and nodded and served me seconds of the spicy Thai chicken salad we'd been eating.

Hundreds of years ago, godparents agreed to serve as guardians in the unfortunate event of the real parents' deaths. Today, being a godparent is like being an honorary confidante, something I plan to be to all of my sisters' children. If something happened to any of my sisters, and their children were left unattended, I would not hesitate to step up to the plate, to feed them, to clothe them, to shower them with love. But I refuse to sit in the pew. ■

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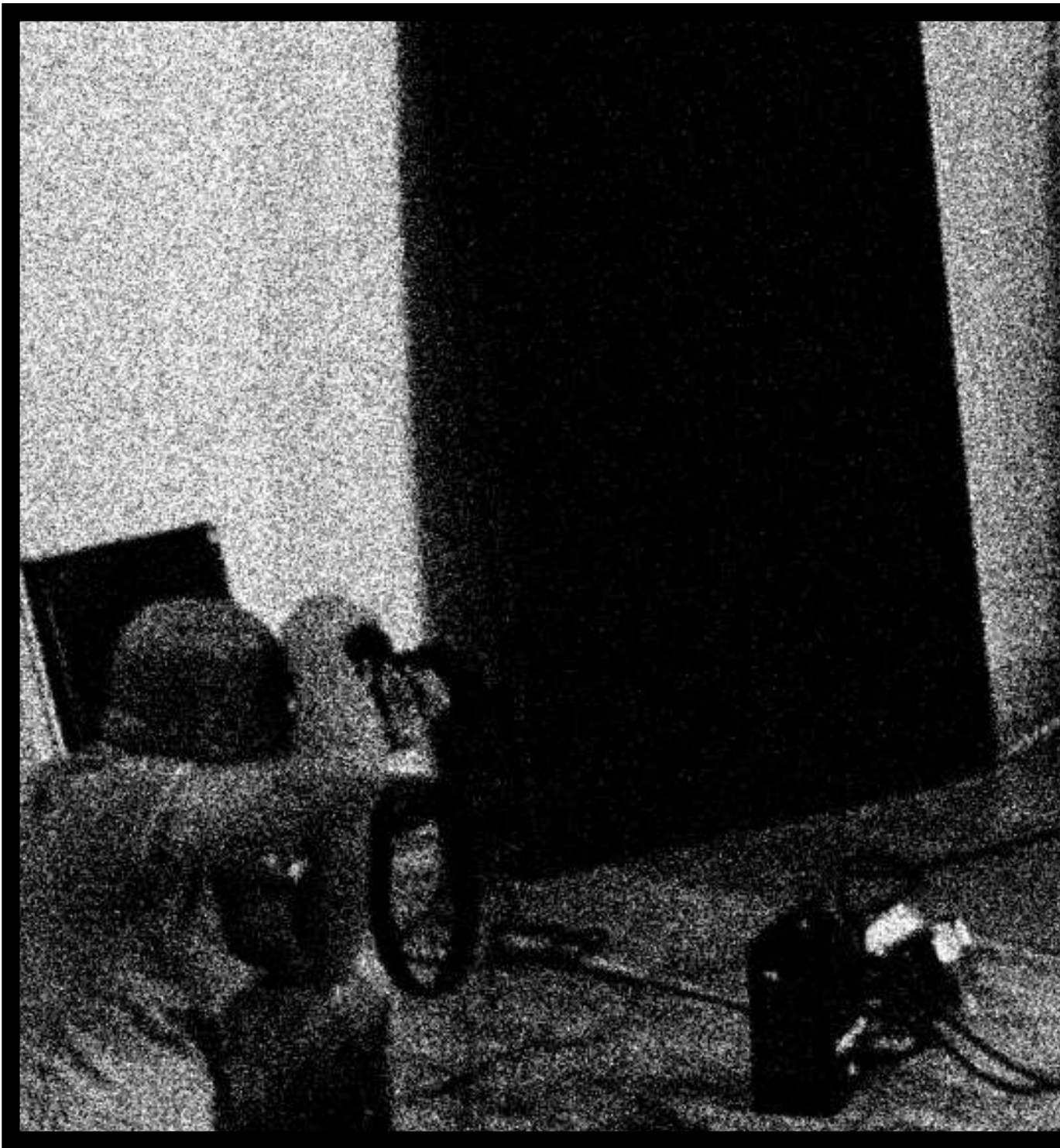
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But this lady on Prospect was persistent. Had I dropped my cell phone? Did she think I was someone she knew? I stopped and turned around, trying to look good and roguish. An out-of-breath, middle-aged woman had caught up to me, and she was brandishing a business card in her outstretched hand. “Sorry to chase you like this,” she said. “But have you ever thought of being a model?”

Was she joking? (The business card argued otherwise.) I mean, I was 33 years old, and I’d gradually come to accept the fact that I’m generally worse-looking and less desirable than I think I am (a conclusion drawn from countless unsuccessful seductive glances in bars and nightclubs over the years). I’ve got, shall we say, “difficult” hair, spaces in my teeth, okay skin, and although my body can be aesthetically pleasing, I don’t usually work out very much, so I was a little scrawny as I strolled and tried to mind my own business on Prospect Street that fateful late-spring day.

“A model?” I said, trying hard to sound as skeptical as I felt. I scrunched my face. But it was too late. Rising within, from some deep



root of myself that must have been ready to flourish and blossom in the sunshine-of-a-compliment, grew this feeling of being flattered. She’d better not be joking.

“You’ve got a great look,” the lady said. “Very wholesome and ‘American.’”

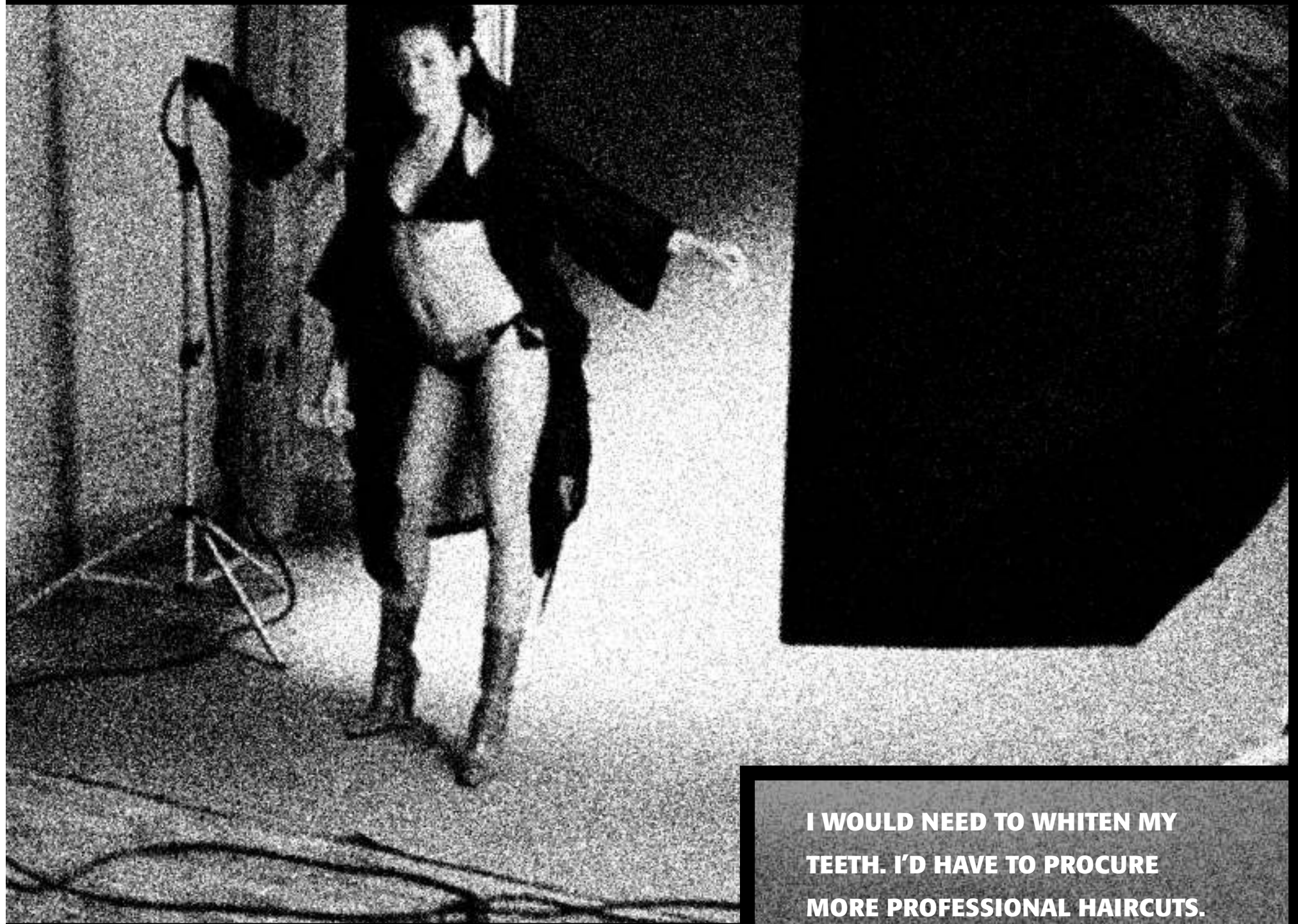
Okay, I thought. Whatever that meant. But it must be a good thing. And now I was letting the skepticism go so I could focus on the flattery. But wait. What’s the catch? (Back to skepticism again.) She

must want something. What did she *want*?

“All you have to do is visit the office where I work,” she said, pointing to the card she’d handed to me. On the card it said “Scott Copeland International.” She went on, “Scott will have a look at you there, and he’ll tell you everything you need to do.”

“Thanks.” And I continued on my merry way, pumped up, perhaps, a little. A lightness to my step. Honestly, I had visions of catwalks in Milan. Of pretty girls recognizing me from black-and-white cologne

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ads. Of not having to work hard anymore to bring home a decent wage.

Anyway, now, years later, my modeling career hasn't exactly, um, taken off. I think I've worked 11 jobs, total. Mostly obscure print stuff. But I did do one thing for a Jacuzzi company where I sat in a hot tub and chatted and laughed all day with two unbelievably beautiful and charming women and took home \$1200. I remember frolicking on camera in the bubbles, gazing and thinking, "Today is a

good day to die..."

But I'm too short for runway work, too old for high fashion, and too young to be a "mature" male model, saying nothing of my marginally better-than-average looks. My agent calls me, oh, once a month, and I trundle off with comp cards and portfolio and stand in line awkwardly, mug for a moment, then hope to be picked. Not once have I been able to entertain the possibility of giving up my day job.

And truthfully, I'm not sure that I would. The world of modeling is alien to me.

I filmed an infomercial once, for an unheard-of product, some abstraction at best (and, I suppose, one deadly pharmaceutical mistake at worst). Yet there I was, contributing to this mystery product's image and public perception.

I still laugh at myself on two a.m. TV from time to time. In the whole half-hour infomercial, I appear on precisely three seconds of film. Eight

hours of work, one compromised set of ethics, three seconds of exposure, \$800.

About a dozen times, I've heard modeling agents and photographers refer to models as being "talented." The first few times, I felt like a foreigner who'd caught a native using his own word incorrectly. Wasn't "talent" the natural ability to undertake certain acts exceptionally? Playing piano concerti required talent. Skiing black diamonds at high speeds was talent-entailing activity. But standing in front of a camera and pouting? Was that really, in the strictest sense of the term, talent?

And then I had to admit it. Yes. It was talent. Maybe not the standing-there-and-pouting part, but the incredible beauty of certain people does fall precisely in the realm of t-a-l-e-n-t. It's God-

given, not everyone possesses it equally, and when it's there it needs to be nurtured to flourish. If you have aesthetic talent, then learning to pose is like a piano player studying her scales (musical talent) or like a skier practicing the slalom (athletic talent): you do what you must to maximize your abilities. Otherwise, those abilities go to waste.

And so I was walking down the street, minding my own business, and this lady (an angel?) had chased me down and delivered a message unto me that I had talent! Charisma! Aesthetic talent!

Okay, I thought, excellent, so I was ready to model.

Um, wait, no. No, I wasn't. First I would have to join a gym: chest size up two inches, abs into washboard shape, biceps bigger, and so on. First I would



Parker Shinn

need to whiten my teeth. I'd have to procure more, ahem, professional haircuts. I'd require special shoes that would lift me inches taller. I'd be taught how to walk and

how to project in front of a camera. I'd have to find particular skin-care products, and certainly I'd have to go tanning more. But that's all! Almost there!

Almost there? I hit

the weights. I bought the best products and used them. I visited the people I was supposed to see. I was a sellout. I compromised myself in the name of my physical appearance, and I did so half-soullessly and half-studiously. And every month or so, I'd return to visit Copeland, and he'd tell me, "Almost there."

At last, I was ready. Time to pose.

Showing emotion on camera is like this: you don't try to do it. You don't force your face, otherwise it'll explain too much. The face is an incredibly sensitive signal-thrower. You're just supposed to go inside yourself and actually feel what you want to project. Then the face follows suit. Trying to look sexy won't do a thing, you have to imagine intimacy. If you're supposed to come across as happy, then remember

the best present you ever got, and access, really access, how that felt. A smile will be born.

After a few shoots, Copeland sent me to a specialist to learn to walk. We went out to this walking specialist's apartment complex's parking garage and walked along the white line, and he critiqued me. I learned how to hold my arms and head, how to linger and saunter and give off "vibes." And the whole time that I was following the nice gentleman who was coaching me, I was thinking, "I can't believe I live in a culture that actually values these things."

By the time I was deemed ready to visit an agent, I'd spent over eight months and almost \$4000 on becoming a model. Oh, did I forget to mention? I was selling out my soul to the Evil Empire

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Well, I just did the math, and monetarily, after all these years I've finally edged back into the black. Not to mention that I get all these neat deductions at tax time, for grooming and so on, because I'm self-employed. There was also the day in the hot tub, the experience of being filmed, the times I wore clothes that actually cost more than my car, the bloated checks for which I never once

had to think or break a sweat, and I have all these great techniques now for keeping my body's appearance variables in peak form.

I read where Sean Penn, the actor, said, "When artists talk about the balance between art and commerce, they're usually on their way to hell." Hmm. Am I on the way to hell? In the same interview, Penn also said, "The more life you've lived, the more significant places you can take your character." Modeling, I know, is an experience that I can chalk up under the heading of "significant life lived."

But still, I have to admit, I'm not a model. Not really.

"To be a model, the person has to have the right look for the correct season and for what's going on," said Doug Coats, 36, a men's modeling booking agent at Nouveau Mod-



Ute Werner

eling and Talent in La Jolla. "The major male models today are thinner, taller, and younger. To do the high-fashion things like Gucci, Ver-

sace, Prada, and Yves St. Laurent, and so on, today you have to be less muscular, over six feet tall, and they're as young as maybe 17 or

18. The fashion world is basically looking for the newest face, the most interesting-looking person. And it really just all depends."

On what?

Coats calls them the "Fashion Mafia." (I wondered: skilled beholders whose eyes are so keen and hip that they inspire us about what beauty is? Or just a shifty publicity organization duping society?)

"There's about, I want to say, maybe 12 photographers who run the world of fashion," Coats said. "Mario Testino, Craig McDean, Bruce Weber... A lot of times if they trip on a person, that model could be hanging on with an agency in New York, and then the next thing you know, that person could be doing the Gucci campaign, and now they're on top of the world. Just because one of these big photographers tripped

on their image. And after a great photographer has shot a model, and everyone knows that this particular photographer has great taste and a great style, then the next thing you know, another great photographer is going to want to shoot him in the way that he sees him through his lens. And the casting directors too, the big ones in New York and Paris and Milan. They're looking for the next face, the next look, creating the style."

And what did the Fashion Mafia seem to be looking for right now?

"In spring 2006," Coats said, "it's going to be this American bad boy, kind of James Dean type of look. But the guys are still very thin; I mean, the muscles are definitely not a big part of what they're looking for. And personality is important, too. It's

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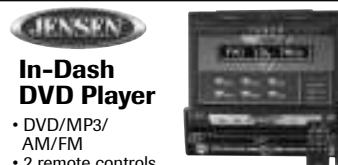
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almost like they have to kind of not want to be in the business and have this attitude, but then they walk into a room and they give off this feeling of, like, wow, that's a top model. And they have to be able to move in front of a camera and do different kinds of things, like hang off a ledge, maybe, or pose with a tiger and not complain about it."

Was that how to become a successful model? To just hang loose and pose?

"The people who really want to do the business tend not to do as well as those who don't want to do the business," Coats said. "That's my philosophy, as strange as it sounds."

Hmm. A paradox. Could he explain?

"I think it's like many things in life," Coats began. "Like love, maybe. It's almost like if you don't show any interest in someone, then they want you even more. I guess what I'm saying is, I get a lot of people coming into the office who will do anything they can to get into a modeling agency. And they try, and they think they have to take different pictures, and they have to do this, and they have to do that, but a lot of the time, we know if someone is going to be a model in the first two seconds that we see them."

Really? You're saying you can "name that model" in two seconds flat?

"If you know the business, and you know what to look for, then you can tell right away, yes," Coats answered. "I think it's partly instinct. You either have the eye or you don't. But I've also followed the business for a long time. I buy practically every magazine that's out there. By now, I even have a sense about forecasting a new look, because I've gotten to

know casting directors and agents out of New York who are looking for the latest type of person even a season ahead of time."

Okay. So you assess a person's talent and decide the industry

wants them, so then what?

"Polaroids are actually a great way to start a model's career, believe it or not," Coats said. "The big fashion houses in Europe and New York, it seems they only want to

see Polaroids. They don't even want to see a portfolio on a model. They want to see exactly what a person's looking like. Recently, you know, I sent a couple of these Polaroids to different agencies and casting

directors in New York, and two of the guys were direct-booked for a Louis Vuitton show in Paris, from San Diego, through me. And the next thing you know, they're doing really well in the business."

One of the models to whom Coats was referring was local success story Parker Shinn. But we'll hear from Shinn, and a few other thriving models, in a moment. I still wanted to know what set Coats

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and his outfit apart from other agencies.

“People who want to be models really have to be careful not to get involved with scam agencies,” he said. “You really want to make sure that an agency is registered with the Screen Actors Guild [SAG]. Real modeling agencies can develop a model, we can get them jobs, we can set them up at agencies in other cities or abroad. But with scam agencies, models run the risk of having their money stolen or their ethics can be compromised, or they can just be steered in the wrong direction and never get any work. You want to have your name associated with an agency that has a good reputation.”

To become franchised through SAG, which is basically a union designed to protect the interests of models and actors and others involved in the

industry, there are fees that must be paid and a certain code of conduct that must be followed. SAG was established in the 1930s.

Incidentally, the San Diego yellow pages list 24 local modeling agencies. But Coats estimates that only 7 or 8 of them are on the level and SAG-registered.

So you look good, someone who knows what looks good (and whose interests are in your best interests) thinks you look good, and you get a portfolio together and you start getting jobs. Now you're a model. You're an example of a standard of physical perfection that others can use as a measure. But you're also making money and selling commodities.

Which raises a metaphysical line of questioning. I mean, what is beauty? Is there a spiritual, or at least a mathematic, compo-



Nina Anakar

nent to it? Is it all about perfection and symmetry and harmony? Or is beauty simply the chance alignment of the right beholder and the right beholdee? Does it

then what we know and need to know in life seems to have changed with the times. Beauty has gotten real and kept it real and become all too real through the illusory sheens of magazines and movie screens. Beauty used to be aligned with divine standards of virtue and integrity; now it sells things. Regrettably, beauty's like truth gone commercial.

Regardless (pun intended), it does seem that our society needs to be careful how much like Narcissus we become. We should have learned by now how regarding ourselves can turn out to be an all-too-compromising position: hovering and fawning over our own deadly reflection.

But what about some real models?

Would they agree with my assessments and share my terrible doubt of appearances? I had to

find some big winners of what Doug Coats calls “the Genetic DNA Lottery.”

Parker Shinn, 18, graduated last year from Point Loma High. His plan is to take a semester off from school and then attend USC business school. He went to a model-scouting event in Arizona when he was 15 and found Nouveau Agency from there, where Coats became Shinn's mentor. Shinn sounds incredibly matter-of-fact as he mentions where he's been working in the past two years: New York, Milan, Paris... He just rattles them off as if they're the ingredients in a recipe. And they are, in a way, parts of the recipe for a dish we'll call the Modeling Success of Parker Shinn.

“At first I thought, ‘Me, a model? Yeah, right.’ But then there was all this interest, so it seemed like something I

come down to a democratic ideal, as in, “It's beautiful if we agree that it is”?

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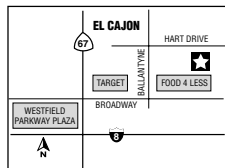


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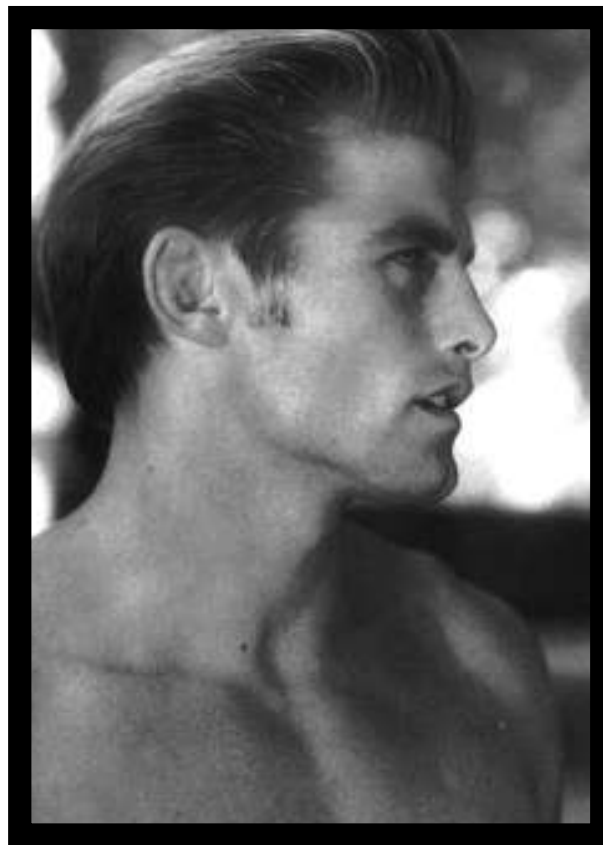
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should pursue," he said.

Assessing his own appearance, Shinn tells me he looks "like a Ken doll." But according to Abercrombie & Fitch, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, *Teen* magazine, and a host of other beacons of high fashion, Shinn looks like the Next Great Face. One major website, models.com, rates Parker Shinn as the #26 male model in the world. Which means he's not really a model. Technically, Shinn's a male supermodel.

Shinn's an avid member of his school's sailing team, which is a perennial winner of national high school championships. This year, with his earnings from modeling, he bought a new Ford Explorer and a new 17-foot sailboat. "It's hard to say, because I've had a lot of money withheld this year," he said. "But I think I made about



Danny Smith

\$60,000." Not bad for an 18-year-old kid.

And what did he have to do for that kind of money?

"I did Obsession for Calvin Klein, Chaps for Ralph Lauren, and I did

an underwear campaign for Calvin Klein as well," he said, still sounding relatively bored. But I stopped him. Shinn had stood around in front of a bunch of cameras *in his*

underwear? "I must say it was awkward at first," he chuckled. "But everyone on the shoot was really chill, and so, after a couple hours it was just kind of not a big deal and it was fine."

Was he proud of modeling? Embarrassed about it?

"I wouldn't say proud or embarrassed," Shinn answered. "I would say I'm lucky to do it, which is good. I've got to take advantage of it while I can. I'm fortunate, but I don't think it's something to be proud of."

And why not?

"Because," he said. "Winning high school nationals in sailing is something that I've worked for all my life. This is something that I was fortunate enough to be born with. It's not something that I've had to work for since I was eight years old to become. So it's an accomplishment, but it's

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like a God-given accomplishment.”

So did he feel a spiritual obligation to model?

He laughed. “Well, I don’t know about that. But I think I should take advantage of it while I can. I mean, most models are forced into retirement by the time they’re 25.”

Did Shinn have any anxieties about his face or his physique?

“I think I look fine,” Shinn said. “And if someone else disagrees, then that’s their opinion. They’re entitled to it. But it doesn’t bother me. I’m not too self-conscious about the way I look.”

And how did his looks translate into success with the young ladies?

“I’ve had a steady girlfriend for over a year now,” he replied. “And she’s great. I don’t think she really likes the fact that I’m around all these models, but she knows I love her, and she doesn’t mind too much.”

Shinn’s parents advise him about all his new money, but they also let him do what he wants. As for dreams, his true aspirations are with sailing. He says that one day he’d like to sail in the Olympics and in the America’s Cup. But modeling is a great way to finance those dreams, and he knows it. “I wouldn’t belittle modeling,” he said. “It’s a really, really great opportunity.”

Someone who’s been maximizing that opportunity since she was a teenager is local hottie Ute Werner. Werner is off-the-hook, drop-dead, breath-caught-in-the-throat, involuntary-low-whistle, eyes-popped-out-of-your-sockets, never-look-at-yourself-in-a-mirror-again gorgeous. Blonde hair, blue eyes, white teeth, smooth skin, hourglass figure.

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But I spoke to Ute Werner (over the telephone) before I ever saw her. And although I

knew I was talking to a highly successful model, I couldn’t help but think that this woman on the phone was just too smart and grounded to be all that pretty. Turns out she’s just got it all, a blessing in every

corner.

Werner’s 26 years old, 5’9” tall, 130 lbs., and according to her website, she measures 36D–25–35. That’s math language for “perfect proportions.” She models and acts for a

living. Werner graduated from Bonita High and went to Cuyamaca College for three years without graduating. She didn’t need to. She’s been in what is essentially the family business since the age of 13.

Her mom, at 63, is still a model, and her older sister used to model, and she did pretty well. Werner’s biggest job was the national ad for Rembrandt toothpaste. Her teeth are probably her best attribute.

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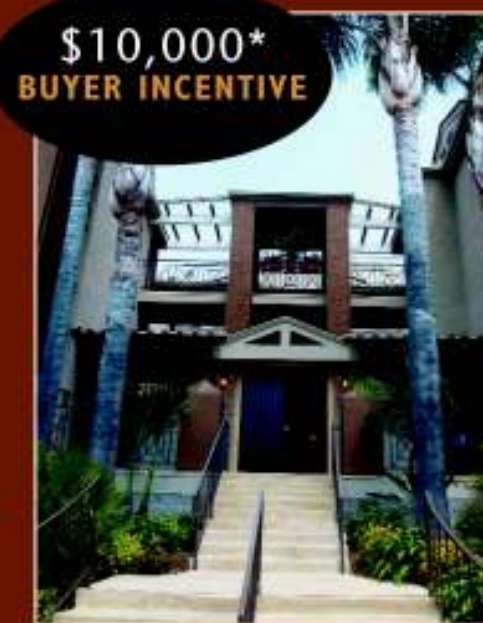
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On the other side of it, she thinks her hands are her worst feature: too big and athletic. And maybe her muscular arms as well. "Most female models aren't really super-fit," Werner said. "Actually, they're just kind of skinny."

Werner owns and rides three horses, which is her main workout. She also dates a professional no-holds-barred fighter, and she's a regular practitioner of Muay Thai kickboxing. "It depends what kind of modeling you want to do," she said. "In the lifestyles and fitness modeling worlds, they

want girls who are in shape. But for fashion modeling it's better if you're really thin. And the thing is, the fitness jobs don't pay as much as the rest of the modeling pays. So I more or less try to keep myself in the lifestyle category. Like, Rembrandt was a lifestyle job."

Werner has been represented by Shamon Freitas Agency for about the past year. She works mostly in Los Angeles and is trying to make the gradual shift from modeling gigs to commercials and finally into film acting. Her most important possession is

probably her car, a Mitsubishi Lancer, because she commutes constantly to and from L.A. "You have your time

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window with modeling, where once you get past a certain age, the jobs really aren't there for you anymore. Unless you're a household

name, like Christie Brinkley, I mean, she still gets to do a lot of modeling, and she's past that golden age. But

modeling, in general, just has this small window. Acting has a much wider range of opportunity."

She's been a full-

time model and actor for the better part of the past seven years. The amount of money she makes is very uneven and comes in sporadically. Last year, she tripled her income from the year before, and this year she's earning an amount, she said, "somewhere between the two." The Rembrandt campaign netted her \$25,000 for a day's work.

"I'm a California blonde," she said. "And depending on the ad campaigns, and whatever fads are in at the time, maybe they'll be looking for brunettes,

or for Latinas, or whatever, but you can't always count on there being work. You can make \$20,000 one month and less than \$2,000 the next month. You go through phases. So you have to be practical and be smart with your money."

I asked Werner about the notion of talent, as it relates to beauty. She said, "I don't think you can pull talent out of the way someone looks. You can have a great look, or some star quality, but I don't think you can match looks and talent until you talk to some-

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body. Until you get to know who they are as a person.”

And beauty?

“Beauty depends on who’s interpreting it,” she said. “Sometimes, if somebody is very attractive, their imperfections are what complete that. If somebody’s too perfect, then it’s almost like they’re inhuman. I mean, look at somebody like Tom Cruise. Tom Cruise has kind of a weird nose, and he’s never had very nice teeth, but his overall demeanor, the way he acts, his quirky smile, like, it just all adds up to this really attractive guy. But he’s not, by any means, this picture-perfect ‘model guy.’ His imperfections actually make this personable, likable, attractive person who’s a superstar.” And then Werner broke it down into a wonderful, abstract idea. “You could have somebody who, if you took their nose, and you took their forehead, and you took their teeth, and you took their ears, and you just looked at everything individually, and you were, like, ‘Well, the ears are too big, and the nose is too big, and the smile’s not right,’ and so on, but somehow, you could piece together everything that’s wrong, and you get something that looks beautiful and looks right. It’s about the package, the complete package and how it fits together.”

But Werner was also very keen about the internal component of external beauty. “Someone who has an air of confidence and self-respect,” she said, “but who has the ability to make fun of themselves, the ability to have that sense of humor, I think that’s what makes a beautiful person. A person’s attitude can really make them unattractive. It’s important to be physically fit and proportionate, but it’s

also important to be sweet and bubbly and nice.”

And even then, it might not matter.

“That’s one of the most difficult things about this industry,” Werner said. “I mean,

one time I didn’t get this job because the people said they ‘didn’t like my face.’ And that was it. They just didn’t care for my face.”

Werner’s lucky in that she’s never had to compromise her values

to get a modeling job. In general, she’s found that the products she’s been asked to endorse are good and useful products. She even uses Rembrandt toothpaste. The strangest thing she’s ever had to do in front

of a camera was wear lingerie and have a pillow fight with another girl wearing lingerie.

Werner has, however, been asked repeatedly to pose for *Playboy*, but this is something she will not do. “There

was this manager once who really wanted me to do *Playboy*,” she said. “And he wouldn’t manage me unless I posed for them, because that was his way of promoting me. But then you talk to these other peo-

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ple, you know, the ones who have more reputable names, and they'll tell you, well, these companies wouldn't touch a Playmate with a ten-foot pole, because you're the one representing them. Like, one time I did this hosting job for Continental Airlines, a commercial, and they were going to hire this other girl ahead of me until they found out she had posed for *Playboy*."

Then Werner broke it down for me. "There's all these opportunities in this industry to do nudity and all these other sleazy-type things,

and it's really quick money. But then you have to think about what you might be giving up in the future if you go for the easy money now."

Speaking of modeling futures, there may be none more bright than that of local youngster Nina Anakar.

Anakar, 14, is already an accomplished equestrienne. But according to Scott Copeland, she is "something to behold."

Anakar was referred to Copeland by Cici Bloum, the daughter of Jimmy Durante and also an equestrienne

whose son Ryan is a successful child model and actor under Copeland's tutelage.

When I asked Copeland about the

cle was written, Nina Anakar had never yet worked a single modeling job in her young life. Copeland was basing his assessment

her. It's not her skin, not her nose, not the way she touches her hair... it's much more than any of that. From the moment this girl walks into a room, you can just tell: she's got it all. She's incredible."

Copeland showed Anakar's Polaroids to Jan Planit, who runs one of the biggest agencies in New York City, Planit M, and apparently Planit dropped everything and has begun readying the world for the appearance of Anakar. According to Anakar's mother, Jennifer, the only thing holding them back was

that they were waiting for Nina to finish middle school.

"I'm really excited," the young beauty told me over the phone recently, "and I can't wait to really get into modeling. I'm so motivated to be successful in this, because it's something that I've always really wanted to do. I love fashion, and I've always had an interest in it. And modeling is really a different thing to do. I mean, no one else at my school is doing this." After finishing at Rancho Santa Fe Middle School, Anakar and her mother will

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hottest commodities, modeling-wise, in San Diego, he didn't hesitate to mention Anakar. And yet, at the time this arti-

entirely on potential.

"She's worship material," Copeland told me. "I mean, you've never seen anything like

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make the trip to New York City, to start her career with Planit's agency. Still, this year, the perfectly mundane progression to high school awaits.

"I've had some photo shoots but no jobs," Anakar said. "Because Jan Planit doesn't want me to do any local work. She wants me to wait until I go to New York." Not only does Anakar have a pretty level head on her shoulders, but she seems to have good advisors in Copeland and her mother.

"I really don't know what to expect," she said. "So I'm just going to go there and see what happens."

Anakar has no anxieties about the way she looks — well, okay, maybe she does have one. "I'm a little shorter than I should be for modeling," she admitted. "But I'm still young, so hopefully I still have an inch or two to grow." And then I asked her how short she was. "I'm five eight," she said. Five foot eight! I didn't reach that height until I went to college, and I'm a

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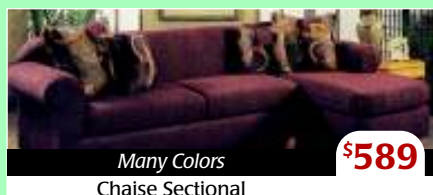


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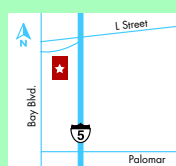
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man. The irony in Anakar's anxiety floored me.

Anakar described herself as looking different from most other 14-year-olds. "For my eighth-grade class I won best hair and best smile," she said, rather humbly. She kept punctuating her statements with "I guess" and "sort of" and charming embarrassed laughter. She didn't sound as if she really knew how pretty she was. And humility, if I may say so, is a big part of what

makes merely pretty people really beautiful.

But Anakar does have dreams. "I really want to be a famous model," she said. "I want to travel to all the best places and be in lots of magazines." But then her inherent humility kicked in. "But right now, I can't be demanding, and I can't really choose yet what I want to do."

Another young local model who can't yet choose what he wants to do but who's more than on his way is

Danny Smith. Smith, who's 22, graduated last year from San Diego State with a degree in criminal justice administration. He's 6', 180

the tall, slender European look that "everyone seems to go for nowadays."

Smith grew up in the San Francisco Bay

"I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO PAY ME TO DO THIS KIND OF STUFF"

lbs., and he describes himself as having the all-American look, blond hair, blue eyes, more athletic and broad-shouldered, not

Area, but he came to San Diego to go to school four years ago, and he currently lives in Pacific Beach. "I'm going to stick around in

San Diego until the end of the summer at least," he said. "But then I'm thinking I might move up to Los Angeles to give it a try in modeling and acting."

Smith's big job to date was the national ad campaign for Abercrombie & Fitch. If you go to Abercrombie.com, *voila!* There's Danny Smith, actually multiple images of Danny Smith, looking very angular and rugged and alluring. "A week before I got the gig for Abercrombie, I was walking down the street in O.B. with a six-pack of beer," Smith said, "and someone approached me, and I actually thought it was a joke. But then a day or two later I called the number and sure enough, it was Scott Copeland, and he was serious, and he wanted to take some shots of me, and I thought, 'Well, what's the worst that can happen?' So I kind of took the bait, and Scott took some shots that he liked, and I guess he sent in some pictures a couple days



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after we met, and then I was contacted by Abercrombie, and they flew me out a couple days later to New York.”

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“To tell you the truth, it was the most surreal experience I’ve ever had in my life,” Smith said. “To be this college kid that was, you know, scraping pennies together — and I still am, for that matter — but then to be flown out to New York and pose in front of cameras and meet these incredible people... Actually, to be honest, being so green to the business, I had never even heard of Bruce Weber going into it. But then I got there, and I met the other models who had been in the business for some

time, and they were, like, ‘Oh, we get to work with Bruce,’ and I’m thinking, ‘Bruce Weber, okay, I don’t know Bruce Weber from anybody?’ And then he walks into the room, and everybody kind of stops. And I’m looking around thinking a professional ballplayer walked in or something. But it was Bruce Weber, and he’s like a god in the industry. And knowing what I know now I can see why, because he takes the most incredible shots, and he’s such a nice person.”

Smith has worked other jobs since Abercrombie, small local work in San Diego while he finished school, but nothing on a par with that first experience. It’s kind of like winning a million dollars the first time you play the lottery and

then having to go back to work the next day. But Smith is taking everything in stride.

“I was fortunate enough to have some great pictures taken,” Smith said modestly, “and to have my face plastered all over the country. I’m like the luckiest guy in the world. But I’ve never really thought about a career path in modeling. I kind of feel like, as long as I’m fooling people so far, I’ll go with it. I mean, I still can’t believe people are willing to pay me to do this kind of stuff. But if they’re willing to do it, then I can do my part, you know, keep in shape, and I’ll keep going with it. And if it ends tomorrow, then great. I had fun with it, and that’s fine, too.”

Smith works out four or five times a week, he surfs, and he

runs almost every day. He used to play rugby at San Diego State. And he still feels awkward talking about his modeling. “If people ask, you know, what I do on the side, or whatever, I usually don’t mention it,” he said. “I can’t believe I’m doing this interview for the *Reader*.”

“I think the definition of beauty, at least in the fashion industry, comes down to right place, right time,” Smith said. “It’s obviously changing every year. I mean, you look around at all these different campaigns, and you can’t see what they have in common at all. So what is beauty? I couldn’t answer that question; I don’t have any idea at all. I still don’t know what they even see in me. I just think of it as one big trick.” ■

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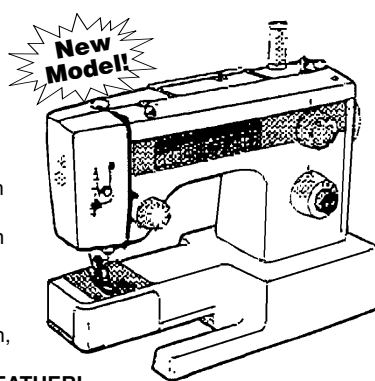
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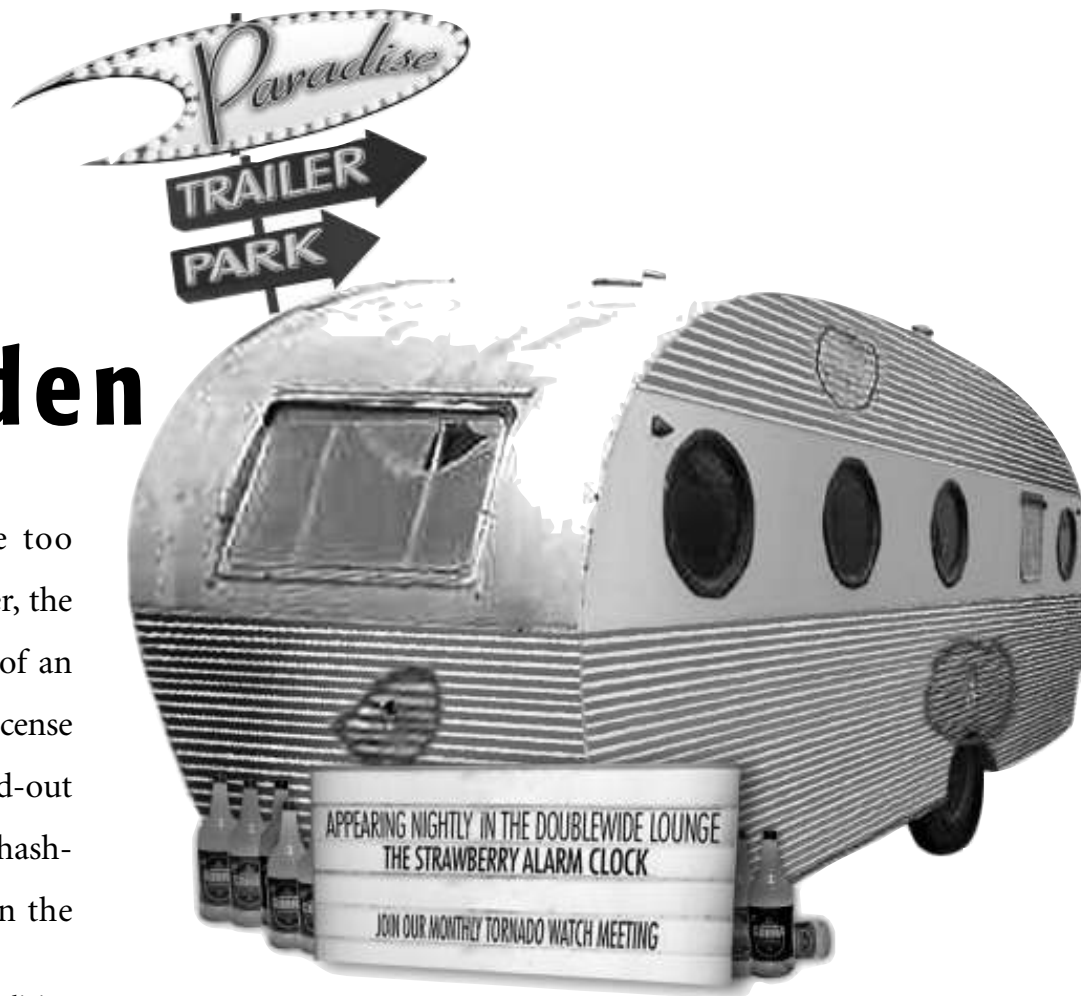
Love Beads And Hash-Laden Treacle

For those who are too young, brain damaged, or reluctant to remember, the Strawberry Alarm Clock was a one-hit wonder of an acid/bubblegum band. Their hit single in 1967, "Incense and Peppermints," was the epitome of every spaced-out Hollywood cliché of hippiedom. Love beads and hash-laden treacle, sitars, and Nehru shirts summon the combo's *forte*.

Sammie Vinson, once residentially challenged, now living in a trailer park in El Cajon, claims to have been the Strawberry Alarm Clock's drummer. The story opportunity, arriving in a fax from a concerned couple, seemed to offer plenty of room for pithy social commentary, menopausal nostalgia, and arch musical hindsight.

Sam, it was said, has been roaming the roads with his dog Lucky for a long time. He was starting to get itchy feet again, wanting to move on, so time was of the essence if anyone wished to hear his story. The concerned couple described Sam as a little bit shy and reclusive but noted that "with proper prompting" (beer, preferably Cobra quart-size), he opens up with a sparkle in his eye.

Sammie's address was in the Paradise Trailer Park at Second and Main in El Cajon. The alleged former Strawberry had no phone,



The alleged former Strawberry had no phone, so a friend and I took a stab at catching him at home.

so a friend and I took a stab at catching him at home. I had been advised to go early, "before he, you know, starts drinking. He gets to hanging out with his friends and he doesn't make sense sometimes."

We descended into the El Cajon valley blanketed with smoke from the Pomona

and Dulzura fires. The August heat wave at its peak, the vibe of apocalypse in the air, we tried to remember the lyrics to the San Diego-based group's once-upon-a-time hit.

"Incense and peppermint the color of time...uh...good sense, innocence...uh,

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Vinson was home. Paradise Trailer Park seemed populated by a cluster of marginal souls trying to make the best of a poor hand dealt them by the fates, genetics, the system, whatever. It struck me as a commune for talk-show guests; one giant panel for All-This-Week-on-Geraldo.

Vinson leaned over the hatchwork wooden fence bearing a sign, FORGET THE DOG BEWARE OF OWNER that showed a drawn pistol aimed at the reader. A sun-faded green-striped awning, shredded in a dozen places, kept the small habitat shaded that morning. Vinson smiled at me as I handed him a quart of malt liquor and intro-

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"No."

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"I was the percussionist, yes."

"Say, are you the guy that used to light his hands

on fire when you played the drums?"

He looked at me as if I were insane, frowned. "No."

"Well," I fumbled. "Tomorrow, then." Vinson took the bottle and disappeared into the shadows and smells of his aesthetically challenged home. A small back yard was visible past a chainlink fence and some weeds. Bed rolls, a boom box, a cowboy hat, old sneakers, empty Cobra bottles. The aroma of urine and cheese.

The next day Vinson's trailer was full of "guests." The back yard hosted several reclining street personnel, some clutching bottles of Canadian Mist and Cobra. The music coming from inside was Bread's sentimental hit "If." A kid, maybe 25 years old, in a Mötley Crüe T-shirt, said

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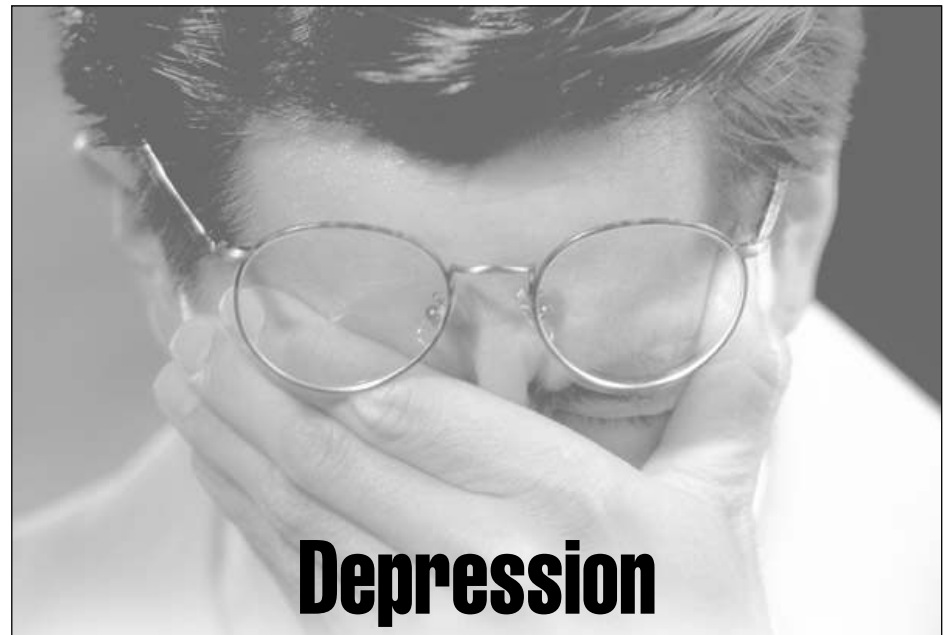
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Sammie was gone. "No, don't know where. Don't know when he'll be back."

Three days later, another expedition, this time at 9 a.m. "The guy gets drunk and wanders off," his friends had said. No Sammie. After sitting in the gathering heat of the trailer park, we decided to come back in a few days, again early.

Nobody home. A padlock on the front gate seemed discouraging, as was a yellowed newspaper three days old. "Let's wait for him," I suggested.

"Okay, I need to clean my spark plugs anyway." My friend was curious about Mr. Alarm Clock, too.

"You think he's just full of shit?" I asked.

"Who would lie about something like that?" My partner sawed away at the firing gap on a plug with sandpaper. "I mean, that would be like telling people you were like...you know, the additional dialogue guy on *Plan 9 from Outer Space* or something."

We talked for a while about the '60s. We agreed

that the Strawberry Alarm Clock were primarily guys who didn't seem to have the concept of cool down at all. "They always seemed to be working at it too hard. It's, like, how many people did you actually know in the '60s wearing tie-dyed stuff, beads, trip glasses, whatever?"

"I knew a few, but it wasn't like it was a uniform or something. Oh! 'Beatniks and politics, nothing is new!'"

"What?"

"That's another line from the song."

"Oh."

My companion's spark plug was shining by the time we gave up waiting for Vinson that day.

Turns out it was the Strawberry Alarm Clock's original drummer, Randy Seol, who supposedly played bongos with his hands aflame. The guitar player, Ed King, ended up playing with Lynyrd Skynyrd but left it for a gospel group.

In 1967, the group's No. 1 hit single, "Incense and Peppermints," pulled

their album of that title to No. 11 on the charts. Band personnel changed; other albums sank.

Vinson may have been part of a later lineup. Next day, I took the bus from Hillcrest to El Cajon at 8 a.m. How loaded could he be at this time of day? This was now a mission. Was he a fraud? If not, would he remember anything about playing with that group? How did he end up a malt-liquored, residentially challenged fry-out? What larger implications were there to the lowly circumstances of a lone survivor of that innocent, wrong-headed Aquarian experiment a quarter-century ago? In my mind, Sammie Vinson assumed mythopoetic dimensions.

The bus was filled with members of some group on a field trip, people who had Down syndrome or other challenges. Their leader, a woman who appeared to be in her forties, had shriveled arms that brought to mind the word Thalidomide.

Sammie was home. He

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sat up in bed as I leaned over his fence and peered through the grime-streaked window of his trailer. His dog Lucky studied me uncritically. "Sammie, it's me. The guy from the paper. You said you'd talk to me."

A moan — no, an inhuman howl, something between a wolf, a cat in heat, a tortured infant, and a circular saw — rose toward tropical storm clouds capping El Cajon.

"Please! Leave me alone! Don't you understand? They're trying to kill me!"

"Sammie, take it easy. I just want to buy you a drink and talk about the band, you know? A lot of people remember you guys. It's okay. Ummm, who's trying to kill you?"

"YOU KNOW! Don't pretend you don't know!" Vinson bolted out of bed and ran out of the trailer into his back yard, covering himself with a tarp as he ran.

"Hey, whatssamatter, man?"

He shot out of the can-

vas covering and back into the trailer. He reemerged seconds later carrying a cold bottle of Cobra. "Here's your fuckin' beer back!"

"Hey, look, I don't want this. Maybe you could use it. I just wanna talk about the Strawberry, uh, peppermints... hey, Sammie!"

He shot out the yard's rear gate. Lucky followed him.

The manager of Paradise Trailer Park was a delightful woman named Dorothy. She would not speak ill of Sammie, saying only, "We've made a fair offer on his trailer, just so that he might be able to leave. It's not him so much as his friends. They all hang around behind the Boll Weevil on Second."

I walked around El Cajon at 9:45 a.m. brandishing a 32-ounce bottle of bad beer and looking for the tarnished avatar of a time of mystic, crystal revelations. I spotted his dog in the parking lot of the Boll Weevil. I approached the building's rear, between dumpsters and red-painted

brick wall. Lucky joined Sammie as if he were leading me to him. He and another man sat on recycling crates. I waved the bottle of Cobra. "Can I just buy you a drink, man?"

The other man, fifty-ish, clean, sane-looking, tanned, approached me. He extended his hand and gave me the four-move brother handshake. "I'm Jerry. Sammie is into paranoia right now. You don't want to hurt him, do you?"

"For Godssakes, no. I'm a music writer. He told me we could talk about his band in the '60s."

"What band?"

I told him.

"Sammie was one of the Strawberries? Holy shit!" He took the bottle of truly horrible beer.

"No, not the Straw..."

Sammie shot to his feet, jerked the chain on Lucky, fixed me with a look of horror, and shouted, "DON'T LET HIM KILL ME!"

He ran across the parking lot as if Satan were after him. Jerry seemed unimpressed by this display. "You got a card?" he asked.

"Yeah, here." I contemplated following Mr. Alarm Clock into six-lane traffic.

"I got a story you wouldn't believe," Jerry continued, ignoring Vinson's psychotic exit. "It's about police brutality."

"I've gotta go," I said.

"What band was Sammie in?"

"The Strawberry Alarm Clock... maybe, I don't even know for sure."

"Whoa! I can set up an interview with him for you. I didn't know that, I really didn't. Here's my beeper number."

"What?"

He pulled a beeper off his belt.

"You got a beeper." It wasn't a question, I was looking at it.

"Yeah, I'll get him calmed down. I'll handle it. Give me a call in a couple hours."

I grunted.

"Yardsticks," he said.

"What? I'm sorry, what?"

"Yardsticks, lunatics, it's all point of view. That's a line from that song, 'Incest and Peppermints.'"

"Oh, yeah. I couldn't remember that one." ■

—John Brizzolara

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The Lincoln Court household

Pianist Kevin Cope knocks another tune out of the weathered Gulbransen upright piano, and again the group jumps into song unabashedly, with more hands held above heads and more upward-searching faces. But this time the song doesn't really end. It just kind of...rolls...into this, this *chant!* The voices eventually hit the same monotonous note, but they aren't chanting the same words; in fact, they don't seem to be chanting

in the same language. More to the point, they don't seem to be chanting at all as much as trying to swallow their tongues or cough up wayward chicken bones. It is baby talk, incoherent babbling — or so it seems to the uninitiated. Still holding their

hands and faces high, the singers continue their bizarre sounds, complemented now by the pianist who, in something of a trance himself, prods his stringy fingers across the ivory keys in a series of rambling arpeggios. The sing-song voices of the assemblage begin to falter and die, and soon lapse into silence. All 18 of them, including the children, soundlessly stand with heads bowed.

It is nine o'clock Friday morning. These first arrivals have gathered on the stage area of the meeting hall, and

it feels like meeting halls everywhere first thing in the morning, when the air inside is cold and the only warmth comes from the bodies sitting huddled together. Outside, rainclouds swell up like something from a stormy Dutch seascape. More people enter the church hall, chatting comfortably with the others as they sit on the low-slung benches and stools arranged in a haphazard circle. A 15-foot-high wooden cross leans against the tall north wall inside the room.

Most of the people are in their mid-20s to mid-40s, although several children and older people are present. The pianist, without a word or clue, starts in on a Gospel-flavored ditty. Each person present sings with boundless enthusiasm, without false modesty. A heavy woman wearing Levis and a blue T-shirt claps energetically. Periodically the singers raise their hands over their heads and turn their faces upward, eyes open.

As the song ends, they pray, led by a 29-year-old man who looks 20. His name is Gary Bell, and he at first appears to be an unlikely candidate to lead a prayer session. He is about five-feet-eight inches tall, with wavy blond hair and an untrimmed blond mustache. One might guess that he would seem more at home hanging ten at the OB pier. He wears Levis, brown track shoes, a silver ring on his left ring finger, a Timex wristwatch that tells the day and date, and a blue-and-green Hawaiian-style flowered shirt. He asks the pianist to play a particular number, and the group sings about entering the gates of Heaven. As they vocalize, six more of the faithful enter the hall, take seats, and begin to sing along. "It's kind of nice singing about entering the gates of Heaven just as everyone is entering the room," Gary says when they finish. He suggests another hymn, and when

it ends he comments on the sentiments in the lyrics. He is joined in the analysis by Pastor Ken Pagaard, one of the new arrivals of the morning. Pagaard, in his late 40s, wears a plaid sport coat and recurrently rubs a hand over his thinning black-to-gray hair. He takes the reins from Gary by leading a prayer of his own and asking if anyone has any comments or experiences they would like to share with the group.

A man of about 25 with short, black hair, a slightly dazed but wholly honest appearance, and a temporary cast on his left foot offers a thought to the group about how the Romans, while guarding the Holy Sepulchre, made the miracle of the resurrection all the more plausible by their presence. It isn't the profundity of his statement, but rather the unaffected manner in which he offers it that commands attention. Later, he talks about the injury to his foot. "It was the best thing that could have happened to me," he confides. "I was working at a home-improvement store, and I was stacking some paneling. Something happened, though, and all this paneling started to come down on me. Well, the first reaction I had — that anyone would have — was to try and hold the paneling back, but that was impossible; it was just too heavy. Then all of a sudden I could feel myself being pulled out from under. I don't know how, but anyway the only thing that happened was I hurt my leg and broke my foot. It's all kinds of nasty colors right now, and it hurts some, but it was the best thing that could have happened to me. You see, after this happened, I couldn't work for a while. I still won't be able to go back for six weeks or so. So I spent a lot of time inside, thinking. And when you have a strong relationship with God, you can hear Him speak to you. He spoke to me through

"It's KIND OF NICE SINGING ABOUT ENTERING THE GATES OF HEAVEN JUST AS EVERYONE IS ENTERING THE ROOM," GARY SAYS.

RESEARCH STUDIES

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the Bible and in a number of other ways, and He told me there were four areas of my life I would have to work on changing. Don't get me wrong. I mean, I didn't like the pain or anything, but it was lucky for me that this happened when it did."

In the center of the group, resting on a small taboret, is a bread roll placed on a napkin and a purple glass goblet filled with grape juice. ("Some of our people have had alcohol problems in the past," someone explains, "and we don't want to use wine in case it might set them off again.") They all stand in clusters of three or four and put their arms around each other. Gary bears the bread roll to each person, tears off a small portion, puts it in their mouths, and gives them a hug. Another young man bears the goblet to each of them, tilts it into their mouths, then also gives them a hug. They continue singing after the communion: "Let's just lift our hands to Him, magnify His name, and worship Him." As if on cue, they all lift their hands above their heads, tilt their faces upward and look rhapsodic. "He forgave me all my sins, there's nothing I can do but worship him."

Everyone seems to sense the session is over without anyone actually saying so, and the group quickly evaporates. Gary strolls over to a visitor and says, "I don't know what your plans are, but I have to go to the Municipal Court. One of the people in our house, a guy who just got off the honor farm, went out the other night and got arrested for being drunk in public." Gary and

his guest leave the yard of the First Baptist Church of Chula Vista and walk down Fifth Avenue to the South Bay Municipal Court to see what has become of the errant church member, named Bob. Bob, it seems, first came to the church in early 1979 in need of help to put his life in order. He had done time before that for robbing a store while intoxicated, and later violated the terms of his probation. He was sent back to an honor camp for most of last year, but after his release last autumn he was taken back into the Baptist fold, into one of ten communal households sponsored by the church. Turning onto G Street, Gary recalls that earlier in the year Bob was so nervous about appearing before a judge for probation violation that he went out the morning of his court date and got smashed. "We went out and found him and he was really drunk," Gary says. "We cleaned him up the best we could, and we got him to court, but they couldn't do anything once we got him there because you can't sentence a guy when he's drunk. It was pretty obvious that he was drunk."

Inside the courthouse, Bob's name is not listed on the morning's arraignment calendar, so Gary walks up to the court information desk and asks why that is. "When he called from jail he said he was supposed to appear before a judge this morning," Gary says. The secretary explains that because he was arrested on a Wednesday night, and because he doesn't have to be arraigned for three days (not counting Saturday and

Sunday), Bob will be moved to the downtown county jail for the weekend and will be brought to court the following Monday. Gary takes the news numbly, and he and his visitor walk back to the church. He says that this sort of problem isn't anything new to him or his church. "Sometimes it gets a little heavy," he says. "Because of the nature of our church, we take in people who have problems. There are a lot of people with problems, and when they hear there's someone willing to help, they find out where and go there. It gets to the point where you sometimes just want to say, 'Stop! Enough!' But you don't. That's part of our work."

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The communal life now practiced by more than a third of the church's 450-odd members had its roots in a 1969 visit by Pastor Ken Pagaard to the Church of the Redeemer, an Episcopal congregation in Houston. Pagaard was impressed by that church's concept of "community households," in which unrelated church members lived together, shared expenses, and gave one another spiritual support. Although Pagaard, his wife Mona, and their four children were already sharing their five-bedroom, split-level home on Westby Street in Chula Vista with non-family members, the trip to Houston, he says, "helped give us direction." He explains how it began: "There was a girl from Seattle, pregnant, living in an apartment by herself, going to pieces. So we invited her home with us. Then an incorrigible boy

Insomnia

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from the school where my wife teaches was sent to Juvenile Hall. We felt that nine years old was too young for that, so we asked the authorities if we could have him. My brother, a missionary in Africa, asked to leave his two teenage children with us to finish high school. Then an alcoholic who I had tried to help for years was invited to join us, then a man out of prison, and a divorcée with two children." The idea spread among the parishioners, until today there are ten such households — two in Lincoln Acres in southeast National City, four in north Chula Vista, three near downtown Chula Vista, and one in south Chula Vista. Housing from ten to twenty church members each, the communes range in size from four to eight bedrooms.

These extended households weren't the only efforts

of Pagaard's church to reach out to the community. About 12 years ago, in an effort to attract young, impressionable possible converts, the First Baptists opened the House of Abba, a church conference room transformed into something resembling a beatnik coffeehouse of the 1950s. Kevin Cope, 29, is the congregation's musical director and one of the young people who was attracted to the church through the House of Abba. He came to Southern California from Seattle in 1973 to find a job in the music business. Eventually he began playing jazz piano at the Chula Room on Broadway in Chula Vista, and on his days off would visit the church. "We started out with a coffeehouse atmosphere," he says, "with music and talk and like that. What we tried to do was slip in some

talk about Jesus — almost sneak it in — and tried not to scare anyone away by coming on too strong." The kids who dropped in would buy soft drinks, coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks to nibble on while listening to live and recorded folk music. "After a while we stopped serving coffee and became openly religious, with communion, Bible study, singing, and religious drama," Cope says. "But before the change it was really a hot spot; just an incredible place that attracted kids from all over to hang out, even those who weren't interested in religion."

The House of Abba — at its peak of popularity — became so "hot," in fact, that it had to be moved twice to larger accommodations on the church grounds. It was not uncommon, Cope says, to have hundreds of teenagers and young adults hanging out in the church parking lot, listening to rock and roll on their car stereos and often dealing drugs in the shadows. Police cruisers made regular patrols of the area to

keep tabs on the activity. In Chula Vista during the early 1970s it was *the* place to be on a weekend night.

But all of this did not go over too well with the neighbors. In years past one might have expected that living near a church would somehow have been a more restful existence than living next to, say, a takeout Italian restaurant. But without warning, the residents in the area of Fifth Avenue and E Street started finding their quiet streets turning into a haven for what they considered long-haired, drug-dealing, communal-living weirdos — the kind *Life* magazine did color spreads on. That fear on the part of the neighbors — however unfounded it might have been — was part of the reason the church began toning down the wild and free atmosphere of the churchyard parking lot. "It ran its course and served its purpose," says Cope.

Out of the coffeehouse gatherings sprang up a hard-core group of newly con-

verted young people in their teens and twenties, and others who had simply rekindled a dwindling faith in Christianity. Many of them had emotional, alcohol, and drug problems, and found solace and stability among the young church members, who for the most part consider themselves radically different from their fellow Baptists across the country. Before Pagaard was hired to be pastor in 1964, the church, Pagaard says, was a conventional American Baptist congregation. However, Pagaard's radically fundamentalist leanings and the rise of the church communes quickly dispelled the church's "normal" image. Today, the concept of communal living is probably the single most important factor in the lives of the church's members.

Gary is the leader — approved by the church elders — of the Lincoln Court commune. (Most of the households are referred to by their respective streets.) He pays the bills, accounts

for the household income, divides the work, lays down the rules, and settles disputes. He oversees a rambling, two-story structure in National City that houses up to 15 people. It is Friday night supper. Sitting at the table are Gary's pixie-cute wife Georgia, eight months pregnant and trying to calm down the couple's two-year-old son, Bryan; Hank, in his early twenties, a diabetic with a history of emotional problems, stroking his goatee; Gary, who sits in a place of honor at the head of the table; Susan, a refugee from the gangs of the South Bay at age 19, and who was kicked out of her parents' house because of friction between her and her father; Rob, in his early 30s and retired from the Navy, and his wife Stephanie, who live in an apartment across the street, but who consider themselves an integral part of the household; three children and their 30-year-old mother, Barb, a native of North Dakota, who is estranged from her husband after an

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emotionally scarring split and who helps Gary with the household finances; and several others, all bunched together around two long tables shoved end to end and draped with a plastic yellow tablecloth.

Friday night is for fasting, Gary explains to a dinner guest. The money that would have been spent on a meal is instead put into a coffer with money from the other households and is used by Baptist Famine Relief, a national Baptist agency, in an international hunger fight. It is not a complete fast tonight, however. Din-

ner biscuits and butter are passed around the table followed by a bottle of Seneca brand Grape Barrel unsweetened grape juice. Georgia, with a baby due in a few weeks, and Hank, because of his diabetes, eat a light meal of fish sticks and French fries. Gary figures his household is able to contribute \$40 a month to the church's hunger fund because of the Friday night tradition.

Some of the communal households are able to contribute more or less than that, depending on their net worth (and not all households are worth the same,

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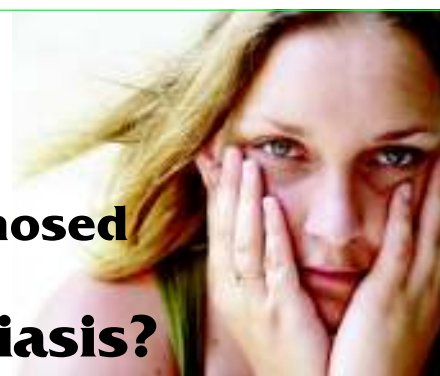
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by any means). The Westby Street household gives \$50 a month to the hunger fund, and Pagaard estimates that the ten communes together give about \$500 each month. Each adult in the respective communes is given a biweekly allowance by the house leader, in an amount based on the wealth of that commune, but usually between five and ten dollars for personal use. In Gary's Lincoln Court house, each adult is given six dollars every two weeks. Each household is also responsible for maintaining its own finances. (The Lincoln Court commune does its banking with the Bank of America in Chula Vista.) The money earned by the members of the household stays in the control of that particular household, and because some members have better outside jobs than others, some of the individual communes are economically more stable than their counterparts.

That is a sore point with many of the commune residents, who feel true equality among themselves will never be achieved unless all money from all the communes goes into one central pool. The money, suggests pianist Cope, could then be doled back out in ratio to the needs of the respective households. The bookkeeping involved and the probable resentment of the more financially secure extended families have so far hindered

any such move.

Financial self-sufficiency is a goal striven for by each of the households. Each individual commune is either currently buying or has already purchased its own house. In the case of Gary and his Lincoln Court household, none of the commune residents qualified for the necessary loans to buy their own home, so a member of another commune, Gene King, made the loan for the Lincoln Court house. The payments, however, are made by those who live at Lincoln Court.

The money for those house payments, as well as for the bills, repairs, food, allowances, clothing, and nearly every other item needed by the family members, is paid for by the household account. Commune residents are not allowed to have their own bank accounts or outside personal possessions. When one joins an extended-family household, all his or her belongings go to that house; automobiles, money, furniture, clothing—all become common property. ("That doesn't mean we wear each other's underwear," Gary says.) Dick Hensgen, an elder in the church and a Navy veteran of 15 years, gave the church two houses he owned in Chula Vista when he joined the congregation in 1967. But for every new commune resident who arrives with a car and \$1000 in the bank, a dozen arrive with little

more than what they are wearing. Still, regardless of their condition on arrival, each person is expected to contribute, and in most cases that means go out, get a job, and bring home a paycheck.

The jobs run the gamut from housewife to Navy seaman to elementary school teacher. Pagaard's wife Mona teaches first grade in Imperial Beach, Gary runs the print shop operated by the church. Kevin Cope is in charge of supplying piano accompaniment for the communions and group meetings, as well as the two major worship services, Friday evening and Sunday morning. Those commune members like Gary and Kevin who work in some capacity at the church are paid a monthly salary of \$150 for each person in their immediate family, plus one. For instance, a man with a wife and two children would get a monthly salary of \$750. That rule applies to all who are on salary at the church, from Ken Pagaard to the custodians.

In the Lincoln Court household Barb, Georgia, and Susan are home all day, and so bear the major burden of cooking and cleaning. A rotating schedule lists which of them is expected to wash a load of clothes or cook a particular meal, or do any of the housekeeping chores that aren't taken care of by the rest of the family. Although the men in the communes share in light

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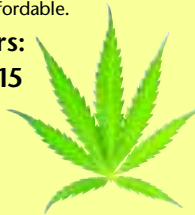
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housekeeping duties, the majority of the housework and child caring is done by the women, a fact which has given rise to challenges of sexism in the communes. Most of the First Baptists, though, don't see it that way. They look at women as they are portrayed in the Bible: wives should be submissive to their husbands, quiet when in public, and aware that it is the man's role to lead in all areas of life. Equality of the sexes is not one of the goals of the First Baptist Church; the church members would rather see a woman caring for a child than a career. There are five children in the Lincoln Court house (preschool and ele-

mentary ages). Besides the women and the children, everyone else spends all day at a job or college classes or both. But whatever happens during the day, supertime is the only chance most get to see each other.

The talk at the dinner table this Friday night is mainly on how to buy presents for an upcoming birthday party. The biweekly allowance is distributed across the table. Seven-year-old Douglas wants to show everyone his new bow-and-arrow set he got for his birthday the week before. Gary and Georgia's toddler Bryan, sitting in his high chair, has learned a new phrase and is shouting it out repeat-

edly: "Right now! Right now!" Then he breaks into unrestrained laughter. There are party streamers dangling overhead from another birthday party held two days earlier. In a house with 15 people, someone always seems to be having a birthday.

Some of the dinner conversation concerns the progress of Abba Craft, the combined print shop/craft business operated by church members in workshops on the church grounds. The arts-and-crafts shop specializes in silk-screening — T-shirts, wall hangings, and bookmarks — and the print shop publishes the church newsletter *Our Life Together*, religious greeting cards, and

does some private printing on the side. Abba Craft deals its products through 300 religious bookstores across the country on a mail-order basis, and is a member of the Christian Booksellers Association. Some of the commune members work at Abba Craft without pay, and in turn are taken care of by the extended-family household where they live. There are three full-time employees in the print shop, and seven full-timers in the crafts center. But the people at the dinner table tonight tire quickly of talking business, and someone says there isn't much time before the twice-a-week evening prayer service at the church, and

that it's time to get ready. Plates are stowed away and the table is wiped clean, and everyone heads for his or her own enclave to prepare for the night's service: Gary and Georgia to their room, Douglas and nine-year-old Jeff to their room, the rest of the children to the bedroom they share, the unmated women to the upstairs bedroom, and the young men to the bunkhouse in the back yard (transformed from a large chicken coop into living quarters). A few of the family members wait in the living room for the others and flick on the Zenith color television, lounging on couches near the fireplace. Hank fades into

the room and doodles a tune on the small Thompson organ next to the TV. A three-car caravan is formed in the driveway when all are ready, and they drive the four miles to the church.

A crowd of no more than 200 is filling the pews and thumbing through songbooks with the Abba Craft imprint. Soon the pianist and guitarist begin a familiar tune and everyone joins in. After each song most of the people mutter a weary "Thank you, Jesus" and "Alleluia." After the third or fourth song the mutterings get louder, and several of the voices are no longer coming out in English. Unknown languages start

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floating through the church, and the pianist rolls multi-pitched C chords in accompaniment. The worshippers each transpose their own unique chants to that key. The words make no sense, and the people shouting them are entirely wrapped up in their own reveries, twisting and swaying with eyes closed, hands raised and voices strong. It is an unnerving experience for those who have never heard a person speak in tongues.

Speaking "in tongues" is an example of a "charism," a Greek word that means "gift of divine grace." When a person is charismatic in that sense he enters a trance said to be induced by the Holy Spirit, and speaks in so-called "ancient" languages. Others who are charismatic claim to be able to translate the garbled cries of those speaking in tongues. The practice of charismatics in the United States is most often considered to have become a major social movement around 1900, called the classic Pentecostal movement. It enjoyed prominence until it began to falter after World War II. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the Protestant neo-Pentecostal movement seeped into, among others, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches. Often called the Protestant charismatic renewal, it differed from the classic Pentecostal movement — which was highly disorganized and emotional, and appealed to the lower classes — in that it attracted a more sedate, middle-class type of churchgoer.

Soon the voices die down and there is silence for a full minute before Pastor Pagaard asks everyone to sing another hymn. One thing that is quite noticeable to those who grew up going to a church where one put on one's "Sunday best" is the extreme casualness of these First Baptists, including the pastor and the four elders standing with him at the head of the church. Jeans with gaping holes at the knees and work shirts rolled to the elbow are not uncommon. Pagaard himself wears gray slacks, a pale green shirt open at the collar with a Viking ship stitched to the breast pocket, a black belt, and black loafers with gold buckles. He has a silver-

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tipped pen clipped to his shirt pocket. His eyebrows are bushy and jet black, and there is a bit of a spare tire around his middle. He has heavy, almost Nixonesque jowls and soporific eyes.

Pagaard asks if there are any announcements, and a young woman from Abbacraft stands and says there will be a sale of Abbacraft products in the church hall after the service. A woman in the back rises and says the women's club will meet the next day in the basement meeting room. Next it is time for the offering, and the gatekeepers — the men who pass the plate — walk down the center aisle and start up the col-

lection for the church fund. Afterward, it is time for Bible study, and Pagaard treats the entire congregation as if it were a group of bright sixth graders. "How many have finished Leviticus?" he asks, knowing that most people find this to be one of the more boring books in the Bible. He doesn't appear surprised when only a few hands are raised in response. "How many have finished Matthew?" he then asks. Most of the people lift their hands. "Praise the Lord," he says. "Why is it that so many of us get bored in church?" Someone in the back calls out, "We hear but we don't obey." Pagaard, his hands jammed into his back pock-

ets, nods his head slowly. He has an easy smile and a deep voice.

Born of American missionaries in Swaziland, Africa, in 1932, Ken Pagaard is the undisputed leader of the First Baptist Church of Chula Vista. Married for 27 years to wife Mona, he is the final arbiter of inter-commune disagreements, the ultimate policymaker on financial matters, and the comforting father image around which revolves the church and its extended families. But not all people see him in such a favorable light. Several former parishioners and commune members have charged that Pagaard was the prime factor in the

breakup of this or that marriage, or that he is power-crazed, or that he is guilty of a number of real and imagined sins for which, they say, he should be barred from ministering. One of Pagaard's foes is 37-year-old David Wignall of Chula Vista. Wignall has claimed that his wife Theresa, 26, and their young daughter are being held at one of the communes against their will. Wignall, himself a former member of one of the communes, took his charges — kidnapping, drug misuse, and assault — to the San Diego Evangelical Association in an effort to prove that Pagaard was unfit to run his church. The associ-

ation took Pagaard to task on the charges in the spring of 1979, but found no basis for any action against the pastor.

Even so, that hasn't stopped criticism of Pagaard. The October 1979 issue of *Eternity*, a nondenominational religious magazine published in Philadelphia, carried an article entitled "The Power Abusers." Based greatly on testimony provided by Wignall, the story accused Pagaard of being responsible for or allowing such things as spankings of unsubmitive wives, authoritarianism, not letting members mature, interpreting criticism of the pastor as being a "spirit of rebellion,"

and straining marriages. Pagaard lashed out at the article in a letter to the magazine's editor, taking exception to the frequency of such phrases as "has been accused of," "has been criticized for," and "ex-members have claimed."

But no matter how much Pagaard resents the use of such phrases, certain ex-members do accuse Pagaard of poor judgment and do criticize him for his handling of church members and their problems. One former commune member, who is now an atheist, writes science fiction radio scripts for National Public Radio, and lives in a second-story apartment in

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"In time I started asking things like, 'What if the elders are wrong on certain decisions?' When school let out for summer I was assigned a ministry. My ministry consisted of cleaning toilets, mopping the church floor — you know, grunge work; but in this case, it was punishment. The one thing I hated was bathroom work, and they knew it, so they assigned it to me, I com-

plained to them and I was told either do my ministry or leave. There was a lot of crying and hitting pillows with my fist, but I left that day." That was in August, 1975. Still, there were some positive aspects to his time with the commune. "I learned more about human nature than at any time in my life. And when you live so closely with other people, you can't help but come to love them in a way. They are people who are caring to begin with, and need a forum to express that, but then the forum itself takes over their lives. The bitter part, though, is that when you leave you have no one. You might have your parents [his lived in Chula Vista], but when you go in there to begin with you give up all your friends — everybody. For a year afterward, I had no one. The best thing I got from my time with the household was my atheism."

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Human Relations Commission as Humanitarians the Year for their rehabilitation work with troubled young adults. A month later, after pressure from neighborhood groups and petition-passing pastors of nearby churches, the city council declared the communes to be "public nuisances." One of the neighbors who protested against the communes at the Chula Vista City Hall and signed one of the petitions is Nancy

Lawe, now of La Mesa. "They wanted to build a commune on the corner of Flower and Brightwood," she remembers. "It was the density of the housing, you know, the number of people that were going to live there, that we were against. My main concern, though, was that I strongly objected to commune types of living. If we condoned it to that group, we would have been forced to let the Moonies and all those others come in." As

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the city began sending eviction notices to many of the communes (there were 13 at the time), Pagaard and the church's attorney decided to sue the city for violation of basic constitutional rights, such as freedom of assembly. The city council in turn filed a lawsuit of its own seeking to uphold its zoning laws. The constitutional questions were sent by the county superior court directly to the state court of appeals. The appeals court sent back portions of the lawsuit to be tried in superior court, and denied a hearing to other portions, which subsequently were appealed to the state supreme court. A temporary injunction (until a final decision is made) now prohibits the city from evicting the residents of the communes.

But legal battles fade into the background as the church members concentrate on their Friday night Bible lesson. The discussion again returns to the Gospel according to Matthew. As he speaks, Pagaard puts one arm

akimbo and scratches his left jawl. He grips the lectern. He makes a peak with his fingers at the wall. He holds an open palm in front of his face. He draws an oval in the air with his right hand. He nibbles at his baby finger. He puts his thumb and forefinger together. He tugs at his left earlobe and pokes the Bible with his right hand. A young man stands and says he is confused about a Bible passage he has read. Is the church always right, he wonders? Does Heaven back up the church even on little, unimportant things that might not be covered in the Bible? "Yes, you have some of that," Pagaard tells the assembled multitude, "in that you have to be submissive to the authority the Lord has placed over us. There is authority here, and you have to be careful to obey authority."

After the service, Ron, Susan, and two children — all from the Lincoln Court household — are driving along

Highland Avenue to their home in National City. The subject of charismatics comes up, and Ron, a Navy sailor, offers, "It's just the Holy Spirit showing itself. It can happen at a friend's house or anywhere. It can be good for you. It really relieves a lot of tension." Susan, sounding less than enthused, says she isn't really too familiar with singing the Spirit. "It's never really happened to me," she admits. "I haven't been filled with the Holy Spirit yet. I have some reservations about it all. I guess the reason I go to church is to learn about it and to open myself up to it, but I still haven't been filled with the Spirit. I have some real reservations."

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Later that night, after the children have been tucked in bed and the household is settling in for sleep, Gary, Georgia, and a friend slip away to the Jimmy's Family Restaurant around the corner on Plaza Boulevard. Georgia has apple pie à la mode. Gary has the break-

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fast special — two sausage links, hash browns, and one egg, over easy. Again, the talk turns to charismatics, and Gary says that was one aspect of an intensified religious belief he had trouble embracing. “It goes against everything logical,” he says in between bites. “It goes against your intellect. But I had to come to grips with it. I said to myself, ‘If my faith is real, it will come to me.’” It did come to him, finally, in 1970, during which time he was

teaching a Bible study class for the Southern Baptists at a church in Nestor, just south of Chula Vista. “Part of our group spent time speaking in tongues and singing the Spirit,” he remembers. “It was a pretty exciting group of people. The class swelled from just a few of us to nearly a hundred. But then these rumors got started that all sorts of weird things were going on out there, like black magic or something.” That, he says, was one of the main

reasons for transferring his allegiance soon thereafter to the First Baptists, a church that was beginning to explore the uses of charisma. “We’ve had instances of people speaking known languages, including Chinese, and also in unknown languages. Sometimes people will interpret; not word for word, but the general meaning. Most of the speaking in tongues and singing the Spirit is in unknown languages, though. It sounds like baby talk, but

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are making it tough on her. But the thing is, Susan is just not accepting her responsibilities. She doesn’t follow the chart for her chores. I know it sounds real trivial, but all these things add up. Like the other day, she was supposed to do the supper dishes, which includes taking them out of the dishwasher when they’re done and putting them away. But she didn’t do it. So, anyway, Georgia is supposed to do the breakfast dishes in the morning, and the dishes from the night before are still sitting there. So I went in and asked Susan what the problem was, and you know what she says? She says, ‘Why don’t you lighten up?’ And another thing is the relationship she has with Barb’s oldest son, Jeff. Jeff is nine, and Susan has become very close to him, which is fine, but she’s becoming like a wedge between Barb and Jeff, and we just can’t have that. It’s not working out. But what can we do? Susan is only nineteen, and the only job she’s ever had was as a

live-in babysitter. Her parents won’t let her back. At least her dad won’t. Her mother has tried to help her all she can, but still she can’t go back home. She has a friend with an apartment where she could stay, but her friend is a dooper, and I know if she goes back she’ll start getting involved with these Mexican gangs again.”

Emery, the elder in charge of leading the prayer group, puts forth a solution — bluntly. “Well, she’s just going to have to get out of there,” he says. “In spirit, she’s already gone.” Someone else suggests that maybe another person can be brought in, someone from one of the other households, to help quell the touchy situation and to give Gary some moral support. Everyone quickly agrees, though, that that is not a viable plan, because it would only serve to break up one of the more stable communes. Emery says, “I think this is something we’re definitely going to have to pray about.” The men stand and huddle as if on some holy gridiron

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and put their arms around one another. They each take turns requesting divine aid for the problem at hand.

After the session ends, Gary and several others walk out to the print shop in back of the church. The phone rings just seconds after they enter. Gary picks up the receiver and listens. "Okay," he says. "I'll be right there." He turns to the others in the room after he hangs up and says, "It was Georgia. She says everything is falling

apart back home and that I should get back right away." Once back at the Lincoln Court house, he finds that some uneasy truce has been called. The living room is warm. The television is turned to cartoons. Barb and Georgia are upstairs. Susan sits with the children watching TV. Gary disappears into the maze of rooms. Later on, standing in the driveway, Gary says good-bye to a weekend visitor. "One thing about the

time you spent here," he says, "is that you found out it isn't all peace and love all the time. We have problems, but we think we've found a system that not only brings out the bad points in people, but also brings out the best aspects of their personality. We have these squabbles sometimes, but that's because we're a family. It's not always easy being a family. I mean, we love it, but it's a rough go." ■

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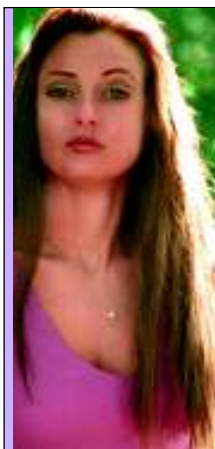
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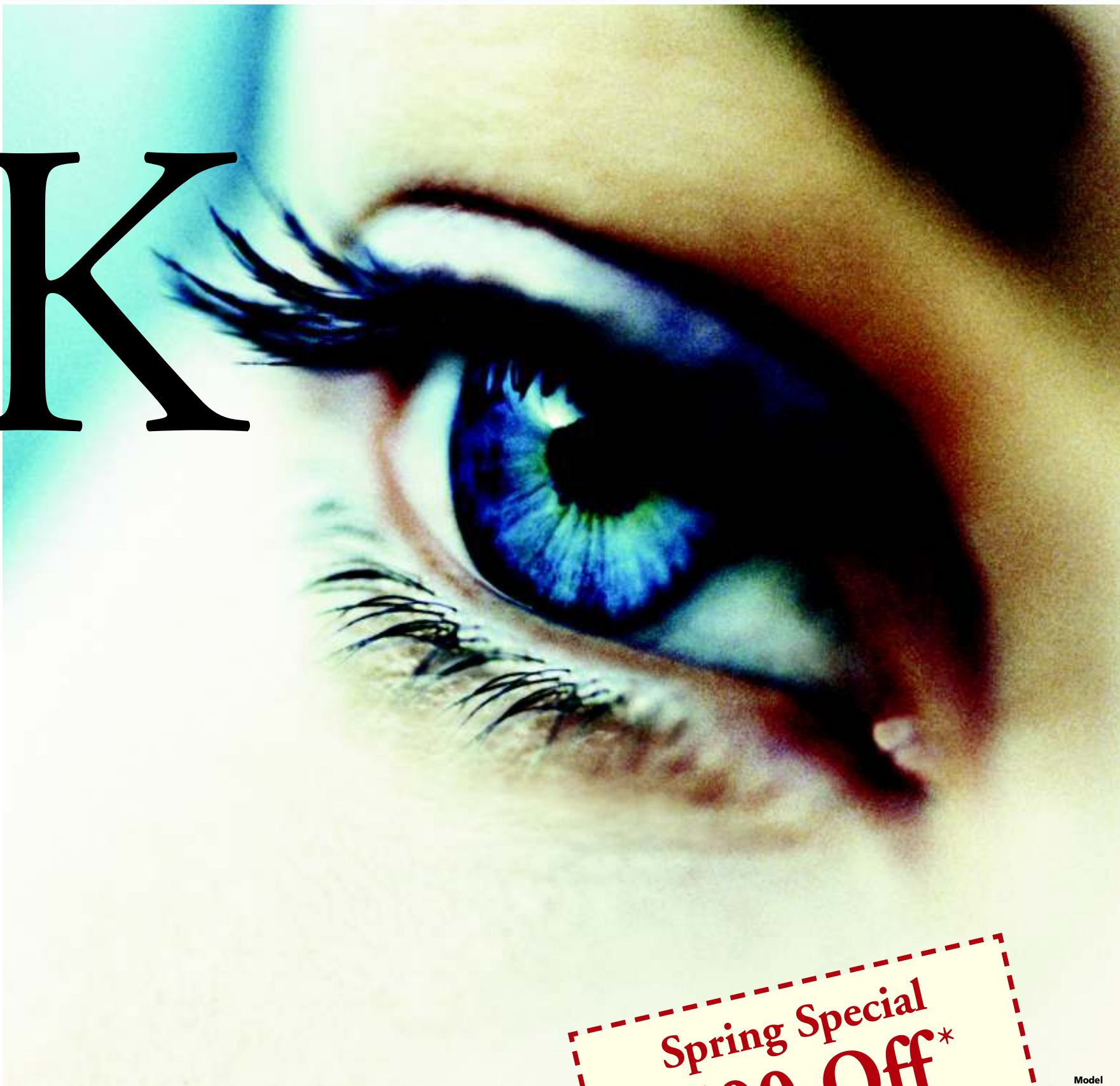


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roofed, and charmingly "country" profile, the sort found rarely in Southern California. It's loaded with curbside appeal and, inside, it has some of the obtuse, fundamental flaws to which most houses built in separate stages are prone.

But it is a good house. And without so much as consulting my wife, I made a full-price offer on it at noon the day it went on the market. The owners had

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The worst, of course, is the kitchen remodel — and by now my wife had just about had enough. Dinners cooked on the patio hibachi. Groceries stacked on the dining room floor.

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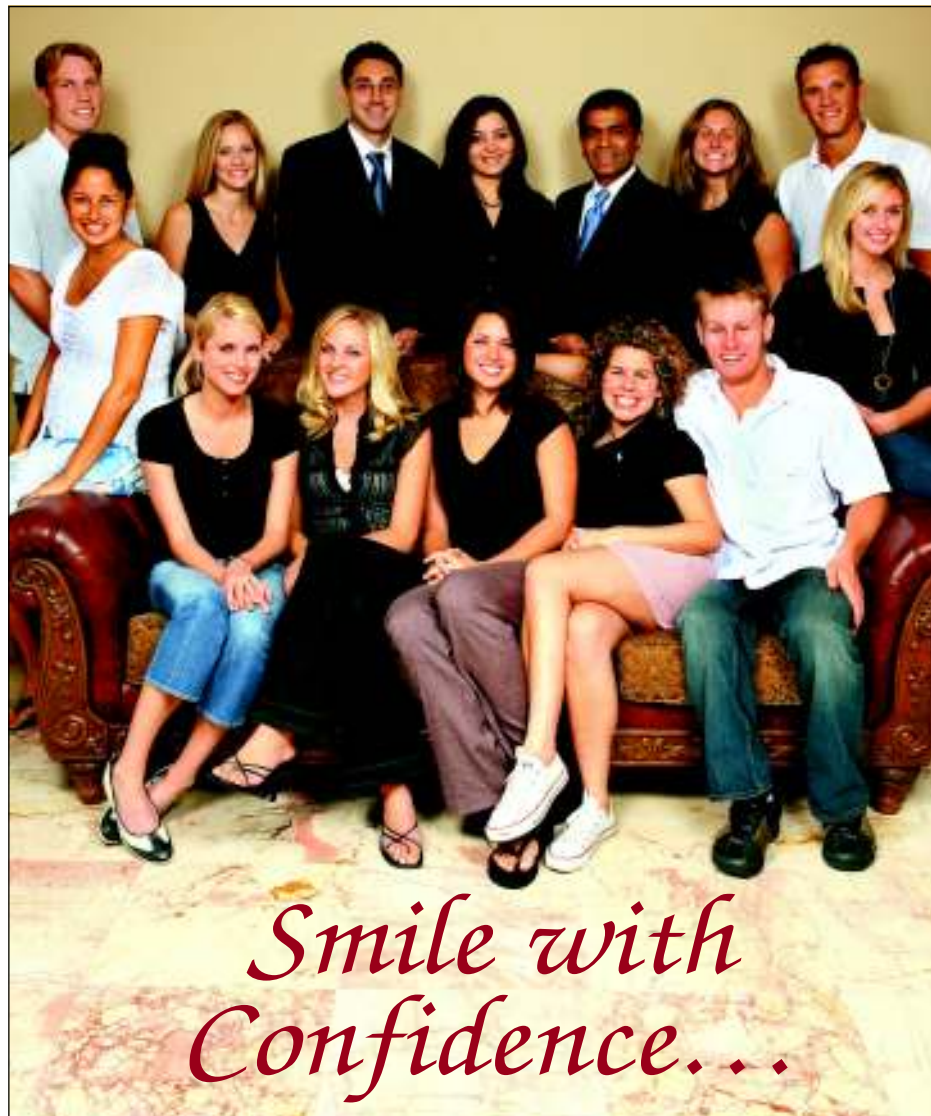
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front by a stand of 40-foot-tall Canary Island date palms, punctuated in back by citrus and deciduous fruit trees. Between them was just enough space to accommodate a garden.

Fortunately, my wife agreed with this impulsive choice of real estate, but not on merit alone. We'd been married just short of a year, living in a tiny granny flat near La Jolla Shores, with our first child already three months on its way. I think my wife was merely relieved that we were to have a place to call our own.

So we had a house, our first, and a good one. After a couple of trips in the pickup, we had all our possessions moved and set in place, with plenty of room to spare. That evening, I carried a drink outside and squatted down on the lawn in the lee of the big bottlebrush, an ancient beast gone from shrub to tree with a trunk as broad as my waist, and I thought some about the frightening new notion of home ownership. Was this really what life comes down to? There were cars passing loudly just beyond the dark, overgrown hedge of oleanders, and in the distance I could hear the muted wail of the neighborhood freeway. We all like to think we are somehow different. Yet there are few of us who can justify that private, fatuous belief. I watched my shadow disappear as my wife turned off lights in the house, our house. And I pictured her climbing under the covers in our new, old bedroom, carefully positioning herself to accommodate the recent swelling of her belly. Another car passed, rap music resounding painfully through the yard. We owned a house and now this was home.



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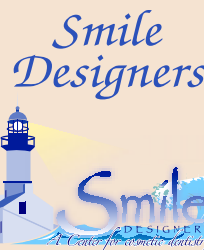
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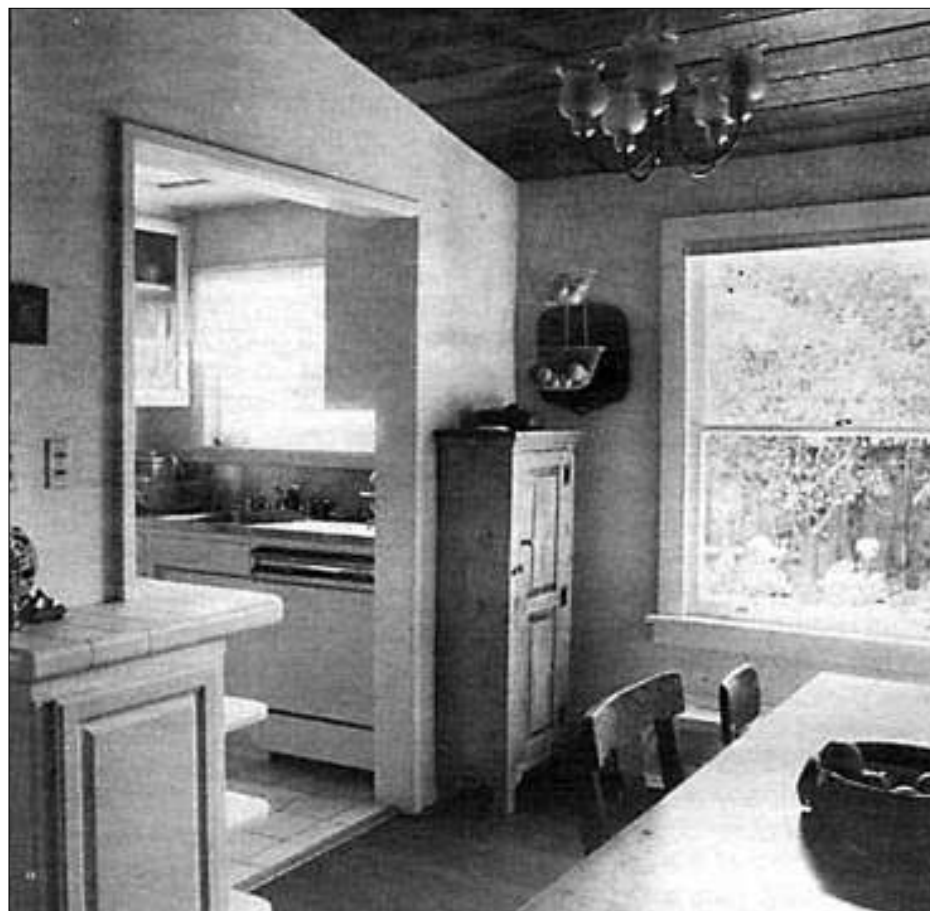
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Over a year passed before we did any serious work on the house. In the meantime, I'd pattered with the doors, getting their typically neglected bugs out so that they swung and opened and closed properly. And I'd redone most of the closet shelving, replacing the hodgepodge of unfinished materials with standard three-quarter-inch plywood, trimmed out in routed pine and painted with oil-based enamel. Adding a nursery entailed a simple refurbishing of the back room. Generally, though, I'd been free to spend my spare time outdoors, transforming the yard into a garden, since the house was proving to be as sound



as I'd originally thought. Then my wife nearly burned it down. It was Fourth of

July weekend, and we'd been doing some canning, making jelly out of apricots off the old

tree in back. Tidying up after dinner, my wife set the saucepan of paraffin directly on a burner of

the electric stove...and then the phone rang. I was outside watering, and when the smoke alarm went off, it registered only as some sort of random suburban noise — perhaps a neighbor's car alarm. Even after my wife called me and I had pinpointed the loud beeping to our own house, I figured she just wanted me to come in and shut the damn thing off. Then she called again.

I ran inside, into the kitchen, where two feet of blue flame danced atop the stove. I grabbed the saucepan by the handle and swung the works, fire and all, into the sink, flipping the pan over to smother it. Then I started in on my wife. She *knew* better than to melt wax that way; we'd been doing it for two days — putting the one

pan into another with water, then turning on the stove. "And just who the hell were you talking to, anyway?"

"Your mother."

She had the baby, our son, in her arms. Smoke was everywhere. I stormed off to the dining room, climbed on a chair, and pulled the battery out of the smoke alarm. I didn't need *that* yelling at me. Then I returned to the kitchen, and I saw the mass of glowing, sizzling embers in the mouth of the exhaust vent above the stove, molten grease falling in crisp, loud hisses.

"Call 911," I said to my wife, trying now for my calmest voice. "And go next door and find a fire extinguisher."

Grabbing a knife, I managed to pry loose the dripping, red-hot filter, and I stabbed at it until I was able to flip it

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into the sink. Then, peering up into flames, I realized the entire exhaust duct, built of plywood, was now on fire. For a long moment, all I could think of was the old, dry redwood framing in the attic, the ceiling joists and roof rafters that had served this good house for who knows how many decades, the bare cedar shingles over the airy skip-sheathing, and just how fast this place we now called home was going to come down should just one flicker of flame escape this half-assed, jerrybuilt, so-called smoke duct. It also occurred to me, as I stared into the fire, that perhaps I should grab some valuables. But the thought vanished when I pictured myself standing in the street, watching our house disintegrate

before my very eyes, while I held an armload of — what? — my baseball glove and favorite shoes and photos of our latest camping trip?

This sort of manic thinking finally crystallized into one awful thought: “We’re going to lose this place.” I said it out loud, picking up the kitchen rug and hurling it at the swelling fire. “We’re going to lose this place!” I said again, almost in wonder, as I beat at the flames with the fury of the dispossessed.

I don’t know if I could have done it on my own. But I do know that the house wouldn’t be standing today if the fire had not been put out *before* the arrival of the fire department. Later, even the captain agreed. “Good you got it,” he said. “Seems like we never get here in



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time for this kind of thing.”

While I was ruining the kitchen rug and throwing water at the flames with pans filled

at the sink, a neighbor showed up with a little household fire extinguisher. That was really all it took. He shot up into the duct, dousing

the fire there, and then we ran out to the service porch, where I yanked off the old squirrel-cage blower at the end of the vent. Another blast from the extinguisher, and we had things pretty much under control. Heading for the garage to grab a ladder, I saw smoke pouring through the shingles along the full length of the roof. I climbed through the attic access in the bedroom closet, entering a viscous haze, worse than the worst tule fog, that immediately set me coughing. But nothing there was on fire. About the time I returned to check the kitchen, to make sure we finally had this thing licked, a cop showed up. He casually began opening windows, which, considering the affinity of fire for air, was a stupid move. And then the fire

trucks arrived. I left the boys to their business. Out on the driveway, I stood with my wife and child, begging off from detailed discourse with the concerned neighbors, and realizing, as if for the first time, just how tenuous these things we call homes really are. I turned to my wife, taking the baby from her arms, and I started to tell her I was sorry, that I had no right to bark at her about how to melt some lousy wax. I wanted to say I didn’t blame her for the fire, that the house was fine, and we were lucky to still have it, and she was a hell of a wife and mother and person, and none of this even mattered. I wanted to say I loved her. But our son kept interrupting, gesturing wildly in the direction of the fire trucks, goo-goo-gaa-

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gaa-ing all the while.

"Well," I finally was able to say, "I guess we can start remodeling now."

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means that anything done to improve the appearance, structural soundness, or livability of this house eventually will be for naught.

Migrating to our bedroom, my wife and I agreed that there was nothing much better than to have this sort of experience behind us.

Someone, don't you see, will someday order the property razed. The land is worth just too

damn much. A two-story house on this lot would afford views from the Mexican Coronados to Santa Catalina Island. As it

stands, this little old house my family and I now call home will never be more than an

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upper kitchen cabinets, plus a stainless-steel exhaust hood and second-hand gas range. While the cabinets were being built — with panelless doors for glass inserts to give the six-by-seven-foot cooking

area not quite such a cramped feeling — I hung new drywall on the walls and ceiling, added a lightwell for overhead fluorescent lighting, tiled the tiny floor, stripped and refurbished the gummy

rope-and-counter-weight sash window, and had an electrician come by to tune up all of the wiring. Then I got into the woodwork. By trade, I'm a carpenter, and one thing that irks me to no end

is any part of a house that is not properly finished or trimmed out. First, of course, a house should work: the roof should keep out rain, doors and windows should open and close without effort, toilets should shut off after flushing, there should be power at all outlets, et cetera. This can be a tall order in a house as old as ours, though I've seen my share of new homes with doors that drag on the carpeting; frozen, half-cocked windows; drooling plumbing fixtures; heating registers that don't throw out enough air to warm a titmouse. Tracts mostly, but cus-

tom homes, too. Besides functioning correctly, though, the sign of a good house is how well it's finished — how well its countless disparate parts and materials come together, a look

about an expensive look — marble floors, granite countertops, oak moldings, or open-beam ceilings. Rather, my notion of a good, well-finished house is one in which the pieces

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that goes far beyond a decent paint job, although that's part of it, too. I'm not talking

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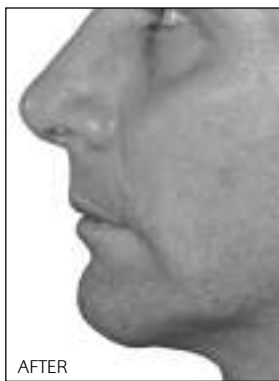
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kitchen sink that worked, he said to hell with making it perfect. But you have to finish the job right; cotton rope and a big bead of latex caulking is not the way to deal with a half-inch gap between metal and painted drywall.

To trim out that

had never quite been made to jell with the walls. Then I ran a wood jamb and casing around the opening into the dining area, because passageways should have something more than drywall to protect them from heavy traffic.

Like the kitchen and our bedroom, I wanted our kids' room to have nothing in it that, each time I entered it, would catch my eye and bug me.

sink and countertop, all it took was some quarter-round wood molding, plus a pine apron under the new windowsill. Of course, then we needed baseboard where the new tile floor met the cabinet toe-kicks; there were a number of places where those lower cabinets

Finally, with the walls and ceiling painted a semi-gloss "Oriental Ivory," the old cabinets and drawers and my recent handiwork painted in an enamel of the same color, and the new cabinets installed and painted, too, it was time to call in a real tile man.

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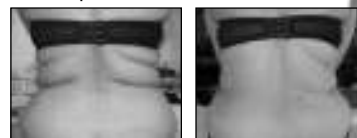
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I know my limitations. I called an old German fellow who lives up the street from us and with whom I've worked since I was nothing more than a job site gofer. He did the work in two easy days, first squaring things up with a bed of mortar to hide some serious sins in the kitchen's original framing, then running the tile in a graceful curve from the kitchen countertop to the little dining room cabinet we'd had built. And he added a full backsplash on the wall up to the new upper cabinets. His bill seemed cheap, considering the quality of the craftsmanship and what a mess an amateur like me could have made of the job.

Now nearly done, our tiny new kitchen looked awfully good. On the other hand, if you hadn't seen it before, it didn't look like much had been

done to it at all. To me, this is the test of a well-executed remodel. Rather than shooting for all sorts of special effects that can end up looking as absurd as, say, chrome-spoked wheels on a mid-priced Chevy sedan, a good remodel should fit the character of a house. One's immediate reaction to the finished product should be the sense that this is what was here when the house was built.

We were finishing up just in time. Any remodel is tough enough on a marriage, what with the strain on the family budget and the countless design decisions to be hashed out. It's especially difficult when you continue to live in the house, wading through debris and attempting to maintain an even keel in the face of chaos. The worst, of course, is the kitchen remodel — and by now my wife had

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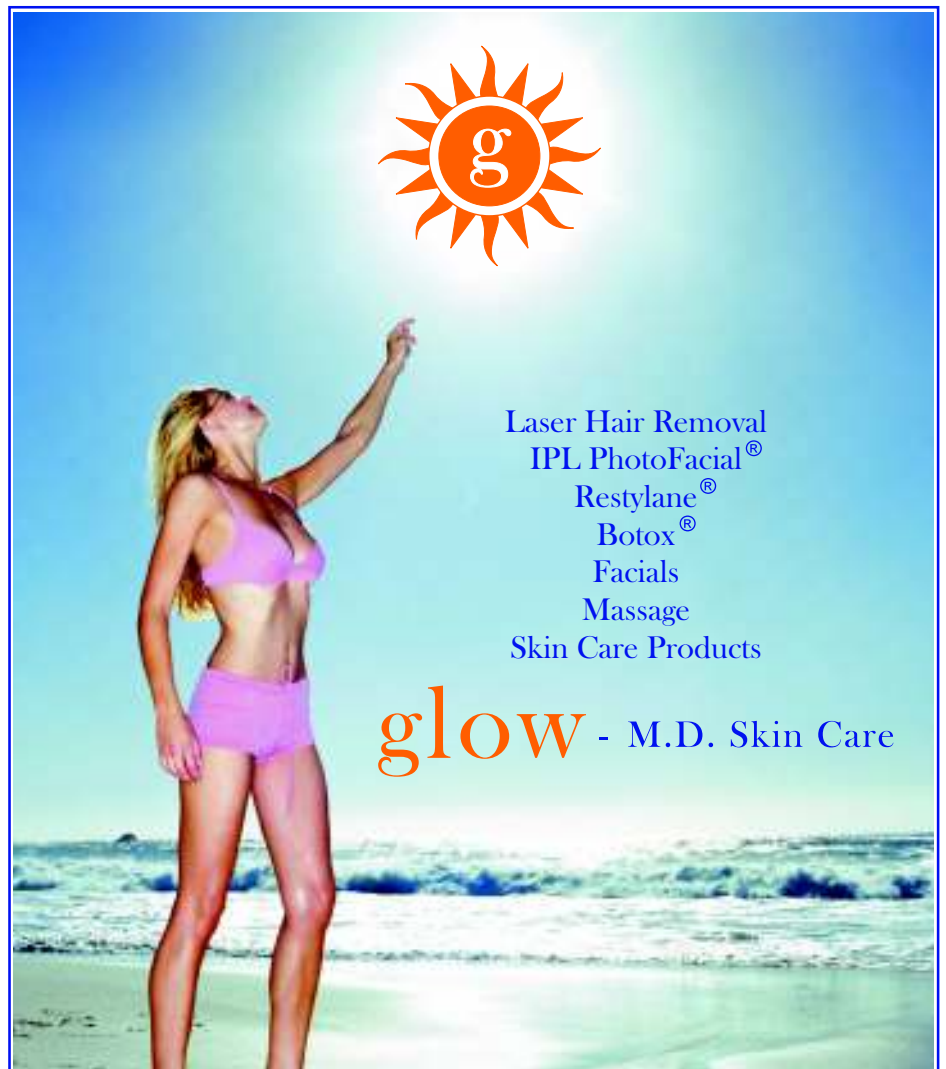
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just about had enough. Dinners cooked on the patio hibachi. Groceries stacked on the dining room floor. Thrice-weekly ice runs to replenish the Coleman cooler. As my wife returned home each

evening from work, I could see the strain in her eyes.

Then the refrigerator went on the blink. It was an old Gibson model that I felt had been cleverly installed. It was set flush into the

back wall, so that all but the door hung out into the adjacent service porch, taking up almost none of the very limited kitchen floor space. Still, it too was never properly trimmed out, so I had fit lengths of

routed one-by-four tight to all sides. But for some time, my wife had been complaining about receiving occasional shocks when touching the handle (she likes to go bare-foot). Without going into details, I'll just say the electrician found a much deeper and hidden problem. The next day, the refrigerator was up to room temperature, not operating at all.

We went back to the Coleman cooler, ice runs and all. My wife was ready to scream. And none of the new refrigerators we saw would fit exactly within the confines of my recent handiwork.

You hate to go backwards. But we bought the model closest to the dimensions we wanted, and I resized the rough opening and got the damn thing installed. I trimmed out the new refrigerator, priming wood to make the final brushwork easier, caulking and puttying one night, sanding the next, and finishing with the oil-based enamel.

With the kitchen complete, we celebrated. I don't remember what we cooked or how it tasted or how

our infant son responded to the overriding atmosphere of glee that evening. But I do know there was ample wine consumed. We got the baby in bed, and then we sat at the dining room table and enjoyed the final look of the kitchen. Migrating to our bedroom, my wife and I agreed that there was nothing much better than to have this sort of experience behind us. We climbed under the sheets, cool despite the late-summer heat, and snuggled up in a way we rarely had since the onset of that fiery Independence Day weekend.

"What do you think about another one?" asked my wife.

"Sounds good to me," I said, not sure at all whether she meant a second child, further remodeling, or the purchase of some other old, good house, far away from this one and the madness along the Southern California seacoast.

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The water in the master bedroom closet showed up about the same time we found out we had a second child on the way. My cowboy boots were covered with

mildew.

And when I pulled up the saturated carpet, I discovered water oozing out the bottom of the wall shared by our shower. The shower-head too, had been dripping for some time now. Mustering courage, I went into the bathroom for a look at things. And it was pretty much a dream come true.

I knew we weren't up for it. The kitchen remodel was still a touchy memory, and with another baby on the horizon, we were more concerned with whether to sit tight and try to make the house work as is, add on, or cash in and pack up and get the hell out of Dodge.

I emptied the closet and set up a fan to dry out the wood floor. Then I called a plumber. He showed me how to get into the guts of the shower valve, where to swap out washers, and how I should repack the valve stems. The necessary paraphernalia cost \$1.63. By dinner the next evening, I had everything back working good as new, not a drop of water falling from the showerhead when I reopened the

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main to the house.

I admit I take pleasure in completing this sort of simple, do-it-yourself home repair, and not just for the money saved. I've a notion, somewhere along the way, of a house for my family and me in a place very different from here, a place where you cannot expect a plumber or electrician or even a mechanic to be always available. What do you do, for example, if your furnace goes out during the worst snowstorm in 20 years in Billings, Montana? And beyond that, it seems reasonable to ask that each of us know as much as possible about the workings of our day-to-

day surroundings, if only because we are so many of us in the same boat together; keeping that boat afloat is everybody's business. And anyway, there is so much else in the world that we can't ever hope to understand.

All of which did nothing to solve the problem of water leaking from our shower into the bedroom closet. I knew what *that* was going to take. In the meantime, I ran caulking along all of the grout joints in the tile, a stopgap measure that actually did curb the visible flow, although who knows what was still happening to the subfloor beneath the shower pan. And since

the master closet was now empty and we had gotten used to wading around through clothing and shoes, I decided to redo the shelves and poles there. And shortly thereafter, I got into the master bedroom itself.

After prepping the usual cracks in old plaster, I got a painter friend in one day to roll the walls and ceiling, the color a subtle off-white rose from a formula he had on record at the local paint store. Then I ran new baseboard and a big, handsome crown mould, stripped and repainted the door into the living room, and refinished the windows inside and out, using oil-based "White Shadow" for the

lot.

That took about a month. Come her birthday, I bought my wife a new bed for us. She bought the necessities to complete the picture: a flower-patterned, black-back-ground throw rug; a solid charcoal comforter; and pastel-pink and black accent pillows, plus a little extra one done up in silky hand-embroidery. The one bedroom finished, we immediately began plans to revamp the other, the nursery. I wrote out a list of things I wanted to do to make the room just right. Like the kitchen and our bedroom, I wanted our kids' room to have nothing in it

that, each time I entered it, would catch my eye and bug me. I wanted it to be a complete cohesive picture.... I wanted it to reflect a family bent on love. I wanted it to be nice.

Then we lost the baby.

In the wake of such personal tragedies, you are always left to wonder what went wrong. Was it something you did, something you didn't do? Was it something you ate, something you didn't eat? Was it that long, tiresome vacation you took, working too hard to have fun? Was it karma, or was it God's will? Was it that extra hour you spent digging

in the garden? Or was it the house, the damned house, and everything you were trying to do to make it such a wonderful place for both you and your family?

In time, both my wife and I were able to convince ourselves that we lost the child because, quite simply, it wasn't meant to be. We went ahead and finished the nursery, completing half of the remodel of our old, good house. We've waited three months, as prescribed by my wife's physician, and now we are attempting the conception of another child, for the benefit of our first, ourselves, and our notion of a family. ■

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A few of Riiber's hand-woven pieces (crafted using traditional Norwegian techniques) are on exhibit at the Mingei International Museum in Balboa Park. On Saturday, April 1, the museum hosts a Norwegian

Festival complete with lectures, music, food, and art. The festival continues on Sunday, April 2, when Princess Märtha Louise of Norway will discuss and sign her children's book, *Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns*.

Guests will witness a bunad parade showcasing traditional costumes. Norwegians still wear these elaborately embroidered outfits for special events, particularly the May 17 National Day celebration. "Norwegians today have money from oil," says Anne Høidal, one of the festival's organizers. "Norway exports more oil than Kuwait, and there are only four and a half million people there, so people have the money to buy costumes, [which can cost] between \$2500 and \$6000, depending on how much hand work [was involved]. Young men are buying it more than anyone else in Norway. [The costumes] are worn to big birthdays, christenings, confirmations, weddings, Christmas parties, and so on."

Høidal planned the dinner that takes place Saturday night in honor of Norway's famous playwright Henrik Ibsen, who died 100 years ago. Peter Larlham, from the School of Theater, Film, and Television at San Diego State University, will do a dramatic reading from *Peer Gynt*, one of Ibsen's plays. In the play, Høidal explains, "Peer is tempted by the daughter of the king of the mountain, who seduces him into the mountain, and when you are seduced by one of those green-clad women who sometimes had a tail, then you are lost forever. But Peer is saved by a very innocent girl and his mother who ring the church bell just when he is ready to give up and say, 'I will be a troll.'" The dessert for the evening has

been dubbed "Peer Gynt's Green-Clad Temptress," a green cake that "will most likely have a picture of Ibsen on top."

Prior to dinner, Bernt Erik Nilsen will speak on stave and stone church construction. "Almost all stave churches we know of today were built by 1250," says Nilsen. "Many of these churches are still in use as the regular parish churches, though they were originally built as farm chapels. The oldest church ruin that we know about was built in the 10th Century in Urnes. It's the only one of the stave churches on the United Nations registry of historical buildings."

Urnes style, named for the carvings surrounding the doors of the church in Urnes, is widespread in Norway. "Urnes style of carving is mainly of animals and is supposed to depict the battle between good and evil," Nilsen explains. "The carving is plain enough to see two animals in a fight of life and death. In later years these carvings became so intricate it is hard to see the head or tail." The animals carved in this style are very curvy and tend to include snakes.

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Baja International Marathon, Sunday, April 2, 7 a.m. Routes: 011-52-664-185-0932. (TIJUANA)

Luis Miguel in Concert, Monday, April 3, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$100-\$500 U.S. 619-734-2333.

Miguel also plans performance, Tuesday, April 4, 9 p.m., at El Terrenazo Caliente (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Tickets: \$35-\$250. 011-52-664-633-7300. (TIJUANA)

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Selections by Debussy, Schoenberg, Luna, and Coral promised when Conservatorio de Música Ensemble performs Thursday, April 6, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Yuccas of two varieties are in bloom in San Diego County from now through May. Year after year, the Mojave yucca (*Yucca schidigera*) sends up a blunt flower stalk of white, waxy blossoms from the same base — a rosette of dagger-like leaves. The shimmering white exclamation point that unfolds above “our Lord’s candle” (*Yucca whipplei*), on the other hand, is a prelude to the plant’s imminent death. Mojave yucca is widely distributed along San Diego County’s coastal strip and throughout the higher elevations of the Anza-Borrego Desert. Our Lord’s candle prefers the scrubby coastal foothills and the drier slopes of the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna Mountains. The two yuccas coexist with each other in a few areas like Torrey Pines State Reserve and Anza-Borrego’s Culp Valley area.

The Slender Waxing Crescent Moon makes its first observable appearance in the western sky during twilight Thursday, March 30. Because the zodiac stands at a steep angle relative to the west horizon this time of year, the young crescent moon hovers almost directly over the setting sun and so appears as a “smile” almost perfectly aligned with the horizon. On Saturday, April 1, the slightly thicker, still-smiling crescent moon lies immediately above the glittering stars of the Pleiades, a beautiful sight best observed with the aid of binoculars around one hour after sunset.

Grunion Greeters, Unite! Pepperdine University’s Grunion Greeter Project allows volunteers to help researchers and experience grunion runs. Participants monitor local beaches, collecting basic information for about two hours during grunion runs, April through early June. Greeters rest nights and beaches to monitor.

Training sessions offered Thursday, March 30, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way); on Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m., at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive); and on Saturday, April 15, 1:30 p.m., at Tijuana River Estuary visitors’ center (301 Caspian Way). To register for one workshop, leave e-mail address at 619-733-0725. (LA JOLLA, OCEANSIDE, IMPERIAL BEACH)

San Diego’s Earliest Sunrise this year occurs on Saturday, April 1, near 5:35 a.m., owing to both the steady lengthening of the daylight hours, but more importantly to the fact that daylight saving time starts the following day. If daylight time were not in effect in the months to come, the earliest possible sunrise in San Diego (4:39 a.m.) would take place on June 15.

Canyon of Ten Caves Discovery Hike led by Paul Remeika for Anza-Borrego Institute, Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Hikers follow “labyrinthine passage” offering “different geologic perspective” in heart of Vallecito Badlands. \$55. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Clean Up! Learn differences between native plants and weeds, help clean up around Buena

Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, April 1, 8–10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Trail Repair Work at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park takes place on Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. 858-278-

3280. For those 16 and older (with parent). (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m., from visitors’ center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Enjoy Fragrance of Black Sage, White Sage, and California sagebrush on guided nature walks in Mission Trails Regional

Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, April 1, 2, and 5, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, April 1, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park (at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Explore the Egyptian District, Vermont Street bridge, and Irving

Gill architecture when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari walking tour, Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations and departure point: 619-944-9255. (HILLCREST)

Wildlife Baby Season Is Here! Wildlife Assist, an emergency response organization, needs volunteers to rescue orphans and other animals in trouble. Recruiting sessions on Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731

Clairemont Drive). Program repeats Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

Pacific Daylight Time, or “daylight saving time,” starts on Sunday morning, April 2, at 2 a.m. No time is “saved” by advancing our clocks by one hour. This sneaky trick in civil time is designed to rouse us out of bed an hour earlier so that we can enjoy what seems

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Waterfalls and Spring Flow-ers on tap when Canyoners head out along Piedras Pintadas Ridge interpretive trail, Sunday, April 2, 3 p.m. Easy walk overlooks Lake Hodges. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Sunday of every month, including April 2, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (JULIAN)

Daylight Saving Time Is Back, take moderate to strenuous seven-mile hike along trails in Daley Ranch on Sunday, April 2. Join group at 4 p.m. 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)

Sunset Walk in Wright's Field with geography professor Michael Wangler, Sunday, April 2, 6 p.m., in parking lot at Joan MacQueen Middle School (2001 Tavern Road). Free. 619-722-6281. Repeats May 7. (ALPINE)

Old Mission Dam Guided Nature Stroll designed for those with limited mobility and others, Tuesday, April 4, 10 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park, in Old Mission Dam parking lot (at northeast end of Father Junipero Serra Trail). Focus on history of dam, park ecology, interaction of local plants, animals, the elements. Wheelchair friendly. Free. 619-668-3281. (SANTEE)

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"East/West Performance Festival," March 31-April 2, in studio theater #3 of Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Building at UCSD. Program includes *Flor de 7 Hojas (Flower of 7 Leaves)*, *Thank You and Good Night*.

Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20 general. 619-235-8466. (LA JOLLA)

Three New Works Premiered when McCaleb Dance presents evenings of dance, Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1, 8 p.m., in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. See *ICON*, *Joy of Place*, and "video dance" *Warrior*. \$10. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Hey Wire makes music, Martha Wild calls for contradance, Friday, March 31, 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)

"A Night in Cairo Dance Gala," Friday, March 31, 8 p.m., at the Woman's Club (2557 Third Avenue). Dancers include Hadia (from Canada), Angelika, others. \$20. 619-405-2308. (HILLCREST)

Bulgarian Dance Workshop taught by dance instructors Georgi, Jordanka, and Petur Iliev, Saturday, April 1, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Workshop at 5:30 p.m. (\$7); dance party at 7:30 p.m. (\$6). 619-278-4619. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

OUT & ABOUT

NY/TJ
Evenings with Lux Boreal Danza Contemporanea and Monica Bill Barnes, March 31-April 2, UCSD.

(SEE DANCE)



"Swan Lake" is presented by dancers of San Diego Civic Youth Ballet, April 1-9, at Casa del Prado Theatre. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Saturdays, April 1 and 8, with 1 p.m. matinees on Sundays, April 2 and 9. Tickets: \$10-\$15.

The troupe's youngest dancers showcase their talents in *Crowns and Tutus* and *The Swan Princess*, Saturdays, April 1 and 8, 11 a.m. \$8-\$12. 619-233-3060. (BALBOA PARK)

Day of Dance is Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., in room 5100 of dance studio at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Day promises dance workshops, performances in styles including modern, jazz, African, Latin, Middle Eastern, hip-hop, lyrical, musical theatre, ballet, ballroom, more. \$30. 760-757-2121, x6526 or x6816. (OCEANSIDE)

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 calls to live music on April 2. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Ballroom Dance and lesson, Sunday, April 2, Cheek2Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Cha-cha lesson at 2 p.m., general dancing 2:30-4 p.m. DJ is Cal Senechal. \$5. 858-270-7100. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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)

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"Celebrating Easter" is theme for Sufi dancing led by Toni Michael, Monday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). Live music. \$3. 619-692-3079. (HILLCREST)

"The Satellite Project," latest endeavor by Lower Left unites five renowned U.S. artists to present four world-premiere works, Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m., in Arts Building room 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Each work "articulates a unique perspective on contemporary life." Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Dance Studio Hour presented by students in MiraCosta College's dance classes, Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., in room 204 at San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Dance in variety of styles performed. Free. 760-795-6815. (CARDIFF)

FILM

Tournées French and Franco-Phone Film Festival concludes Thursday, March 30, in Montezuma Hall at San Diego State University, with *A tout de suite* and *Moolaadé*. Screenings begin at 5 and 7 p.m. Free. 619-594-5111. (SDSU)

"Enter Imbroglío," new surf film by Big Red Productions starring Micah Byrne, Brett Simpson, Jesse Evans, and Ted Navarro, screens Thursday, March 30, La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast

Highway 101). 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

"I Fidanzati" (1962) by Ermanno Olmi screens for Italian Film Festival on Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Divas Direct: Film Workshop for Girls" film premieres planned for Sunday Matinee on April 2, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Local female filmmakers conducted workshops for high school girls; some participants on hand for screening. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Up for a Wicked Comedy and a Smart Drama? *Being Julia*, starring Annette Bening and Jeremy Irons, screens Monday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., at Old Globe Theatre (1363 Old Globe Way). Free. 619-23-GLOBE. (BALBOA PARK)

Argentine Director Lucrecia Martel's Film *La Cienaga* (*The Swamp*) screens for Film Forum on Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Osama," the story of a young girl masquerading as a boy to qualify for work in Taliban-run Afghanistan, screens for First Tuesday Films series exploring "controversial social issues," April 4, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion follows. Free. 760-839-4656. (ESCONDIDO)

Federico Fellini's *Nights of Cabiria* screens Wednesday, April 5, 6:45 p.m., at Holy Cross

OUT & ABOUT

PANAMA

"Defending Indigenous Lands, Languages, Culture," Saturday, April 1, San Diego Museum of Man.

(SEE LECTURES)



Church, 6066 Corte Del Cedro. Free. 760-930-1270. (LA COSTA)

The Documentary *On the Edge: The Femicide in Ciudad Juárez* examines brutal murder of over 400 women in the border town. See film on Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation: \$3-\$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

See *A Special Day* when it screens at House of Italy, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m. UCSD professor Pasquale Verdicchio introduces, leads discussion. Free. 858-831-1717. Film is in Italian with English subtitles. (BALBOA PARK)

Women's Roles and Lives in Contemporary Iran examined in Tahmineh Milani's 1998 film *Two Women*, screening Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., in Nasatir Hall room 100 at San Diego State University. Discussion follows. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

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)

gathers, Friday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). 619-585-3773. Free. (HILLCREST)

"Recovering Antiquity: The Discovery and Excavation of the Vesuvian Towns and Villas" explored by James Grebl for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art, Friday, March 31, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Container Gardening is topic on Saturday, April 1, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Panama: Defending Indigenous Lands, Languages, Culture" is theme for 13th annual Latin American Symposium at San Diego Museum of Man, Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Panel of scholars will focus on Kuna, Emberá Wounaan, and Ngöbe, and their culture, arts, traditions, history. \$75 general. Registration: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Beautify Your Yard and Garden after home composting workshop, Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m., at San Diego Zoo. Learn to improve soil, compost use.

Class also offered on 1st at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West), 10 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 760-436-7986 x216. (BALBOA PARK, EL CAJON)

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including April 1, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Basic Woodworking Principles, as well as working with burls and stones, offered by Butch Baskins, Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m., at Sikes

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Oil Pastel Painting Techniques demonstrated by Rodger Heglar for Pastel Society of San Diego, Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 619-470-7117. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Distinguished Author Series continues when Jacob Goldberg focuses on "The State of Israel" on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, April 3, 4, and 6, 7:30 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$12. 858-457-3030. (LA JOLLA)

How Are Plant and Animal Hosts modified by parasites, notably fungi? Microbiologist/mycologist Elio Schaechter answers the question when San Diego Mycological Society gathers, Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 760-753-0273. (BALBOA PARK)

"Conditioning for Backpacking," Carol Evans leads clinics at Adventure 16, Monday, April 3 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road; 619-283-2374); Tuesday, April 4 (143 South Cedros; 858-755-7662); and Wednesday, April 5 (2002 South Coast Highway 101; 760-966-1700). 7 p.m. Free. (MISSION VALLEY, SOLANA BEACH, OCEANSIDE)

"Epictetus: Freedom and Finding Happiness in Retirement" is topic when Stanford University philosopher Tobin G. Barrozo speaks Monday, April 3, 7 p.m., Coronado Library (640 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-522-7390. (CORONADO)



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"The Human Genome: Discovery, Structure, Variation, and Disease," Todd Peterson offers "brief history" of Human Genome Project, examples of genetic variation, recent studies in comparative genomics, gene regulation, and more, Monday, April 3, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"9/11 — What Happened and Why," Scholars for Truth co-founder Professor James Fetzer speaks Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m., at SDSU North Education building room 60. 619-222-2120. Donation. (SDSU)

Learn "How to Create a Powerpoint Presentation" when Ruth Lannon and Courtnae Magee speak for Tri-City Computer Club, Tuesday, April 4, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). Donation: \$5. 760-724-8673. (OCEANSIDE)

Don't Wait! Walter Holtschi on "Reversing Procrastination," Tuesday, April 4, 6 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Free. 760-729-2434. (CARLSBAD)

How Vision Science Informs Visual Arts examined when Harvard University neurobiology professor Dr. Margaret Livingstone speaks Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Livingstone is author of *Vision and Art: The Biology of Seeing*. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 5. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

Don't let this season's lackluster bloom in the desert discourage you from seeking out spring wildflowers. Some of the most colorful and diverse displays of native flowers can be found right in our own urban back yard, on the pine-clad bluffs of Torrey Pines State Reserve.

Good to excellent displays of wildflowers typically occur in the reserve starting sometime in February or March. This year's late and spotty rainfall may have set the stage for a reasonably good bloom in April and May.



View from Razor Point

The 20 or more kinds of plants obviously in flower along the Torrey Pines trails at any one time are only a part of the more than 350 different plants identified throughout the entire 1750-acre reserve. These, in turn, represent approximately 20 percent of all the known plants native to San Diego County. The county itself, some 1600 times larger in area than the whole reserve, is widely regarded as being the most geographically and botanically diverse county within the continental United States.

Even without its wildflowers, the reserve protects some of the finest stands of rare Torrey pines, native to only this site and Santa Rosa Island, off the Santa Barbara coast. Two severe droughts occurring within the past 20 years, accompanied by bark-beetle infestations, have killed many of the larger Torrey pines, but new seedlings are thriving. Take a close-up look at a Torrey pine and you'll discover its unusually long needles — up to nearly a foot in length — arranged in bundles of five. These were prized by the Kumeyaay Indians for basket-making.

The tight little network of meandering trails over the eroded bluffs will take you nearly everywhere in the reserve. It's important that you stick to these trails and eschew shortcuts and cross-country travel. The thin soils are easily eroded without the protection of untrammeled vegetation. Choose the Guy Fleming and Parry Grove trails for the best wildflowers, or head to over-

looks such as Razor Point, Yucca Point, and Broken Hill for the best vistas of plunging cliffs and the ocean horizon.

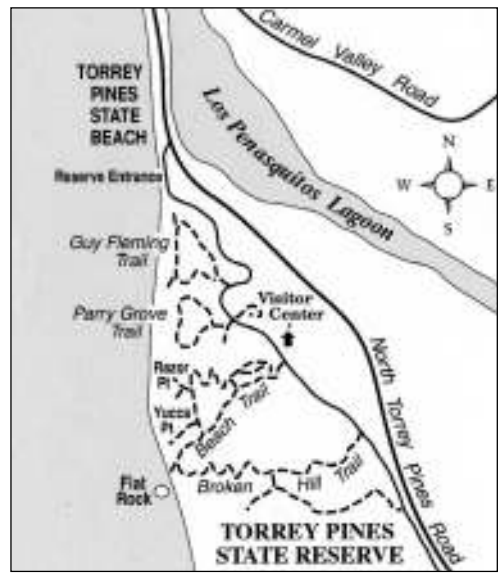
an early start on Saturday or Sunday morning. The reserve's museum makes a worthwhile stop, with natural history exhibits

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Walk the Torrey Pines trails for close-up flower studies and spacious ocean vistas.

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Hiking length: Several miles (to cover all trails)
Hiking difficulty: Easy to moderate

Torrey Pines State Reserve is open from 8 a.m. to sunset. Avoid the more crowded weekend if you can, or else get and notebooks full of captioned wildflower photographs to browse. For more information, call 858-755-2063.



"Designing With California-Friendly Plants," landscape designer Jan Tubiolo focuses on site analysis, plotting design, environmental factors, Wednesday,

April 5, 6:30 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Introduction to Paddling, clinic on Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Paddling destinations, kayak and canoe informa-

tion, more. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Surviving Rwanda, performance of *I Have Before Me a Remarkable Document Given to Me*

by a Young Lady from Rwanda, Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$10, benefiting Survivors of Torture International. 619-278-2400. (POINT LOMA)

Artists from Julius Caesar in Egypt participate in Artists' Round Table — an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, April 6, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street). \$5. 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Effects of the Current Election in Israel" examined by UCSD political science professor Sanford Lakoff, Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., at Temple Emanu-El (6299 Capri Drive). Admission: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. 619-463-4556. (DEL CERRO)

What Do We Want from a City? Explore the changing nature, shaping of our communities in series offered April 6–May 18 in Pepper Canyon Hall room 106 at UCSD. Professor Marcel Henaff of UCSD's literature department presents "Toward the Global City: Monument, Machine, Network," Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"Art in the Age of Mozart: The Courts of Versailles and Vienna" illuminated by University of Sydney, Australia, art history lecturer Jennifer Milam, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

History Alive series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society continues when artist Janne LaValle displays, discusses her latest series of paintings, entitled "The Life, Death, and Resurrection of the American City and Landscape," Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Local History discussed by author Donald Harrison when Daughters of the American Revolution gather, Thursday, April 6,

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10:30 a.m., Admiral Baker Golf Club (2400 Admiral Baker Road). \$15 includes lunch. Reservations: 858-279-2677. (GRANTVILLE)

IN PERSON

Classic Reading Series continues with Lope de la Vega's *Fuente Ovejuna*, Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

The Unbreakable Bond between Parents and Children and "repercussions of trying to play God" probed by Jodi Picoult in *The Tenth Circle*. Picoult visits Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) to discuss and sign her newest book, Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Blue Ducks: Conversations About Cancer" — Patricia Loughrey's new play exploring how family members communicate journey through a terminal illness has staged reading, Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m., at San Diego State University's Scripps Cottage. Free. 619-594-2946 x3. (SDSU)

"Save Those Necco Wafers," "traditional audience-participation melodrama" continues through April 8 at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Will the villain take over the candy shop? Will Goodheart save the day? Find out at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. Admission: \$12, \$14, free for "folks over 100 years." 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

"Esperanza," photographs by Martin Brando Villarreal, spoken word by Raul Garcia, music by Nicolas Roman, Friday, March 31, 7 p.m., at Café Noir (447 Ninth Avenue). Free. 619-235-0075. (SAN DIEGO)

"Mad Hot Cabaret," music and stage performance in cabaret style, Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1, 8 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Fifteen performers "will fashion a diverse musical component with material from Disney, Gershwin, *West Side Story*," and others and "fuse it with news" from newspapers, CNN, BBC. \$5. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Mediterranean Fusion Music and Bellydance by Middle-Earth Ensemble and dancers Cassie and Shalimar, Friday, March 31, 8 p.m., at 101 Artists' Colony (90 North Coast Highway). \$5. 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

Island Meets Island, Ooklah the Moc and I Grade Tour Army, Niyorah, Abja, and Red I Band in concert, Friday, March 31, 8 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). \$15 in advance. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

"ARRiginal," Student Lab Playwrights Festival promising three student-written, -directed, -produced, -designed, and -performed productions in "one glorious, adventure-filled show"! Performances begin at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 1; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, in Camino Hall room 131 at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. RSVP: 619-260-7934. (LINDA VISTA)

Folk-Humor Singer-Songwriters Marley's Ghost perform for

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Association for Near-Death Studies convenes on Saturday, April 1, 1:30 p.m., when Suzanne Boehm discusses her book *Beyond the Tunnel*, in La Jolla Village Square Community Room (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Also promised: video of *Final Destination II: Cheating Death*. Donation: \$5. 619-244-8495. (LA JOLLA)

"Life: A Guide for the Perplexed" presented by the Flying Karamazov Brothers, Saturday, April 1, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$30-\$45. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Shi'ism Expert Yitzhak Nakash reads from his new book, *Reaching for Power: The Shi'a in the Modern Arab World*, Saturday, April 1, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Nakash — associate professor of modern Middle Eastern studies at Brandeis University — traces role of Shi'is in struggle today among Muslims "for the soul of Islam." Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Inept: Impaired: Overwhelmed: Tall Tales from West Virginia and Beyond" presented by Bil Lepp for Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., in Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Suitable for adults, those over 12. \$7. Reservations: 619-298-6363. (LINDA VISTA)

"Ship of Fools: The Pirate Show" featured during Technomania Circus, Saturday, April 1,



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8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). Variety show, blacklight show, Dr. Techno, performers from "ever-widening...talent pool." \$15. 619-231-1950. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Cupid's Choice Awards and Reading, winners of San Diego Writers, Ink second annual Valentine-writing contest fêted on Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m., at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-582-2466. (NORTH PARK)

Discover the Joy of Harmonicas when harmonica collector John Whiteman describes and demonstrates "seemingly unimaginable harmonica designs that were commonplace in their time," talks about tunings and musical capabilities of various harmonicas, and more, Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m., at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-435-5640. (OCEANSIDE)

American Big-Band tour fills stage with 20 singers, dancers, musicians, Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m., California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$30-\$45. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Guitar Society launches with gathering on Sunday, April 2, 4 p.m., at Acoustic Expressions (2852 University Avenue). Guests include Fred Benedetti (classical, flamenco), Jim Earp (Celtic fingerstyle), Paul Sprawl (funky folk blues). Meeting open to players of all levels, styles; attend and be inspired! Donation: \$3 for nonmembers (after first visit). 619-280-9035. (NORTH PARK)

Rich Harmonies, Original Songs — Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group take stage for San Diego Folk Heritage on Sunday, April 2, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Music of the Americas — North and South" may be heard when pianist Daniel Noli presents mini-concert at noon on Monday, April 3, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Meet Mr. Olympia! Eight-time winner Ronnie Coleman on hand to sign autographs, Monday, April 3, 4-8 p.m., at Bally Total Fitness (1910 Sweetwater Road). Free. 619-474-6392. (NATIONAL CITY)

Author Bill Merritt discusses, signs his story *Fools Gold: A Story of Ancient Spanish Treasure, Two Pounds of Pot, and the Young Lawyer Almost Left Holding the*

Bag, Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Mike and the Viejas Band take stage for band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (ESCONDIDO)

Peninsula Winds Concert, the Point Loma Nazarene University Concert Band is joined by Dana Middle School, Correia Junior High School, and Point Loma High School musicians for band concert, Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m., in Golden Gymnasium at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Jazz and Blues Legend Jeannie Cheatham discusses and signs her autobiography *Meet Me With Your Black Drawers On* at Warwick's Bookstore, Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. Find store at 7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Reynaldo Rey and Friends plan comedy show, Wednesday, April 5, 8:30 p.m., at Tabasco's Night Club (6323 Imperial Avenue). Performers include Bobby Law, host Rahim. For those 21 and older. \$30. 619-995-5711. (ENCANTO)

OUT & ABOUT

UNBREAKABLE BONDS EXPLORED

Jodi Picoult signs books, Thursday, March 30, Warwick's Bookstore.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Jazz in the Park, Holly Hofmann and Mike Wofford Quartet with Houston Person perform for series, Wednesday, April 5, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry Unlimited showcases poet Jackleen Holton and music by Aqua Tribe, Wednesday, April 5, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

An "Authentic African Circus" promised when Sarakasi performs "fast pyramids, limbo, acrobatics, tumbling, contortion, chair balancing, ring jumping," more to African musical beats, Wednesday, April 5, 6 p.m., in Arts Building room 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Elevated" poetry reading showcases Talaam Acey, Thursday, April 6, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). \$5. 619-795-9587. (NORTH PARK)

Traditional Afghanistani Music promised when Fraidoon Aramesh performs for First Thursday Concert on April 6, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego History discussed by author Jack Innis for Clairemont Town Council, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., in cafeteria at Clairemont High School (4150 Ute Drive). Free. 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

Novelist Christopher Moore signs *A Dirty Job*, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont

Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Author Tim Sweeney signs *Getting What You Want Out of Life*, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

"Cerca Series" Artist James Drake discusses his project "City of Tells" for Thursday Night Thing, April 6, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). 619-234-1001. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

"West Side Story" presented by Saints Players of Saint Augustine High School, April 6-9, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). \$13.50 general. Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. 619-895-0531. (NORTH PARK)

SPORTS

Take Me Out to the Ballpark, San Diego Padres continue spring training with games most days through Saturday, April 1. Games generally begin at 12:05 and 6:05 p.m.

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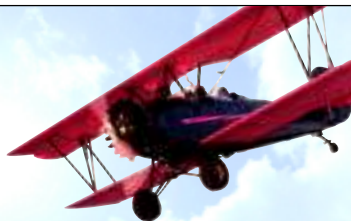
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Fiesta Del Mar Arabian Horse Show runs March 30–April 2 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show opens at 8 a.m. each morning, closes at 9 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 619-445-5520. (DEL MAR)

Spring Classic Quarter Horse Show, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursday–Sunday, March 30–April 2, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Fourth Annual Southwest Kayak Symposium runs Friday–Sunday, March 31–April 2, at Campland on the Bay (2211 Pacific Beach Drive). Classes for all levels of kayakers, demonstrations, slide shows, food, kayak manufacturers and instructors. \$15 entrance fee for weekend pass. 619-523-9577. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Take a "One-Hill Ride" in Lyons Valley with Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists, Saturday, April 1. The 55-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at McDonald's (551

Telegraph Canyon Road). Free. 619-441-8601. (CHULA VISTA)

The San Diego Gulls face Idaho Steelheads, April 1, 2, and 5, at iPayOne Center. Games begin at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday and Wednesday, at 5:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$12–\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

The 33rd Annual San Diego Crew Classic — boasting participation by over 3400 rowers from across U.S. — is April 1 and 2, at Crown Point Shores. Competition starts at 7 a.m. both mornings. Admission: \$7 for one day, \$10 for both; free viewing from vantage points around bay. 858-225-0300. (MISSION BAY)

2006 Pro-Am Surf Series continues with competition on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, at beach at foot of Pacific Beach Drive. Free for spectators. 760-607-1225. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Del Dios Highway-Elfin Forest Bicycle Ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, April 2. Expect moderate hills, peppy pace, 45–50-mile ride through Rancho Santa Fe, along Lake Hodges, through Elfin Forest, return along coast. Ride starts at 9 a.m. behind Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). Free. 760-479-0187. (DEL MAR)

Poetry |

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And I had put away
My labor and my leisure too,
For His Civility —
We passed the School, where Children strove
At Recess — in the Ring —
We passed the Fields of Gazing Grain —
We passed the Setting Sun —

Or rather — He passed us —
The Dews drew quivering and chill —
For only Gossamer, my Gown —
My Tippet — only Tulle —
We paused before a House that seemed
A Swelling of the Ground —
The Roof was scarcely visible —
The Cornice — in the Ground —
Since then — 'tis Centuries — and yet
Feels shorter than the Day
I first surmised the Horses' Heads
Were toward Eternity —



Emily Dickinson

— Emily Dickinson

Del Mar/Solana Beach Rotary Bocce Ball Games, Sunday, April 2, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Benefit on the Bay, 19th annual Southwestern Yacht Club charity regatta, Sunday, April 2. Racing starts at noon, east of Harbor Island; ten-mile course finishes near Shelter Island. Details: 619-222-0438. (HARBOR ISLAND)

Racing Without Brakes! Tuesday night bicycle racing season opens April 4 at San Diego Velodrome, 6:30–9 p.m. Free for spec-

tators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 619-260-3701. (BALBOA PARK)

Japanese-Americans during World War II and publicly criticized injustice of camps. On display through March at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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2006 Photo Safari Shootout! Bring your digital camera and be ready to spend one hour capturing an assigned topic/theme/prop during contest in Old Town on Thursday, March 30. Safari starts with registration at 6:30 p.m. at David Friend Productions (3886 Ampudia Street); after one hour competitors download their two favorite images for slide-show presentation. All participants vote to select winning image. \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. 858-964-4664. (OLD TOWN)

"Clara Breed — 100th Anniversary," exhibition celebrates librarian who worked to help interned

"A Celebration of Color," seventh annual festival of the arts, Thursday, March 30, 4:30–6:30 p.m., at Aseltine School (4027 Normal Street). Exhibit of artwork by children of the school, wine tasting, silent auction, restaurant samples. Admission: free. 619-296-2135. (HILLCREST)

Mingle with Martin Bayless and his NFL friends from Chargers, Raiders, Texans, and Rams who'll be on hand for Martin Bayless Charitable Foundation Hall of Fame Night with the Stars. Fun begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31, at Deco's Restaurant (731 Fifth Avenue). \$25. Required reservations: 619-299-6626. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Goodguys Del Mar Rod and Custom Nationals, showcasing over 2000 street rods, hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars, and street machines (through 1972 models), runs March 31–April 2, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Manufacturer's exhibits, seminars, arts and crafts, swap meet, activities for kids.

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

Better Living by Design, San Diego Interior Design and Landscape Expo runs March 31–April 2 at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Designers, exhibitors, vignettes (or display rooms), celebrity guests (Eric Stromer, Karl Lohnes, Fausto Palafox). Hours: noon–9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. \$10 general. 800-321-1213. (DOWNTOWN)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society, Friday, March 31, 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)

Norwegian Festival planned April 1 and 2 at Mingei International Museum. Events begin with lecture by Janet Blohm Pultz at 10 a.m. on Saturday entitled "True Colors: Folk Art as an Expression of Ethnic Identity." Examine "Norwegian Churches of the Viking Age"

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Reading

Death's Door: Modern Dying and the Way We Grieve



Sandra M. Gilbert

By Sandra M. Gilbert
W.W. Norton, 2006; \$29.95; 580 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Prominent critic, poet, and memoirist Sandra M. Gilbert explores our relationship to death through literature, history, poetry, and societal practices.

Does death *change* – and if it does, how has it changed in the last century? And how have our experiences and expressions of grief changed? Did the traumas of Hiroshima and the Holocaust transform our thinking about mortality? More recently, did the catastrophe of 9/11 alter our modes of mourning? And are there at the same time aspects of grief that barely change from age to age? Seneca wrote, “Anyone can stop a man’s life but no one his death; a thousand doors open on to it.” This inevitability has left varying marks on all human cultures. Exploring expressions of faith, burial

customs, photographs, poems, and memoirs, Gilbert brings to the topic of death the critical skill that won her fame for *The Madwoman in the Attic* and other books, as she examines both the changelessness of grief and the changing customs that mark contemporary mourning.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: From *Publishers Weekly*: Many readers will relate to Gilbert’s grief following the unexpected loss of her husband in 1991: “Death suddenly seemed...urgently close, as if the walls between this world and the ‘other’ had indeed become transparent.” In the process of mourning, the acclaimed coauthor of *Madwoman in the Attic* returned to a project she had abandoned in the early 1970s and invested it with the candor of recent loss.

From the *Boston Globe*:

Drawing on history, literature, and contemporary culture, *Death’s Door* is far more than a memoir. It is a sprawling, sophisticated, and somber meditation on mortality and mourning in America.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Sandra M. Gilbert, born in 1936, is the author of seven books of poetry and the co-editor of *The Norton Anthology of Literature by Women*. A professor of English at the University of California, Davis, she lives in Berkeley.

On the afternoon that we talked, each from the desks in our California homes, I said to Ms. Gilbert, “This is a massive undertaking. What a huge book.”

“Yes, it got to be so much bigger than it was supposed to be. It surprises me. I started out to write a book called *The Fate of the Elegy* that was going to be a work of fairly pure literary

criticism. But I found that, following my husband’s death in 1991, I couldn’t write literary criticism the way I used to. I had to write in a new way.

“Everything got bigger because of that. I had to speak about myself, I had to be personal, I had to be memoiristic or testimonial, but I also had to be historical and think about the culture I was living in.”

“You write that after great sorrow that one’s reading of poems that one has read early in one’s life often changes.”

“Absolutely. There were so many things that I discovered that other poets were doing that I hadn’t read in the way that I now read them. Quite early in the book I remark on ways in which Lawrence talked about looking at the body of his dead mother. I wrote a pretty good analysis of the poem in my dissertation, but

I don’t think I understood it in my own body.

“Grief is physical. I was talking with a group of people about the physical symptoms of grief, the ache, the sore throat, the inability to breathe, the fluttering pulse. All of those are things that happen to me, and I think they happen in such a wrenching way that they change you permanently.”

I suggested, “They change your interpretation of what life is.”

“Oh, absolutely. Absolutely. In one sense you treasure life more, but in another sense, life gets scarier, you feel you’ve looked through a superficial shimmer and seen something dark and frightening and painful. You have to write about that, too, if you’re a writer.”

“And,” I said, “for people
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“In the middle of the 20th Century, death replaced sex as a subject that was regarded as nearly pornographic.”

when Bernt Erik Nilsen speaks afterwards. *Bunad* (folk costume) parade and lunch follow, along with rose painting, Norwegian weaving demonstrations. Dancing by Scandia Dancers Performance Ensemble.

Princess Märtha Louise of Norway speaks about “growing up as a member of the royal family,” then read from her children’s book *Why Kings and Queens Don’t Wear Crowns* on Sunday, 1 and 4 p.m.

Fee is \$175 for entire festival, \$75 for Saturday’s daytime presentation, \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids on Sunday. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x116. (BALBOA PARK)

Benefit Art Show for Toussaint Academy and Teen Center, Saturday, April 1, 6–10 p.m., at Adorn Studio (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 105). Children’s and professional artists’ work on display and for sale. Admission: free. 619-794-2729. (LITTLE ITALY)

Southern California Plumeria Society Cutting Sale, Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. Dormant cuttings on offer, planting tips, books, literature for sale. Admission: free. 619-443-4795 or 760-451-1480. (BALBOA PARK)

Long Live the Queen! Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court and Renaissance re-enactors converge upon Felicita Park for Spring Renaissance Faires and Shakespeare in the Park, Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2 (and April 8 and 9), 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Entertainment, period music, battle pageants, arts and crafts, theater, games.

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Have Your Book and Eat It Too! The 2006 Edible Book Arts Edible Tea celebrating *Alice in Wonderland* is Sunday, April 2, in Seuss Room of UCSD’s Geisel Library. Members of San Diego Book Arts and other artists exhibit their artist-crafted, book-themed, edible works of art. Books on display 2–3 p.m., tea and books (literally) consumed at 3 p.m., raffle of

artists’ books at 3:30 p.m. Reservations: 619-291-6142. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Pepper Tree Day 2006 celebrated Sunday, April 2, 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Adobe making, kids’ program, native garden planting, speakers, exhibits, entertainment. Free. 760-757-3651 x127. (OCEANSIDE)

Meet the Queens of Houses of Pacific Relations when they present ethnic music, dance, and food for lawn program, Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate the “Vernal Equi-Dox” with San Diego Dachshund Club and its spring rendezvous and walk in the park, Sunday, April 2, 1–3 p.m., along Prado. Join group by fountain between San Diego Natural History Museum and Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Bring a picnic. 858-755-9270. (BALBOA PARK)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, April 2, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park

(15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Backgammon Club of San Diego holds weekly tournaments every Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Coast Cafe (in Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive). \$20 entry, \$10 reentry. 858-342-5533. (LA JOLLA)

Help with Kittens, Adult Cats and Dogs after volunteer orientation hosted by Friends of County Animal Shelters, Tuesday, April 4, 6 p.m., at 6046 Cornerstone Court. Free. Registration: 858-405-0852. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

“Are Conservatives Out to Negate the New Deal?” Discuss on Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

“Evolution,” Mexican painter Lourdes León’s exhibit opens with reception on Wednesday, April 5, 5 p.m., at UCSD’s Institute of the Americas (10111 North Torrey Pines Road). Through Wednesday, July 5. 858-822-1696. (LA JOLLA)

“The Art Linkletter Collection” is on view through Friday, September 8, in donor corridor of San

Diego State University’s Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The “media legend” and SDSU alumnus recently donated his archives to SDSU, including television scripts, scrapbooks, photographs, many more items. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

FOR KIDS

“Rumplestiltskin” presented by Weaver’s Tales through Sunday, April 2, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Puppet Express’s *Chicken Coop Comedy*, April 5–9.

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)

Do Sharks Snore? “Asleep in the Deep: Pirates” at Birch Aquarium–Museum for children (six and older) and their adults, 6 p.m. on Friday, March 31–8 a.m. on Saturday, April 1. Educational activities, breakfast. Fee: \$50 per person. The aquarium is located at 2300

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Reading

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to whom great suffering comes, the construct of the future changes."

"Absolutely. The first six months after my husband died, I didn't believe there was a future. The future died with him. I didn't believe that there could be a future. And this, despite the fact that I was surrounded by wonderful children and, at that time, one grandchild — all incarnations of the future. But for me, it seemed there was no future. I had to be remade myself."

"Your husband, in a sense, in his life carried your life forward."

"We went forward together. He was the other half of me, he was bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, and how then if I had lost this part of myself could I have a self? How could I have a future? It's interesting that you ask that question because I haven't thought about it or talked about it, and that's probably a kind of a failure in the book. I had forgotten that sense of losing the future. But it

was very powerful at the time.

"I think maybe all these efforts at writing, writing the book how he died, *Wrongful Death*, which was my memoir, or his death through him and about him and for him, and finally writing this book, were ways of trying to recuperate some sort of future."

"What you wrote after your husband's death were stones, markers set on his grave."

"I think it's true that they were all things that I was doing, to begin with, for him, tributes and markers, grave markers in a way. This last book, *Death's Door*, I was doing to explain the whole process to myself. For years he had been my first reader. He was the ear that heard, he was the eye that saw, and I had to keep on speaking to him until I learned to speak to him and for myself in a more solitary way."

"Do you think that this grief undoes widowers as fully as it undoes widows?"

"Well, if you think about C.S. Lewis, I think that seems to happen very powerfully, or if you think about Ted Hughes's *Birth-*

day Letters. It's very moving. In all those years when Hughes was being vilified by feminists, he was keeping silence and suffering but was also angry at the way he was being treated. He was also raising children and having another disastrous relationship with a woman who also took her own life and took the life of their child. All that time he was writing these poems to his first wife, who clearly was the ear that heard him, the eye that saw, and he was that for her. So she was, in some sense, in some strange ghostly way, still his first reader."

"And," I said, "although Hughes called them 'the birthday letters,' they're also 'death day letters.'"

"Oh, they're death day letters, and they're also what I call 'e-mail to the dead letters,' to whatever the other side might be. They're letters to an imagined listener who seems so close and yet is so far away. Absolutely. The other person who, of course, also has done that is Donald Hall in his book about his late wife Jane Kenyon. There he's writing letters, he literally imag-

ines them again as letters to the dead."

"In the fashion press," I said, "they speak nowadays of pink being the new black. I was thinking the other day how, in terms of subjects about which people are writing, that death is the new sex."

"Oh, that's true. Death was the old sex for a long time; in the middle of the 20th Century, death replaced sex as a subject that was regarded as nearly pornographic. C.S. Lewis talked about embarrassment, his sense that he is an embarrassment to people because people don't know what to say to or about death, they don't know how to comfort a mourner. I think that what's been happening now is that more and more people, perhaps people the baby boomers' age, are suffering losses, that more of these people who are suffering losses refuse to be silent and insist on testifying in specific detail to what they have witnessed or what they have felt."

"We see that with Hughes, who talked about looking at his

"The son believed that this would be a way that he and his father would be able to come back to life, in 500 years or something."

dead wife's body. We see it with Hall, who talks about the details of Jane Kenyon's dying. We see it again of course in the new Joan Didion book. So, there's a sense in which death has come out of the closet.

"We live in a culture that keeps trying to slam the door on death, that keeps trying to tell us that we should seek for closure, but we can't, we can't close the door without talking about what we saw when it opened."

Among aspects of Ms. Gilbert's book I find valuable is what I think of as her jolly con-

tempt for pop psychology.

She laughed. "I try to understand what it is that's going on in the minds of people, of people who insist on closure, for example, who insist instead of a funeral 'a celebration of the life.'"

"With tea sandwiches."

"Yes, that's right. Those are all ways of denying death, of trying to close a door that is uncloseable. And what happens when people are told that they can't mourn?"

"Or that mourning is embarrassing to non-mourners?"

"They're probably not told

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"William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night" is next production by South Bay San Diego Junior The-

atre, running March 31–April 9, at Theatre on Third (250 3rd Avenue). Comedy is recommended for those 12 and older. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 youths. 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

"Sea Schoolers: H Is for Hermit" offered on Saturday, April 1, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-

Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Aquarium scavenger hunt, live animal encounters, stories, crafts. For kids three and four years old with chaperone.

\$28 per pair. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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plants during class on Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$20. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Notes from Paris" delivered during Classics for Kids performance, Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). San Diego Pantomime Theatre and music by Ravel, Bizet, Debussy, Saint-Saëns. Tickets: \$11–\$15 for children, \$19–\$22 for adults. Reservations: 619-435-9111. (ROLANDO)

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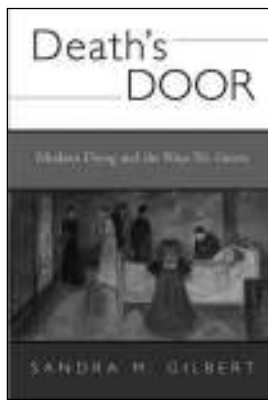
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that, but they have the feeling that they can't mourn. What happens is that people get sick in a lot of ways and feel a kind of ache that's still intractable. It's better, as Toni Morrison says in *Sula*, to scream. Even though screaming doesn't necessarily bring anything to an end either."

"The expectation of late 20th-century psychology is that there's closure for everything," I said.

"That's right, and if you haven't achieved closure, you're not managing things right. Some-

body asked me at a reading the other day, 'When did the word "closure" start getting used?' I didn't know, but the more I thought about it, the more it seemed to me that it's a business term. 'Can we have closure on this deal?' It's a very American, commercial, late 20th-century business term that then gets carried over into pop psychology. And so we might have closure on the deal, we may have sold the house or whatever, but do we have closure on the mourning? We're supposed to have closure. Closure on childhood, closure on pain, closure on suffering. This is all another reason that we're embarrassed when somebody is suffering, whether because they're dying or they're mourning, is because we feel that they should have managed things better.

"We think that death is a kind of personal flaw, and if you're dying, for example, if you have an illness, well we all know that you shouldn't have it because you should have exercised more or you should have eaten a better diet. And if your husband has

died, and this is what happened to me, you feel it must be your fault because you didn't take him to the right doctor, or you didn't see to it that he exercised more, or you didn't prepare the right diet for him.

"Of course, as long as it's your fault, as long as you feel that either your mourning or your illness are your fault, then on the one hand you want to achieve closure, and on the other hand, you're embarrassed. Your friends are embarrassed because they probably secretly agree with you that it's somehow your fault.

"Another reason why it's easier to agree is that we believe in causality. We think if somebody is sick, or somebody is mourning, or somebody has had a terrible loss, there must be a reason for it. And the reason must have something to do with that person. This goes back to one of my favorite lines from Robert Browning, from 'Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came.' This was a line that was one of my husband's favorite lines. A child well into his journeying en route

to the dark tower, over a devastated landscape and in a field sees a sick, skinny, bony, awful-looking horse, and he says, 'He must be wicked to deserve such pain.'

"And that is the way we think. You can't win. It's a lose/lose situation."

"Who is it that said, 'Man is the animal who knows he must die?'"

"Just about everybody; Yeats talks about it, Heidegger talks about it. The difference between us and the animals is, according to this theory, that we have a consciousness of the limitation to our life and to our times, precisely because we have a concept future. Animals don't have that concept. It was interesting to me when I was reading J.M. Coetzee's book, *Disgrace*, which I talk about in one of the chapters.

"*Disgrace* is a marvelous book. Remember in that book, he ends up being in this room where dogs are euthanized, and the narrator or authorial voice says that they, the animals, know; he can tell that there's a way in which the dogs know that they're about to die, they become frightened."

"She knew she was being torn away from herself."

"Why," I asked, "do you think that people deny to themselves, to the very end, that they are going to die?"

"I don't find that difficult to understand. I think that the mind can't take it in. I think even when people do understand they're going to die that what they imagine is a fantasy. I don't think that the mind is capable of imagining its own annihilation, so that even when people decide upon suicide, they're fantasizing a kind of retrospective look at themselves. They imagine the soul detaching itself from the body and looking down at the funeral."

"What do you think happens to you when you die?"

"We all have beliefs. We believe that the dead go into some place; we believe that

they're near, even though they're far. They're far and near at the same time. We believe in ghosts. We try to talk to them. We also believe that we have to tend the body, the remains, that are left behind, because we somehow, in some part of ourselves, still think that the dead are there in that form because we've never known them in any other form. So, it's the most impossible thing to imagine.

"Wealthy people are more likely to have extraordinary last-minute interventions that leave them suffering, entangled in technology. This is another of our problems — we believe we can beat it. There's this society called The Cryonics Institute. They freeze you, and when the technology is going great, then they'll resuscitate

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State Park visitors' center. "Dinosaur Detectives" (9 a.m.), "The Mysterious World of Crystals, Gems, and Minerals" (11 a.m.), "Ancient Sharks" (2 p.m.). Adults welcome. Fee for full day: \$40. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Princess Märtha Louise of Norway reads from and signs her book *Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns*, Monday, April 3, 4 p.m., at Carmel Mountain Ranch Library (12095 World Trade Drive). Free. 858-538-8181. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Youth Speaks San Diego, spoken-word and poetry-slammings workshops for teens in grades 9–12, first and third Monday of every month, including April 3, 6 p.m., at Boys and Girls Club (3800 Mykonos Lane). Free. Registration: 858-720-2180 x314. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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"Sea Strollers," the "A, B, Sea Club" for kids up to 24 months meets 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday–Friday, April 4–7, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Class includes aquarium exhibits, live animal encounter, free-play. \$23 per adult-child pair. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates,

collects, documents, and preserves the historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, "Music, Music, Music" is on exhibit through March. "This, Our Beloved Valley" exhibit focuses on Sweetwater. The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4355 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

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)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of

American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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Reading

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you and you'll see what things are going to be like in the 21st Century."

Ms. Gilbert laughed a laugh that reminded me of cocoa and puffy marshmallows. "Yes. The 21st century. Where you find out whether your books have all been trashed and shredded. A friend was waiting on death's door, and she called me to say, 'Oh my God, I read about this cryogenics.' That is exactly what her husband's son, from his first marriage, had proposed to her husband. He was insisting that her husband pay this, I don't know, \$200,000 fee, which you give to the Cryonics Institute so that he could be frozen. The son was going to do that himself, and the son believed that this would be a way that he and his father would be able to come back to life, in 500 years or something, with this new, amazing technology."

"So many poems," I said, "are poems that mourn the death

of a loved one or face the fear the poet feels at his own death."

"I think that's true in one way or another. But, particularly, and now in the last 100 years, there have been poems that have insisted on talking in such an incredibly specific and testimonial way."

"Sharon Olds," I suggested. To which Ms. Gilbert added the late Thom Gunn. "But," she said, "you can trace that back to the First World War poets. And even beyond that to people like Whitman and Dickinson who seem to be so out of step with their time because they didn't want to talk about dead babies turning into angels. They questioned the pieties of their culture."

Ms. Gilbert mentioned her mother. "My mother was very amusing on this subject the last year of her life — she died at 97 — and I wrote a lot of poems about that. That's another one of the deaths that shaped my thinking as I worked on this book. She said to the doctor, 'You know that Woody Allen joke,' she said, 'where Woody Allen says, "I've dealt with my

dying, I just don't want to be there when it happens.'" She said, 'It's not the way I feel, it's the opposite way, I just don't want to die. I don't mind if I have to suffer a lot and be sick, but I want to go on living.'

"She wanted to know how the story was going to end; what was going to happen to this grandchild. Was that other grandchild going to have a child of her own? She wanted to see how everybody was going to keep on living. And that's another thing we can't stand contemplating, that we won't know."

I agreed. "It's awful to know the narrative will be torn from you."

"Yes. The narrative goes on and you don't get to go on finding out about it. I think that's another reason why cross-culturally and trans-historically we have these visions of the dead as being somehow still with us. We imagine that they're with us because they can't stand being excluded from our lives; they're angry at the thought of being excluded from our lives so they hover at the edge of our lives. But also, they're with us because

they want to know how it's going to happen. How in the hell is it going to go on?"

"Who wins the card game?" "That's right. That's right. I remember trying to encourage my mother, who was at the end suffering from a kind of dementia, to pay attention to the 2000 election, because I knew what she was like, and I knew that would get her hooked on the narrative. But she couldn't focus on the television set. That's an interesting metaphor, isn't it? She couldn't focus on the speeches and on the television set, and she was no longer that interested in the narrative. So."

"What do you think she was interested in?"

"She was interested in staying alive. She knew she was being torn away from herself. She had strange hallucinations. She was interested in trying to tell us that they were real, and that was about it."

"She was trying to provide you with a narrative of her own that would write 'The End' to her life."

"I think that's probably true. I hadn't thought of it that way,

but yes. Although, every once in a while she would wake up from this fantasy world that she was being increasingly drawn into, and she would see who she was talking to, and it seemed as though she would predict the future. She looked at one of my daughters who hadn't yet had a baby and said, 'Now, where is that baby? Why haven't you brought that baby to see me?'

"And the next year my daughter did have a baby, and she said, 'Aw, maybe Grandma knew I was going to have a baby.' My mother's last months were spooky that way; everybody found her fantasies quite unnerving. The friend of another daughter said, 'I think that these people that she thinks she sees are probably the dead that she knows have come for her.' It's amazing the things that everybody believes."

"Do you think," I asked Ms. Gilbert, "that poems have always in a sense had death as their background or impulse?"

"Poets are always haunted by the peril of life, I think. And any act of language is a way of try-

ing to go on. There's some sense in which poets always believe that they're going to be reincarnated as their poems. So, a poet is always sort of defying death. Lamentation, ritual lamentation, is one of the sources for poetry."

"And rhythm." "Yes, right. Poetry itself begins with on the one hand an attempt to memorialize everything, to say, 'There was this, and then there was this, and this man — and then there was that, and this empire was here. Mourning rituals were a source of poetry. I think people feel that way, because in the presence of death, and because of the neediness of the dead, you have to have a special way of talking to and about them."

"Also," I said, "nothing is as intimate, nothing speaks as closely to the soul as does poetry."

"This is what defines us; we are called mortals. Of course, as you were saying before, we know we're mortals, and as mortals we have to talk about our mortality and perhaps by doing so, try to immortalize ourselves."

— Judith Moore

Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is

in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature

lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent

exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to pre-

sent the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900-1950" features dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor's "house call" implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through Monday, July 31. Find

the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

San Diego Archaeological Center, the museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

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Alien Points of View

His photo catches her as she leaves the board, as if air were the element she was born to.

Some photographers are indelibly associated with a particular place: Russell Lee and the hardscrabble barrens of Texas; Helen Levitt and the streets of New York; William Christenberry and the shabby glories of Alabama back roads. It was John Gutmann's fate to become *the* photographer of San Francisco, though he never wanted to be a photographer in the first place.

The subject of a tightly edited exhibition of only 20 images in the Museum of Photographic Arts' lobby, Gutmann started out as a painter and made art as well as photography much of his adult life. Like Robert Frank, a Swiss who gave us a foundational pictorial vocabulary for American life, he was a foreigner who saw our culture in an oddly canted way. Born in 1905 to a well-to-do family of secular Jews in the Silesian town of Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland), by his 20s he was already a serious artist and had found his way to Berlin, cultural hot spot and breeding ground for young painters, musicians, and writers during the Weimar years. Gutmann's knowledge of our culture was transmitted, as it was for most Germans, by Karl May's shoot-'em-up novels about the American west (May wrote them in prison and never visited America); magazine articles about Chicago gangsters; the alpha-male writings of Jack London, Dreiser, and Hemingway; and "Negro" jazz. With the Nazis' rise to power in 1933, Gutmann was forbidden to exhibit and teach, so he emigrated to San Francisco,

where he became a photographer without portfolio, so to speak: he showed no interest in the medium as an art form, only as a means to earn a freelance living, and was ignorant of important California photographers like Edward Weston and Ansel Adams. Although based in San Francisco, he traveled up and down the West Coast and throughout the South in search of subject matter he could sell to news services and magazines.

Gutmann may have disdained the camera as an artistic instrument, but he quickly mastered its power to investigate, usually from "alien" points of view, the newness of American culture. He was dumbstruck by our obsession with automobiles, still rather rare in Europe but, thanks to Henry Ford, a common sight in democratic America. Rich and poor alike, in city and countryside, owned cars, and a lifestyle — the drive-in movies and drive-in diners that Gutmann photographed — formed around them. In a ground-level view from 1938, taken on San Francisco's Nob Hill, an old sedan swells up through the frame like a conqueror's helmet on wheels. And one of his most famous images showcases his curiosity about America's infinite ingenuity in accommodating car culture: an old-style car elevator garage in Chicago with automobiles stacked like chunky delicacies in automat slots.

Gutmann was obsessed with aviation, heights, whatever's airborne. His fascination took different

forms. He loved airplanes, of course, but also took pictures of divers suspended in the air. His photo of the 1936 Olympic high-diving champion, Marjorie Gestring, catches her as she leaves the board, as if air were the element she was born to, and in a self-portrait taken at his home in San Francisco — in the Haight-Ashbury district, not far from where I live — Gutmann poses on a high windowsill, positioned between cityscape and sky, overlooking the bay and the city's hills. Having experienced the early stages of Nazism, he had a keen eye for mass behavior. In an extremely congested, high overhead shot of GIs at prayer during a Thanksgiving service at Camp Roberts in 1942, the devotionism of the content is overridden by the visual force of amassed soldiers.

In contrast to the huge Graham Nash exhibition at MoPA, the Gutmann show is just a thimbleful of images, but all clichés become clichés because they're true, and in this instance less really is more. Gutmann's images not only vacuum up heaps of social, political, and psychological information, but his painterly imagination crafts succinct patterns for that information. In another famous overhead shot, of young men playing stickball in an alley during lunch hour in San Francisco's financial district, the foregrounded V-shaped mass of onlookers pull our eye deep



Class: Olympic High Diving Champion, Marjorie Gestring, 1936

John Gutmann's Century
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into the perspective plan created by two facing buildings — one casts a razor-blade shadow on the players — that recede toward a vanishing point. Like his American cohorts, Gutmann was

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captivated by signage, the more vulgar and explosive the better. Sometimes the visual information nearly overwhelms its formal pattern. *Girlie Mags*, San Francisco (made in 1937, so the mags have titles like *Silk Stocking Stories*, *New York Nights*, and *Gay Broadway*) fills the frame with overlapping images of busty, leggy hotties. Jammed down in one corner is the title "GENERAL SEX."

Gutmann is an odd case of a photographic artist who didn't consider himself one. He insisted that his art was painting, that photography was bread-winning activity. He condescended to his own excellence. And yet there are crossover interests. One of his painterly subjects was cabaret life. Like many foreigners from racially homogenous countries, he was drawn to African-American culture. A 1925 color drawing made while he still lived in Germany depicts a club scene in which two women kiss passionately while a black musician, one "Tommy Johnson," looks on. In 1937 he went to New Orleans at Mardi Gras and made unnerving photos of masked, mostly African-American revelers. In perhaps the best known of these, a slightly out-of-focus black prostitute wearing a white eye-mask laughs right in the camera's face while her dapper pimp oversees the camera-girl transaction. The white high-society types strutting down a littered street in knee-high boots and jodhpurs, in an image titled *The Game*, is an ambiguous recollection of the Germany the photographer had recently fled.

Exceptional photographers are usually recognizable by the emotional tone of their images. Even when Gutmann captured energetic, high-spirited subject matter, like a couple jitterbugging in New Orleans, or a kid drawing a chalk figure in the street as a car rumbles by (*The Artist Lives Dangerously*), his pictures have a shadowy gravitas. I don't mean that they're



Omen, 1934

depressing. Pictures that clarify and sharpen human experience don't depress. Though there's a certain sadness, or melancholia, in much of Gutmann's work, it doesn't mute the pictures, it amps them up. ■

ART LISTINGS

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GALLERIES

"Leaving a Mark," Kathy Miller exhibits artists' books, encaustic paintings, sculpture, and assem-

blage pieces from April 1–May 6, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Miller's works bear "richly layered surfaces" incorporating "visual elements of mark making, writing, letters, or symbols." Meet artist during reception, Friday, March 31, 6:30 p.m. 858-454-5872. Miller leads exhibit walk-through, Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m. (LA JOLLA)

Abstract Expressionist Paintings by Dirke Johnson and Dennis Ellman, opening with reception on Friday, March 31, 6 p.m., at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Exhibit closes Sunday, May 7. 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Remarkable Women Over 65" by Karen Rhiner and "City Bird" by Igor Koustenko are featured through Sunday, April 23, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado), along with work by "Outstanding Visual Artists" of region, youth art by students of Solana Santa Fe Elementary. Meet artists during reception, Friday, March 31, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Upward Mobility," group art show opens with reception on Saturday, April 1, 7 p.m., at Art of Framing Gallery (3333 Adams Avenue). 619-563-9770. Through April. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Timber," furniture by Forest W. Dickey is on view beginning with



The Game. New Orleans, 1937

reception, Saturday, April 1, 7 p.m., in Everett Gee Jackson at San Diego State University. Closes Thursday, April 6. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

Julian Ceramic Artist Sayoko Becker and oil and watercolor painter Joan Boyer have work on exhibit during April at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Meet artists during reception, Saturday, April 1, 4 p.m. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"45th Annual Spring Showcase" Multimedia juried art exhibit hosted by Clairemont Art Guild is on view April 1–14 in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Awards reception: Monday, April 3, 5 p.m. 858-278-5596. (BALBOA PARK)

"From There to Here," exhibit of sculptures by Ron Tatro, opens with reception on Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m., at Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Art exhibit closes Thursday, April 27. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "The Ruth Statom: Through the Looking Glass" mixes interactive, site-specific installations composed of bridges, towers, and mazes with "the collection of

painterly large-scale plans for these works." Statom is known for his "innovative use of glass."

Work investigating "memory, identity, and the ephemeral nature of existence through light projections and the physical transformation of matter" showcased in "Judith Hersko: Shifting Baselines." Hersko explores transformation of matter by experimenting with dissolution of sculptures made of calcium carbonate.

Both exhibits close on Sunday, July 2. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, "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.

View "Art of Adornment — Jewelry from Five Continents" through August. "Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May.

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" 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, over 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

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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 America "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)

San Diego Museum of Art, "In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite" — continuing through Sunday, May 14 — is an "extremely rare exhibition of 2000-year-old Roman frescoes." Exhibit includes 70 objects, including sculpture, stucco reliefs, decorative and utilitarian objects, and 24 frescoes. Roman villas of ancient Stabiae (modern Castellammare di Stabia) are located approximately 4.5 kilometers south of Pompeii; site was well preserved by catastrophic eruption that buried Pompeii and Herculaneum.

The museum's growing contemporary collection and acquisition strategies are chronicled in "Tracking and Tracing: Contemporary Acquisitions 2000-2005," on display through Sunday, July 9. Exhibition includes 90 works in wide range of media, dating from 1960s to present, representing a variety of artistic approaches.

"Contemporary Links 4 — James Hyde: Luminous Platforms and Relaxed Seating" features site-specific "domestic interventions" in "Tracking and Tracing" installation. Hyde's piece features three reading areas with furniture made from materials linking dialogue on abstract painting with minimalist furniture. Through April.

"Horrors of War," drawn largely from museum's print collection, includes works by American and European artists from 17th to 20th Centuries, including pieces by Jacques Callot, Käthe Kollwitz, Pierre Daura, Arthur Segal, George Bellows. Closes Sunday, May 14.

"The Eye of the Collector, the Wishes of the Donor, the Spirit of the Philanthropist: Modern European Paintings at San Diego Museum of Art," on exhibit through Saturday, April 15, groups modern European works according to their donor in honor of the museum's 80th anniversary.

Paintings, sculptures, and objects from Nepal, Tibet, and India featured in "Devotional Arts of Nepal." Buddhism and Hinduism have "enjoyed a peaceful coexistence for over 1500 years" in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley; exhibit "explores fruits of this commingling." Closes Sunday, April 2.

"American Ceramics 1884-1972" demonstrates depth of museum's holdings, with examples from key firms associated with American Art Pottery movement, such as Rookwood, Newcomb, Grueby, Van Briggle. Runs through Sunday, September 3.

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

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The World Premiere of violinist Mark O'Connor's "Concerto for Violin and Cello" performed by O'Connor, cellist Natalie Haas, and San Diego Symphony for "Thursday Night Lite" concert, along with Copland's "Rodeo" on March 30, 7:30 p.m.

Program is repeated, with addition of Bernstein's "On the Town: Three Dance Episodes," for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concert, Saturday, April 1, 8 p.m., Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20-\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

The Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical *The King and I* is current production for Lyric Opera San Diego, through April 2. Baritone Ronald M. Banks is cast as King of Siam, with Kathleen Halm as the American governess Anna Leonowens, who helps the Eastern king come to terms with modern world.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 2 p.m. matinees on Sunday, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$26-\$40. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

A Tragic Tale of Obsessive Love! Spain is setting for Bizet's masterpiece *Carmen*, the next production for San Diego Opera. Cast includes Siberian mezzo-soprano Marina Domashenko, Puerto Rican tenor Cér Hernández, American baritone Malcolm MacKenzie, American soprano Barbara Divis, many others. Sung in French with English translations projected above stage. Conducted by Karen Keltner, directed by Mark Lamos.

Performances at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 31; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 2; 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets: \$27-\$142. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

31st Annual Renaissance Madrigal Dinner with entertainment by Point Loma Singers, Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1, 7:30 p.m., at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Madrigals, motets, full meal. Tickets: \$19, \$25. Reservations: 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Coastal Communities Concert Band Chamber Trio performs Saturday, April 1, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Fauré's "Requiem," "Messe Solennelle" by Langlais, and "Ubi Caritas" by Lauridsen may be heard when chancel choir and masterwork chorale of First United Methodist Church of San Diego perform, Sunday, April 2, 7 p.m. Offering. Find church at 2111 Camino del Rio South; 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Notes from Paris" delivered during Classics for Kids performance, Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m., at

Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). San Diego Pantomime Theatre and music by Ravel, Bizet, Debussy, Saint-Saëns. Tickets: \$11-\$15 for children, \$19-\$22 for adults. Reservations: 619-435-9111. (ROLANDO)

Noise at the Library, "Three Friends of Winter," written by David Loeb is on program — along with "Red Arc/Blue Veil" by John Luther Adams, "9 Haiku" by Michael Fiday, and "Qi" by Chen Yi — Sunday, April 2, 3 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Pre-concert chat, 2:30 p.m. \$17. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" may be heard when Palomar Chorale and First Methodist Church Choir perform with chamber orchestra, Sunday, April 2, 3 p.m., at 341 South Kalmia Street. Program includes music by Britten, Ives, Mozart. Soloists: Mary Jaeb (soprano), Katherine Lundeen (mezzo-soprano), Max Chodos (tenor), Matthew Herriman (bass). Offering. 760-744-1150 x2453. (ESCONDIDO)

Baroque Music Festival, Concert II, title of program is "The Magnificent Music of John Stanley, the Stevie Wonder of the Early 18th Century" when Nota Bene Ensemble for Early Music performs April 2 and 4 in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday. \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

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

"Bach in America," — enjoy music by Barber, Hersch, and Brubeck when pianist Paul Kenyon performs Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Piano, Shofar, and Electronics, performance by Bob Gluck, Thursday, April 6, 8 p.m., in Warren Lecture Hall studio A at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

So-Called "Miniature Works" from 14th-21st Centuries performed by guitarist Colin McAllister, Thursday, April 6, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Palomar Chamber Singers and Palomar Women's Chorus perform for Concert Hour series, Thursday, April 6, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

"Muzik3 2006 Festival," cellist Felix Fan's series returns with concerts on April 18 and 19, 7:30 p.m., at the Other House (7813 Esterel Drive). Tickets: \$20 per concert, \$30 for both.

Tuesday's program showcases Annie Gosfield's "Manufacture of Tangled Ivory," "5 Machines" by Marc Mellits, "Worker's Union" by Louis Andriessen, and a work by Jacob ter Veldhuis. Premiere of David Lang's "Work" set for Wednesday, with video installation by artist Suzanne Bocanegra. Reservations: 858-405-0413. (LA JOLLA)

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Smells Like Napster

Michael Robertson, former CEO of the once legally embattled MP3.com, is risking the wrath of the

tracks may be unauthorized," Robertson said last week. "But the difference between Sideload and [the original] Napster is that we're simply a search engine; we're no different than Google. You can type that song name into Google or MSN or Yahoo! and chances are you're going to find the same song [link]."

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recording industry again. His new locally launched website, www.sideload.com, offers free access to "29,000 songs from more than 7,000 different artists," according to a press release. "No music is actually stored on Sideload.com... only links to files that are publicly available elsewhere on the net are collected." The press release doesn't address the copyright issue.

Robertson runs MP3tunes.com, launched in February 2005, which offers licensed music downloads. Unlike most online music providers, MP3tunes doesn't use digital restriction to limit which players, software, or computer can be used to store and play back the songs. Many major labels refuse to deal with Robertson because of MP3tunes' lack of digital protection. With Sideload's free access to copyrighted music files, why would Robertson risk further alienation from labels and publishers?

"It's possible some of the

He estimates that "a couple thousand" new links are added to the site every day. "All we're doing is providing a nice interface where you can play it, download it, or sideload it into your Music



ROBERTSON: SIDeload "A NICE INTERFACE"

Locker [an MP3tunes feature].... I don't expect any [litigation] from the [Recording Industry Association of America], really."

Robertson's previous venture, the original MP3.com (founded in 1997), was accused by the recording industry of not getting proper copyright clearances to offer digital music online. The company was sued by record labels and music publishers and paid a settlement of nearly \$200 million. Vivendi

Universal Music purchased the company in 2001 for \$372 million in stocks and cash.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Snuffed "We played a song called 'Methamphetamine,'" says Jake Precht, bassist for the punk band Mised Citizen. His band represented La Costa Canyon High School at a March 14 battle of the bands held at San Dieguito Academy's gym. "Ironically enough, ['Methamphetamine' is] an anti-drug song that's about how East County San Diego is the meth-lab capital of the world.... I saw the [San Dieguito Academy] principal running towards the judge table with her finger crossing her throat, trying to signal them to disqualify us and cut power.

"Meanwhile, there were some kids moshing.... One girl, next to the mosh pit but not in it, was standing and singing along to the song.... An assistant principal came, grabbed her from behind, and carried her about 25 feet

towards the wall.... He forcefully held her against the wall for 30 seconds. The entire time, he was holding her by her breast while he and another woman



ROUGH TIMES AT SAN DIEGUITO ACADEMY

restrained [the student's] arms. She said she wanted a lawyer and to let go of her breast because he was hurting her, so they kicked her out of the gym."

The 5'2" girl (a minor who wishes to remain unidentified) is an advanced-placement senior at La Costa Canyon High who takes college music courses. Her family filed a police report on March 20, alleging "vehement" battery and assault by two assistant principals. The parents contacted San Dieguito Union High School District superintendent Peggy Lynch the day after the incident and filed a complaint of sexual abuse, assault, and intimidation. The complaint alleges that their daughter's breasts had red fingerprints that were visible three hours after the incident and that she suffered emotional and physical trauma that required a private physician's attention the next day. By law, Child Protective Services will look into those complaints.

"Someone in the crowd caught [the altercation] on videotape," says Precht. "Luckily, he went home that night and backed it up to his computer, which was a good thing.... The school administration confiscated all hard-copy tapes of the event." Witnesses confirm that tapes were confiscated, and at least one videographer is considering civil litigation on the basis of unlawful search and seizure.

School officials declined to comment and would not confirm or deny whether video footage had been confiscated. The San Dieguito Academy assistant principals were said to be "unavailable" for comment. At this writing, the female student's parents have not allowed their daughter to be interviewed by the school district's lawyer; nor have they decided on whether to pursue criminal or civil litigation.

For allegedly using foul language and encouraging the formation of a mosh pit, Mised Citizen was ousted from the competition and the band's members were punished with Saturday schooling. Their scheduled participation in a "Lunchapalooza" school event was canceled.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Hackers' Delight

The position of rock-band manager does not come with job security. Matisyahu and the Killers, who landed major-label deals not long ago, fired the managers who helped steer them toward international recognition.

Rick DeVoe began

managing blink-182 in 1992, when the Poway punk trio still played back-yard parties. DeVoe remained their manager, even as the band sold 30 million records. Rick DeVoe Management, which includes assistants Chris Georggin and Kristen Worden, is run from DeVoe's oceanfront home in Encinitas. The firm also handles New Found Glory (Geffen Records), Easley (Warner Bros.), and pro surfer Timmy Curran.

"We were devastated," says Georggin of the blink breakup last year. "We are friends with all of our bands



THE BLINK ORGANIZATION

and their families." Guitarist Tom DeLonge hired DeVoe to manage his new band, Angels & Airwaves. blink bassist Mark Hoppus and drummer Travis Barker switched to L.A.'s Irving Azoff (Lenny Kravitz, Velvet Revolver, Aerosmith) to oversee their new project, Plus 44.

"I first saw a tug-of-war when [Geffen] released blink-182's greatest hits last May," says Garrett Michaels of FM-94/9. "The Azoff camp was lobbying for 'Another Girl, Another Planet' [sung by Hoppus] to be the first single.

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But DeVoe's camp wanted 'Not Now,' which was written and sung by Tom." "Not Now" was selected as the first single; neither song became a hit.

Georggin says the May 23 release of the Angels & Airwaves disc was imperiled by an Internet-savvy fan.

"Somehow, kids hacked into Tom's personal e-mail account and took five songs." One of those songs was the first single, "The Adventure," which found its way to KROQ. "Luckily, only two of the five songs that were hacked were leaked [to the general public]."

— Ken Leighton

Nailed Former Nine Inch Nails drummer Jerome Dillon recently told MTV.com that his "cardiac disorder" during a September 2005 San Diego show led to his dismissal from the band. He says bandleader Trent Reznor never called to see if he was okay after the health scare. Dillon says his own calls to band management (to relay the information that his doctor had okayed him to play full-time) were met with "complete apathy and no sympathy for what I'd been through.... I was not welcomed back with open arms, which I didn't understand, since I had been in the band for six years."

Reznor responded with a March 20 post on his website, reading in part, "[Dillon's] recollection of the events leading to his departure from the band is once again

inaccurate.... Jerome continuously has to see himself as the victim in all circumstances. He lives in a world where he is always being wronged by someone or something. That could be me, that could be management, that could be his drum tech, that could be the girl who mistakenly



DILLON'S FACE MISTAKEN FOR OTHER BODY PART

washed his permanent press designer jeans, that could be the person that didn't cook his chicken properly before the show, or that could be the record label that won't give him tour support for his new band to play a show.... P.S.: You look like an asshole in your picture."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Fractured Scene After a four-year respite from playing music, Jade Shader vocalist Terrin Durfey missed the music he used to play with his Leucadia-based band, Boilermaker.

"I regret that as lost time," says Durfey, who spent the years recovering from skin cancer and working at a San Diego-based film company. The Jade Shader started in 2003 and now features Chris Prescott (of Tanner and No Knife), Gabe Feenberg, and Matt Lynott.

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: HORTON PLAZA 14

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



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Each member of the band has been involved in the San Diego music scene for years.

Durfey says things have changed since the Drive Like Jehu/Heavy Vegetable/Three Mile Pilot days of the mid- to late '90s. He notes "the lack of the community [in the scene]. I don't want to name names, but we played a show with a band — we're all from San Diego and were friends with a few of the guys in the band. On their dressing-room door they put this big

bands that play together and get along; but there isn't enough crossover because genre separates them. He says the Jade Shader seeks out new bands to play with, but it's difficult to find bands with a similar sound and/or aesthetic. In addition, because a number of venues host national acts on a daily basis, crowds are spread thin.

"You've gotta be selective when you're going out all the time to see shows," says Durfey. "You're only going to

limits the band's potential because of family commitments; he has a three-and-a-half-year-old son he supports by working at Inner Space Designs in San Marcos.

"We just focus on the West Coast now. If I could make it where I could pay all my bills and be on tour all the time, I'd be completely stoked up."

The Jade Shader play the Casbah on April 4 before heading out on a brief tour with Pinback.

— Jeremiah Griffey



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sign that said, 'Our band members and crew only.' It was just a weird feeling. They were people that we knew and were friends with. There was no camaraderie."

Durfey sees a fractured scene with small cliques of

go see the stuff that you really want to see, so you might miss a whole bunch of new bands that are just great."

The Jade Shader has strong followings in San Diego and in parts of the West Coast, but Durfey says

Discontent in the House Hourly employees who worked at the San Diego House of Blues before January 31, 2006, may soon be able to claim their share of a \$1 million settlement fund set up in the aftermath of a class-action lawsuit. A "claims made settlement" was approved in L.A. Superior Court on February 3. A final hearing will take place May 4.

The lawsuit claimed the House of Blues failed to pay overtime and split-shift wages and didn't provide vacation benefits, meal periods, or rest breaks. If the settlement is finalized, employees of the three Southern California HoB nightspots (West Hollywood, Anaheim, San

Diego) will be compensated.

"At orientation, they promised us [medical and dental] benefits," says a former local HoB employee. "But you had to work at least 32 hours a week continuously for four months. If you worked three and a half weeks and then went below 32 hours [in one week], you'd have to start over.... I felt they were misleading. I might show up to work at 11 a.m. to help them load in [sound gear]. Then, at three, they would tell us to cut out and not show up again until 11 o'clock that night. They prevented you from getting overtime by doing that."

The former employee says there were approximately 200 people at the San Diego club's new-employee orientation meeting last April. He estimated that after the attorneys get their 30 percent cut (\$300,000), employees at the clubs might get \$1000 each.

Jack Gannon, House of Blues VP of public relations, did not respond to a request for comment.

— Ken Leighton

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Beantown Adventurer

I am the schoolyard dancing queen, the girl who learned to box-step with her father to an old record.

Thursday night. It is not quite 10 p.m., and my weekend has already begun. I am putting on makeup, doing my eyes as best I can, given a tiny hand-mirror and severe myopia. I love this ritual, how close to painting it is. I am not glamorous but, at times, pretend, step back from myself and into someone else. My roommate, Era, quite my opposite in appearance, holds skirts up to her waist, turning expertly in front of her closet. "This one?" she asks. "Can't see," I reply, "makeup." "Ahh," she says. She frowns. I look up, eye pencil poised. "Not that one," I tell her, "too long." "I know," she says, "and what about shoes?"

Here's the thing about going out in Boston: it requires planning. You can't sit around for three hours and then say, "Hey! Let's go out, get blasted, dance all night, and stumble home as the sun comes up" because Boston was once a Puritan town. This, for the urban night-owl adventurer, presents several problems, the worst of which is the fact that public transportation shuts down at 12:30 (12:30!), after which time you are forced to attempt to hail a taxi amongst throngs of other weary partiers. Last call is at 2 a.m., which leaves just enough time to get in a few hours on the floor before the house lights go up to reveal not the sleek paradise you thought you inhabited but a dirty, sticky box-shaped room full of sweaty denizens. And the 7-Elevens and others of their ilk do not sell alcoholic beverages, which means it is next to impossible to run out for Bloody Mary mix the morning after your debauchery.

Despite these setbacks, Beantowners know how to have a good time. While Boston lacks the glam factor of other major cities, it's comforting in its nondescriptness, and the straight-laced local laws have spawned a happy-go-lucky "Puritans be damned" attitude, especially when it comes to drinking. The population is predominantly Irish, and it is a college town, so most of the bars have a few good features on tap and a decent selection of cheap well drinks. There is even an official Club Strip, located at the back end of Fenway Park, bathed in the bright white stadium lights that are lit year-round. Here, on Thursday nights, we

traipse out to hotfoot with Boston's best.

We meet at the Park Street station and ride the packed Green Line train to Kenmore, where we spill out into the night to hit cash machines, tease each other, adjust the straps of our uncomfortable shoes, and hitch up our pants. We walk along the overpass, cars roaring beneath us, and make fun of the huge billboards pasted to the sides of the Green Monster, posters that announce, "If you lived here, you'd be home by now." We, as a bunch of transplants from New York, New Jersey, and Mississippi, *don't* live here, and we're *not* quite home, but it doesn't matter. We are going to a place that will, for the next few hours, *be* a home of sorts, where we melt in with other strangers and cease to be displaced.

It is gay night at our local hangout, our favorite night in our favorite spot, and we slip into the darkness, past the bouncers who take our IDs, wrap a pink band around my wrist, and check our names off the inaccurately deemed "guest list." We grab drinks at the downstairs bar on the nearly empty "girls' floor" and head upstairs, single file, to join the massive, teeming group of dancing gay boys under candy-colored lights.

There is some sort of campy theme to the night, one that everyone seems to have ignored, as nobody is in costume dress or, for that matter, in dress at all. *Studio 54* plays on the projection screen overhead, and streamers loop the stage where Mahogany Brown, drag-queen princess extraordinaire, dances with a crew of shirtless men.

I am gulping a Stoli Razz/cranberry juice/Sprite concoction from a plastic cup, eyeing the floor as my roommates slide their way toward the front. The club is a sardine tin. Men (and some women) bump and sway to the beat, DJs safe in their alcove to the left of the stage.

As the next song fades in, Bryn, my other roommate, sidles over and, without a word, I hand her my drink. She takes a sip and grimaces. "This tastes like Robitussin," she says, then, after a slight pause, tilts the cup to her mouth once more. She shrugs, holding it out to me. I take it from her, finish, and follow her to the floor, glasses tucked into my pocket for safekeeping. It's a good trick: a way,

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Boston pub-crawlers

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along with alcohol, to forget self-consciousness. "If you can't see them," an old friend once joked to me, "they can't see *you*." I pat my pocket, feeling the frames safe inside.

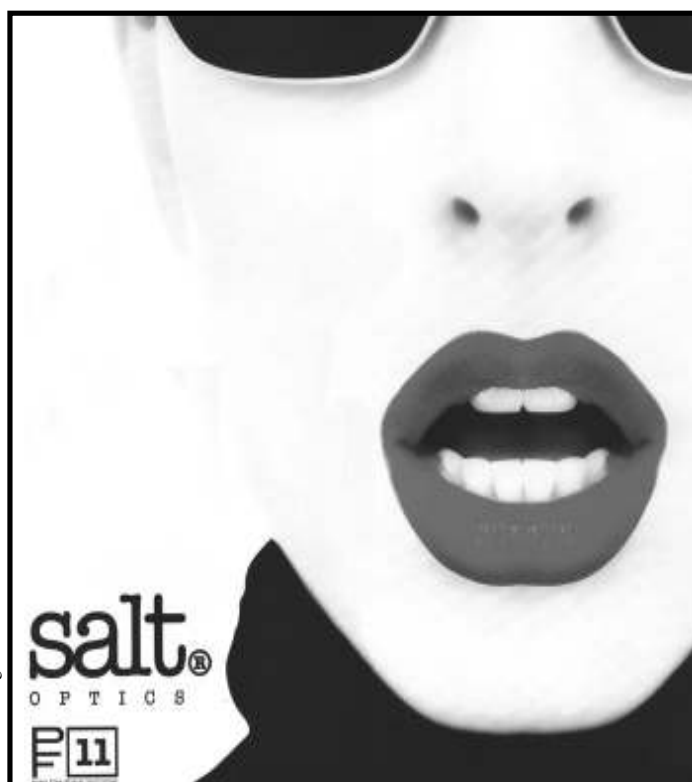
We worm our way to the front, our customary place, and, staying close to one another, carve out an area for ourselves. The lights pulse and slide across our faces, leaving us in intermittent spots of darkness. Cyan and magenta make the loop. Red streaks our hair, green lights up on our backs. It doesn't take long to get swept up in it, to blend with the music and the odd, rhythmic unison of the moving crowd. We bump up against strangers, against each other, trod on feet and yell apologies to people who smile and wave us off. "It's okay, honey!" they shout, and we grin back, turning once more to our group.

Between the flashes of color, I watch the faces, all of them at weird angles as I dance. Patrick grins with his eyes closed, as do Bryn and Era, and I catch myself at this too, moving with reckless abandon. I am no longer the awkward, slightly accident-prone galoot; I am now in a body that knows what it's doing, one that can find the right places to put its feet, arms, and legs. I am the schoolyard dancing queen, the New York City b-girl and, somewhere in the mix, the real me, the

girl who learned to box-step with her father to an old record.

Soon I am worn out and squeeze over to the bar for another Robitussin; two, actually, as the roommates call a drink order from over their shoulders. I don my glasses and brush past the non-dancers, men who lean on one another or girls in a gaggle who hold drink cups that bear the telltale red of the cosmopolitan. The bar is packed, manned by two buff guys in tight black T-shirts. I lean on the countertop and watch Muscular Tender #1 pour drinks for two women in slinky dresses. A voice says in my ear, "Now's the time when you jump in, honey." I look up into the handsomely craggy face of an older gay man; he is Morgan Freeman, only younger with a lounge-singer tone in his voice. He smiles at me, a nonverbal pat on the head, one that appears more genuine than patronizing. He nods at me, then rejoins his partner at the opposite side of the bar. "Thanks," I tell him, as Muscular Tender #2 looks in my direction. I order my Robitussins and make my way back to my pals.

The songs have gotten better, and everyone crowds the floor. It is so hot that more and more shirts are removed, balled up, and stuffed into pants pockets (or other locations, depending).



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MUSIC SCENE

Bryn has joined their ranks (sort of) by stripping off her overshirt; she dances in her tank top and edges closer to the lip of the stage. Mahogany Brown looks down at us from her perch, waves like the Queen of England, and smiles.

When the good songs stop, we troop back downstairs to the dark and quiet of the first floor. This is another little ritual — the mid-night kamikaze break. The bar glows dimly in the dark, and Patrick sidles up, leans in close to give his order to the dark-haired tender. He whispers in her ear, charms her (everyone, it seems, loves a well-dressed, bright-eyed gay man), and she nods intently as he speaks. I cannot hear what he says, but the bartender laughs as though they are old friends. Her teeth catch the mood lights that angle down from the ceiling. She lines up the shot glasses, and we approach, rest our hands on the sticky countertop. The sour smell of old beer and stale liquor drifts up from the floor, where the bartender's feet squish the rubber mat. She pours our drinks from a metal shaker: a few parts vodka, a few parts triple sec, and a healthy dose of lime juice. The drink is blue (or is it green? I can't tell) and glows slightly under the light. Patrick lays down the money, a fat fan of fives, one that the bartender collects with black-nailed hands.

We each take a glass, retreat from the bar, and stand in a circular formation, arms outstretched. Our teeth shine in the half-dark, and we grin at one another, faces flushed, sweat

dampening our dancing clothes. "To the gays" (of which we number many), we toast, or, sometimes, "to friends," or simply, "to us." The kamikaze is oddly tempered; cold from the lime but warm from the alcohol. It is sweet yet sour, stinging at the end. We leave our shot glasses on the table and head back upstairs — and back to the dance floor.

I'm good and buzzed now and, lost inside my astigmatic world of lights and sounds, I almost forget where I am and that anything else exists besides motion. That's why I don't notice him until he's boogying right next to me, a small, spikey-haired boy in a striped T-shirt. He grins, leans in, lisp slightly as he says, "You're gorgeous!" I stare at him in surprise, stopping mid-move. "Who, me?" I ask. He nods. I can't be hearing him right. Pulled out of my element, of my head, I'm stuck between universes. He's caught me at what could be my worst — dancing unabashed without a second thought — or, I imagine, he's seen me at what might be my best. Could I appear the rock goddess, the movie star, the club kid extraordinaire that I secretly hope I can become? Could it actually be true? I size him up, or at least try to. *Does he think I'm a boy?* I wonder. *Do I look that twinkly? Is that a bad thing? But a compliment is a compliment and, hell, I decide firmly, I should take 'em where I can get 'em, suspect as they might be.* "You're crazy!" I bel-low happily in his direction and, without hearing me, he dances in for a moment before he is whisked off with his friends. I dart back to my group, a mere foot away. They wave and call my name as confetti sprays from the ceiling and covers us in pa-pery snow. ■

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Donald Fagen: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, March 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Dionne Warwick [567]: Rincon Casino, Thursday, March 30, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Johnny Winter: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Pepper: Canes, Thursday, March 30, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

Train: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, March 31, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Slightly Stoopid [352]: Canes, Friday, March 31, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

The Alkaline Trio [345]: House of Blues, Saturday, April 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Fall Out Boy, 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. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

The English Beat: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Floetry: House of Blues, Sunday, April 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Kirk Franklin: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, April 3, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

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.

Jesse Colin Young [614]: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Wednesday, April 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

APRIL

Peter Frampton [523]: Rincon Casino, Thursday, April 6, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Chimaira and Arch Enemy: House of Blues, Thursday, April 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Jeff Beck [569]: 4th & B, Thursday, April 6, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine: House of Blues, Friday, April 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

Taking Back Sunday [553]: House of Blues, Sunday, April 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel [617]: Cox Arena, Sunday, April 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

John Pizzarelli: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Sunday, April 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

The Limelites [881]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, April 9, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Umphey's McGee: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Vanessa Williams: Rincon Casino, Thursday, April 13, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Colin Hay [573]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Ronny Cox: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, April 15, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

Yellowcard: Soma, Tuesday, April 18, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Keyshia Cole: House of Blues, Thursday, April 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Zombie [476]: 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.

Ice Cube [116]: 4th & B, Friday, April 21, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 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, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Peter Case: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 28, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Wiggles: Cox Arena, Friday, April 28, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Louis Walker [953]: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, April 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

Cheap Trick: Rincon Casino, Saturday, April 29, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

David Wilcox [824]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, April 30, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

MAY

Jagueros [301]: Pala Events Center, Monday, May 1, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

The John Butler Trio: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Drive-By Truckers [533]: Canes, Tuesday, May 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Aterciopelados: House of Blues, Wednesday, May 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

R. Kelly: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, May 5, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Wishbone Ash [110]: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, May 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

Devildriver: House of Blues, Monday, May 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Fall: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Boyz II Men [620]: 4th & B, Thursday, May 11, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

KT Tunstall: House of Blues, Thursday, May 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Guttermouth [129]: Canes, Friday, May 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Brad Paisley [781]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, May 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Lee Roy Parnell: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, May 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

John Tesh [623]: House of Blues, Sunday, May 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The New Cars and Blondie [580]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, May 16, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Jamie Cullum: House of Blues, Wednesday, May 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Charlie Musselwhite: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Ministry [572]: House of Blues, Sunday, May 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The New Cars and Blondie [580]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, May 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns [263] and Bob Schneider [252]: House of Blues, Friday, May 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Vicente Fernandez: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 27, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 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.

Slayer [405]: San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, June 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Smash Mouth: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 13, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Bo Bice: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 14, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Leon Russell [951]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Daryl Hall & John Oates [576]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 15, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

The Walkmen: House of Blues, Friday, June 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Martina McBride [779]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, June 18, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Chesney [784]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Restless Heart, Little Texas, and Blackheart: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 20, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Neko Case [509]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, June 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Tracy Lawrence [782]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 21, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Heart [610]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 22, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

SI*SE: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 22, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Styx [581]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Indigenous: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, June 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Jonny Lang: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 24, 5005

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Two Gallants is a San Francisco duo that plays antique blues guitar accompanied by nimble, jazzlike drums and writes songs with long, storytelling, folklike lyrics, often delivered in a punklike scream. Oh, and the band takes its name from a short story by James Joyce. I mean, these guys aren't just begging to be taken seriously, they're practically showing up on rock critics' doorsteps with a bottle of Veuve Clicquot and a flower arrangement that spells out, "Love Me!"

So it is no small achievement that Two Gallants' **Adam Stephens** and **Tyson Vogel** are not crushed under the weight of their pretensions. Far from it. On the band's recently

released second album *What the Toll Tells*, they pick up those heavy pretensions and swing them around the room and knock you over.

When you factor in their youth — if you combined their ages you would still be almost 20 years short of Mick Jagger's — their mastery of traditional forms is amazing. Like another wunderkind and critic's darling, Conor Oberst, Stephens and Vogel dig into even their most archaic-seeming numbers with such ferocity that they never sound like a revival act.

The comparison is not arbitrary: Oberst helped get the band signed to Saddle Creek Records, the record label he helped found. Like the Bright Eyes singer, Two Gallants sometimes let their enthusiasm get the better of their judgment. The song "Long Summer Day," told from the point of view of



TWO GALLANTS

an angry young black man whose father was lynched, aims for Billie Holiday's "Strange Fruit" but lands somewhere closer to Elvis Presley's "In the Ghetto."

TWO GALLANTS, The Casbah, Wednesday, April 5, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.

Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Donna Summer [625]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, June 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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JULY

Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, July 1, 2260

Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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AUGUST

Creedence Clearwater Revisited [628]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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The Alkaline Trio [345]: House of Blues

American Pharaoh: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Article 134: Blind Melons

The Banner: Soma

The Barnyard Ballers [125]: 'Canes

Between the Buried and Me: Soma

The Big Fellas: Dream Street

The Black Moods: The Jumping Turtle

Blag Dahlia of the Dwarves: 'Canes

Bleeding Through: Soma

Born Dead: Soma

The Brothel Dwellers: Longshot Saloon

Brothers Past: Winstons

Cape May [164]: Riley's Sports Bar, Blind Melons

Chapel of Thieves: Dream Street

Chapter 14: The Jumping Turtle

The Cheat: Brick By Brick

Colourform: The Casbah

The Crash Kids: The Jumping Turtle

C24C: Dream Street

Dead Boy: The Casbah

Def in One Eye: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Demented Are Go: 'Canes

The Dog Rockets: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The 88: The Casbah

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Every Time I Die: Soma

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Foreign Born: The Casbah

Goldspot: The Casbah

The Grates: The Casbah

Haste the Day: Soma

Hialeah: The Casbah

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Hurt: Soma

I Am Alien: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Invictus: Dream Street

The Killing Moon: Soma

The Kings of Oblivion: Cosmos Cafe

La Rocca: The Casbah

The LeperKhanz: Longshot Saloon

Lydia: Soma

Madball: Soma

Misty & the Mobys: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Modern Rifles: The Jumping Turtle

My Waking Dream: The Jumping Turtle

Naked Eyes: Belly Up Tavern

Never: Soma

New Day Mile: The Jumping Turtle

Of Hearts and Shadows: Blind Melons

Operation Vacusuck: The Rhythm Lounge

Other People's Children: 'Canes

Gregory Page [186]: Brick by Brick, The Casbah

Pretty Vicious: Brick By Brick

Remembering: Soma

Scarlet: Soma

Scissors for Lefty: Brick By Brick

Siko: Dream Street

Slightly Stoopid [352]: 'Canes

Spoken Gun [131]: Brick By Brick

The Spots: The Casbah, Brick by Brick

Stacked Chairs: The Jumping Turtle

Stripped Down Hollywood: Soma

The Subhumans: Soma

Sulphuric Baptism: The Rhythm Lounge

Thee Merry Widows: 'Canes

These Green Eyes: Soma

Total Chaos [162]: Soma

Two Gallants: The Casbah

Vintage Honey: The Jumping Turtle

Wanted Dead: Longshot Saloon

We Are Scientists: The Casbah

World Inferno Friendship Society: Soma

You Die First: Longshot Saloon

Zao: Soma

Zombie Surf Camp: The Rhythm Lounge

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The Accident Experiment: Brick By Brick

Alta Voz: The Casbah

The Bad Plus: Belly Up Tavern

Carra Barratt: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Big Backyard: Tiki House

Bill: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Blind Date: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Blizzard: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Brain Buckit [563]: Tiki House

Cactus Twang: The Calypso Cafe

Chris, Chris, Chris: Dream Street

The Cold War Kids: The Casbah

The Clay Colton Band: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant

Cubensis: Winstons

Custard Pie: Leucadian Bar

The Detroit Underground: Humphrey's

Difficult Henry: Fannie's Nightclub, Brick by Brick

The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

Emerald City: 'Canes

The Fall Guys: MCP's Irish Pub and Grill

Nathan Fox: 'Canes

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The Hillstreet Stranglers [469]: Longshot Saloon

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Riley's Sports Bar

Illinois: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

In This Moment: Brick by Brick

In Vitro: Brick by Brick

The Jade Shader: The Casbah

Jessie & the Fools: 'Canes

Jessie's Fools: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)

June Gloom: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Jeff Kane: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Red Lane: Patrick's II

Life and Times: The Casbah

The Lonely Boys Revenge: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Danielle LoPresti & the Masses [452]: Blind Melons

Loose Cannon: Surf N'Saddle

Media Lab: Brick by Brick

Money Shot: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Mother Grundy: Dream Street

Mother Mae I: Brick by Brick

My Ruin: Brick by Brick

Night Shift: Pal Joey's

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

Pickford's Party: Thrusters

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

The Red Elvives: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar and Grill

Rockola: Humphrey's

Ron's Garage: Island Sports and Spirits, Dick's Last Resort

Rookie Card [539]: The Casbah

Roxy Monoxide: Humphrey's

The Samples [517]: Belly Up Tavern

The Shambles [454]: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Silverside: Brick By Brick

619: Second Wind (Santee)

Tom Smerk: Barrett Junction Cafe and Mercantile

Barry Sparks: Humphrey's

Split Finger: 'Canes

The Stiletto: Henry's Pub

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This Calendar Year: Coaster Saloon

3 Against 1 [456]: Brick By Brick

Tower 4: 'Canes

Tracil Guns: Brick by Brick

Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Under the Stone: Brick by Brick

Uptown Groove: Dirk's Niteclub

West of 5 [505]: Ocean House

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Disco Pimps: Moondoggies

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Reaganomics: Jimmy Love's

Jesse Colin Young [614]: Humphrey's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

George Brittenham: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective [678]: Thrusters, Magnolia's

The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

John Cain [703]: Bahia Resort Hotel, Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Excelsior

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Jerome Dawson: Humphrey's

ESP: Dizzy's

Will Faerber [635]: South Bay Fish and Grill

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Janet Hammer: Catamaran

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

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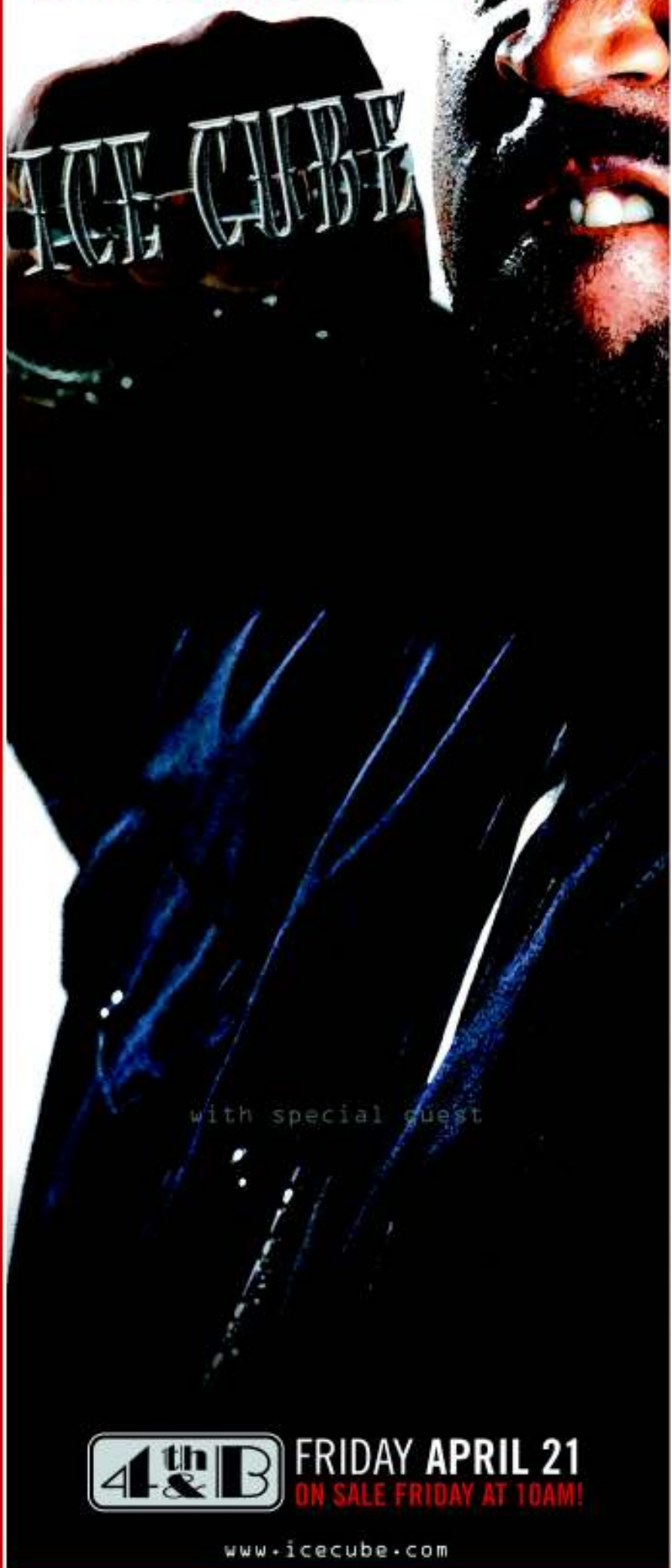
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Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Mesa College Jazz Ensemble: Dizzy's

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Croce's Jazz Bar

Jose Molina Serrano: Humphrey's

Mystique: Jimmy Love's, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Mike Nelson: Qwiigs Bar and Grill, The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind: Fresh Seafood Restaurant and Bar

Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

The Robert Parker Trio: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Carlos Rull: Bistro 221

Sambajazz: The Calypso Cafe

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect

The Sidemen: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Coyote Bar and Grill

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Sweet Life: Los Cabos Mexican Mesquite Grill

Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

Toku: Dizzy's

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare

Andy Villas-Boas: Dizzy's

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Common Sense [736]: Belly Up Tavern

The Devastators [731]: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Gadfly [738]: Brick By Brick

The Nikhil Korula Band: Belly Up Tavern

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill

Natural Vibes: 'Canes

Natural Vibrations: Longshot Saloon

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Pepper: 'Canes

Niyo Rah: World Beat Center

Roots to Rockets: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Stone Senses: Blind Melons

Stranger: Belly Up Tavern

Sublime Remembered: Brick By Brick

Dave Wakeling: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Les Allen & City Limits: Whiskey Girl

The Band in Black: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Hillbilly Noise: Don's Cocktail Lounge

The Honky Tonk Kings: Renegade Inn

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Adrienne: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Berkley Hart [857]: Brick By Brick

The Biddy Bums: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Brax: The Ould Sod

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Kai Brown: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

Shauna Burns: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Greg Campbell: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

Chris Carpenter: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

The Celtic Ensemble: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Alicia Champion: Blind Melons

Stasia Conger: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

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Alfonso Esparella: Dream Street, Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Chad Farran: Dizzy's, Brick By Brick
Simeon Flick: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)
4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Mark Goffeney: Brick By Brick
Tom Griesgraber: Belly Up Tavern
Terrence Hale: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
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Ernie Halter: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Ali Handal: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Ben Ingraham: Humphrey's
Irwin's Conspiracy: Lestat's Coffeehouse
John January: Cosmos Cafe
Steph Johnson: Brick By Brick
David Lally: Ocean House, Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant
Le String Band 5000: Turquoise Cafe
Jimmy Lewis: Dream Street
Jane Lui: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)
Gabriel Mann: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Jeanie Mendenhall: Brick By Brick
Kevin Misajon: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
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Matthew Moon: Belly Up Tavern
Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Barbara Nesbitt: Brick By Brick
The New Dadaists: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Abigail Nolte: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

The Northstar Session [886]: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Mick Overman: Tiki House
Phil Harmonic: Brick By Brick
Tommy Price: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Billy Raphael: Dream Street
Andrea Reschke: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)
David Rogers: Dizzy's
Saba [822]: Lestat's Coffeehouse, Brick By Brick
Michele Shipp [888]: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Sheila Sondergaard: Dream Street
Paul Sprawl: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Tefflon: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Ryan Tennis: Dream Street
Terra Naomi: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Pete Thurston: Brick By Brick
Kevin Tinkle: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Willie Venant: Dream Street
Vince Welnick: Winstons
Rose Winters: Island Sports and Spirits
Wood'n Lips: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Blue Dawgs: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill
Blue Four [943]: Patrick's II
The Blues Brokers: Carvers, The Kraken
The Bluescasters: Tio Leo's Lounge, Fannie's Nightclub
The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken
Chet Cannon & the Committee: Patrick's II
The Cat House Thumpers: Island Sports and Spirits
Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans, Big

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

When Slash was interviewing singers for Velvet Revolver, he was said to have cautioned all comers that he had already heard the best singer in rock and roll. I don't think he was referring to Axl. I'm thinking **Paul Rodgers**. If so, Slash would have been right. Paul Rodgers's first hit was "All Right Now" with Free, the song with the strange bass guitar solo. It was the sheer sexual desperation in Rodgers's voice that drove that record to the charts. Later, Rodgers fronted Bad Company, a plodding workhorse band made famous by well-timed power chords and, again, Rodgers's stunning vocal interpretations. It seemed a perfect match when Rodgers was tapped to front the remains of **Queen**.

But Paul Rodgers and Freddie Mercury couldn't be more different as frontmen.

Rodgers, ever the blues shouter, is by comparison reserved. He may invert the microphone stand, but that's about it. Mercury, on the other hand, was a bundle of outlandish charisma. His was perhaps the most powerful voice of '70s rock, first come to life for many on "Bohemian Rhapsody." I liked "Killer Queen" better, but "Rhapsody" made Queen into superstars. At the time the song broke records for the longest run at number one on the pop charts in England. It soared to number one again when the record was rereleased after Mercury died in 1991.

Critics called Queen grandiose. Their excesses would come to symbolize many of the ills that punk later hoped to correct. But critics or not, by the end of 1980 Queen had sold some 45 million albums worldwide; their influence is still heard today. A glance at the tour's set list shows an artful nod to Paul Rodgers's past as well as a healthy dose of Queen's own recorded history — including



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EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II, Belly Up Tavern
Gregory Michael: Bully's
Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe
Sean Perry: Harney Sushi
S.D. Blues: Chuey's Numero Uno
The San Diego Blues Trio: The Aero Club
Shelle Blue: Patrick's II
Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe
Sparky's Dream: Coyote Bar and Grill
3 EZ Pieces: The Kraken
Billy Watson: Coyote Bar and Grill
Johnny Winter: Belly Up Tavern

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub and Grille, Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare
The Manny Cepeda & Gene Perry Duo: Tazablanca
Chicarrones Guapos: The Calypso Cafe
Floetry: House of Blues

Fuerte: The Calypso Cafe
Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado
Goapele: House of Blues
Jangada: Rei Do Gado Brazilian Steakhouse
Los Fabulocos: Tio Leo's Lounge
Los Ingratoz: Over the Border
Bradley Leighton [987]: Game Time Tavern, Humphrey's
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Ascension: Second Friday of the month, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 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 Walkkrawler, 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 guests. No cover. 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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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 Buena Vista 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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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., Johnny Winter and the Bill Magee Blues Band. Friday, 9 p.m., Common Sense and the Nikhil Korula Band, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., English Beat with Dave Wakeling and Naked Eyes, ska/alternative. Sunday, 8 p.m., Primio, Latin jazz. Tuesday, 8 p.m., the Bad Plus and Tom Griesgraber, acoustic. Wednesday, 9 p.m., the Samples and Matthew Moon, acoustic rock/folk.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

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The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., the Robert Parker Trio, jazz.

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Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Saturday, Money Shot, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, Chicarrones Guapos. Friday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues. Saturday, Fuerte, salsa. Sunday, Sambajazz, Brazilian jazz. Monday, Cactus Twang, roadhouse rock/blues. Tuesday and Wednesday, call club for information.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, the Blues Brokers, blues.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Roots to Rockets; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m.

to 10:30 p.m., the Restless Natives, rock/blues/reggae; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Billy Watson, blues; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Jerry McCann Band, reggae/R&B; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sparky's Dream; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Johnny "B" Blues.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, Bradley Leighton, R&B/jazz/dance.

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The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative unless

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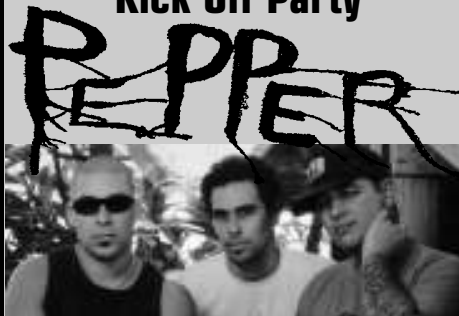
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Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Surf N' Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Juan Peso & Grand Canyon Sundown*. Saturday, *Loose Cannon*, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band*, pub rock. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *David Lally*, acoustic pop.

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Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.

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Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gregory Michael*, Motown blues/funk.

'*Canes*, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Pepper*, *Natural Vibes*, and *the B Foundation*, reggae. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Slightly Stoopid*, *the Expendables*, and guests. Saturday, *Tainted Love*, '80s music. Sunday, *Demented Are Go*, *Thee Merry Widows*, *the Barnyard Ballers*, and *Blag Dahlia* of the Dwarves. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Split Finger*, *Tower 4*, *Emerald City*, and *Jessie & the Fools*, funk/R&B/jazz/rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Nathan Fox*, *Hargo*, and *Other People's Children*.

Catamaran, 3999 Mission Beach Boulevard, San Diego. 858-488-1081. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Janet Hammer*, jazz/light pop.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *This Calendar Year*, rock.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Chapel of Thieves*, *Invictus*, and *the Big Fellas*. Friday, *C24C*, *Siko*, *Swell*, and *Mother Grundy*. Saturday, *Chris*, *Chris*, *Chris* with *the Dateless Losers* and *Van Housecoat*. Sunday, reggae. Monday, *Billy Raphael*, *Jimmy Lewis*, *Sheila Sondergaard*, *Hugh Gaskins*, *Willie Venant*, *Ryan Tennis*, and *Alfonso Espariella*, acoustic. Tuesday, old skool/hip-hop. Wednesday, call club for information.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, DJ event, call club for information. Wednesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

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9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Kevin Misajon*, acoustic. Saturday, *Jessie's Fools*, rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, 10 p.m., *the Disco Pimps*.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Nick Fiore*, *John Giulino*, *Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*, jazz.

Qwiigs Bar and Grill, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1101. Thursday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Pickford's Party*, rock/funk. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, *Big Backyard*, rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Trent*. Wednesday, *Mick Overman*, acoustic.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Monday, 8 p.m., *Le String Band 5000*, acoustic jazz/Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, 7 p.m., *the San Diego Blues Trio*.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Jane Lui*, pop/folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buena Vista Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, *Sublime Remembered*, *Spoken Gun*, and *Gadfly*, dub/reggae/punk. Friday, *Klub Therapy*. Saturday, *the Accident Experiment*, *In Vitro*, *3 Against 1*, *Silverside*, *Scissors for Lefty*, *the Cheat*, and *Pretty Vicious*, hard rock/indie/alternative. Sunday, Acoustic Alliance, 5:30 p.m., *Bill Coomes*, *Barbara Nesbitt*, *Phil Harmonic*, and *Mark Goffeney*; 6:30 p.m., *Joanie Mendenhall*, *Saba*, *Steph Johnson*, and *Pete Thurston*; 7:30 p.m., *Berkley Hart*, *Chad Farran*, *Matt Molarius*, and *Gregory Page*. Monday, *Mother Mae I*, *My Ruin*, *Media Lab*, *Moment Under the Stone*, and *Difficult Henry*, metal/hard rock. Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, *TracII Guns* and *the Spots*, rock.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Sidemen*, smooth jazz.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego.

619-688-1120. Friday, *the Devastators*, reggae.

Hancock Cafe, 3554 Hancock Street, Point Loma. 619-296-2060. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Tuesday, *Sean Perry*, electric soul/mash-up.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Flock of '80s*. Friday, *DJs Tony Aguilar* and *Nick Shakes*, dance. Saturday, groove. Monday, acoustic music. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly/swing. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, jazz/blues.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Saturday, 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., DJ event, gothic/death rock/new wave/punk.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m., *Ben Ingraham*, acoustic pop. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Jerome Dawson*, jazz. 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the Detroit Underground*, rock/soul. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Roxy Monoxide*, '80s dance music; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Bradley Leighton*, jazz flautist; 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jose Molina Serrano*, Latin jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Nathan James* and *Ben Hernandez*, blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Barry Sparks*, rock and roll. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jesse Colin Young*, pop rock.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

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Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Shambles* and *Tefflon*. Friday, *the Biddy Bums*, *Ali Handal*, and *Kevin Tinkle*. Saturday, *Saba*, *Terra Naomi*, and *Adrienne*. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Paul Sprawl* and *Jim Earp*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Irwin's Conspiracy*.

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *Carra Barratt*, *the Hard Lessons*, *the Adopted Prophets*, and *the Dog Rockets*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Northstar Session*, *Bill*, and *Blizzard*, rock/alternative. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Lonely Boys Revenge*, *June Gloom*, *Head to Wall*, and *Def in One Eye*, rock. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Jeff Kane*, *Illinois*, and *I Am Alien*, rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Brax*, folk/country. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

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Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *the Higher, Lydia, These Green Eyes, the Killing Moon, Stripped Down Hollywood*, and *the Award Goes To...* Friday, *Bleeding Through, Every Time I Die, Between the Buried and Me*, and *Haste the Day*. Saturday, *the Subhumans, Total Chaos, World Inferno Friendship Society*, and *Born Dead*. Monday, *Remembering, Never, Madball, Zao, Scarlet*, and *the Banner*. Wednesday, *Hurt*.

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Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Capriccio String Quartet*, classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Abigail Nolte, Chris Carpenter*, and *Terrence Hale*. Friday, *American Pharaoh, Ernie Halter, Gabriel Mann*, and *Stasia Conger*. Saturday, *Alfonso, Christopher Dallman, J.D. Broucharde, Michele Shipp*, and *the New Dadaists*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

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Songs: 1) It Burns 2) Vanilla Gorilla 3) Hour of Power with Rutger Hauer 4) Do Your Worst 5) The Malody

Band members: Brian Barrabee, bass; Ben Johnson, vocals; Tim Johnson, drums; Matt Strachota, guitar

"It Burns" starts with a heavy, rolling, guitar-and-bass riff that carries a hint of funk. The lyrics come fast, and I can't pick out much except "it burns." It is bent and sweaty music that is too hard for radio play. The guitar and bass work is sophisticated and

reminiscent of Metallica with a dash of Primus.

"Vanilla Gorilla" comes even speedier with high vocals that sound like a cross between English and gibberish. The only words I can pick out are "vanilla gorilla," and that's only because I'm listening for them. This track has solid

drumwork that isn't obscured even by the shouting singer and lightning pace. The guitar sounds a little muddled in places, but it might be recording buzz and interference.

"Hour of Power with Rutger Hauer" is the finest-named and slowest of all the songs. It's a little darker and heavier, with Zeppelin or prog rock lyrics about "Dreams of yesterday / Those dreams have gone away / to tomorrow."

"Do Your Worst" starts out with high-treble vocals and guitar that could replace your current car alarm, it then rolls to a lower range and back up to the car-alarm tones. It is funky with a little bit of Red Hot Chili Peppers. "The Malody" is more of the same, but with driving guitar and long, howling vocals.

The Long and Short of It



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is too heavy for radio, and I don't see them breaking out of the local arena because of that. But if I were to line up an all-star San Diego night of hard rock, it would be these guys with the Archons.

Inside the CD liner is a picture of kitty cats, which I think is hilarious.

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Bad Date Theater

Korbett Kompany Productions presents a slate of one-acts about "relationships from hell," including George Bernard Shaw's *How He Lied to Her Husband* and A.R. Gurney's play *The Problem*. The show also includes a dinner-theater package. GET WIRELESS STORE, 116 WASHINGTON STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-297-7309.

The Constant Wife

The Old Globe Theatre stages Somerset Maugham's comedy about Constance Middleton's unconcern over her husband's affair. Is she for real? And what if she is? Seret Scott directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, APRIL 6, THROUGH MAY 7; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Dancing at Lughnasa

OnStage Playhouse presents Brian Friel's drama about Irish sisters, "of times long ago," and their romantic longings and anxieties. Carla Nell directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH APRIL 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Dearly Departed

Vanguard Productions presents the comedy that asks: what do a parking lot cleaning machine, a trashy earring, ballet slippers, and a Yam Queen have in common? Tom Haine directed. WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT STREET (AT CANON), POINT LOMA, THROUGH APRIL 9; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-224-6263.

Evita

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's musical — Eva Peron 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 Peron (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 Peron'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.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH APRIL 2; THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE THURSDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

Intimate Apparel

Daughter of freed slaves, 35-year-old Esther sews unmentionables at a 1905 New York rooming house. She's never known love. But when she corresponds with George Armstrong, a West Indian on the Panama Canal's construction crew, a verbal relationship grows. Lynn Nottage's often-produced drama gives voice not only to people history overlooks, but also to people who have trouble speaking for themselves. Act Two, however, has a predictability that runs ahead of the slow-to-evolve story (when a first act concludes with a marriage, you pretty much know what's ahead). *Intimate* is one of the San Diego Rep's strongest productions in some time. Everything has texture: from thickly patterned wallpaper to the sheen of silks and bridal veils. Director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg adds a visual subtext: characters speak as much with their

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hands as their words; their "touch," in fact, often defines them. Though at times they verge on declamation, the supporting cast does nicely detailed work (Lisel Gorell-Getz as a repressed socialite; Michael A. Shepperd as George, whose "touch" changes). Esther's almost too innocent, too deserving (a titch more of either and she'd float straight to heaven). Lisa Renee Pitts gives her a sculptor's strong and tender hands. In a moving, understated, intricate performance, Pitts shows why Esther's choices, like the play's other women, are corseted by society and circumstance.

Worth a try.

LYCEUM STAGE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH APRIL 9; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The King and I

Lyric Opera San Diego stages Rodgers and Hammerstein's popular musical (their first based on a true story) about an American governess and the King of Siam. J. Sherwood Montgomery directed. STEPHEN AND MARY BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND 29TH STREET, NORTH PARK, THROUGH APRIL 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-8836.

Late-Nite Catechism

As part of its "Off Nites at NCRT," the North Coast Repertory Theatre reprises its hit show, an interactive adult catechism class, taught by a sister from the spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting (it's the regular teacher's poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to teach but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. The sister's authoritarianism takes the class to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when she taps a hard ruler against her palm). The results: an evening of almost nonstop comedy and a thought-coaxing look at religion, education, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 22. (NOTE: LATE-NITE RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH LATE-NITE CATECHISM 2. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 858-481-1055.)

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North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the sequel to Maripat Donovan's popular audience-participation show, which claims, "Sometimes we feel guilty because we ARE guilty." NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, THROUGH MAY 23; RUNNING IN REPERTORY WITH LATE-NITE CATECHISM. 858-481-1055.

Man from Nebraska

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Tracy Letts's Pulitzer Prize-finalist about Ken Carpenter's loss of faith and odyssey of self-discovery. William Friedkin (of film fame) directed. JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CENTRE DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH APRIL 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

My Fair Lady

Cygnnet Theatre celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Lerner and Loewe classic with a pared-down version. The company hasn't solved all the technical problems of shifting from epic to intimate (slides projected on the rear wall also project on the actors, piped-in music), but the performances are winners, and the production offers inventive twists. Ron Choularton plays Eliza Dolittle's father, Alfred P., as if to his ill manners born. Sean Cox's ardent tenor rendition of "On the Street Where You Live" stops the show. As do Jeanne Reith's costumes, especially when a transformed Eliza appears before the ball, radiant as a star. Instead of Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn emblazoned across Cinemascope, Sean Murray's Henry Higgins and Amy Biedel's Eliza are much more finite and human — and malleable. Both sing well (and Murray often sings the songs Harrison spoke). In a surprising update, Cygnnet changed the ending. It doesn't promise the happily-ever-after kind that George Bernard Shaw, on whose *Pygmalion* the musical is based, hated. Let's just say it suggests that Henry's and Eliza's post-musical lives might be more fulfilling than Shaw's sterile account, and much more adult. At Cygnnet, *My Fair Lady's* come a long way, baby!

Worth a try.

CYGNNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH APRIL 23; THURSDAY

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The Nerd

North Coast Repertory Theatre states Larry Shue's comedy about a seeming dolt who may be the wisest one of all. David Hay directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH APRIL 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Passion and Honey

Ira Aldridge Repertory Players are inaugurating their new space with a collection of original choreo-poems about African-American experiences directed, and many of them written, by artistic director Calvin Manson. Thomas Wolfe said, "You can't go home again." *Passion and Honey* says you can, though recollections of pain and joy could overwhelm you. The piece moves from childhood in the "old neighborhood," through a zodiac of relationships both personal (including the powerful "The Blues Drew Blood This Time") and social (racism and protest), to looking ahead. The best poems and performances become like music, the speaker an instrument as well as a human voice (Charmen Jackson's "Hot Chocolate," like a blues riff; Anthony Bell Sr.'s fingerpopping "She Was, Is Jazz"). The last third of the 90-minute show's the strongest: prose poems recall the '60s — a march in Montgomery; the death of Dr. King and Big Momma (who said, "God don't make junk"); and blacks daring to "wade in the water" at a "whites only" beach. Nicole Bradley's "Black Girls Learn Love Hard," and Charmen Jackson's "They Didn't Make Me Cry," both about sexual abuse and both deeply felt, are the dramatic highlights. Another is the new space, at the corner of University and Utah, which shows huge promise.

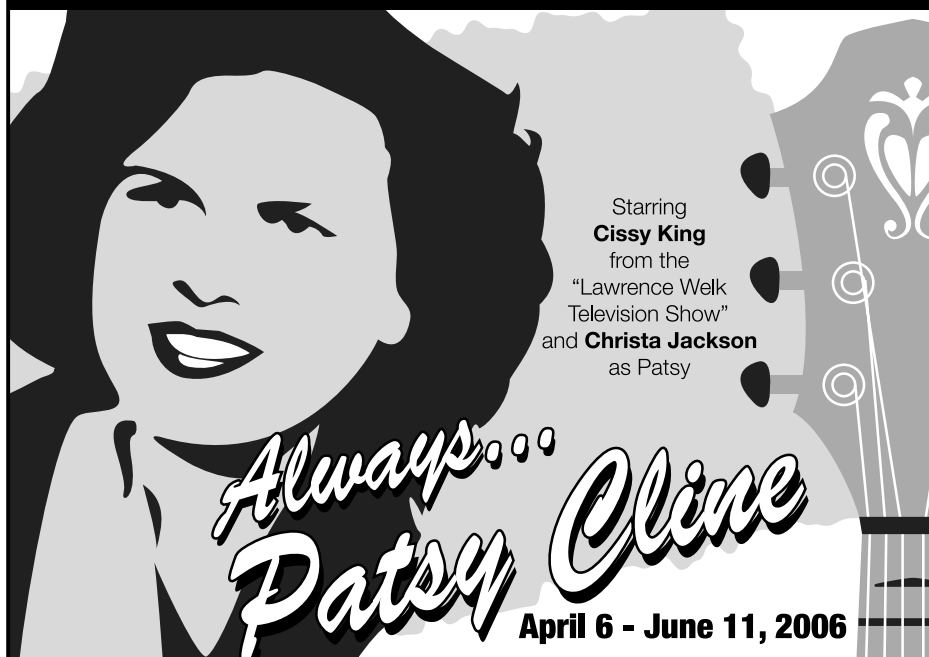
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The Playboy of the Western World

John Millington Synge's title suggests silk bathrobes and bunny ears (or a priapic on Viagra). Instead it's about Christy Mahon, a bumbling fugitive who stumbles into Bot-

tom's Dream. It's also one of the 20th Century's finest plays. Synge based it on a documented incident: Aran islanders protected a murdering stranger from authorities. Among many other things, *Playboy* answers why. Although its production could use more "savagery" and "fine words" (i.e., grim realism and poetry: Synge built much of the play around these contrasts), New Village Arts offers a watchable attempt at a tough play to stage. Co-directors Kristianne Kurner and Francis Gercke are especially adept at group scenes: swirls of fervor around Christy (who becomes the west Ireland equivalent of a rock star), swaggering drunks, spectators re-creating a race through their words and wide eyes. Kurner and Gercke also provide strong support, as a husband-killing wife, and a murdered father, as do Tim West and Brandon Walker, the latter as

skittish as the former is brusque. Joshua Everett Johnson, as the dazed Christy "mounted on the springtide of the stars of luck," and Jessica John, as barefooted Pegeen Mike, show why they won San Diego Critics Circle Awards for lead performances in 2005. Each excels, and their tandem scenes flow like a dance: one leads, then follows, then vice versa, as Christy's status shifts from a "gallous story to a dirty deed."

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Tongue of a Bird

Stone Soup Theatre Company stages Ellen McLaughlin's drama about a search and rescue effort that unearths fragmented memories in the searcher. Esther Emery directed. 10TH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, MARCH 31, THROUGH APRIL 23; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-434-1707.

The Twilight of the Golds

Rob Stein's biotech company can identify genetic predispositions. His wife, Suzanne, becomes pregnant. Why not check for danger signs? When they do, in Jonathan Tolins' comedy-drama, they find that the fetus, a left-handed boy, might be gay. What they should do about "that trait" unravels the

Golds, Suzanne's allegedly liberal family. Though one could wish that Tolins had written thicker characters, *Twilight* raises major issues about a future fast upon us. And though Diversionary Theatre hasn't solved all the script problems (including Tolins' sitcom urge to leaven too many dramatic moments with jokes), Rosina Reynold's deft direction rebalances the play's emphases and humanizes the play's stereotypes. It also raises another question: where did Matthew Weeden come from? A new face, he's terrific as young David Gold, the gay son forced to reject his family. With sharp comic timing and emotional range, Weeden takes the stage with the assurance of a vet. As does Amanda Sitton as hyper Suzanne who, for once, won't go the "easy way." Overall, the acting's uneven, especially the cameos, but Glynn Beddington's, as the mother who will "say nothing," is a heart-grabber. David Weiner's epic-minimalist set includes Wagnerian mountains and Brunhilde's flames (and roiling waters when Jeff Fightmaster's lights turn blue-gray). *Twilight* premiered in 1993. Its dated topical references make it a period piece, but its ethical questions are right this minute.

Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH APRIL 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. MONDAY PERFORMANCE, APRIL 3 AT 7:30 P.M. 619-220-0097.

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From Amman to Beirut

"A Palestinian friend of mine in San Francisco told me, 'Try it, you'll like it!'" said my partner, after his first bite of Rannoush's extraordinary falafel. "Guess what? I hated it — and kept on hating it, though I tried and tried to acquire the taste. It always turns out to be dry and gritty and hits my stomach like a bunch of little cannon balls. But here, I actually love it! If everybody made falafel like this, I'd eat it all the time."

This oration came as we were having dinner at Rannoush — a petite, pretty place with a tented ceiling, tassels hanging from light fixtures, and walls covered with ballooning cloth in bright colors — with the Lynnester and her mom, Mary Ellen, a superb and sophisticated cook herself. They were restaurant-hopping around San Diego and, happily, hopped into our plans. "I live 40 miles northwest of Ann Arbor," Mary Ellen told us, "but it's too far from Detroit to go for dinner, so I've never had the chance to try the Middle Eastern food there." Faced with an eager "newbie," we chose the combination dinner called the Rannoush Ultimate — a huge sampler (\$50) for at least four people that covers a good part of the menu, from *mezze* through mains.

The menu claims "Lebanese-Mediterranean Cuisine," but the owner and two of the chefs (Ali and Bassam) are actually from Jordan; the head chef, Fouad, is the lone Lebanese. "It's all one cuisine — Lebanon, Jordan, Syria," said Bassam, the only chef who speaks English. "We all share the same dishes, with changes from one kitchen to another and small regional variations, just like any cuisine. But Lebanese food is the best known in America, so that's what we call it."

What makes Rannoush stand out from the field is that all the cooking is "from scratch." How this affects their falafel: Instead of starting with canned beans or "instant falafel mix" (the secret to all the *bad* falafel out there), they use whole dried beans — a combination of garbanzos and favas, each cooked separately. It takes three days to soak, simmer, and process the beans into falafel or hummus — and the difference is instantly evident. The falafel comes in two forms — regular little balls, or larger balls stuffed with sautéed onions and rice to provide a delicious, moist center. Either way, they're lighter than normal and intriguingly seasoned with cinnamon that hits right up front on your palate, plus onions, pars-



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ley, cilantro, and other spices. They had me at cinnamon.

Dinners begin with a saucerful of magenta-colored rectangles of pickled turnips mixed with strong green olives — bracing, sour flavors that awaken your appetite. Then the dishes start coming (and coming, and coming).

Continuing with our favorites, another feat of kitchen legerdemain is the Lebanese national dish, *kebbeh*, small crisp-surfaced shells of bulgur wheat, shaped into palm-sized footballs. Rannoush's standard version is lighter than the typical rendition, filled with well-seasoned ground beef. Even better is their unique vegetarian *kebbeh*, meltingly filled with potatoes, parsley, onions, and pine nuts, a superb contrast to the crackly shells. The combination dinner comes with sauces of thinned, subtly seasoned tahini (sesame-seed paste) and thick yogurt for dipping, plus pita triangles on the side if you want to make mini-sandwiches.

"What are these wonderful little sausages?" Mary Ellen asked. *Soujok*, house-made from lamb and beef, are shaped like small cigars. Seriously spicy meat conceals a buried treasure of pine nuts. Sim-

ilarly shaped are the stuffed grape leaves called *warak enab*. "My next-door neighbor in Dana Point was Lebanese," my partner recollected. "Her grape-leaf dolmas were unforgettable. These taste just like them." Their virtue lies in the succulent, gooey rice mixed with tomatoes, lemon juice, and fresh parsley.

The *basterma* (available as a sandwich, aside from its presence on taster plates) is also a treat. It's

a Middle Eastern version of Italian *bresaola* (air-dried beef), which is often compared to pastrami. Moist, satiny, and faintly sweet, with seasonings so complex I can't even guess at them, the small slices were nothing like pastrami. "Hey, throw this meat in the oven at 450 for half an hour, you'd have great beef jerky," said Lynne.

Fattoush is a salad of toasted triangles of pita bread, torn-up lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, and parsley. "I'm afraid this isn't really the best season for *fattoush*," I told Mary Ellen. "I love making it in summer with home-grown beefsteaks and heirloom tomatoes ripe to bursting. I put it together a few hours ahead using stale pita, so that the bread soaks up the tomato juice and softens." After a taste,

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Rannoush

★★★ (Very good)

3890 Fifth Avenue (south of University), Hillcrest, 619-325-1360, www.Rannoush.com (site still under construction).

HOURS: Open daily, lunch 11:00 a.m.–6 p.m.; dinner 6:00–11:00 p.m.

PRICES: Soups and appetizers, \$3–\$9 individually (combo plates of various sizes higher); dinner entrées, \$10–\$26. Sampler platter of *mezze* and meats to serve four, \$50. Pita sandwiches (lunch only, or to go), \$3.49–\$9; salads \$4–\$9; desserts \$2.25–\$5.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Full menu of Lebanese cuisine, from *mezze* (tapas) to house-made sausages and kebabs to desserts. About 20 well-chosen wines, including food-friendly choices from Lebanon, with plenty by the glass, plus Lebanese pilsner among the beers.

PICK HITS: Falafel (especially the stuffed version); *kebbeh*; *warak enab* (rice-stuffed grape leaves), *soujok* sausages, shrimp kabobs, *gelati*.

NEED TO KNOW: Vegetarian- and vegan-friendly. Parking at Rite-Aid (\$2 one hour, \$7 all day, nothing in between). Lunch specials until 4:00 p.m., lunch dishes only until 6:00 p.m., or to go. Hookahs \$15 to smoke on front patio. Belly-dancer nightly (7:30 or 8:00 p.m.).

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Mary Ellen said, "Compared to Michigan, these are good tomatoes for March." And they were.

Mjadara, a popular fast-day vegetarian supper in its home countries, combines lightly spiced rice with lentils, topped with caramelized onions, and comes with rich whole-milk yogurt. The standard *mezze* trio of hummus, tabbouleh, and baba ganoush aren't among Rannoush's strong points. The hummus (blended with garlic, lemon juice, and tahini) was silky but on the bland side. If I were ordering it separately, I'd try the lively sounding "Beirouti" variation, topped with fava beans, tomatoes, diced fresh peppers, lemon juice, and garlic.



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You can also get it topped with pine nuts, veggies, or your choice of grilled meats. (Somewhere along the way, our tabouli got lost, but we did get a saucer of crisp, curly parsley dressed with lemon juice, which we used as a sprinkle.)

It's unfortunate that the restaurant has no wood-fire grill but broils over gas, which leaves a harsh, sour char on any substance cooked upon it. (I wish they'd put pans of wood chips over the gas to smolder and give off aromatic smoke; I know of

several non-Middle Eastern restaurants nearby that successfully use this technique to make meats taste more like "barbecue.") The gas-char sorely afflicts the baba ganoush — a mixture of grilled eggplant and tahini that's mildly seasoned in any case. Worse, the gas flavor negatively affects all the grilled entrées — the kebabs, *shawermas*, *shish tawooks* (chicken brochettes), et al. — in fact, the majority of the non-veg main courses.

The best survivors of the gas grill are the shrimp kabobs, marinated in garlic, lemon, cumin, paprika, olive oil, and spices. The shrimps are large and naturally sweet. I was also fond of the *kofta* kabob but was outvoted. A long,

thick uncased sausage of house-ground lamb and beef, strongly flavored with raw onion, had the moist chewiness of coarse meatloaf. Of course, it doesn't compare to the little *soujok* that Mary Ellen loved so much.

The marinades for the beef filet mignon chunks and lamb kabobs are very salty; the chicken breast kebabs are less so but on the dry side. Beef *shawerma* (sliced from a roast set over the grill) and chicken *shawerma* are, as always, cooked well done and hence dry. If I were ordering à la carte, I might go with the *orfaly* kebab, the *kofta* mixture alternated with pieces of grilled eggplant, tomatoes, and onions, topped with raw onions and summac, a deliciously sour red

spice. Or I might try the marinated lamb chops. But overall, to my tastes, Rannoush's best dishes are just about any that haven't touched the grill. The listed "pick hits" rate four or five stars each as outstanding renditions; they're responsible for the restaurant's overall high rating and are the dishes I'd choose here again.

My beer-drinking boyfriend opted for Almaya, a tasty Lebanese brand of Pilsener. The wine list — about 20 affordable bottlings carefully chosen to suit the food — includes a Beaujolais that tempted me sorely, but instead I decided to sample glasses of the Lebanese wines from Chateau Kehaja. The Sauvignon Blanc was pleasant, if weightless

and nondescript. Better yet was the same chateau's rewarding red, equally light but well-balanced and a lovely match to the cuisine — quite similar to a Beaujolais. There's also a rosé from the same vintner, which I didn't try. "Dries" may want to opt for the house's banana-milk cocktail, or a raspberry iced tea, available along with standard soft drinks and fruit juices.

As we were finishing dinner, a gorgeous young brunette shimmied onto the floor to belly-dance between the tables. (That night's crowd refused to be dragged out of their chairs to dance with her, and my boyfriend was the only man who understood the protocol of tucking a tip into her waistband.)

Meanwhile, our table enjoyed sensual pleasures of another sort. Baklava and the similar (but heavier) *basmeb* are made in-house with filo and pistachios. Both are grainy and tight. If you want more indulgence, the gelatos (from Gelatismo, run by a French guy in Escondido) will wow you. Lynne fell in love with the cardamom flavor, which tasted like Indian *kheer* but with a lusher texture. The honey-lavender was a bit weird but rich and sexy — almost too voluptuous to handle.

"Would you come back here again?" I asked Mary Ellen. "Here, yes," she said. "But Detroit? I don't know. I'd have to be sure the food's at least this good before I'd travel 50 miles for it." ■

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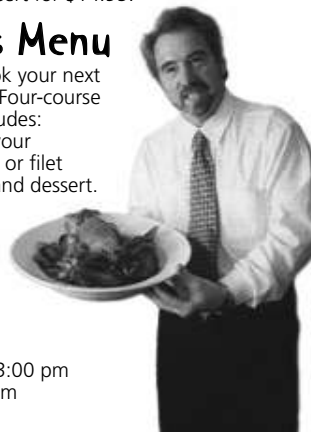
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The dawgs? I didn't tell you? Okay, let's go back a few weeks. Imagine this scene:

* * *
 So I'm just coming up to 94 when I see this lonely pool of light.

It's like a stage set. Silhouettes of people standing around a couple of gas-fired food carts, a table with a red-and-white checkered cloth, white plastic chairs, and a cook disappearing in and out of the steam.

Hot diggety. I park down on the steep slope of G Street. Then I huff 'n' puff my way back up the hill.

The stand seems to be operating out of this single-story mustard-colored corner house. Wires snake from inside. All the customers have hands in their pockets. We're talking shiver city.

But my eyes light up when the guy, Miguel, lifts the steaming lid on... hot dogs! And not your New York, Chicago, whatever dogs, but the real thing. I'm talkin' Tijuana-style, bacon-wrapped sausage, just like the kind you'd get on Revolución, except bigger. Come on now, admit it. You weren't too drunk to notice: TJ dogs are the most delicious in all the Americas, with their fried onions, jalapeños,

tomatoes, and yes, ketchup and mayo, and, usually, those dee-lish, squelchy *chiles toreados*.

Course everyone's speaking Spanish here. I try. They help me out. The dogs are \$1.50 each. Not much more than in TJ. I ask for two. Miguel's swift.

His hands twirl through the air, lifting mayo, mustard, ketchup bottles, squeezing, squirting, sprinkling, spreading, as if he's conducting "Waltz of the Treadors." I hand over three Washingtons, plus another for a can of Coke, and go sit under the spotlight wall-mounted above the stage-set table. Lean into

my first dawg. Man. This thing has legs. It's juicy, rich. Tomato-jalapeño-ketchup-mayo and onion-roasted chile in every bite. But it's a tad different from my memory of TJ hot dogs.

"Are we talking turkey dogs here?"

"That's right," says Miguel. "Healthier."

That's when this guy, José, turns up. Then two girls, Victoria and Mayra.

Hey, there's only one table. How not to start talking? José's from Guerrero. Acapulco area. Works in an auto paintshop here. Victoria's from Mexico City. Mayra's from Ensenada. "You know what's amazing?" Victoria says. "This is the only nighttime stand like this I know in all of San Diego. In Mexico" — and she means Mexico City — "you have all-night food stands on every corner. People like to come out at night, socialize. I miss wandering in the streets, the parties, the nightclubs, the food."



And here she lists a bunch of things I've never heard of, like *huaraches* (okay, I've heard of them, sandal-shaped breads made from fried masa and stuffed with, say, bean paste or cactus), but also *garnachas* — fat little rounds of masa with beef, salsa, cheese; *tlayudas* — big, dense, flat tortillas spread with lard, refried beans, cheese, and salsa; *pambazos*, which are different tortas with chorizo, salsa, green chiles, shredded lettuce, and, sometimes, mashed potatoes.

She sighs. "The food's just better there."

Me, I'm finding Nirvana right here with my second dog. "Ain't nothing can be better than this," I say. "Hot dog on a cold night? What are you having?" "Elotes."

Takes a moment for me to remember what *elotes* are. Ah, yes: corn kernels, cheese-glued, on a stick or in a tub. Seems the sticks are \$1.50, the tub \$2.00. Hmm.

Then, the light goes out. Literally.

"No problem," says José. He waves his arms and the light comes back on. "It's got a movement sensor," he says. "No point in wasting electricity when nobody's sitting here."

And now a big four-door F-150 pulls up. A gal, guy, their baby daughter, and tiny Yorkshire terrier all pile out. Produce, like crates of tomatoes, are stacked in the back. Rebecca — Becky — and Héctor and li'l Catherine, who's not yet two. This is their hot dog stand. But Pinchy the terrier definitely looks like a cold dog.

Héctor appears with a big yellow tube, a propane

heater. The label says "All-Pro, 40,000 Btu." He sets it on the sidewalk, switches it on, and — whoa! — like a jet engine it roars to life, throwing out flame. Yellow tube, blue flame, rosy heat. Great.

We talk on. Turns out Héctor and Becky come from Guaymas, down in Sonora. Héctor's mom is a great cook, taught Héctor, came up with them. She'll be here tomorrow. Héctor and Becky first dreamed of setting up a place like this seven years ago. Something simple. It seems to be working. "We sell about 150 hot dogs a night," he says. "Maybe 750 a week."

"Trouble is," says Becky, "this is only a temporary lease."

So, just in case, Héctor also runs *Sonido Sil-verado*, a DJ service. And paints houses. And now they want to create a *birria* — stew — place, too, but in a permanent location near here.

Heck, I end up having an *elote* with the girls. Hot, shucked corn in a polystyrene cup, with butter melted over it, and a thick top layer of mayo, grated cheese, hot sauce, and lemon.

I hate leaving, even with the cold. As I turn to go down G, I look back at the pool of light.

Sigh. That was then. Now — nothing. Dog-gone. Just a cold, dark street. Guess they found that permanent location. I see an old geezer on the sidewalk and stop to ask. "It's on National Avenue," he says. "They still sell the dogs, up 50 cents though. They're two dollars now."

Well, guess they have real rent to pay. I turn and head south. Two women I know will dog me to hell and back if I come home empty-handed. ■

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Before she made her decision, her consumption had been limited to "maybe a glass of White Zinfandel, maybe two or three times a year." So, she immersed herself in study — almost literally. "I said, 'Well, I can't imagine that I won't care for it.' I had gotten \$4000, and I went down to the Wine Bank and I bought \$4000 worth of wine, and I just started going through it, trying different things."

Her initial judgments were of the "like this one/don't like this one" variety, but she had also enrolled in an 18-month program with the International Sommelier Guild to become a certified sommelier. By the end, she had learned "what you can appreciate in certain wines — that a good-quality wine doesn't have to be your fa-

vorite." And before she finished the program, she had taken a job as a cashier in the La Mesa Beverages & More!, where she quickly rose to the position of wine director.

"It was basically helping people out on the floor, answering their questions about wine, and then running the tasting bar." Wallace brought a certain relish to her work, and her enthusiasm attracted the attention of Ron James, director of the editorial department at signonsandiego.com and a longtime food journalist. "I helped him with some purchases, and then he told me who he was and said, 'Tracy, I'm starting this thing called *The Gourmet Club* on signonsandiego...' and I said, 'And you want to know if I'll participate?'" The club, a group blog devoted to "News and Views on the Good Life," also includes contributions from James, David Nelson, and others. And so, with a post on wine-consumer research and an invitation for readers to send questions to sandiegowinelady@yahoo.com, a wine writer was born.

The BevMo job also provided her introduction to Dr. William Byxbee, dean of San Diego State University's College of Extended Studies. "I was giving a wine tasting and he came up and gave me his card. I think his intention was to have Beverages & More! donate wines to the College's Business of Wine program." BevMo declined,

but Wallace stepped into the gap. "I said, 'I have wines. What do you need?' I just pulled them from my home and supplied them to the Red, White, and Champagne class. I now supply the wines for a class called Exploring Wine, and for my own class, San Diego Wine Retailing and California Wine Careers."

The class was her own creation, the result of her observation that the program skewed heavily toward the restaurant end of the industry. She sought to provide a little balance. "Each class has four segments. We have a guest speaker, maybe two. Second, we taste six wines. It's quick, based on what consumers like — what they might ask for in a restaurant, wine bar, or retail shop. It's also based on the hottest wine trends, so that you're at least familiar, and have a label that you recognize and can go to if someone asks for something." Wallace also gleans tips from "the wine prediction services out there. It's just like with food. Right now, kumquat is the big thing; lavender was last month. Certain types of foods are highlighted in magazines or TV shows. It's not an accident." So also with wine, she says. "We go over what's coming up, wines you should concentrate on, so that you're familiar." The third segment treats sections from the book *Guerilla Retailing* "and how they would relate to whatever wine career you're interested in. And then the last part of the class is designed for people to work on their main objective, what they want to accomplish in their wine career."

So far, everybody in the class is on his or her second or third career. Some want to open wine bars or wine shops. Some want to make wine. Some aren't sure what they want. "We're trying to move people past the fear — they don't know people with jobs in the industry, and so they're, like, 'There must not be any jobs out there.'" At the end of the four weeks, they have something



Tracy Wallace

tangible that they can do. We look at what careers fit their personalities and skill sets. We look at different employers" both in and out of the San Diego area.

By the end of 2005, Wallace was feeling the need to give her own career a boost, and she decided to leave BevMo. Through the Business of Wine program, she met one of the owners of the Wine Encounter and offered her services, "bringing in wine-related classes, 'How to Entertain'-type classes. Good things are happening. On Thirsty Thursdays, there are no seats in the house. They have a wine club now. I'm bringing in a wine book club, where you read the book and taste wines from the book. It just worked out really well."

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That's for starters. "I actively pursue new things at least every week. Over the Christmas holiday, I e-mailed so many places in regards to doing things for them, writing something." The wait for replies was "torturous," but it has begun to pay off. She started writing for the Wine Bank newsletter and for the Chronicle Newspaper Syndicate, "a chain of political newspapers, mostly online."

Wallace also started a newsletter, *How to Become a Wine Genius in Five Minutes or Less*. "All the bits I do are based on the premise that people want just enough that they can take on one sheet of paper, and before they go into a restaurant or into a friend's house," they can learn the basics. "Consumers really want to learn about wine, because it's now not okay to not know about wine." A newsletter on Rioja tells what it is, how to pronounce it, gives a bit of history, breaks down the region, breaks down the label, names the grapes involved, drops a few characteristic adjectives, and suggests a few basic food pairings — all on one sheet of paper, all in less than five minutes. Plus, there's a map.

So far, so good, but Wallace is still pursuing, continuing her studies even as she teaches others. "If you stop and you think, you get scared. I map out all the exams." She's seeking credentials through the Society of Wine Educators to better enable her to work with the Center of Wine Origins' educational outreach about the importance of a wine's provenance. At the same time, "I've been studying for the Wine and Spirit Education Trust exams," a prerequisite for the master of wine exam. "It's more academic in scope than the master som-

melier, and I'm into writing and education. There are seven or eight masters of wine here in the U.S. Maybe I'll be the first African-American." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

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 worldwide 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)

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo' Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime

"pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don't eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw.... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

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)

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)

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 newfangled 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)

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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 BYO, too. Reservations urged. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/04)

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.

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 turkeyburger. 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. Friday through Sunday 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)

NORTH INLAND

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)

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

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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, egg-

plant 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)

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crême brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Childrens' and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live

music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — N.W. (10/03)

LA JOLLA

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 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)

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 6 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast à l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — N.W. (5/02)

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course *prix fixe* feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey,

an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

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

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are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, wash 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; dinners 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.

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a

bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemongrass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

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 burgeoing 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, strawberries, 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 *açaí* 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)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with col-

lard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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 Chinmoy, 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 "Neat-loaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. 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 (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Phuong 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. Flamenco 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, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

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 Gar-

den. 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 reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

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)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French

cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception 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 road-house 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 morning 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)

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket

of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the 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, and 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 value is 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 9:30 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 archetypal 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,

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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-riced 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)*

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Breakfast, lunch and early dinner, daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

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 cobbblers, 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)*

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, dubby, 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 Morton's 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)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

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

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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 72 hours to a week's 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)*

Tesoro 548 Fifth Avenue (between Island and Market), Gaslamp, 619-234-5670. Sharp modern decor meets contemporary Mexican resort-style cuisine. Highlights include appetizers of *panuchos de cochinita* (soufflé Yucatan-style pork and black bean mini-tostadas) and *tarta de rajás*, puff-pastry layers covered with strips of poblano chile and melted Oaxaca cheese in cream. Chicken in black Oaxacan mole sauce is an interesting, authentic entrée, and filet mignon in a sauce of *jamaica* (hibiscus flowers) is luscious. Unfortunately, few entrées include any veggies or starches, and since flavors are intense, the mouth yearns for relief. Side dishes (costing extra) are largely limited to rice, good beans, house-made tortillas, chiles. Full bar, including specialty tequila and beer drinks, Baja wines. Elevator available to mezzanine dining room and basement nightclub levels. Smart-casual dress, spiffy on weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

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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. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

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

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BAJA

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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 Río, 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 the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the *cabuccho* (Mexican seabass), char-broiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (6/05)*

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blacarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden ("escondida") mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*), the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterey goat ("*cabrito tatamado*"). Desserts include the house *especial*, mango and ice cream with *rompopo* (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve*, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack,

turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the "Rey del Pollo" sign. The *La Escondida* entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/05)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Bucca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown's rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield's breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/05)*

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Coast Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium

pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convooy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — *E.B. (4/02)*

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Light Up

The meaty face, the steely eyes, the sneering lips do not fit him for roles of sensitivity.

With its delayed arrival in our town, to give the cosmopolites first crack at it, *Thank You for Smoking* leaves your provincial reviewer little to do but join the swelling chorus. This is satire with teeth, discolored though they may be. There is nothing exceptional cinematically about the directing debut of Jason Reitman, son of the mainstream comedy director Ivan Reitman (*Ghostbusters*, *Twins*, *Kindergarten Cop*, and the like), but from the opening credits — the witty cigarette-pack graphic motif, Tex Williams's C&W oldie, "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke That Cigarette," in the background — his savvy adaptation of the Christopher Buckley novel does everything it set out to do. It delivers, in the phraseology of a cigarette ad, full rich flavor. Decidedly smoky, dry, sharp, acid, with a bitter aftertaste.

It centers on a tobacco-industry lobbyist, the self-described "Colonel Sanders of Nicotine," a role that returns Aaron Eckhart to the friendly climate of his name-making film, *In the Com-*

pany of Men, where his hard-hearted charm, his machine-gun glibness, his immunity to self-doubt, can properly flourish. (The meaty face, the steely eyes, the sneering lips do not fit him for roles of sensitivity.) The job, he allows, "requires a moral flexibility that goes beyond most people." Yet his soul-searching digs no deeper than,

"Everyone's got a mortgage to pay. The yuppie Nuremberg defense." Kinship, there, with the legal eagle, the paid mouthpiece, the unreflective advocate. And congenial company comes in the form of regular lunches with his counterpart pariahs from the alcohol and firearms lobbies, a threesome self-christened "the MOD Squad," acronym for Merchants of Death. The character is humanized, if not exactly softened, by his part-time parenting responsibilities for a young son played by Cameron Bright, who seems to be everywhere these days (*Running Scared* and *Ultraviolet* just in the past month). "See, Joey," the conscientious dad coaches the boy on his classroom essay assignment, "that's the beauty of



Thank You for Smoking

argument. Because if you argue correctly, you're never wrong." A homey Kodak Moment of the handing-down of principles, one generation to the next.

The unusually sturdy cast is studded with true stalwarts, William H. Macy as the sanctimonious U.S. Senator from Vermont ("Where the Cheddar Is Bet-

ter") who is pushing for a skull-and-crossbones warning on all cigarette packs; Robert Duvall as the industry's grand old man with his private jet, Tobacco One; J.K. Simmons as a conscienceless yes-man; and Sam Elliott as the cancer-ridden original Marlboro Man. (Maria Bello, Katie Holmes, Rob Lowe, and Adam Brody are in there,

too.) The plot angle of pitching Hollywood on the idea of making cigarettes sexy again seems a little unimaginative, or rather, unobservant. Hollywood, like France, like Spain, has remained one of the last bastions of resistance against the anti-smoking movement, defiantly puffing away on screen, defending to the death the right of free



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Basic Instinct 2 — Sharon Stone reprises her role from the 1992 erotic thriller, under a new director, Michael Caton-Jones. (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/31)

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 precisely 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.

★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 3/31; MISSION VALLEY 7)

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, al-

though 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.

★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; THROUGH 3/30)

C.S.A.: The Confederate States of America — Satirical science fiction, alternative-universe subdivision: What would have happened had the South won the Civil War? (One thing: it would have become known as the War of Northern Aggression.) A viable idea, but throttled by hamfisted humor, amateur acting, and a cheap and expedient mockumentary format, mixing archive footage, staged interviews, cinematic parodies (a Griffith short depicting the capture of Abe Lincoln in blackface, etc.), and sub-*Saturday Night Live* commercial spoofs (the Coon Chicken Inn, etc.). Written and directed by Kevin Willmott. 2006.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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.

● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Dave Chappelle's Block Party — The titular comedian hosts a hip-hop concert on a rainy September day in Brooklyn (Kanye West, Mos Def, Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, the Fugees), and beforehand rounds up extra partygoers in his stamping ground of Dayton, Ohio, including the entire marching band of Central State U., to be bused to the event. Chronology never imposes itself, and the concert gets chopped up into little bits — probably, as an anti-monotony measure, a blessing. The standard video image, meanwhile, is an unrelieved curse. Directed by Michel Gondry. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Don't Come Knocking — Reunion of the writing and directing team of *Paris, Texas*, Sam Shepard and Wim Wenders, for a similarly slow-moving road movie, which seems to be set in an alternative universe where there still exists in the present day, much as it existed half a century earlier, a class of people known as "Western actors," i.e., actors predominantly identified with Westerns. One of these might then be branded in the tabloids as the "Western Bad Boy," to set him apart from his better-behaved brethren, for his promiscuous ways with women, drugs, and liquor. (In a departure from *Paris, Texas*, Shepard himself plays the protagonist, an interesting performance that involves a lot of touching, stroking, rubbing of his face, as if he

needed to confirm constantly his corporeality.) And such a man, too, might then choose to abscond on horseback from the set of an oater called *Phantom of the West* in Moab, Utah. To shake any pursuers, he swaps clothes with a grizzled old codger, throws away his cellphone and credit cards, and seeks temporary refuge with the mother he hasn't seen in decades (Eva Marie Saint), who will give direction and purpose to his flight when she shares the gossipy tidbit that he has a grown son he never knew about (Gabriel Mann), a moody rock-and-roller with a Fifties duck-tail, whose rebellious nature hasn't taken him more than a stone's throw from the restaurant run by his mother (Jessica Lange) in Butte, Montana. By the luckiest chance, a daughter he also never knew about (Sarah Polley), by a separate mother, simultaneously roams the streets of Butte, lugging her mother's ashes in an urn. The entire affair — a Shepard's pie of restlessness, rootlessness, and unseverable blood ties — is saved from total silliness by Wenders's cool command of tempo and tone. (Though he'd have done well to rein in Lange in her emotional dam-burst on a public sidewalk.) This filmmaker, the most durable of the New German filmmakers of the Seventies, requires a locale more than he requires a script. The evocative Western landscapes, the ribbonby roadways, the cascade of colored lights in a small-town Nevada casino, the ghostly streets of Butte — all these are more real, more beckoning, than the human story. Wenders truly settles into a place, occupies it, observes it, absorbs it. Tim Roth, Fairuza Balk, George Kennedy. 2006.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Duck Season — Modest little Mexican comedy by Fernando Eimbcke, shot in black-and-white, or anyway low-contrast gray, with an impassive static camera and a strong compositional eye for the artless, graceless lines and planes of a drab urban-landscape. (The few grainy flashbacks with a mobile hand-held camera add nothing, and the one that exposes the barbarities of the Dog Pound even subtracts something.) A bit of a shaggy-dog story, or perhaps a ruffled-duck story (the title alludes to a nature painting of disputed ownership in a divorce settlement), it passes a single leisurely day in the company of two early-teen boys left alone in a middle-class apartment. The slightly older neighbor girl (a very engaged and engaging actress, Danny Perea) comes over to use the oven and warms up to one of the boys, and a pizza-delivery man won't go away without his payment despite missing his guaranteed delivery deadline by maybe a minute. A standoff ensues, and a video-game soccer match fails to settle the argument when the power goes out in sudden-death overtime. The business of the marijuana in

the birthday cake might be pretty stale, but the bigger business of human isolation and tentative connection, when observed with the patience and perception of Eimbcke, remains ever-fresh. Enrique Arreola, Diego Cataño, Daniel Miranda. 2005.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 stirring; and the rescue of the scientist from a hole in the ice, the leader of the pack worming her way towards him with a lifeline 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.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

Failure to Launch — This romantic-comic bauble by Tom Dey has a definite situation, namely a mid-thirties stud still living at home with his parents. If the situation were born of any necessity — financial, psychological, medical, or otherwise — the film might additionally have had a subject. But since the situation is only an amorous stratagem, an ace-in-the-hole shameful secret useful for scaring off overserious girlfriends, the film is left with no more than a formula: the burdened parents hire a "professional inter-

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ventionist" (new synonym for paid escort) to woo their son away from the nest, the wooer soon starts to fall for him in earnest, he sees through the ruse and cuts himself off from both wooer and parents (good question: "Why didn't you just say something? All you had to do was tell me"), and everyone reconciles in the end. More simply, the whole thing is just a piece of exercise equipment for a couple of A-list hardbodies named Matthew McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker, the latter of whom could be said to be miscast as a character forever claiming and demonstrating a hearty appetite. Zoëy Deschanel, as the sardonic roommate (what lately would have been known as the Joan Cusack character) driven half-mad by a persistent mockingbird, protects herself — and her "indie" reputation — behind her idiosyncratic delivery of lines, half-depressive and half-drugged. (If you're not having a good time, well, neither is she.) And Terry Bradshaw, the former football star and current buffoonish football analyst, reveals the desperation of the enterprise by revealing his heinie. Justin Bartha, Kathy Bates. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Hills Have Eyes — At first blush, a slick remake of the schlocky Wes Craven gorefest of 1977. But because the director (Alexandre Aja) is French in origin, besides being the offspring of a film director and a film critic, perhaps it's also an *homage*. Perhaps, too, there's something of significance to be read into the breed of deformed yahoos spawned by U.S. nuclear tests in New Mexico, the crater of abandoned autos, the ghost town of mannequins (-Surrealism for Dummies), and the transformations of a wimpy Democrat into a warrior and of a gun-toting Republican into a toasted marshmallow. Or perhaps not. Perhaps the mind yearns to wander. "The lucky ones," the ad misinforms us, "die first." Not really. The lucky ones stay home. With Aaron Stanford, Vinessa Shaw, Kathleen Quinlan, Ted Levine, Robert Joy. 2006.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Ice Age: The Meltdown — Computer-animated sequel, with the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, and Denis Leary, directed by Carlos Saldanha. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINDERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 18; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/31)

Inside Man — Reviewed this issue. With Denzel Washington, Clive Owen, Jodie Foster, and Christopher Plummer; directed by Spike Lee.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINDERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Marilyn Hotchkiss' Ballroom Dancing and Charm School — Randall Miller's feature-length expansion of his 1990 short film, starring Robert Carlyle and Marisa Tomei.

(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/31)

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 ac-

trix but an accomplished flirt, has a certain something that his own ladylove 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.

★★★ (LA JOLLA 12)

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 perform-

ances: Revueville. 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 censorious 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.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Neil Young: Heart of Gold — Director, or on this occasion documentarist, 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. 2006.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/30; HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 3/31)

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

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come down particularly hard on this one. The undemanding will not be disappointed. 2006.
★ (VOGUE)

Pride and Prejudice — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darceys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from *Romeo and Juliet*. The team behind the present production of it, apart from their attempt 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. 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)

The Shaggy Dog — Tim Allen seems to have his opportunities — wolfman transformations into an itch-scratching, stick-fetiching, cat-chasing canine — but the circumstances are strained to a point of discomfort: an abducted Tibetan holy dog, animal experimentation, mixed-species mutations. With Kristin Davis, Robert Downey, Jr., and Danny Glover; directed by Brian Robbins. 2006.
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16 Blocks — The title specifies the distance over which an NYPD detective must transport a garrulous witness from jail to courthouse in Lower Manhattan, weaving through a whole platoon of murderously corrupt cops; and the hour-and-a-half duration approximates the time limit allotted to get him there. Overextended even at that tidy length, essentially lazy, mediocre, and incredible, the film is nevertheless not devoid of humanity. Bruce Willis is in his Serious Actor mode (a mustache, a receding toupee, a bicycle tire around the middle) in the part of the burnt-out detective with a bum leg and a thirst for booze, bone-tired after pulling an all-nighter. And hip-hopper Mos Def, talking nonstop in a nasally drone as the petty-criminal witness, takes a bold backward step toward Stepin Fetchit. Veteran director Richard Donner, little more than a traffic cop himself, swallows his whistle and takes the time to notice, and to make something of it, whenever the bedraggled detective decides to get serious about his job. The first sign of that, when he makes a choice between his bottle of whisky and his gun, is your sign to get seri-

ous about the movie. David Morse, Jenna Stern. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Slither — Oafish sci-fi comedy scrupulously follows the alien-invasion conventions (grade-Z budget) but smarts off all the while. Elizabeth Banks, as the distressed damsel with a mutating hubby, would clearly have been up to the challenge of playing it straight. With Nathan Fillion and Michael Rooker; written and directed by James Gunn. 2006.

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Stoned — First-time director Stephen Woolley re-creates the life and death of Brian Jones (played by Leo Gregory), one of the founding members of the Rolling Stones.
(KEN, FROM 3/31)

Thank You for Smoking — Reviewed this issue. With Aaron Eckhart, William H. Macy, Robert Duvall, and Katie Holmes; written and directed by Jason Reitman.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 3/31)

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 car-petbagging 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.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Transamerica — Conventional road movie and male-bonding movie despite the unconventional natures of the fellow travelers, 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 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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Tsotsi — From South Africa, the Oscar-winner for Best Foreign Film, 2005. That the simultaneous Oscar for the best non-foreign film went to *Crash* tells you pretty much all you need to know about the legitimacy of that honor. Writer and director Gavin Hood, adapting a novel by Athol Fugard, demonstrates conclusively that a film from South Africa can be as flashy and fashion-conscious as a film from anyplace else. He makes an effort, in addition, to supply a reason, a "motivation," for why a vicious cold-blooded punk who has hijacked a car with a baby in the back seat

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The Tunnel concerns a group of East Berliners trying to escape to West Berlin just after the wall is built. One intense scene is when Harry crosses the border, which is physically only a few meters, but it's like walking into an entirely different world. Another scene that stands out is at the end, when people are running in the tunnel away from the East German secret police. A small wooden board announces that they are entering the French sector. The police stop dead in their tracks even though they can see the people fleeing. The police would not hesitate to torture or kill, yet one small wooden board of diplomacy paralyzes them. This scene shows that the wall that kept them in is ironically what protects them once they are out.

THE TUNNEL (Germany) 2001, Homevision
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Waking Life conveys a surrealistic universe where the protagonist embarks on a journey to increase his knowledge about dreams. Characters deliver scientific and philosophical commentaries on life, the meaning of existence, and, ultimately, on dreams. It becomes hard to differentiate between real life and the dream world, but you soon realize that's irrelevant as the protagonist gathers knowledge on lucid dreaming techniques so he can wake himself up. The film was shot on mini-DV, and later multiple animators traced over and "animated" the live images. The final product is a beautifully abstract piece of art about the dream world. Watching this film guarantees a visual and intellectual journey exploring the question: "Are we sleepwalking through our waking state or walking through our dream awake?"

WAKING LIFE (USA) 2001, Twentieth Century Fox
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TYLER KNELL

Student filmmaker, Point Loma High School

American Beauty, directed by Sam Mendes (who directed last year's *Jarhead*), requires more than one viewing, so go buy your own DVD. The drama is beautifully brought to life by a riveting Annette Bening and Kevin Spacey (in what I consider to be the performance of his career). This masterpiece is absolutely worth a watch.

I happened upon *The Station Agent* and was overwhelmed with what I saw. Despite a lack of fanfare, it really is an incredible movie. It follows the life of a man with dwarfism (played by four-foot-seven-inch Peter Dinklage) as he adjusts to a new, rural home. As more of the story is revealed, so are the beautiful details and relationships that are formed.

AMERICAN BEAUTY (USA) 1999, Dreamworks
List price: \$26.99
THE STATION AGENT (USA) 2003, Miramax
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would decide to keep the baby and personally care for him. The reason, nothing to do with thoughts of ransom, is unpersuasive. And objections will not be swept away un-

der the onslaught of pathetic details: diapering the baby in newspaper, brushing ants from his face on the first morning, carrying him around in a shopping bag, sol-

iciting parenting lessons at gunpoint from a beautiful young mother in the neighborhood. The depiction of a segregated shantytown, for all its music-video glossiness,

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does provide something of what we want from a foreign film, a window on the world. If the very same scenario, however, were transplanted to Atlanta or Detroit, and if it had no subtitles for an air of rarefaction, the film might have been more easily dismissed as contrived, manipulative,

maudlin. Then again, it might have won an Oscar all the same. With Presley Chweneyagae, Terry Pheto, Kenneth Nkosi, Mthusi Magano.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 3/31; HILLCREST CIN-EMAS)

Ultraviolet — Ultraviolet vision of the future, where a more virulent strain of HIV (labelled HGV) has touched off the Blood Wars between humans and hemophages (a/k/a vampires). A live-action cartoon, or

anyway partly live-action, built around Milla Jovovich as a martial-arts super-heroine with a computer-airbrushed face. It gives a chill. Not a pleasant chill. With Nick Chinlund and Cameron Bright; written and directed by Kurt Wimmer. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15)

V for Vendetta — Comic-book adaptation, or “graphic-novel” adaptation, about an avenging superhero hidden behind the stiff grin of a Guy Fawkes mask: a kind of Frankensteinian composite pieced together of Zorro (the black hat and cape, the revolutionary politics, the carving of his initial on his handiwork), Blade (the adeptness with cutlery, the customized arsenal thereof), the Phantom of the Opera (the disfigurement by fire, the romantic longing, the underground lair), among others. Batman, Darkman, whateverman. But it’s his superhuman powers, much more than his plagiarisms, that make him into a bore: a martial-arts magician, an invincible one-

man-army, a rebel without a care. The Australian actor Hugo Weaving is the sonorous voice, and presumably the body, behind the disguise. And Natalie Portman, with a faint and fugitive British accent, and a political-prisoner haircut that martyrs her in the image of a Tibetan monk, is the tomato of his eye. The setting is indeed England, at a time in the near future when America, undermined by an unspecified war (illustrative news clips from the Middle East), has been reduced to “the world’s biggest leper colony.” England isn’t much better, your standard totalitarian dystopia by way of Orwell, hard on minorities and nonconformists, explicitly homosexuals of both sexes, one of whom harbors a clandestine copy of the Koran. (For aesthetic reasons only, like one of the Book People in *Fahrenheit 451*.) The television voice of the regime, meantime, is a Bill O’Reilly blowhard, and its official head (John Hurt, promoted from his spot as the downtrodden hero in the 1984 treatment of *1984*) is a Hitlerian rant and raver. The only thing

the least bit out of the ordinary in all of this is the closeness of the correlation to the present day, the strictness of the equivalence, the bluntness of the political comment, the harness on the imagination. One might guess that the filmmakers — first-time director and veteran ad man James McTeigue, screenwriters Andy and Larry Wachowski — would stop short of equating terrorism and justice. But that can only be a guess. They, and their upright terrorist, to the inaudible cheers of Al Qaeda, do not stop short of blowing up Parliament. With Stephen Rea and Stephen Fry. 2006.

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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 retooled 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle. Life-affirming, feel-good, yes, but not too obnoxious about it. With Diane Ladd, Christopher Lawford, Chris Williams. 2005.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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Aliens (R) Sat.; **Ask the Dust** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **C.S.A.: The Confederate States of America** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **Marilyn Hotchkiss’ Ballroom Dancing and Charm School** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (1:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
16 Blocks (PG-13); **ATL** (PG-13); **Basic Instinct 2** (R); **Dave Chappelle’s Block Party** (R); **Eight Below** (PG); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Inside Man** (R); **Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector** (PG-13); **She’s the Man** (PG-13); **Slither** (R); **Stay Alive** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Libertine** (R); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **V for Vendetta** (R)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Basic Instinct 2 (R) Fri. 11:45 (2:45) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:45) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
16 Blocks (PG-13); **ATL** (PG-13); **Basic Instinct 2** (R); **Eight Below** (PG); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Inside Man** (R); **Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector** (PG-13); **Madea’s Family Reunion** (PG-13); **She’s the Man** (PG-13); **Slither** (R); **Stay Alive** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **Ultraviolet** (PG-13); **V for Vendetta** (R)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
ATL (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:55, 3:25) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (12:55, 3:25) 5:50, 8:10; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 12:15, 1:10, 2:45, 3:40, 5:00, 5:55, 7:15, 8:05, 9:30, 10:15 Sun. 12:15, 1:10, 2:45, 3:40, 5:00, 5:55, 7:15, 8:05; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00) 4:45, 7:45, 10:35 Sun. (1:00) 4:45, 7:45; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:25, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05 Sun. (1:25, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Stoned (NR) Fri. (4:40) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (2:05) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Call theater for program information

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Don’t Come Knocking (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:40) 7:10; **Duck Season** (R) Fri. (4:25) 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55) 4:25, 9:50; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri. (1:50, 2:40, 4:35, 5:15) 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:25 Sat. (11:05) 12:05, 1:50, 2:40, 4:35, 5:15, 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:25 Sun. (11:05) 12:05, 1:50, 2:40, 4:35, 5:15, 7:20, 8:00, 9:55; **The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Tsotsi** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Bugs! (Not Rated) Sun. 10:00; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat. 5:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat. 12:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Hurricane on the Bayou** (Not Rated) Sat. 3:00; **Roving Mars** (G) Sat. 10:00, 2:00, 7:00; **Space Station 3D** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France** (Not Rated) Sat. 11:00, 1:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:50; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:50, 4:20) 7:00 Sat. (11:20, 1:50) 4:20 Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:20, 7:00; **ATL** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; **Basic Instinct 2** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:40, 5:30) 8:10, 10:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:40) 5:30, 8:10, 10:55; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:45, 10:00; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:55) Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:55; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:05;

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) Fri. (10:30, 10:50, 11:45, 12:05, 12:50, 1:10, 2:15, 2:35, 3:10, 3:30, 4:45, 5:05, 5:30, 5:50) 7:15, 7:35, 7:55, 8:15, 9:45, 10:05, 10:20, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 10:50, 11:45, 12:05, 12:50, 1:10, 2:15, 2:35, 3:10, 3:30) 4:45, 5:05, 5:30, 5:50, 7:15, 7:35; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. (12:50, 1:15, 3:45, 4:15) 6:45, 7:25, 9:50, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:50, 1:15, 3:45) 4:15, 6:45, 7:25, 9:50, 10:20; **Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:00, 4:20) 6:40, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:00) 4:20, 6:40, 9:00; **She’s the Man** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 5:05) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:05, 7:50, 10:25; **Slither** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Sat. 7:00; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 6:55, 10:00

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
ATL (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:20, 10:00; **Basic Instinct 2** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:30) 5:10, 7:55, 10:30; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:45, 7:30, 9:50; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:50, 1:20, 2:10, 3:40) 4:40, 5:50, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:25; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:50, 7:45, 10:40; **She’s the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; **Slither** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:15; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 2:35) 5:20, 8:10, 10:55

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road
Call theater for program information

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Aquamarine (PG); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Inside Man** (R); **V for Vendetta** (R)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
ATL (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Ice Age: The Melt-down** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector** (PG-13) Fri. 11:00 (1:15) 6:00 Sat.,-Sun. (1:15) 6:00; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Slither** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 3:30, 8:15, 10:45; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road (858-558-2262)
16 Blocks (PG-13); **Aquamarine** (PG); **ATL** (PG-13); **Basic Instinct 2** (R); **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Eight Below** (PG); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Ice Age: The Melt-down** (PG); **Inside Man** (R); **Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector** (PG-13); **She's the Man** (PG-13); **Slither** (R); **Stay Alive** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **V for Vendetta** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:10, 9:55; **ATL** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:45, 7:15, 10:00; **Basic Instinct 2** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:25, 5:05) 8:00, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:25) 5:05, 8:00, 10:40; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 4:10) Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:10; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:25, 4:50) 7:35, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:50, 7:35, 10:25; **Ice Age: The Melt-down** (PG) Fri. (10:30, 10:55, 11:20, 12:50, 1:25, 2:00, 3:10, 4:00, 4:35, 5:30) 6:25, 7:00, 7:50, 9:00, 9:30, 10:20; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. (12:30, 12:55, 3:55, 4:25) 7:20, 7:45, 10:20, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 12:55, 3:55) 4:25, 7:20, 7:45, 10:20, 10:45; **Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:20) 6:50, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:20, 6:50, 9:30; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:05) 6:55, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (1:05) 4:05, 6:55, 9:50; **Slither** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 10:15; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:20) 7:55, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:20, 7:55, 10:10; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:40, 5:20) 8:05, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 5:20, 8:05, 10:40; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 2:05, 4:30) 7:05, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:30, 7:05, 9:45; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri. (12:55, 4:15) 7:40, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:55) 4:15, 7:40, 10:45

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Doogal (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 6:00; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 7:45; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 4:15, 10:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
 Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Aquamarine (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20; **ATL** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10 Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:45, 7:25; **Ice Age: The Melt-down** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:05) 4:35, 5:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:20 Sun. (11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:05) 4:35, 5:35, 7:15, 8:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00) 4:15, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:30; **Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:40) 4:55, 7:05, 9:20 Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 4:55, 7:30; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00 Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:10, 7:35; **Slither** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:55, 3:10) 5:50, 8:15, 10:35 Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:50, 8:15; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:15, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:15 Sun. (1:15, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:05, 2:25) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45 Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 5:05, 7:40; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10) 4:20, 7:50, 10:40 Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:50

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
 Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Failure to Launch (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Ice Age: The Melt-down** (PG) Fri. (2:30, 3:15, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15 Sat. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri. (4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Basic Instinct 2 (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri. 10:15 (12:45) 5:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45) 5:45; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Ice Age: The Melt-down** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45) 5:45,

7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 3:30, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 3:30, 8:30; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:15; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
 Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:10, 10:05; **ATL** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:20, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; **Basic Instinct 2** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:30; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:30); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:50, 4:15) 7:05, 9:35; **Ice Age: The Melt-down** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 12:15, 12:40, 1:20, 2:00, 2:40, 3:00, 3:40, 4:30, 5:00, 5:15) 6:00, 7:00, 7:20, 7:40, 8:20, 9:30, 10:00, 10:20, 10:40; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 12:45, 3:25, 3:55)

7:00, 7:25, 10:15, 10:25; **Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:30, 4:35) 7:05, 9:45 Sat. (11:40, 2:30, 4:35) 9:45 Sun. (11:40, 2:30, 4:35) 7:05, 9:45; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:50, 1:45, 4:30) 7:10, 10:00; **Slither** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:30, 9:55; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Sat. 7:00; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:55, 1:30, 4:25) 7:15, 9:55; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 2:15, 4:40) 7:20, 10:10; **The World's Fastest Indian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:25) 5:45, 8:55; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:10, 4:20) 7:30, 10:35

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
 Call theater for program information

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Failure to Launch (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:05, 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55 Sun. 11:05, 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45; **Ice Age: The Melt-down** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:55, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35 Sun. 10:55, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
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Japón, que había clasificado a las semifinales gracias al triunfo de México por 2-1 sobre Estados Unidos en la segunda ronda, guardó para el final su mejor juego de ataque para con racimos de cuatro, dos y cuatro carreras, respectivamente, lograr el mayor triunfo internacional de su historia.

El abridor Daisuke Matsuzaka (3-0) se quedó con la victoria al lanzar cuatro

entradas completas para permitir una carrera, el jonrón solitario de Eduardo Paret, no dio bases por bolas y sacó cinco ponches.

El relevista Akinori Otsuka, ex relevista de los Padres de San Diego, se quedó con el rescate después de lanzar una entrada y dos tercios para espaciar dos hits con una carrera, no regaló boletos y ponchó a dos bateadores.

La derrota fue para el abridor Ormari Romero (2-1), que sólo pudo sacar el primer "out" del partido para luego ser castigado con dos imparables y tres carreras.

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Siembra miedo

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La policía de San Diego anda tras la pista de un sujeto que violó a dos mujeres de la zona de University City.

"Debido a las similitudes de ambos casos, la manera como entró el atacante, la hora y la proximidad de los lugares donde ocurrieron los ataques, creemos que se trata de la misma persona dijo el teniente Vince Villavazo de la unidad de crímenes sexuales de la policía de San Diego.

De acuerdo a las víctimas, el sujeto, descrito como un hombre asiático de entre 30 y 40 años de edad, entró por una ventana abierta tras quitar la malla o mosquitero y les tapó los ojos a sus víctimas además de obligarlas a cooperar con amenazas.

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El Proyecto Minutemen manifestó su rechazo a las propuestas de amnistía y al programa para trabajadores huéspedes con una protesta en el Norte del Condado de San Diego.

"Venimos a pedir que nuestro representante en el congreso nos escuche, que se oponga a la amnistía, pues es una medida que premia a quienes han violado las leyes de este país entrando ilegalmente", dijo Claudia García-Spencer, vocera hispana del grupo.

Con pancartas donde se oponen abiertamente a la migra-

ción ilegal, los manifestantes expresaron que lo único que quieren es asegurar las fronteras de esta nación para evitar la entrada de criminales y terroristas.

"Tenemos que asegurar este país, no podemos permitir que entren miembros de pandillas, narcotraficantes o terroristas" aseguró Jeff Schiwilk, organizador de Minutemen en San Diego y sur de California.

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Cada año millones de niños por toda la orbe son explotados por la industria del sexo, ya sea para el turismo sexual infantil o la pornografía.

Las personas que se involucran en el turismo sexual infantil y la distribución de pornografía vía Internet veían en el exterior y el ciber espacio la manera de satisfacer sus bajos instintos impunemente, impunidad que es inexistente desde hace algunos años atrás.

"Estamos investigando a la gente involucrada en esto, ya sea que recibe o manda imágenes de pornografía infantil, o aquellos que buscan viajar al exterior con la intención de involucrarse en relaciones con menores", explicó el agente especial Serge Duarte de ICE.

Tras la aprobación del acta para remedios procedales y otras herramientas para

detener la explotación infantil (PROTECT) en el 2003 se han procesado a más de veinte personas en casos de turismo sexual infantil, cada una recibiendo penas carcelarias de 30 años en prisión.

"Los pedófilos o devvvpredadores están usando mucho el MySpace para intercambiar imágenes, video y también fotos o para obtener información de sus víctimas", comentó el agente John Caruthers, del Buró Federal de Investigaciones (FBI) quien también forma parte del grupo ICAC.

Mediante la campaña conjunta con la organización World Vision, la agencia de aplicación de leyes migratorias y de aduanas (ICE) ha logrado la captura de varios pedófilos en el exterior para su proceso legal aquí en los Estados Unidos.



Adiós diva

Los artistas y la prensa de México expresaron su pesar por la muerte de la actriz y cantante española Rocío Dúrcal y dijeron que ella era "una mexicana más y gran promotora de la música ranchera en el resto del mundo".

"Los mariachis callaron por un minuto tras la muerte de la española más mexicana", expresó el locutor de una emisora de radio de Ciudad de México en un programa dedicado a la vida y obra de Rocío Dúrcal, quien falleció en su casa de Madrid a la edad de 61 años, a consecuencia de un cáncer de matriz.

Después de esa simbólica señal de duelo, los "mariachis volverán a cantar para recordarla siempre como le acom-

pañaron tantas veces y en tantos escenarios del mundo, donde ella interpretó lo mejor del repertorio de la música popular mexicana", dijo el locutor.

Añadió que el luto por el deceso de María de los Ángeles de las Heras Ortiz, su nombre verdadero, "va más allá de la escena artística, porque ella amó a México como país y no sólo como cuna de sus canciones más aplaudidas".

La televisión mexicana, por su parte, difundió videos que muestran a Rocío Dúrcal, acompañada por los mariachis y hasta vestida de "charro", interpretando las rancheras y otras canciones muy caras al alma nacional.



Fuerza migrante

Más de 500 mil personas, según los organizadores, se manifestaron en el centro de Los Ángeles en contra de la reforma migratoria que prepara Estados Unidos y que defiende el presidente, George W. Bush.

La ya conocida como "megamarcha" de Los Ángeles ha sido la mayor protesta de las que vienen registrándose en los últimos días en distintas partes del país.

Los manifestantes, en su mayoría inmigrantes de origen hispano, salieron a la calle para expresar una vez más su rechazo a las propuestas legislativas que han presentado varios senadores y que plantean un endurecimiento de la política de inmigración con medidas que criminalizan a los indocumentados.

Lo hicieron de forma pacífica, portando banderas de sus respectivos países y estadouni-

denses, y coreando lemas a favor de una reforma justa, en la que se reconozcan sus derechos y su contribución a la economía estadounidense.

"Amnistía para todos" fue una de las consignas más coreadas por los participantes. El maratón de manifestaciones está previsto que concluya el próximo 10 de abril con un "Día Nacional" de protestas.

El presidente Bush reconoció la contribución económica de los inmigrantes y por ello incidió en la necesidad de que la nueva legislación incluya el programa de trabajadores huéspedes que defiende su administración.

Se trata de un plan que permitiría a los inmigrantes tener un permiso temporal para realizar los trabajos que no quieren hacer los estadounidenses y permanecer en el país de forma legal durante el tiempo en que estén haciendo ese trabajo.

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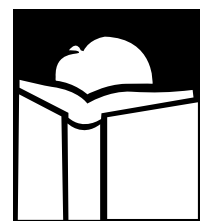
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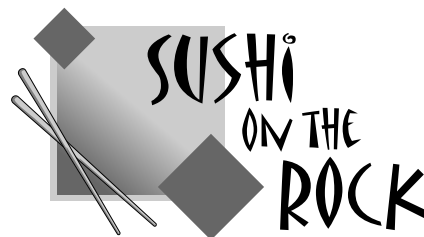
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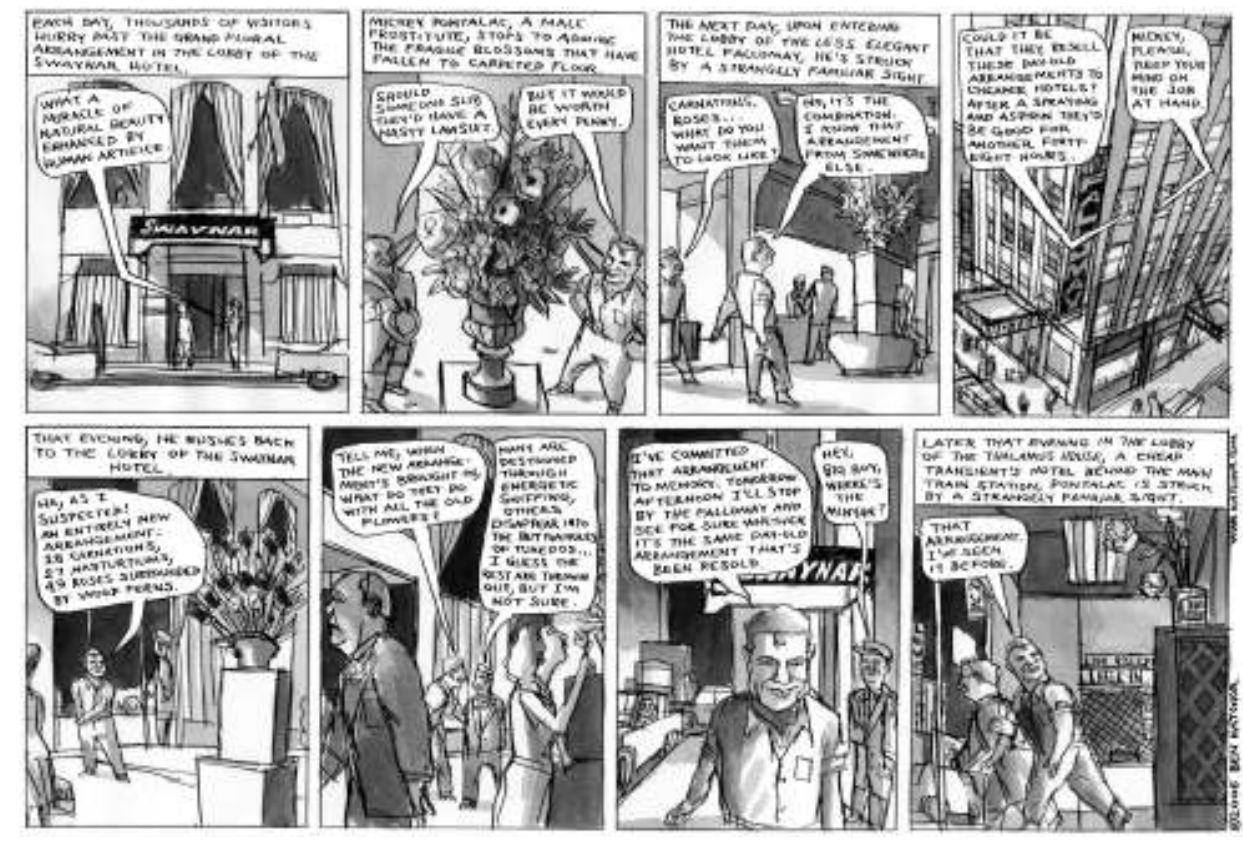
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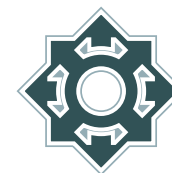
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Cracking my knuckles. [I tend to do it] when I'm nervous. My parents hate it. They tell me to stop it. I try to stop; sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. Most people find it to be gross; some of my friends are, like, "Eww, stop that." I try to explain it's not bad, but some people don't listen.



Roy Stephose
Student
Paradise Hills

I don't think so. I check my e-mail more than I need to; most times I know there's nothing new. I'm hoping there's something there from anywhere; mostly [I'm concerned about e-mail] from school, people from classes, teachers, or anything like that. I don't notice many compulsive habits from my friends. Some of my friends do [smoke], but they're trying to quit since the New Year. They don't just pop out a cigarette all the time. I walk down the street and try not to step on cracks. I think it's something that I just try to watch out for cracks because I'm pretty big on superstitions. I knock on wood.



Michelle Heely
Student
Pacific Beach

Yeah. I wash my hands five times. Everything has to be equal, and I eat M&Ms in twos and by colors. Every time I wash my hands, I wash them five times. I don't dry them five times, I only dry them once, but when I do dry them, I dry my right hand then my left hand. I just started doing it; [it's been] a couple years. With the M&M thing, my dad does that too, by twos and by colors, and if there's a third M&M of the same color, he won't eat it and neither will I. It's just something I do. Everything has to be equal; if something happens like someone taps my leg, I have to tap the other one so they'll be equal. And when I'm watching TV, everything has to be done in fives: my volume on the numbers has to be on a multiple of five; I have to see that it's a five.



Katie Wiehl
Retail
North Park

I do smoke when I get stressed out. I usually know that I'm doing it; it's a relaxing habit. I don't think it'd be that hard to quit. Only when I've been sick [have I tried to quit]. I do think it's a terrible habit to have. I'm still young and can get away with it. I'm justified in that I still have time to quit before it kills me. I have a cousin who has food separation on plates, where they only eat things that aren't touching. He avoids [food that's touching]. I do the [avoiding stepping on] cracks on the sidewalk thing; sometimes I do it, but it's just to see if I can. It's more like a game.



Perla Muñoz
Restaurant Employee
La Mesa

I can't handle dust. My house can be a mess, as long as there isn't any dust. I dust every day, even if I come home from work tired, I still dust. My kids know if they don't want to make me upset, that they keep dust out of their room. If I go to their room and find dust, they'll be in trouble. My parents aren't the same. Maybe it's because when I was younger, I had allergies and the dust made it worse. I always clean because in the back of my mind I worry that I'm going to have allergies. My kids only clean because they want to keep me happy.



Angela Villanueva
Student
Pacific Beach

I crack my knuckles. I don't notice when I do it; it's a habit. Mostly I do it a lot at school when I'm taking notes. I write a lot, and I find myself cracking my knuckles during classes. It's really more a school thing. My dad always makes a big deal about it. He says, "Ooh, ooh, don't do that," but he does it too. It only bothers him when other people do it. My boyfriend does things I tell him not to; he always asks a lot of questions. He keeps asking questions until it becomes annoying and I have to tell him, "Stop that." It's like a little kid asking, "Why, why, why..." He always asks questions I don't know the answers to.

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Across

- "Can you ___ little faster?"
- "Love Train" singers, with "the"
- "Even so ..."
- They're crunched
- Xhosa's language group
- Pitchfork features
- Post-vacation task
- Bump 'n' grind, say
- It may pave the way
- Bounds' partner
- Symbol of grace
- High flier
- Ben & Jerry's rival
- Sinking, as a ship
- Like most graffiti: Abbr.
- Takes an alternate course
- Warmer in winter
- Less taut
- Big name in theaters?
- Nickname for baseball's Randy Johnson
- It was dropped in the '60s
- First 007 film
- Caltech grad
- 14th-century Russian ruler
- "Blah, blah, blah ..."
- Perfume sampling spots
- There's one in 17-, 30-, 34- and 41-Across
- Moving day rental
- "The ___ near!"
- Suffix with oct-
- They're set in hospitals
- "Try to ___ my way ..."
- King: Sp.

Down

- Flock of geese
- Followed orders
- One way to be led
- End pieces?
- "Me Tarzan, you ___"
- With 12-Down, "Brokeback Mountain" director
- 2001 foreign film "___ Mama Tambien"
- Vacation souvenir, for some
- Play a big part
- Spasm
- Calligrapher's need
- See 6-Down
- It was dropped in the '60s
- Bugler's evening call
- Hunger twinge
- "Any day now"
- Like a country road, perhaps
- Child support?
- Just think of it
- Guam, e.g.: Abbr.
- TV drama sites, for short

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- Alphabet run
- Prefix with culture
- Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"
- Farm team
- Mount from which Moses saw Canaan
- Mideast ruler
- Snitch
- Classic Ford
- Words before life or room
- Sam and Ben
- Reebok competitor
- '80s Defense Secretary Weinberger
- Chant
- He won 26 Oscars
- "___ my case!"
- Aquatic zappers
- "The Naked and the Dead" subj.
- Wrigley Field player
- "So that's it!"
- Tales who published James Frey's "A Million Little Pieces"
- Stage signal
- Opp. of WSW
- RMN was his vesp

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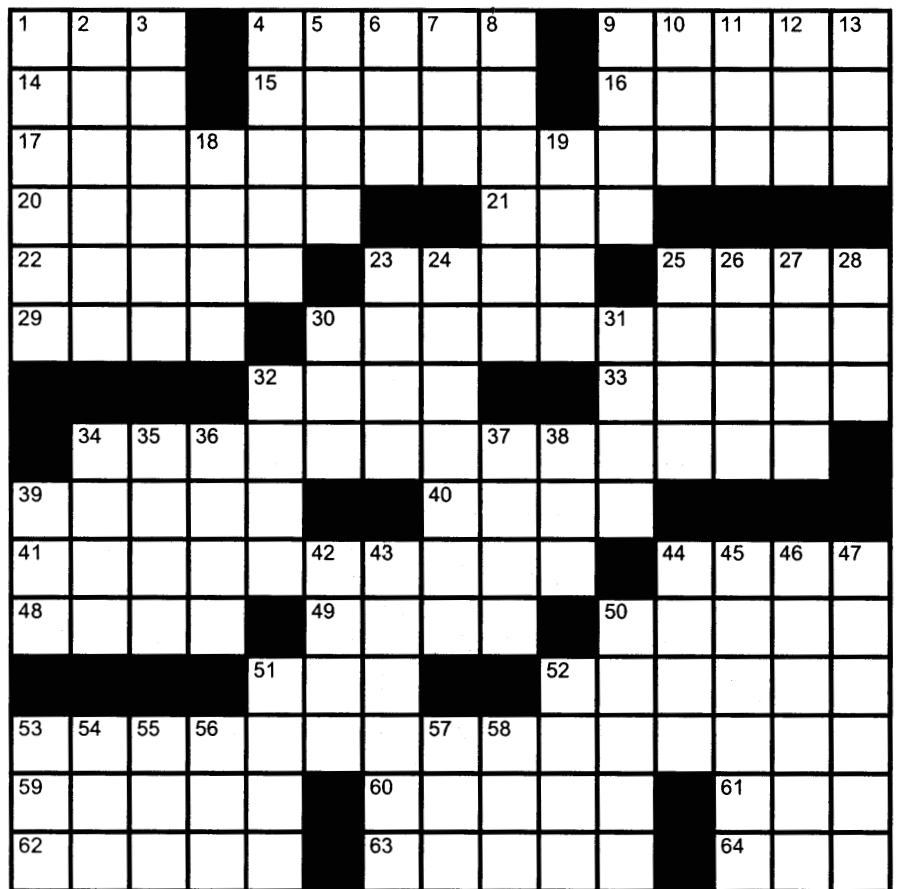
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Last week's place: (clue: Fair Row to Park?) Egyptian Court Apartments, 3770-3774 Park Boulevard, Uptown/Hillcrest. Built in 1926 by contractor Paul Carle, the building is classic Egyptian Revival Art Deco. The courtyard pond and garden was designed and installed by Milton P. Sessions, nephew of San Diego horticulturist Kate Sessions, the "mother of Balboa Park." (Last week's winners: Mike Burrows, Steve Covault, Lloyd Dellinger, Rick Crawford, H.J. Broadhurst)

AUDITIONS FOR STARLIGHT SEASON. April 2-8. AEA and non-union actors welcome. Auditions by appointment only for "Hot Mikado," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "The Wizard of Oz," "Urinetown, The Musical." Prepare 1 song, 1 minute in length. Accompanist provided. Starlight Musical Theatre, 619-251-0588.

AUDITIONS. Sea World Entertainment Auditions for Costume Characters: Thursday, March 30; sign in at 5:30pm or Saturday, April 1; sign in at 11:30am. Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego 92109 (intersection of Ingraham and Perez Cove Way). People skills and personal responsibility are a must! Athletic ability, movement, theater skills a plus. Must be 16 years, be between 5' and 6' tall, able to lift 50 pounds, able to wear full-body character costumes. Costumes provided. Come dressed to move! EOE. SeaWorld Audition Hotline, 619-226-3607. www.SeaWorldjobs.com.

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BOYFRIEND WANTED, Cute, young at heart, 32 year old, sweet, blonde, romantic. Seeking relationship with white male 28-40 financially secure, non-smoker. Tattoos are a plus! (4/5) ☎ 50858

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LOVABLE, HUGGABLE, KISSABLE, Love all 3, brown hair, blue eyes, 47, little chunky, starving for love. Drug,

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WOMAN, SLENDER, Cultured, 5'5", 57 years, secured, nice attractive. Seeking nonsmoker, secure, kind, healthy, caring gentleman 55-60 for many nice qualities, lasting relationship. (4/5) ☎ 50837

BEAUTY AND BRAINS, Without the strain. This lovely childless, black beauty. Seeks a strong, yet gentle cutie. Unencumbered, humble, humorous with diverse interests included. (4/5) ☎ 50839

LEFTIST, 52, 5'9", son (17), natural, blues-opera, hiking, camping, dog beach. Seek progressive, 50ish, easy-going, renaissance man to complicate/complement my simple life. (4/5) ☎ 50854

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ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 35-50, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you. (4/5) ☎ 50240

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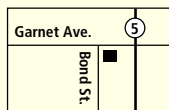
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FRIENDSHIP FIRST, Maybe more later. I'm 58, 5'3", good-looking, good shape. I love music, walking, writing, more. La Mesa. (4/5) ☎ 50244

PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, debonair, 6'1", 160lbs., 54, blue/red, bald, swing dancer, road bicycle racer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking someone with the right chemistry/connection! (4/12) ☎ 50278

WELL GROOMED HUNK, 160lbs, 5'7" 28. Seeking cutie athletic, spontaneous, loyal, real driven by self growth, to share the best respectful compassionate nonsmoker, call. (4/12) ☎ 50285

SEEKING THICKLY BUILT, Lady 37-50 with curvaceous figure. I'm African American, 42, very attractive, well built, very cool guy to be around. (4/12) ☎ 50283

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40-50 years old spontaneous, energetic, active outdoorsy, witty, employed, balanced, considerate and happy. Seeking long-term relationship? Me, too. Call now! See if we 'click.' (4/5) ☎ 50252

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs., wanted by attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share it with large passionate woman wanting permanent relationship. (4/12) ☎ 50260

SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual man 46, 6', 175. Seeks romantic, affectionate 5'-5'5" with dark hair, for relationship full of passion, intimacy and growth. (4/12) ☎ 50282

COOL CUTE BROTHER, From New York, wants a fine, pretty black sister to dance with, have some good fun. I'm 5'10, 178lbs, love to cuddle! (4/5) ☎ 50247

SEKS BLACK PRINCESS, Educated, attractive, integrity, professional, beach homeowner, 60, 5'8", trim, prefers exciting, black woman for friendship, romance, love cuddling, fun, long term relationship. (4/5) ☎ 50248

NICE GUY 70, Retired, healthy, active, fit, no baggage, like movies, desert, cruises, walk, stable, finance La Mesa area. Looking for nice lady. (4/12) ☎ 50274

HANDSOME, 39, Black gentleman, born in Germany, musician with a following. Seeking older, mature attractive single white female for TLC and long term relationship! (4/12) ☎ 50265

SPIRITUAL, HONEST, OUTDOORS, Adventurous, spontaneous native San Diegoan. Handsome, 57 loves dogs, mountains beach and quiet times with happy, caring woman for casual dates peace! (4/5) ☎ 50256

ACTIVE WIDOWER, CAUCASIAN, 57-77 clean cut, fit, likes cooking, glass wine, music, quite times, hoping to meet special lady-companion who enjoys game, under 65. (4/12) ☎ 50281

CAUCASIAN, 5'8", Author, teacher, medium built, 58, Psychology graduate student, transpersonal metaphysical interests. Enjoy film, music, outdoors, museums, hugging. Seeking female 40-48, similar interests. (4/12) ☎ 50266

TALL, ATHLETIC, Professional, 44, 6'1", brown/blue, healthy lifestyle. Seeking thick, athletic lady 34-48 for biking, tennis, sailing, hiking, etc. Thick legs a plus! (4/5) ☎ 50253

BOYISH, GOOD LOOKS, 6'2", eyes blue, slim, athletic, college educated, professional. Enjoys surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, family, friends, music, kids. Seeking slim, 35+ friends first. (4/5) ☎ 50251

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CHRISTIAN EXECUTIVE SEEKS very attractive, 26-48, nonsmoker, stop here! You be monogamous, spontaneous, sweetheart, dress to impress, cuddly, kind, sexy, let me indulge you. I'm 6'3", 190lbs., 49, good looking, sophisticated, sensual, funny, GQ dresser, successful, wanting committed companion for finer things of life. Paradise awaits. (4/5) ☎ 50245

SPRING IS HERE, Love is in the air. Seeking attractive fit 50-68 female for loving relationship. Divorced white male 60+ healthy, sincere, easygoing, financially-emotionally secure. (4/5) ☎ 50255

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CARING, FUN, FIT, Romantic stable, white male 6', 55, 175lbs. Seeks special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel buy for now. (4/5) ☎ 50234

LOVE OR FUN, I'm 6 foot blue brown, goodlooking honest funny. You sexy honest available for movies, dining, parks, must be a great kisser. (4/5) ☎ 50242

ASIAN GIRLFRIEND DESIRED, I am Caucasian, tall, strong, masculine, confident, funny, eccentric (a professional music recording artist with photos and MP3s to share via e-mail). (4/5) ☎ 50243

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CLAIREMONT. House with yard, golden retriever. 150-square-foot bedroom, share spacious bath with one. Quiet corner, street parking galore. \$550, utilities about \$50. 619-235-2415, x24091.

CLAIREMONT. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath, private cable, hi-speed, quiet street, close to mall, near beach, washer/dryer, garage, gardener, \$470, 1/3 utilities, 858-273-8348.

CLAIREMONT, MOUNT AREA. \$500 plus deposit, 1/3 utilities, 3 bedroom 2 bath house. Maid and gardener included. Quiet location. No pets. Patty, after 5pm, 858-576-6924.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$685 plus \$335 deposit. Room in beautiful 3 bedroom house. Utilities included. Minutes from beach. Washer/dryer, cable, great location. 858-273-1324.

CLAIREMONT. \$600. Master bedroom available in clean, quiet, nicely furnished house. Private bath. Safe, quiet neighborhood. House has washer/dryer. Room has a large closet and is wired for high-speed internet, cable TV, and private phone line. Female only. No smoking, drugs, pets. Landlord pays for gardener, cable TV, and internet. Landlord is conducting initial screening. Bill, 858-278-8131.

COLLEGE AREA, share 3 bedroom house, private entrance, spacious, large closet, newly remodeled, fireplace, washer/dryer, fenced yard. \$800. Pets ok. Near SDSU. 858-337-7417.

COLLEGE AREA. 1 mile from SDSU. 2 bedrooms in nice townhouse. \$500 each. Share bathroom and kitchen. 2 front parking spots. Free Internet. 619-813-7094; 619-229-8657.

COLLEGE AREA. \$549, 1/3 utilities (\$33). Oceanview 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. Large, quiet, view bedroom. Laundry, dishwasher, DSL, parking. Male. No smoking/pets. 619-801-0222; 619-235-2415, x22149.

COLLEGE. House. HIV ok. Roommate needed, quiet, laundry, weight room, parking, cable, shopping, gym, \$500. Michael 619-795-8839.

COLLEGE/DEL CERRO. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with female. Large semi-furnished room/bath, computer/desk. Pool, jacuzzi. Have cat. Nonsmoker. \$600, plus utilities. Toni, 858-731-3114; 619-235-2415, x24658.

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DEL MAR, share beautiful house, near UCSD, beaches. \$625, 1/2 deposit, 1/3 utilities. 2 females, 2 indoor cats. Quiet/clean. Shared bathroom. Available immediately. 858-245-7188.

DEL MAR. \$700/month. Master bedroom/bath in 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, pool/spa, 2-car garage, 2 miles beach. 1/2 utilities (\$50-\$100/month). 619-301-8683.

DOWNTOWN. \$600-\$700, \$250 deposit. Victorian apartment, furnished. Includes: utilities, phone, digital cable with movies/radio, broadband and wireless, house-keeping, laundry. Review: www.newportplace.com. Interested? Send e-mail.

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EL CAJON. \$525. Available 4/8. Two males looking for third roommate. 10x11' room for rent in 2-story house in Granite Hills. After 5pm, 619-263-5493.

ENCINITAS, Bedroom, office and private bath in clean sunny home with large backyard, gardener, utilities, washer/dryer included. Female preferred. \$800/month. Available 4/20. Jane, 858-945-4969.

ENCINITAS, Well furnished spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Water and gardener included. Big backyard, pets OK. Close to I-5 and the beach. \$535, 760-845-2510.

ENCINITAS, Share 3 bedroom, 1 bath house, with 13 year old son. \$700 plus utilities. 1 mile moonlight beach. Washer/dryer, yard, cats/fish, 760-458-5808.

ENCINITAS. \$800, no deposit, utilities included. Share bath. Furnished/unfurnished. Large quiet house. Near ameni-

ties, MiraCosta College. Single occupant only. No pets, smoking, drugs. 760-634-1637; 619-235-2415, x10319.

ENCINITAS. Large house with yard. Jacuzzi. New carpet. 1 bedroom, share bath with 2 males. Couple miles from Moonlight Beach. Female preferred. \$550. 760-687-6276.

ENCINITAS. \$550/month, 1/4 utilities. Room in clean, quiet modern house. Washer/dryer, cable, kitchen privileges, phone line available. Deposit. Won't last long. 760-753-1686, 619-235-2415, x11736.

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ESCONDIDO, 1 bedroom in 3 bedroom 2 bath house. Garage, laundry, big yard, cable and Internet. \$550 plus utilities, if interested please call Ryan. 858-722-2388.

ESCONDIDO. \$450/month. Seeking roommate for 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Female only. Close to freeway/shopping centers. Includes bathroom, washer/dryer, kitchen. Ben, 760-484-7939.

GOLDEN HILL. \$800/month. Room available in quiet, brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Spectacular downtown view, laundry, granite counters, own bath. Victor, 805-259-6870.

GOLDEN HILL. \$450, utilities included. \$300 deposit. Large, quiet. Centrally located. 2 private bedroom apartments. Share bath and kitchen. 2224 E Street. Appointment necessary. 619-584-5900.

HILLCREST. Share spacious 3-story townhome with female. Entire third floor yours. Master suite, private bath, vaulted ceilings. Washer/dryer, skylights, storage, balcony. No pets/smoking. Female preferred. \$800. 619-961-5058.

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LA COSTA. \$750 plus 1/2 utilities. Very large private bedroom, bath downstairs. Huge closet. Non-smoking, female only. Deck, gorgeous view, garage, washer/dryer, fireplace. 760-942-6320.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Large master suite with vaulted ceilings in dramatic oversized furnished townhome (1700 square feet). Private bath/balcony. Garage space. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Heart of Golden Triangle, UCSD, and mall. Minutes to beaches, downtown, and airport. Pool, spa, tennis courts. Female only, please. \$875/month plus 1/2 utilities. 619-200-6125.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$695-\$795, plus utilities, deposit. 2000-square-foot home. In-ground pool, fireplace, gazebo, fountains, wireless Internet, off-street parking. No pets. 858-455-9914.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Room/private bath in 3 bedroom townhouse. Washer/dryer, high-speed Internet. Near bus lines, trails. No smoking. \$700 plus 1/3 utilities. 858-603-2164.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Master bedroom with private bath. Pool, jacuzzi, fitness center. Parking spot. Washer/dryer. No smoking/drugs. \$850. 3 minutes to bus. 858-552-0726.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA BEACH. \$765-\$950. Large master bedroom/bath. Also 1 bedroom, share bath. Furnished rooms in house. Nonsmoker, no pets. 1/2 security

deposit. 858-459-3089; 619-235-2415, x28472.

LA MESA. \$450. Quiet room, 12'x15'. Male preferred. Separate entry. High-speed Internet. Adjoining shared bath, refrigerator/microwave, no kitchen use. No Smoking/pets. Utilities \$30, 619-504-7380.

LAKE MURRAY/SAN CARLOS. 2 bedroom. Nice, large sunny room, mirrored closets. Parking. Share nonsmoking female only, no drugs. Quiet. \$635 includes utilities. 619-698-7350.

LINDA VISTA. \$525, \$250 deposit. Mobile home. Private bath. Close to Mesa College. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi. No smoking. Available 4/15. 858-699-4925; 619-235-2415, x17577.

LINDA VISTA. Share 2 bedroom clean apartment, with. No smoking/drugs, male only \$495 plus 1/2 utilities. Richard 858-505-0262.

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OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$650 plus deposit, includes utilities. Share spacious, custom, coed house with 4. Hilltop ocean views. Hardwood floors. Nice neighborhood. No smokers/pets. 619-223-8497.

OCEAN BEACH. \$695. Room available in 3 bedroom townhouse. Ocean view, sun deck, washer/dryer, dishwasher, hi-speed Internet. No pets, drugs, smoking, excessive drinking. 619-246-8580.

OCEANSIDE, 4 bedroom house, brand new area, Backgate by Camp Pendleton. Medium sized room, \$575/month \$575/deposit. Large room \$700/month \$700/deposit, both have walk-in closets, fully furnished. No smoking/pets. 858-204-5704.

OCEANSIDE. Share large house in Oceanside. 2 rooms, 1 is bedroom, 1 is storage room. \$675 plus 1/2 utilities plus deposit. Michael 760-757-2324, leave message.

OCEANSIDE. Great unfurnished room, private bath, newly remodeled. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis, barbecue, patio, parking, gated. Room: 10'x12', tiled, double closet. \$640, deposit same, utilities \$45. 760-599-9141; 619-235-2415, x11244.

OCEANSIDE. \$495. Share beautiful large house. Master or single rooms available. Furnished/unfurnished. 8 miles from beach. Quiet neighborhood, good location. Call after 7pm, 619-871-4582.

OCEANSIDE. \$625. Great location. Ocean view. Large room. Includes utilities, cable/Internet, Jacuzzi, separate entrance, full house privileges. Share bath. No pets. Available now. 760-231-6812.

OCEANSIDE/RANCHO DEL ORO, includes cable/utilities, large house, quiet cul-de-sac, near Mira Costa college, washer/dryer, no smoking, drugs, pets. \$550 plus deposit. 760-231-1971.

OTAY RANCH. Room in brand new townhouse. Safe neighborhood. Covered garage. Washer/dryer. Own bath. Near all. Credit references/deposit required. \$750 plus utilities. 619-235-2415, x24779.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$638, plus utilities. Close to beach and bay. Great location. Bedroom, own bath, parking. Male preferred. No smoking/pets. Available now. Darrell, 619-417-1530.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$700. 1 or 2 females to share with male. Nice large house, private yard. Close to bay. Large living room, kitchen, spa room with jacuzzi tub, washer/dryer, dishwasher. Bike to beach. 858-581-3481.

PACIFIC BEACH/NORTH, \$850 large master bedroom, in upscale home. Remodeled kitchen and bathroom, pool-table, large yard, nonsmoker, will consider dog. Split utilities, Bruce, 858-945-0017.

PACIFIC BEACH, female, \$688, no lease, awesome townhouse, large master bedroom, own bath, sunset views, balconies, washer, fireplace, \$340/deposit, \$27 utilities, HBO, available 4/15. 619-518-4249.

PARADISE HILLS. \$495 plus \$150 deposit, includes utilities, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, very clean townhouse. Washer/dryer. No drugs, smoking, pets. Available now. References. 619-475-2039.

PENASQUITOS. \$600. No deposit. Utilities included. Share 2 bedroom condo. One mile to 56 and I-15. No pets, smok-

ing or drugs. Available now, 858-518-4117.

POINT LOMA home. \$600/month. 2 unfurnished rooms. Smaller room, private bath, available now. Large room, shared bath. Lots of extras included. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-222-6287; 619-235-2415, x27953.

POINT LOMA. 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo. Large bedroom with private bath and walk-in closet. Fireplace, vaulted ceiling. Washer/dryer. No pets please. Female only, \$625, 619-226-1166.

POWAY. \$500, plus deposit. Room, near I-15 and buses. No drugs, drinking or pets. Utilities and cable included. Call 858-679-9459 or 619-806-7180. 619-235-2415, x14995.

RANCHO BERNARDO, \$550, share 1/2 utilities in 3 bedroom home. Near shopping, bus, freeway. Includes fitness club facilities, and more. Smoke outside ok. 858-231-9996.

RANCHO DEL ORO/OCEANSIDE. 10 minutes to beach. Share new 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath with 1 other. Laundry. Off-street parking. Air conditioning, alarm, patio with fireplace, many upgrades. Highway close. 1 bedroom, private bath with view, \$650, includes utilities. 2 bedrooms with private bath, \$800, includes utilities. Internet and cable. Deposit same. Possible garage parking. Seeking female. 760-889-0440; stephenbattelle@sbcglobal.net.

SAN MARCOS. Close to Palomar College. No drugs or smoking. Pet/cat OK. Quiet place. Furnished, \$600/month, includes utilities. 619-235-2415, x10695.

SANTEE, \$400/month, share big house, easy move-in, laundry, pool, garage, call John, 619-723-8003.

SANTEE. \$650, first and last. Move in now. Brand new 3 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath, 1/3 utilities in quiet Treviso area. No pets, smoking, drugs. 858-569-6227.

SCRIPPS RANCH, Condo. Private bedroom and bath, share with 1 other female. Garage, fireplace, pool/spa. No partying/drugs/pets. Available 4/1/06. \$675/month. 858-880-3430.

SPRING VALLEY, \$400, \$200 deposit. Room with shower. Utilities, cable included, near Jamacha Grand Avenue. Male, no smoking/pets/drugs. Housework necessary. 619-917-2033.

SPRING VALLEY. \$250, deposit \$200. Furnished room. Street parking only. Near 7-11 and bus route. 619-917-2830.

TIERRASANTA, Room available, \$600. Plus 1/3 utilities. Share bathroom, great location. Nice backyard. Barbecue. Washer/dryer. All kitchen amenities, garage. Available now. 619-820-1196.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$450, \$200 deposit, share utilities. Male seeks roommate to share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Bedroom is 9'x12', big closet. No pets. sdiego968@yahoo.com.

VISTA, \$650, private room, entrance, bath, in large newer home, off Melrose/78. No smoking. Utilities included. 760-414-1303.

WANTED: Roommate to look and share apartment or house in the beach or college area of San Diego by male. 619-806-0235.

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CORONADO. 2-professional offices available. Reception area, conference room, and on-site parking. Available now. Call 619-277-0372.

ARTIST'S STUDIO. 1200 square feet. High ceilings. Great open warehouse space. Be creative! \$2800 per month, includes utilities. Solana Beach. Call Karen at 858-755-0444.

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ALLIED GARDENS/COLLEGE. \$2050. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, view, large great room, double garage, washer/dryer. Close to freeway/trolley. Pets? Available 4/1. 619-804-9313.

ARIZONA, TUCSON. Brand new 4 bedroom, 2 bath. 2-car garage. Air conditioning. Walk-in closet. Near everything. Beautiful mountain views! \$1500. Pets OK. 619-807-0359.

BAY PARK. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Attached garage. 7800 square foot lot. Large backyard. Washer/dryer. All appliances included. Excellent location-Burgener St. \$2400. 619-518-2005.

BAY PARK/MISSION BAY. Remodeled house, bay view, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Washer/dryer, fenced yard. No pets. \$2195. 858-353-1979.

BONITA. \$2395, security deposit \$2300. With pet \$2600. 5 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-story, 3000 square feet, 3-car garage, 3 fireplaces, stove, refrigerator with ice maker, fenced yard, air conditioning. 1201 Fallbrook Court. 619-778-8444.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN. 2 story, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2057 square feet, 2-car garage. Fireplace, gorgeous views from master bedrooms deck, backyard, much more. \$2,500. 858-675-9515.

CHULA VISTA. \$1595. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house in great neighborhood. 2-car garage, yard. 613 Hampshire Lane. Available 4/15. 858-583-0182 or 858-688-0287. www.cal-prop.com.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Newly refinished hardwood floors. Tiled kitchen, new appliances. Gated. Small yard. Off-street parking. www.goldenhilpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1025. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom house. Charming porch and large yard, fireplace, large storage, lots of parking. Pet negotiable. 4368 Dwight Street. 619-698-6913.

CITY HEIGHTS. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Close to bus lines/shopping. Section 8 OK. \$695. 3827 Winona #B. CSPM, 619-229-2440.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1450. Clean 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. New paint/carpeting. Patio. Near all/SDSU. No pets. Section 8 ok. 4033 Menlo Ave. 619-275-2648.

CLAIREMONT. \$1425. 2 bedroom house, plus family room, large fenced yard, new carpeting, new paint, appliances, quiet street in West Clairemont. 619-300-0656.

CLAIREMONT. 3522 Armstrong, Fantastic 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Pool, 2-car garage, huge master suite with Jacuzzi tub/fireplace. Immaculate. \$2000. www.timcassidy.com. Cassidy, Broker, 619-275-ULST.

CLAIREMONT. \$1850/month. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 4119 Clairemont Drive. All appliances, refrigerator, gas range, washer/dryer. No pets, no garage. Available 4/15. The Dymond Group, 619-624-2031.

CLAIREMONT. 4 Bedroom, 3 bath. Newer carpet, new tile. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Covered patio, fireplace. 1,650 square feet. No pets. \$2,095. 5056 Baxter, 92117. 858-551-7273.

CLAIREMONT. \$2100. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1600 square feet, remodeled. Fireplace, family room, enclosed patio, washer/dryer, refrigerator, stove, microwave, fenced yard. Ask about Move-In Special! 4880 Lehrer. 619-281-0030.

CLAIREMONT. \$1695. Clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with 2-car garage, pool/service, washer/dryer hookups. No pets! Available 4/8. 4826 Lehrer Drive. Available to see! Agent, 858-560-1178.

COLLEGE AREA. \$2000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Secured entry, formal dining area with wet bar, fireplace, yard, garage, laundry hookups, available now. 5140 Catocin Drive. 619-295-1100; www.cephron.com.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$1600. Move-in special. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. All appliances, fireplace, hardwood floors, garage, fenced backyard. Near SDSU, shopping, transit. Call 619-583-0486.

COLLEGE AREA/ROLANDO. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2000 square foot custom contemporary house. Refrigerator, washer/dryer. Great area/house. No pets preferred. \$2050/month. Craig, 619-589-9252.

COLLEGE AREA. 4547 El Cerrito Drive. \$1800. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Approximately 1895 square feet. Enjoy the unique '50s feel. Large family room with built-in fireplace. 2-car detached garage. Available now. No pets, please. Agent, 619-471-1756.

COLLEGE AREA. 2 bedroom plus den, or 3 bedroom house. 1 bathroom. Nice location near shopping/restaurants. Some hardwood floors, ceiling fans, separate laundry room. No pets. \$1295/month. 6155 Acorn Street. 619-461-3546.

COLLEGE AREA. Fully remodeled! Very clean 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Open floorplan. Quiet cul-de-sac. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. Large closets. Nonsmoking/pets. \$2400. 619-795-7294.

COLLEGE. \$1895. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. All new! Pool, 2-car garage, large yard, laundry. Water and pool service paid. Pet negotiable. 4664 Revillo Way. 619-698-6911.

COLLEGE/TALMADGE. \$1700. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. All appliances, hardwood floors, on-site laundry, water/gardener paid. No Section 8/pets/smoking. Available 5/1. 4518 52nd. 858-538-5013.

DEL CERRILLO. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house in 92120 San Diego. \$2300. 6 month minimum lease. No smoking/pets. 7230 Decanture Cove. Call Mark, 619-246-6969.

EAST SAN DIEGO. Chollas View, 3 bedroom, 2 bath 2-story home. \$1695. All appliances, dishwasher, washer/dryer, patio, large yard, 1-car garage. Pet OK. Available 4/12. 858-598-1111 x192.

EL CAJON. \$950/up. Large, deluxe 2 bedroom single story bungalows. Amenities. Pool, park-like grounds. Parking. 743 South Magnolia Avenue. Near town, shops, bus. 619-579-0174.

EL CAJON. \$1950. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house on quiet street. Large yard with fruit trees. Gardener included. No pets. 1216 Adobe Lane. 858-688-0287 or 583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

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ENCANTO. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator. Close to stores, laundry, trolley. No pets. Available 4/10. \$900 deposit. 405 63rd Street. 619-709-6928.

ENCANTO/WOODMAN. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2 story, 2 car garage. Beautiful view, new blinds. \$1900/month, \$1000 deposit. Section 8 only. 619-887-6636.

ENCINITAS. New, tiny, quaint guest house, 1 bedroom, 3 blocks from ocean,

complete kitchen, lovely, porch, organic garden, very quiet, unfurnished. \$920. Available 5/1. 760-942-7330.

ENCINITAS/LEUCADIA. Darling 3 bedroom, 2 full bath house. All new appliances. Less than 1 mile from the beach! Quiet neighborhood. Pets OK. \$2395/month. 760-633-3870.

ESCONDIDO. \$1700. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage. 1200 square feet. Fireplace. Air conditioning. Some pets OK. 1281 Lancer Glen. 619-316-4910.

ESCONDIDO. Open house Saturday-Sunday, 11am-3pm, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, fireplace, 180-degree-view deck, cul-de-sac, gated community, amenities, water/gardener paid. 2037 Fiesta Glen. \$1925. 619-299-5773, 619-804-5638.

ESCONDIDO. Exquisite 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath in gated "Montclair" complex. Built 1999. 2800 square feet. Pool, spa, patio/barbecue. Eastern views. Fireplaces. A must see! \$3800/month. Lease. 3287 Via Zamora. Call 858-274-6856 or 858-366-3633.

ESCONDIDO. \$2000. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-story house. Large backyard. Gated community. Vaulted ceilings, pool, garage. 1520 square feet. 2034 Skyview Glen. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

ESCONDIDO. Beautiful 5 bedroom, 3 bath, 4-car garage, 3400 square feet. Over 1/2 acre lot. Gorgeous pool/spa with waterfall/slide. Gated community near North County Fair. \$3800. 619-405-9493.

ESCONDIDO. Citrus and Valley Parkway, \$2195. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Built 2005, never lived in. 2 car garage, granite, wood. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

FALLBROOK. \$1950. Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, office/den, Jacuzzi, vaulted ceilings, fireplace. Great neighborhood. Dog OK, no cat. School district (Bonsall, Fallbrook included). Available now. Must see! Shown by appointment only: 3373 Avocado Vista Lane. 760-505-0985.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1150. Bright 2 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman home. Available now. Views of downtown. Hardwood floors. Deck. Off-street parking. No pets. Michael, 619-247-2114.

GOLDEN HILL. Beautifully remodeled carriage house. 1000-square-feet with private yard. Available now. 2409 E Street. 2 bedrooms. Close to Downtown/Gaslamp. \$1350. Beth 619-847-6402.

HILLCREST Duplex. \$1450. Sunny, Spanish-style 2 bedroom. Formal dining room, laundry room, ceiling fans, oak cabinets, new carpet. Parking. Cat OK. Near zoo/shops. 619-491-0462.

HILLCREST. \$1775. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. 2 parking. Pets OK. Washer/dryer. Nonsmoking. Remodeled. Hardwood floors. Courtyard. New appliances. 3941 9th Avenue. Juno, 619-275-3455.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. 1930s Deco. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, garage, storage. Pets OK. 4172 5th. Quiet canyon area, north of Washington. 619-698-4915.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Newly renovated! 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1500 square feet. Living/dining room. All

appliances, off-street parking, laundry facilities, no pets. \$1875. 619-885-9970.

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COLLEGE AREA. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Totally remodeled. Large kitchen. New appliances and granite countertops. New carpet. Off-street parking. Near shopping. 6036 Estelle. No pets. \$1150. 619-683-9274.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet neighborhood. Close to SDSU. Move-in special-- 1/2 off first month's rent with 6 month lease. 6165 Montezuma Road. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

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DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$2000. Deposit \$2000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, fourth floor in security building. Single car parking. Valet. Pool. Laundry. Lots more! No pets. 500 West Harbor Drive, #414. Agent, 619-226-7368.

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ENCINITAS. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Granite kitchen, dishwasher, large closets, 2 small patios, pool. One assigned parking. No pets. Lease. Available 3/1/06. 760-685-3022.

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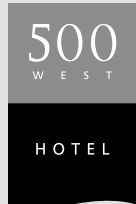
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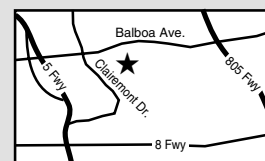
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LEAD STORY

— “Reeking” As a Career Field: Homeless New Jersey man Richard Kreimer said in February that he had settled part of his most recent lawsuit against a transit company and two drivers for having denied him rides because of his foul odor. Kreimer’s history includes a \$150,000 settlement in 1991 with the public library in Morris County, which had tried to keep him out because of his odor. Kreimer dropped another foul-odor lawsuit in February against a transit company and a train station in Summit.

Cultural Diversity

— (1) Health authorities in Thailand began warning teenage girls in January of the dental risks of do-it-yourself orthodontics (colorful metallic teeth braces worn for fashion to match girls’ outfits, according to an Associated Press dispatch). (2) In Lunar New Year celebrations in January in China, 120 million rural peasants traveled to and from cities via jam-packed trains, despite meager restroom facilities. As a result, according to a Reuters dispatch, there was a massive holiday run on adult diapers.

— A 300-page indictment detailing more than 1000 allegations of election fraud was returned in February by a grand jury investigating the coal-mining town of Appalachia, Va. Reports of absentee-ballot bribery by two town officials prompted prosecutors to accuse candidates’ operatives of offering the locals such goodies as beer, moonshine and cigarettes and, in one case, a supply of pork rinds.

Good News for College Kids

— (1) In January, history professor David Weale of Canada’s University of Prince Edward Island offered B-minus grades to any students in his overcrowded class if they would just go away, and 20 of the 95 accepted. However, the administration found out, and Professor Weale, who had retired last year but returned to teach that one course, re-retired. (2) Former Fairfield University student William Rom, 24, won \$111,000 from the school in a February verdict because he was improperly suspended four years ago. At the time, Rom was accused of entering a women’s

restroom, fighting, ripping posters off walls, dumping water on students from a second floor, smashing a bathroom mirror, running naked on campus, underage drinking, and subsequently vomiting in the dorm.

School Daze

— (1) The head of the Jo Richardson comprehensive school in Dagenham, England, prohibits students from raising their hands in class, according to a January *Daily Telegraph* report, to keep those not called on from feeling “victim[ized].” (2) Rules drawn up in February by the Welsh Assembly called for schools in Wales to ban all kissing, even in school plays, but an assembly spokesman said Romeo could give Juliet “a peck on the cheek.”

— In February, Bolivia’s foreign minister proposed to include coca leaves as part of school breakfast programs, noting that they contain many times more calcium than does milk (and unless processed as cocaine, are not mind-altering).

— In November, the Coffee Industry Association of Brazil proposed to help fund a breakfast program for a million schoolchildren as young as age six, provided that the meal includes coffee.

Home, Sweet Home

— Developer Ryan Pedram was finally ordered to stop work on his new three-story home in the Bronx in New York City after he had begun building it flush with a disputed property line, including constructing one cinder-block wall to encompass the trunk of an oak tree that ostensibly belongs to his neighbor. He had figured on winning the property dispute and removing the tree; his plan, in case of loss, was not reported. ... In Brooklyn, a judge recently allowed industrialist Simon Taub to install Sheetrock walls in several rooms in his home as a temporary solution in a pending divorce, to allow both husband and wife to share the house (reminiscent of the 1989 movie *The War of the Roses*).

People Different From Us

— Unusual Obsessions: (1) orchids (When collector Sian Tiong Lim, 32, was recently jailed for four months in England for orchid-smuggling,

orchid expert Eric Hansen told United Press International, “There is a lunatic fringe to the orchid world, and a fine line between the average grower and the horticulturally insane.”) (2) rare bird eggs (Collector Gregory Wheel, 42, was jailed recently for four months in England after a 30-year history of stealing from hundreds of nests. His lawyer told the judge that Wheel needs professional help.)

— When Travis Frey, 33, was charged in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in February with kidnapping his wife, she gave police a “Contract of Wifely Expectations” that he had allegedly written for her (subsequently published on *TheSmokingGun.com*, which called it a contract “for the ages”). In painstaking detail, the husband prescribed the micromanagement of her life, including what she would wear in public and to bed and the exact times she would be available for specified sexual relations. Instructions on hygiene and body-shaving were given. Eight explicit, non-subservient wifely reactions were banned. She could earn “Good Behavior Days” with exemplary performance but would lose them on specified misbehaviors, including complaining about the contract.

Least Competent Criminals

— Police in Milford, Texas (just south of Dallas), arrested a man in February who had fled a traffic stop, and in the ensuing chase tore open and toss out bag after bag of a substance (but some blew back in the car). When stopped, said police chief Carlos Phoenix, the man was “literally covered in marijuana” from the blowback. ... In January, in Anchorage, Alaska, a man who had painted his face Smurf-like blue robbed the Super 8 Motel, and police put out a description. A short time later, a caller reported a man with blue smudges behind his ears. Police soon arrested Daniel Peter Clark, 19.

Update

— In 2003, “News of the Weird” reported that the Pentagon’s Defense Threat Reduction Agency had been Internet-monitoring a facility on Scotland’s Isle of Islay whose webcam was showing images suggesting a chemical-weapons lab but that, after lengthy surveillance, the agency had found it to

be a whiskey distillery. In February 2006, that distillery (Bruichladdich, one of the U.K.’s most adventurous) announced it is preparing to make a 92 percent alcohol whiskey whose recommended dose is two spoonfuls. Said the managing director, “To be honest, I’m just hoping the distillery doesn’t explode.”

Recurring Themes

— The Continuing Jesus and Mary World Tour: “Sightings” have been made in the past three months in North Vernon, Ind. (Jesus on a wooden door), Jacksonville, Fla. (Jesus on a nacho-warming tray), Cozumel, Mexico (Jesus on a flower pot), Laredo, Texas (Jesus on a truck’s tailgate), Mexico, Maine (Mary on the charred wood of a burned-out home), Beachwood, Ohio (Jesus on a pancake), Manchester, Conn. (Jesus on a piece of sheet metal), Dallas (Mary on the bark of a tree), and airborne from New York City to Florida (Mary on a potato chip served by Jet Blue).

Readers’ Choice

— Police in a Columbus, Ohio, suburb arrested Alan Patton, 54, outside a movie-theater restroom in February and later listened to him describe in detail his unusual behavior. According to police, Patton is obsessed with collecting and consuming the urine of young boys, which he said he has done for over 40 years. “I like it because it makes me closer to them, like I’m drinking their youth.” His modus operandi is to shut off a urinal’s flush water, wait for a boy to finish, and then gather up the urine. “Listening to him describe it,” said one detective, “it’s like listening to a crack or cocaine addict. He’s addicted to children’s urine.”

CORRECTION: In a story two weeks ago, from a medical journal on the x-ray of an Inuit woman whose appendix was revealed to be stuffed with metal, I failed to distinguish “birdshot” (which was used by Vice President Cheney in his recent hunting incident) from the larger “buckshot” reportedly present in the enlarged appendix.

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Thirty Years Ago

"Most of the bites are from German shepherds. Next, from poodles. Of course, people start shaking when you mention Dobermans, but there aren't enough around to make a big percentage of bites. See that number? —208, 25th of February. That means that on the 25th of February this was the 208th dogbite I had to go check on. Every month we get 3,000-4,000 dogbites — 48,000 a year."
—**"RUN SPOT RUN,"** Jaquelynn Garner, April 1, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Newsbeat: The *Evening Tribune* scribe who offered his services to the morning *Union* in mid-February, a fortnight before Neil Morgan assumed the editorship of the *Trib*, was Tom Blair, who's been the full-time assistant to the Neil Morgan column for the last seven years. "I had some warning that Neil wanted it [the column] three days a week," said Blair. "What I didn't know was that he was going to keep the masthead." Blair was not alone in thinking he might now be entitled to his own masthead. Commented one *Tribune* reporter, "Everybody knows it was a slap in the face to Blair."
—CITY LIGHTS: **"NEIL STILL ON TOP,"** Neal Matthews, April 2, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

The most popular spot to sit in the San Elijo shopping center is the brick ledge in front of the Ocean View Laundromat. It's got a clear view of the doorway to the Custom Bikini boutique, and Mar Vista Liquor is two doors down. A group of three to eight men is usually there. They sit outside the laundry on the window ledge or lean against the building, offering observations on life and female foot traffic. Sometimes the men gather a half-block away in the Cardiff-by-the-Sea shopping center, attracted by a doughnut shop and another liquor store.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"WHERE LIZARDS LOUNGE,"**

Brae Canlen, April 3, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

I pictured myself ensconced in a real California house. It was adobe with thick white-washed walls. Tile floors stretched into unseen rooms, all facing a central patio where there was a fountain, greenery and bougainvillea. I could hear birds, the fountain's soft sounds, and background murmuring of what might have been a family. There were no roads. There was no neighborhood. And there were no neighbors.

Well, IF you concede that a hacienda is no more indigenous to Southern California than the transplants that followed (see the Italian villa, the Cape Cod copy, and the imitation ranch — available in Montana Ranch, Taos Ranch, and Fairbanks Ranch), then you could, perhaps, concede that I achieved a true California house.

—**"THE EVIDENCE OF HER SORROW,"** J.K. Amtmann, April 4, 1991

Ten Years Ago

Wilson backers are touting Susan Golding as an alternative Republican gubernatorial candidate to Dan Lungren in 1998. And the move isn't going down well with the conservative attorney general, who is locked in war with the lame-duck governor. So says *Sacramento Bee* political pundit Dan Walters, who last week noted that "Wilson's appointees figured in a recent Golding fundraising and profile-raising visit to Sacramento." The maneuvering, according to Walters, is being orchestrated by Wilson handler George Gorton, Golding's former boss, boyfriend, and chief strategist of her 1992 mayoral run.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"PETE & DAN & SUSAN & GEORGE,"**

Matt Potter, March 28, 1996



San Diego Reader, April 2, 1981

Five Years Ago

So you already miss the '90s? How can we direct that nostalgia?

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—SIGHTSEER: **"MANCHURIAN MUSHROOMS,"**

Justin Wolff, March 29, 2001

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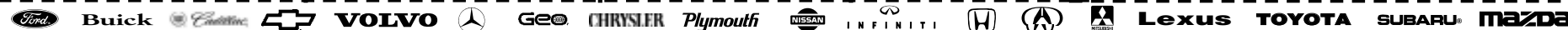
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FOOTBALL, Dan Marino autographed NFL Wilson Hall of Fame, certified, registered, mounted memories with photo while signing actual game ball; also trophy case, \$650. 619-444-1904.

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PHONOGRAPH. 1937 Adams Cabinet Capehart De Lune, plays 6 records, flips them and changes for new ones, package deal, 100+ albums, \$1500. 619-427-8452.

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SKIS. Antique Northland hickory skis, bindings are rubber footrest one leather belt wraps around boot, 77"L, 3/4"W, excellent condition, \$100. 619-656-7840.

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BAY PARK, Friday 3/31, and Saturday 4/1 8am-1pm. Aquarium, plants, clothes, luggage, collectibles, lots of great stuff. 2504 Galveston Street.

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HILLCREST, 9am Saturday April 1, household items, furniture, plants, clothing, miscellaneous. Myrtle Street at Park Boulevard.

LA MESA, Moving sale April 1 and 2. 7am, 5720 Jackson Drive.

LINDA VISTA. Multifamily garage sale. Saturday only, 8am-noon. Gadgets to gizmos. Near USD. 6221 Caminito del Oeste.

MIRA MESA, Garage sale, Saturday, April 1, 2006. Household kitchen items, clothes, toys, West Mira Mesa, 10800 block of Penara Street, 92126 8am-12noon, 858-342-9467.

MT. SOLEDAD. Remodeling sale. Drexel sofa, small dining table/4 chairs, pictures, mirrors, frames, dishware, rugs, furniture, pots, tile, more. 4/01/06, 8am-12pm, 4922 Randall Street.

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employer pays me \$6 an hour. When I ask for more pay I'm told they have to pay the overhead of \$1400 a month rent on the store, and if it weren't for them bringing in customers I'd have no work. I finally talked them into paying me \$10 an hour when I go to a job site and have to climb a ladder. If I'm not on a ladder it's still \$6 an hour. All the tools I use are my own. I have been living in a tent for the past five years as the price of rent exceeds my income. I'm also in debt to my employer for several hundred dollars, as he has loaned me money in the past at 20% interest. I know they have to pay on their condo and new car, but I'm sure they can afford to pay me more. I want to show him what you think is fair pay for me.

SMART BUT NOT BRIGHT IN LA MESA

Dear Smart,

I'm glad you wrote to me. I am not an expert in labor law or what is fair pay these days for an electrician, but I think you are getting ripped off. I hope you will contact someone immediately who can help you find out what your rights are. It sounds to me like your employers are paying you under the table so they don't have to pay payroll taxes. You may be entitled to Social Security and other benefits. Try calling some of the follow-

ing organizations: Legal Aid Society of San Diego, 877-534-2524; California Fair Employment and Housing Department, 619-645-2681; San Diego Employee Rights Center, 619-521-1372; or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 619-557-7235. You have a marketable skill and are willing to work. There's no reason you should be receiving a substandard wage and living in a tent. Minimum wage in California is \$6.75 an hour. It sounds like most of the time you are not earning that. I gagged when I read that your boss lent you money at a whopping 20% interest. You are being taken advantage of. Once you get some information about your rights, you can figure out what your options are. You may want to renegotiate your agreement with your employer and request a raise, or quit and try to set yourself up to work as an independent electrician, or join a union, or find work with another employer who is willing to pay you fairly. And call the San Diego County Department of Health and Human Services at 866-262-9881 to see if they can help you with housing and other assistance so you have someplace warmer and safer than a tent to call home.

Dear Saffron,

I just read your response to the person who wrote in about her friend trying to make his cat eat only vegetables. After beating that guy senseless with a giant hard salami, recommend to the writer that she call the Humane Society and report her friend. It might save that cat. What you said about cats needing a high level of protein in their diets to remain healthy is true. How can people do that to an animal that's a carnivore? That's cruelty to animals, isn't it?

S.D. CAT FAN

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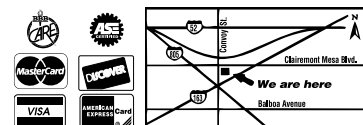
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Surprise, surprise. I can't sleep.

I made a valiant effort, though. I went to bed at 11:30 to the sounds of my computer playing cheery sitcoms on loop and my ocean-waves, white-noise emulator. This usually helps, but not tonight, which turned into early morning — 5:50 a.m. From my bed, the old college twin futon on the floor, I can see blue sunlight worming its way around the slats of my Venetian blinds.

Half an hour ago, I gave in and threw two CVS-brand headache relief tablets at the migraine threatening to push my right eye out of its socket, but sleep still eludes me. I can predict how this will end: I will rise at nine, watch *ER* reruns at ten, and be back in bed by noon, drifting off — fully dressed — in the safety of the day.

I've never been a good sleeper. From day one, I was up half the night, driving my parents — who were on the older side by the time they ushered their first and only four-pound screamer into the world — insane. They took turns, my mom and dad, bouncing me around the dining room to scratchy records at all hours of the night, trying to coax my little body into, as my auntie says, "going nightingale." I can see this as if I remember it, my mother in her then-favorite wide-necked Little Richard shirt, my tiny head against her shoulder, my father in his flannels, cradling my back with his large, gentle hand, cooing at me sweetly in Latvian. "*Milais,*

milais," he said, "dear one, dear one."

Though I finally managed to conk out and stay that way, giving my parents much-needed relief, it didn't last long. At eight years old, I woke up one morning to find that my mother had died during the night, and the cycle started all over again. This time, alone in my dark room, I was plagued with fear and would lie stiff and silent, wondering what in the world would happen next. It got so bad that my father, all six feet of him, had to curl up at the foot of my tiny bed in order for me to even close my eyes. And he did, night after night, for a year, waking me with his snoring, guarding me as I slept.

And it stuck with me. To this day — though it's gotten better — I have trouble falling asleep. Like tonight, which has now become last night, I find myself at the mercy of my mind, which will not shut itself off. My brain, rocked off its axis all those years ago, cannot

wind down peacefully. Instead it loops, thought cycles crashing into one another. I stare at the wall, unseeing, as they churn, worry after worry after worry. *I have to call the insurance company. You'll never get that film made. She doesn't love you anymore, you idiot. Yes, She does. No, she doesn't. You need to write that paper if you want to go*

It's so fucking late. You're going to be so tired, and you're going to waste the whole day in bed. What were you thinking, you moron? That it would have actually worked? Are you insane? Oh, go to sleep already. And on and on and on — endless. The headache, pills, rages. I try to cry — I feel like crying — but can't.

Last night, formerly tonight, there was no relief but daybreak. Sometimes it's like this, just as it used to be — me, trapped in my head, at the mercy of sunrise. And I'm an adult now, I guess; no Jimmy Cliff on the phonograph, no one curled on my bed. No "*milais.*" Everyone is tucked in. My father is

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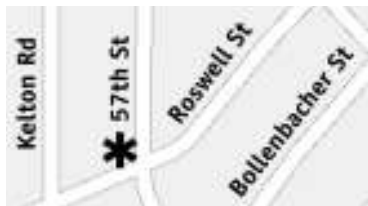
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BATTERY

Location: [1000] 57th Street, Emerald Hills

Time/Date: 6:54 p.m. on 3/13/06

Report: Officer Pierce, #4549, and I were dispatched...for a call involving two brothers fighting.



Dispatch notified us as we were en route to the residence that the suspect had left the

premises. Upon our arrival, the mother, Sandra G., met us. Her son, Quinton G., and his friend, Angel N., were the victims of a battery. Her older son, Christopher G., had gotten into a fight with both of them.

Christopher is a Crips gang member, and was not supposed to be allowed in the house. He is also addicted to methamphetamine and is on parole.

Victim's Statement: Angel and I were outside breaking down some wood in the driveway. We were going to build a fire later that night. My mom was outside, doing some laundry in the garage, and my brother Chris was inside the house. He and I had some words earlier in the day because he could not find the lyrics he had written. He had a backpack that was in my room, and I put his lyrics on the bed.

Chris came outside to where I was, and we were talking trash. He kept asking me where his lyrics were, and I kept telling him to check the bed. He was not listening because he was all messed-up on crystal meth. My mom steps between and the next thing I hear is "Fuck you, you little faggot," and Chris punches around my mom and hit me on the left side of my jaw. I tried to hit him back, but Angel was standing right in back of me on the left hand side [and] grabbed me. My mom grabbed me as well. My two sisters came out of the house and grabbed Chris.

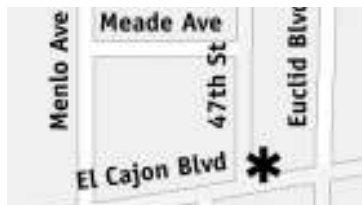
We were still talking trash to one another. My two sisters let Chris go, and Angel and Mom let me go. Chris

went back into the house, grabbed his stuff and came back outside. He then started walking towards the sidewalk at the end of the driveway. I went into the house, raced through it, came back out, hopped over the four-foot brick wall on the side of the house, and met Chris where the sidewalk connects to the driveway. I was on the grass, with my back to the street, and Chris was standing right in front of me. Angel and my mom were to my right. Mom was trying to hold Chris back when all of a sudden he punched me again, this time on the right side of my face. Angel then grabbed Chris, but he broke away and hit Angel. My two sisters were back outside, and were telling him to leave.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

Location: 4700 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. on 3/14/06



Victim's Statement: I just ate at the Pho Hoa Vietnamese Restaurant. I walked to my vehicle. I sat on the driver seat. My legs were still out of the car and the vehicle door was still open. I saw three Hispanic males, who were all wearing black hooded sweatshirts, walking towards me. All three of them had the hood of their sweatshirts over the heads. One of the males, who had a thick mustache (sus-

pect one), contacted me. He asked me for some cigarettes. I told him I do not smoke. He got mad and told me to give him my wallet. I told him to calm down and I would give him some money instead. I saw him reach inside his sweatshirt. I thought he was going to reach for a weapon. I kicked him in the midsection toward where he was reaching. The other two males ran towards my vehicle and held the vehicle door open. [They] stated, "Give us your wallet or we're going to kill you." I got scared and told them that I would give them some money. I pulled a \$20 bill out of my wallet. I did not want to give them my wallet. I gave the money to suspect one and the other male (suspect two) punched me in the mouth. I blacked out for a few seconds. And then I just saw them running toward the alley. I got scared and did not know what to do. I drove away from the scene.

SHOOTING/ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Location: 9000 Harness Street, Spring Valley

Time/Date: 5:28 p.m. on 3/10/06



Report: Deputies responded from the Lemon Grove Station to a 31-year-old Hispanic male who was just shot in the stomach with a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun. The victim

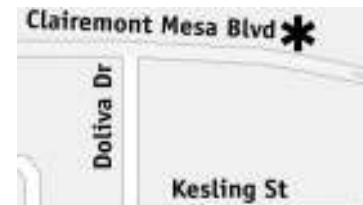
and his employer drove to the victim's address when two male suspects in an older model pickup truck approached them demanding their money. One of the suspects pointed a gun at the employer and then shot the employee. No money was taken from the victims.

The suspects fled the area in an older model yellow Ford pickup. The suspects were identified as Hispanic males wearing dark clothing with bandanas covering their faces.

ROBBERY

Location: 5550 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont

Time/Date: 1:31 a.m. on 3/3/06



Report: A white male, 20s, 5'10", thin build, clean-shaven, black shirt, black shorts, beanie, entered the Best Western Inn and asked the male clerk for a room. As the clerk was arranging for the room, the suspect said, "Give me the money." When the clerk opened the register, the suspect asked for a bag of cash. The clerk stated he had no bags. The clerk then removed the cash drawer from the register and placed it on the counter. The suspect took the cash from the drawer, exited the building, and got into a silver-colored vehicle and drove off.

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EVEN THOUGH I'VE MOVED TO THE BIG CITY, I CAN'T FORGET THE WHEAT FARM where I was raised.

The color of San Diego stands in contrast to my small home. Here are the aqua tones of a seaside city and the loam of Spanish-style walls. On a wheat farm, the shades are subtle and sepia — the crop was tan, our tractor a dusty red, and our old Ford pickup mostly black. There was a dent on the fender that was gray primer. I put the dent there when my dad was teaching me to drive and the clutch got away from me. Instead of the brake, I stomped on the gas and crunched into a gatepost by the road. Dad wasn't mad. He pulled his green ballcap off, smoothed down his thin hair, and looked at the post and truck and said, "Well, it'll give us something to do next weekend."

On rushed mornings, when I need to get to work fast, I'm sometimes stopped before I get to my car. Wind rustles the long blades of grass by the sidewalk and, resist as much as I can, the sight paralyzes me. I go back to those spring days of harvest on the farm, when Dad gave me my first cup of coffee and we stood in the yard. The breeze rustled the tall stalks as we stood in the morning light. We knew we had a long day of work ahead, so we savored the smell from our mugs and the soft whoosh of the wheat. A few times a year, I'll be late for work because of the brew in my hand and the stirring little patch of lawn in front of my apartment.

It wasn't the sentimental perfection I've described so far. We had our problems. I slammed screen doors. The old man, frustrated by the confident ignorance of his teenage son, swiped the dishes and food and silverware and water off the table to crash against the kitchen tile. I remember him standing there next to the broken mess on the floor, pointing to my room, and the simplicity of his command. All he said was, "Go." And that's all he had to say.

To tell the truth, I made all that up. I didn't grow up on a wheat farm. That was all fiction. I was a goofy kid who was raised by TV. I'd put my Batman mask and cape on and watch GI Joe every day until I graduated high school. But the wheat-farm story is better for picking up chicks.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

ROCK AND ROLL PASTRY

FOOD 9:00 P.M.

Country music is really only good for "varmint stew," and that's an acquired taste. For a mean brioche, one must seek the "music of the devil."

THE PLANET'S FUNNIEST ANIMALS

ANIMAL 9:00 P.M.

My ears are rotational. They turn independent of the orientation of my head. Their evolutionary purpose was to alert me to dangers, but I now leave them turned downward so I can hear better when I talk to myself. My ears were also pointed and covered in a fur the color of rust until several procedures by plastic sur-

geons corrected the look of them.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

THE DOG WHISPERER

NGC 8:00 P.M.

Starting the first San Diego Dogsled Team has been slow. No one else has signed up, and I don't have a sled. All I have is the dogs and a driving will to compete. The "spirit of competition" is what I call the wafting smell from my studio apartment.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

THE BICYCLE THIEF (1948)

UCSD 4:00 P.M.

What do I have to do to get the bicyclists of San

Diego to wear baggier clothes? I'm sure those spandex shorts shave a few seconds off your time, but the tight fabric coupled with your bent-over position affords me a view of your anatomy that should be reserved for emergency-room doctors. Sure, it's your right to do it, and it's in the name of fun and sport, but I have the right to wear panties with little pink flowers under a skirt and lay on a park bench with my knees pulled up to my chest, but that doesn't mean I'm going to do it. Well, now that I think about it, if you can't beat them, join them.



The Golden Girls

SEX AND THE CITY

WB 11:00 P.M.

Whoever is marking up Sarah Jessica Parker's face on those giant bus-wrapping billboards please report to the San Diego Reader office. I will give you ten dollars for every advertisement in which you've made her look like a gap-toothed pirate.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

LATE EDITION WITH WOLF BLITZER

CNN 8:00 A.M.

I figure I can wait around for a werewolf to bite me or I can take the lead and work toward a goal. My fingernails have grown into protective claws, and I've sharpened my teeth. I'm encouraging the growth of body hair. My hunting grounds range from City Heights to North Park. By next week, I'll be a true "child of the moon," and I'll do my night-roaming pantsless. If the police interfere, I'll "turn" them. I doubt silver bullets are standard issue.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

PSYCHIC AT LARGE

SCIFI 10:30 A.M.

I predict this show will suck. If my prediction is correct you owe me 200 dollars.

MARTHA

TLC 6:00 P.M.

Not a lot of people know this, but Martha Stewart keeps a symbiotic relationship with a small bird. He sits on her naked haunches and cleans her. Without her he would starve; without him she would be covered in ticks and parasites.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

THE GOLDEN GIRLS

LIFE 1:00 A.M.

Some people think I should be embarrassed by my fantasies about Blanche. But I'm not. My love for Miss Devereaux will not be covered up like the frosty tips of her hair. You need no bifocal lenses to see my desires. A hearing aid isn't necessary to listen to my heart. Marry me, Blanche. We'll move to Boca Raton and buy a golf cart to buzz us to the mailbox.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

COLD PIZZA

ESPN2 7:00 A.M.

Always keep pizza in the trunk of your car. If attacked by ninjas you can pop the lid and point to the pizza. Ninjas find pizza irresistible. When they're inside happily munching on a slice of pepperoni with extra cheese, you can trap them.

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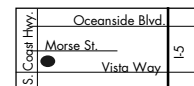
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His fascination with the game may be rife with clues.

By John Brizzolara

This Friday night I am doing homework. It is something of a reverse of the old image of a student muddling through a creative writing assignment, stretched out on the bed beneath the high school pennants on the walls and sneaking comic books out from under a volume of *You & the Participial Phrase* or whatever it is you are plagiarizing. In this case, the comic books are *Realm of Chaos* and *Eye of Terror* from the *Warhammer 40,000* series, a popular role-playing game that my son explains to me is not really an RPG, a distinction I can't make out. These are the textbooks I should be working from, but I keep eyeing *Hero With a Thousand Faces* and *The Craft of Fiction*.

I have been promising Jason for months that I will learn the game and play it with him on-line, each of us in our respective bedrooms, maybe three feet from each other on opposite sides of the same wall. I have been putting him off because, among other reasons, it is complicated. I have been driven to it tonight because I have come to suspect that his fascination with the game may be rife with clues as to the world he inhabits mentally for most of the day and quite possibly a good deal of his dream time. Any entrée into my son's world must be pursued. I feel like Dr. Robert Lindner in *The Fifty-Minute Hour*, in the chapter he calls "The Jet-Propelled Couch," in which he enters a patient's delusional world in a risky attempt to expose its flaws.

On the game table I have a cheap Tijuana trinket, a reproduction of a Mayan pyramid, the one at Chichén Itzá, which in this case represents the Golden Throne.

For zealous aficionados, my apologies; I am sure to have much of my scenario inaccurate.

In the chthonic years of the 40,000-year war, the Emperor's son, the Warmaster, Horus, has imprisoned the Grand Lord

of the Imperium. Horus is a monster of Chaos. For Chaos read "Evil." For the Imperium, I am reading the kingdoms of both Heaven and Earth. I am still very new to the overwhelming volumes of material my son has on the history, sociology, strategies, uprisings, and counter-uprisings, vast, space-faring wars et cetera, but I can find no single name for the bound Emperor. For my purposes, I am thinking of Horus's father as me, for one, and God for another. Horus is like a fallen Lucifer, his father's favorite. Both have been out of the picture for some 10,000 years before any action or play begins between participants.

My son is Abbadon, a mercenary for Chaos, selected for his "buff physique" and "cool Chaos armor." Abbadon is often transported into battle surrounded with Terminators — not exactly Arnold types. Abbadon wields a great sword and a lightning claw.

My incarnation for the coming battle is Rogal Dorn (selected for his access to the Emperor in the mists of time and his bitchin' name, which I may adopt on a more permanent basis). Purists may say I cannot do this because Dorn would be an anachronism or something, but I have it all worked out with icy, geometric, crystalline logic.

As Dorn I have enlisted the aid of Sound Marines, the Eldar (an Elvin race with certain emotional qualities key to my plan), and Psykers. The Psykers have psionic abilities, also key to my plan.

The Emperor is in a morally ambiguous limbo in the Golden Throne and has been bound that way for millennia. To ward off complete obliteration from the forces of Chaos, he must sacrifice thousands of Psykers every year. Why he has to do this and why Psykers is unclear to me as yet and may bring ruin upon my plan. This much is clear, the Emperor may be a god, but not a very good one; his son is not divine but a porcine and brutish monster, a creature of Chaos whose legacy has terrorized the Imperium for time immemorial.

As Dorn I have utilized the Trojan horse ruse, and this will test my son's memory of this ploy (I related it to him myself years ago). A Leviathan, robot-like device known as a Carnifex (a tank or personnel carrier), has been secured by my men, and several of my Psykers have been rounded up in a phony sweep to be taken to the Throne for execution. Under cover of a troupe of actors (Harlequins, who reenact the awakening of an obscure, ancient god, Slaanesh), they are brought within the mystic walls of the Golden Throne, where His Imperial Vagueness and I await them. Upon their arrival after the staged skirmish tomorrow morning, they will disembark from the Carnifex and immediately employ a spell to allow the Eldar (Jason has a certain affection for these Elves that I can use here) and Harlequin players to enrapture the army of guards who keep watch over the Emperor, kept in a half life/half death state by magical means. This rapture will, I hope, set the stage for something like a conversation between Hamlet and his father — or Oedipus and his dad.

If this all seems like frustratingly complex nonsense, you have no idea. I have to be convincing every step of the way in order to orchestrate the possibility of a seemingly primal confrontation between father and son.

If the Harlequin can argue for the literal resurrection of whoever Slaanesh is, I will argue (as the Eldar Elves) for the possibility of bringing the Emperor and the long-defunct Horus into a mystical circle or chamber (whatever the hell it is), where they may speak openly of their atrophied emotions.



Warhammer 40,000 (foreground)

You see, I am betting on the appeal of the freakish but powerful Horus to the players of this best-selling game as having the same root appeal that aliens (such as, say Michael Valentine Smith from *Stranger In a Strange Land* or *E.T.*) in the field of sci-fi have in general. Readers/viewers identify with everything from bug-eyed-monsters (*Alien*, *Predator* — just power-fantasy versions of bad-ass little brats akin to Chucky) to more sympathetic humanoid-type aliens because they themselves — as teenagers mostly, emotionally anyway — feel alienated all the time.

That my cackling preparations this Friday night are a ridiculous, clownish waste of time and intelligence is likely a surety. The odds of anything along these lines opening a meaningful dialogue, prying out something, anything revealing, seem unpromising doesn't it? Jason's psychiatrist would far prefer I drag him kicking and screaming to Weight Watchers, where he will be surrounded with nurturing and supportive professionals unlike myself. (Sorry, Doc, if I seem to be choosing my battles in the most absurd possible way.) But for this Friday night I, at least, sense a shot here.

What other bizarre lengths might I be willing to go to? I am open to suggestions. And I'm still maneuvering Jason out the door to Weight Watchers with yet another Machiavellian scheme to do so. I have the appointment. I am also taking him to Controversial Bookstore to purchase a crystal in which to channel malevolent spirit energy from his cortex.

On another page of my diary I have been working on the phrasing of a question for professionals. Something like: What is the rate of success with this disorder when treated conventionally, and what is the success rate when it is treated not at all or with, say, the entrails of crows?

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