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Elemental, Little Fish

“You girls ready?”

I raise my head from my pillow. I am shoulder deep in industrial-grade bedding, trying to pull the last dregs from an uneasy, however jet-lagged, sleep. Light pours through my window, slicing through the white strips of the blinds.

Estela, in the opposite bed, is a moderate-sized lump under her covers, tufts of her black hair peeking out. As a fellow East Coaster, she must be feeling jet-lagged too. She mumbles something, sits up, blinks.

KT stands in our doorway, arms akimbo, grinning at our groggy faces. She’s already dressed and exhibits no signs of fatigue; she is tying her long blond hair into a no-nonsense knot, watching us in good-natured amusement. Her sunglasses sit perched and at the ready atop her head.

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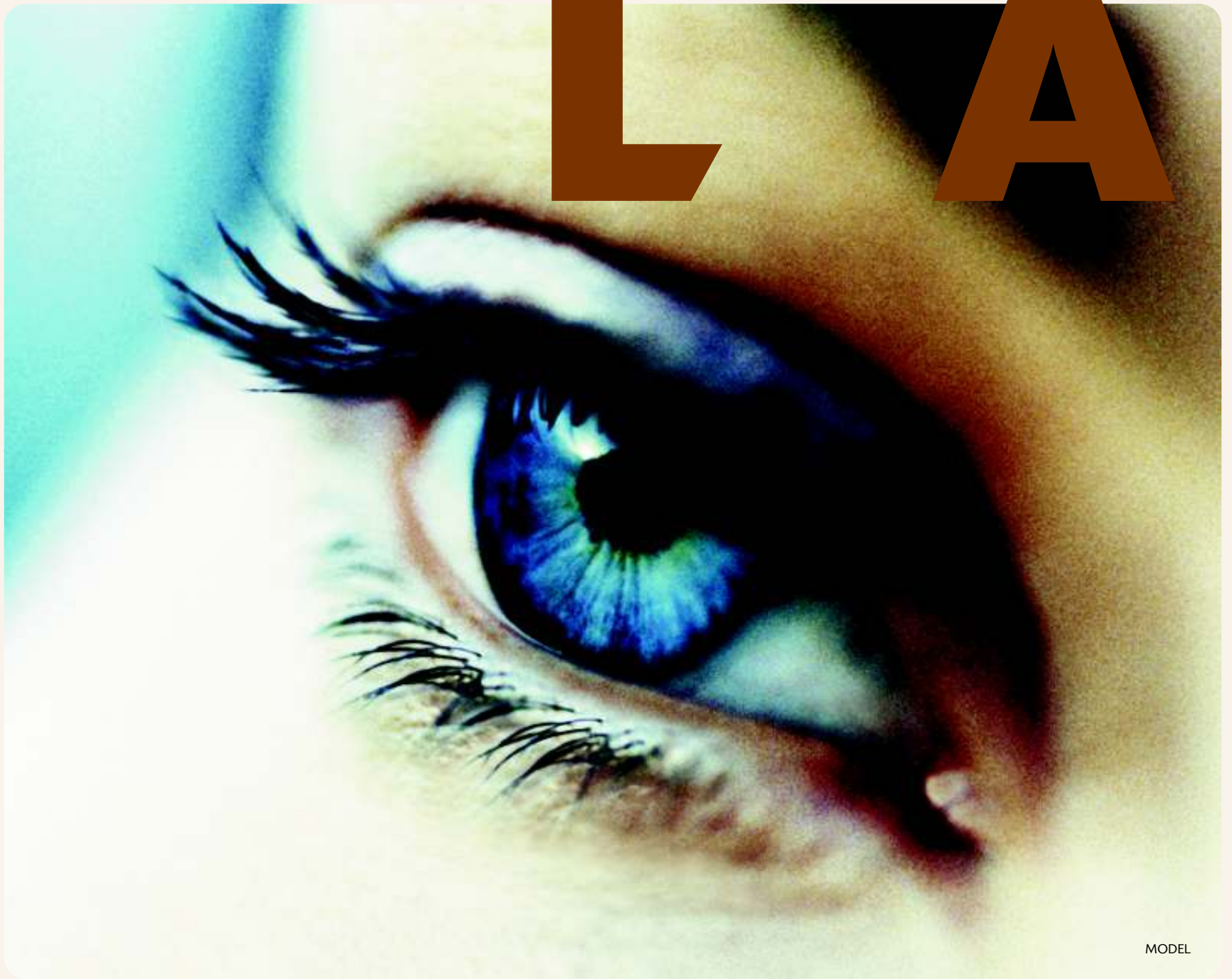
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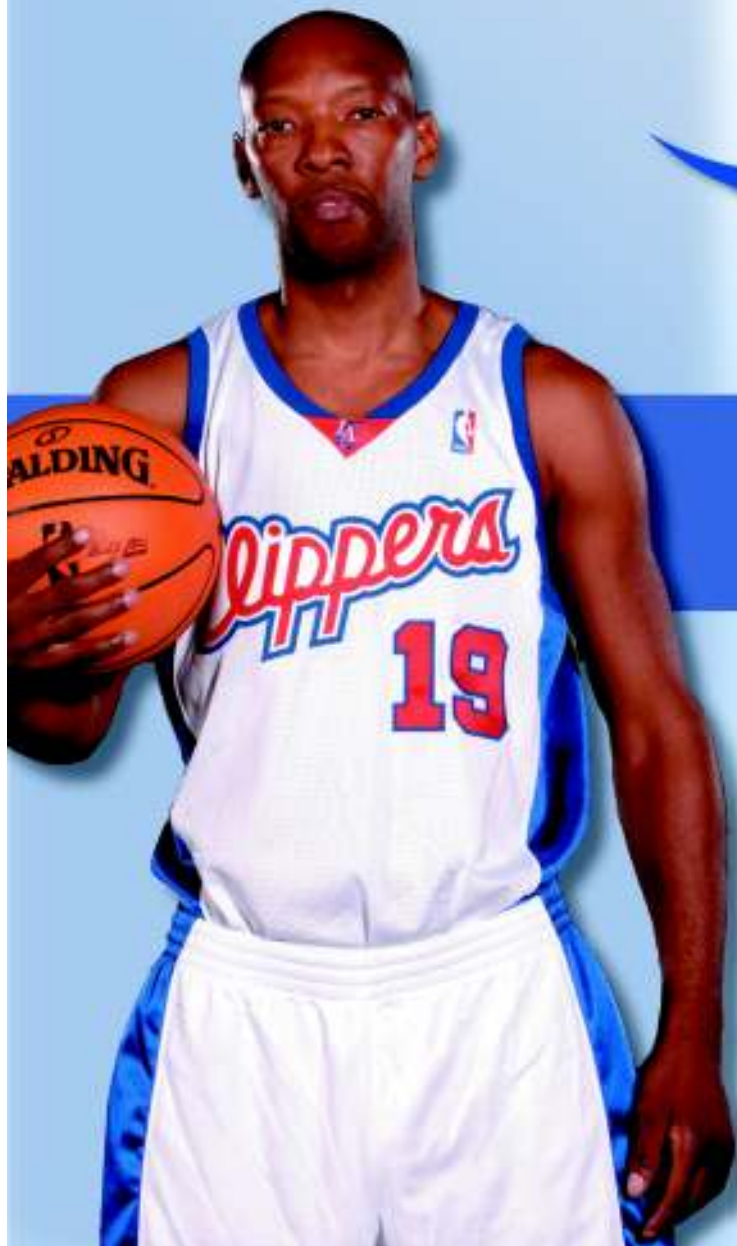


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Rocking the voters It's no secret that this fall's election season didn't go smoothly for San Diego Registrar of Voters **Mikel Haas**. First came news that some 5000 absentee ballots,



Mikel Haas

ordered from controversial e-voting vendor Diebold Election Systems, failed to arrive, forcing workers to send out photocopies of the ballot to irate voters. Once returned, votes cast on each ballot had to be transcribed by hand onto forms to be run through the Registrar's optical scanners, further delaying an already late tally. Then on election day complaints piled up about things like Diebold's voting machines breaking down or being plugged into electrical outlets without juice. But that may be only the tip of the iceberg.

Based on recent e-mails obtained from the County under the California Public Records Act, Haas's lieutenants were at loggerheads with Diebold staffers over such issues as lack of poll



Diebold voting machine

worker training, which critics say is at the core of many of the Registrar's problems. On September 11, for example, Registrar of Voters chief deputy **Len Schultz** e-mailed Diebold's **Michael Rockenstein** to complain that **John Decker**, another Diebold employee, would not be in San Diego at the time promised. "John Decker just talked to one of my staff," Schultz wrote. "He said that according to his schedule, he is not going to be in San Diego until October 16. You have assured me that he will in fact be here beginning on September 18. I am very concerned that John's schedule does not reflect your assurances and that he will not be here next week. From what I understand, he is making travel arrangements to be back east next week."

"John is a key member of the team that will be significantly re-scripting our training," Schultz continued. "All of our planning has been based on having him available. His absence would have a significant impact. Please make sure that John and his manager are all on board with him being here next week."

Contacted by phone after last week's election, Schultz said that he and Rockenstein subsequently "negotiated back and forth" about the issue and finally agreed that Decker would not come to town until October 10. In spite of his earlier concerns expressed in the e-mail to Rockenstein, Schultz insisted that Decker's late arrival did not result in any training deficiencies.

But that wasn't the first time Registrar staffers expressed concern that election workers might not be up to the job. In an e-mail dated July 21, **Jean Olsson**, in charge of training "troubleshooters" — workers who are supposed to track down and resolve problems at the polls before they interfere with voting — voiced a series of worries to Schultz. "For the troubleshooter training facility," Olsson wrote, "my main concern is that 50 to a classroom is not a feasible plan with regard to troubleshooters receiving

the quality training they need to do their job. We found that for the June election that as the class size hit 20–22, having one instructor demonstrating and 2 helping begins to break down."

Olsson also voiced doubts about her ability to find enough qualified workers in time to train them all. "With a big push to recruit 200 people — we need to prescreen carefully. The 10% turnover in June was very difficult to manage. (I used 30 people from a back-up list in the last 2 weeks before the election after the initial group of 273 applicants were processed and scheduled for class).

"For example, all the last minute rush [of] recruits referred by **Edie Greise** and **Michael Nguyen** were no shows or dropped the day of their class. Unless we significantly increase our staffing, 10% of 500 turnover will be impossible to manage in the last 2 weeks before the election, especially from a remote training site. Every person replaced requires a change in a significant number of binder materials, and coordination of training, supply pick-up and redistribution, etc. We really need some script for everyone in the ROV to use to recruit and screen so that we attract the appropriate people."

Influence on the road Along for the ride on Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger's** VIP trade mission to Mexico last week were a gaggle of big-business types from San Diego: ex-Scripps Clinic V.P. **David Gollaher**, now president and CEO of California Healthcare Institute, which bills



Juan Vargas



Cheryl Peace

itself as "an independent organization devoted to researching and advocating policy to forward the interests of California's biomedical community"; **Marilyn Hannes**, director of sales and marketing for SeaWorld; Dr. **Catherine Mackey**, a senior vice president of Pfizer, Inc.; and Sempra international affairs V.P. **Michael Morgan**. In all, 60 individuals from the ranks of business and agriculture went with the governor. ... Word around the state capitol has it that termed-out assemblyman **Juan Vargas**, who lost the Democratic primary against incumbent congressman **Bob Filner**, may be in line for **Cheryl Peace's** spot on the state's Integrated Waste Management Board, a political plum bestowed by the state senate's rules committee, led by Vargas's Democratic cohort **Don Perata**. The job, requiring attendance at just one meeting a month, pays \$117,818 a year. Peace, wife of ex-Democratic senator **Steve Peace**, began her four-year term in January 2003. None of the other five positions, four of which are filled by the governor — who once recommended that the board be eliminated — and the other by the speaker of the assembly, is expiring soon.

— Matt Potter

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Rich Get Richer, Pols Get Meaner

By Don Bauder

The election was a nasty, bitterly partisan battle pitting liberal against conservative, Republican versus Democrat, rich versus poor.

The combatants screamed at each other over such issues as tax cuts for the rich and immigration. But in the week since, we have been hearing about "fence-mending," "healing," "centrism," "goodwill," "moderation." Can we expect an

era of good feeling? Keith T. Poole, professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego.

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Keith Poole



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It will last long," says Poole. "Although there will be an increase in moderate Democrats, the elections disproportionately eliminated the center-right Republicans. The Senate will not change much in terms of polarization. Given the impending 2008 election, which will see billions of dollars — seriously — spent on each side, I doubt if goodwill will last very long."

It's not likely. Rancorous political polarization is now normal. Over the last three decades, political polarization has intensified. And over that same period, the gap between rich and poor has also grown. And immigration has increased. This followed seven decades of the reverse: more political cooperation, more equitable wealth distribution, and more moderate immi-

gration. That's the view of Keith T. Poole, professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego. "I think there may be a temporary cease-fire for a month or so, January to February 2007, but I do not think

Without saying it, he is giving ammunition to those who conclude that the United States has returned to robber baron days. Superrich individuals and corporations manipulate politicians of both parties, who despite their similar source of funds, go loudly in different directions. There is a vast gap between the rich and those on the lower rungs of the economic ladder. Immigrants are brought in to take undesirable jobs at low wages, or jobs are shipped to low-wage countries so that companies can maximize profits.

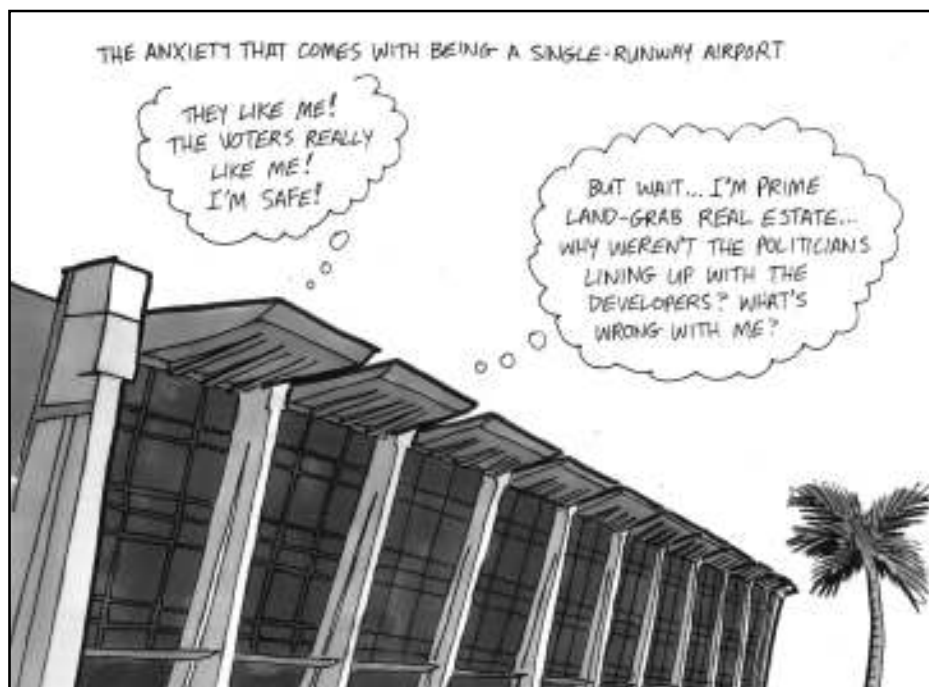
Poole coauthored a book this year that is creating a buzz in academia, *Polarized America: The Dance of Ideology and Unequal Riches* (M.I.T. Press). In the robber baron days more than a century ago, political parties were poles apart, and so were the income differences between the rich and everybody else. Then from 1913 to 1957, both political polarization and income inequality receded. Republicans and Democrats cooperated more, and wealth and income differences weren't so wide.

In 1977, the Gilded Age started returning: political polarization, as measured by a complicated formula devised by Poole and his colleagues, grew again, as income inequality

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Asylum from Homophobia

By Ernie Grimm

During the past year, about 30 transgender Tijuaneños, many of them prostitutes, left Tijuana and crossed illegally into the United States. Bypassing San Diego, they settled in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Now some of them are seeking political asylum. They claim they were persecuted in Tijuana. “Given the circumstances,” says Victor Clark Alfaro, director of the Binational Center for Human Rights in Tijuana, “I’m almost 100 percent sure that they will get this asylum.”

The circumstances Clark speaks of involve municipal police officers. “What happened,” he explains, “is about four years ago, around 100 [transgenders] in a matter of a week came to our office to complain about homophobia and persecution from the municipal police. We told these people that we would meet with the director of the municipal police and the mayor. We told them we’d hold a press conference to denounce the situation. But

community to organize themselves, efforts which we fostered.”

Clark is quick to point out that the alleged persecution is not a reflection of official police department policy. “It’s not organized. It’s part of the homophobia among police. They commit extortion against transgenders simply because they are homosexual and they dress like women. They’ll see them, stop them, and they extort money from them. It’s ‘Give me your money or I’ll take you to jail.’”

Jarrett Green, a San Francisco-based lawyer who is handling the asylum application of a 27-year-old Tijuana transgender named Karina Garcia, says the alleged persecution does not stop at monetary extortion. To keep from going to jail, he says, transgenders in Tijuana are forced to give “sexual favors” and endure “sexual assault, forced

and the badge. There is lawlessness when it comes to the rights of homosexuals and transgenders in Tijuana.”

Ironically, the transgenders’ migration and requests for asylum come at a time when, at least according to Clark, the situation in Tijuana is much improved. “After the transgenders organized themselves,” he explains, “we had a lot of meetings in our office with the chief of the municipal police. And together with him, in a matter of months, we diminished the police persecution probably 99 percent. Everything was running better. But a number of the transgenders still thought their quality of life was not the best in Tijuana. A group of them, led by one who went by the name Lucero — her name as a man was Javier Martínez — came to me and said that even though they suffered from less police persecution than in the past, 30 of them had decided to cross into the United States by human smuggler.”

Most of the 30 crossed between November 2005 and February 2006. “Before they went,” Clark recalls, “we told them to go to San Francisco, because it’s a more liberal society, and we advised them to seek political asylum.”

The majority of the group

made their way to San Francisco. Most, however, followed his advice regarding asylum. “Just two weeks ago,” Clark says, “Jenny — I don’t know the man’s name he’s using now — called me from Long Beach and asked me to send press clippings documenting the persecution of transgenders here in Tijuana. A bunch of them in Long Beach and Hollywood have banded together and are applying for asylum as a group.”

Clark thinks they’ll get it. Green is optimistic, but he says asylum is not a you-asked-for-it, you-got-it proposition. “Not at all,” he explains. “Asylum is reserved for political refugees, people who are on the run, literally escaping disaster. That’s the idea behind asylum. The notion is that you must request asylum officially within one year of your entry date into America. You can’t wait five years and then all of a sudden say, ‘Oh, I might get caught, I might as well apply for asylum at this point.’ The idea is if it is such a dire escape from your country, it would certainly be clear to you that you should request it upon entry or within a year of entry.”

Illegal entry into the United States, Green says, does not preclude application for asy-



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lum is, sure, someone may have entered illegally, but they are respecting the legal process by voluntarily requesting asylum. It is not like they are illegally entering and then hiding in the country. They are escaping and entering the only way they can, and now that they are in America, they are going through all the proper procedures to insure that they can stay.”

Besides suffering alleged police persecution, say gay activists in Tijuana, transgenders and gay men face job discrimination, making it difficult for them to find work in the city. Green says that “Mere financial benefit is not alone a reason for asylum. In order to qualify for asylum, you have to demonstrate that not only were you persecuted in your own country but that the persecution is on the basis of one of the five categories: race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. The last category is the broadest one.”

Though broad, the “membership in a particular social group” category has limits. “So if you are a Dodgers fan,” Green explains, “and you’re

seeking asylum because you were regularly beaten up by Yankees fans, you will not get it. They would reject it because being a fan of a baseball team is not core to your identity. But they have established that being homosexual is core to your identity, and therefore that qualifies. And in 2000, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals established that the category of belonging to a particular social group includes transgenders. The government in that case argued that this isn’t like being homosexual. Transgenders are being abused and beat up and harassed because of the way that they are dressing. And putting on a dress isn’t core to who you are as a person. But the court rejected that and said if you genuinely believe that you are a woman in a man’s body, and you are expressing that core identity through your dress, that constitutes membership in a particular social group.”

Given that decision six years ago, and the testimony of Clark and others regarding persecution, the asylum case for the Tijuana transgenders looks like a shoo-in. But that

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Tijuana

we also told them they needed to organize. And for two or three years, they made important efforts inside that com-

unal copulation, and flat-out rape — extreme forms of sexual abuse by the authorities, because they have the gun

did not follow Clark’s first bit of advice. They settled in Long Beach and West Los Angeles, though some, including Gar-

lum. In fact, “The government encourages you to cross the border without waiting,” Green says. “The idea of asy-

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ity returned with a vengeance. Corporate chief executive pay began soaring out of control and has not stopped. Immi-

gration picked up in the 1970s too.

Here are some statistics (not necessarily used by Poole). Chief executives of the largest corporations make 500 times what the average worker makes. Forty years ago it was 80 times.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, the top 1 percent of Americans has 34.4 percent of the wealth. The top 5 percent has 58.9 percent. The bottom 80 percent has 15.3 percent.

The difference was not

always so steep. According to United for a Fair Economy, between 1947 and 1979, the most affluent 5 percent of the population had the lowest family income growth: 86 percent. The fastest growth was among the lowest 20 percent:

116 percent.

But between 1979 and 2000, things tipped in favor of the rich. Incomes of the top 1 percent grew 201 percent, while those of the bottom 20 percent grew by just 9 percent. These are similar to the phe-

nomena observed by Poole and his colleagues.

In the last 25 years, as the rich widened the gap with the poor, politicians became less tolerant of income-redistribution programs such as the minimum wage, Medicaid, and progressive taxation, says Poole. Republicans in the House and Senate latched on to the concept of the "ownership society." They wanted to privatize Social Security. They pushed tax cuts for the rich.

Such moves seemed to backfire in last week's election. The public clearly has not bought into the ownership society. Republicans kept saying that the economy was improving. But it was improving for those at the top — not those in the middle and the bottom, that 80 percent. Their incomes have barely grown for several years.

New York Times columnist Paul Krugman, an economics professor at Princeton, has been reading the Poole findings and smelling the same kind of class warfare that is boiling in Latin America. Krugman's June 19 column was titled "Class War Politics," citing the work of Poole and his coauthors. Inequality killed bipartisanship, wrote Krugman. The Iraq War is a diversion, argued the professor. The real war is a class war, and as in the robber baron days, Republicans are interested in massaging one class: the upper one.

Krugman "is not incorrect, but there are a lot more subtleties," says Poole. "The very rich are getting much richer, but the overall level of wealth is increasing as well," except for the immigrants at the very bottom. "The people in the middle class are doing fairly well in terms of material goods."

Although there is a larger ideological fissure between liberals and conservatives and between Democrats and Republicans, both parties are cozying up to the rich, just as in the robber baron days. "The social bases of both parties are basically the better off," says Poole, pointing to the controversy over the estate tax: the debate has been over how many millions of dollars should be exempt from the tax. Few if any have argued that large estates should be taxed more than they are now.

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"There is not a big constituency even in the Democratic Party for massive redistribution" of wealth and income.

Fifty years ago, Republicans and Southern Democrats were fiscally conservative, while Democrats thrived on the philosophy of tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect. But in the 1970s came supply-side economics. The Republicans had a new chant: cut taxes and cut taxes (mainly for the rich), watch the campaign money roll in, elect and elect.

Now, both parties are fiscally irresponsible. "I don't think either side can claim to

be a steward of the treasury," says Poole.

He doubts that the public is getting aroused over excessive chief executive remuneration. "CEO pay is not a salient issue to most people," says Poole.

But Glen M. Broom, emeritus professor of communications at San Diego State University, thinks the pay gap is creating a crisis. "We have a socioeconomic status problem," says Broom. "We are creating a bipolar economic system; the middle class doesn't mean much anymore. I see signs that there is social conflict and that the social conflict is changing things within corporations." Broom is one of the authors of the long-

standing gold standard of public relations texts, *Effective Public Relations*.

Eyeing polls and various studies, Broom concludes that the public is fed up with excessive executive pay, corporate accounting scandals, and greed that is all too evident in companies, as well as at nonprofits and universities. "Public opinion is like atmospheric pressure," says Broom. "You're not always aware of it directly, but it is having an impact. The public is aroused," and corporations and politicians will have to respond.

In any case, last week's election shows that the political balance is shifting. But after a short period of calm, the invective may intensify. ■

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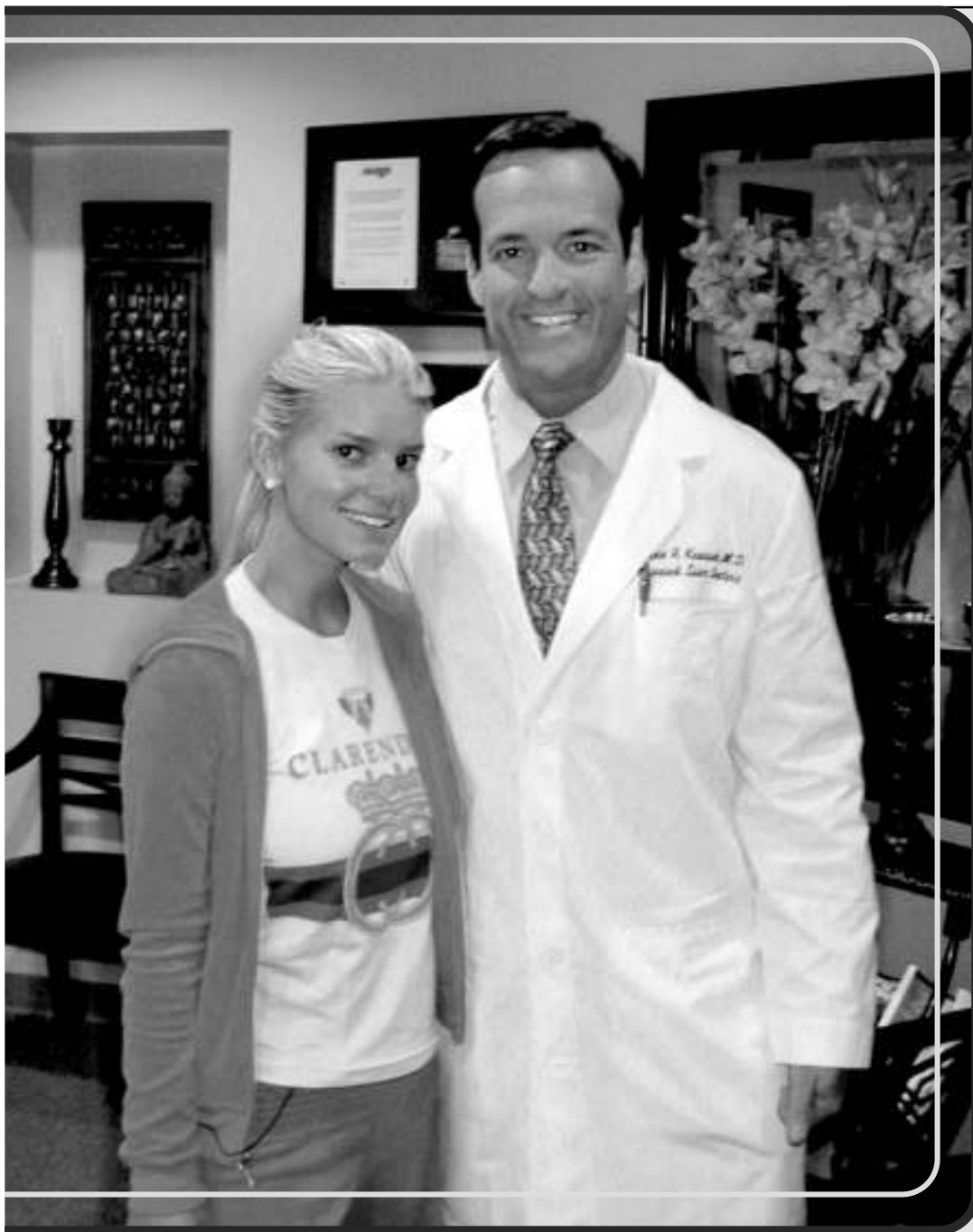
hasn't proven to be so. In late February, Green and García had an official interview with a Citizenship and Immigration Services officer. "The asylum officer," Green explains, "has the authority to grant asylum unilaterally at that point, without a judge or a hearing."

That didn't happen, and they still await a decision. A possible holdup is the fact that many of the transgenders worked as prostitutes in Tijuana. And as part of the application review, Green says, immigration officials "try to determine whether or not the applicant has committed a 'crime of moral turpitude.' It

is not entirely clear what that encompasses, but certainly any type of violent crime is a crime of moral turpitude. Being a prostitute could qualify, but it is not on any particular list. And I'm ready to argue, if they reject our application, that transgender people in Tijuana have no option but prostitution. Not only are they persecuted by the authorities but by private businesses. They get pushed out of legitimate employment fields, and then the only way they can basically get enough money to pay their bills is to work in an exotic dance club or a brothel. My client, who was born and raised in Tijuana, wanted desperately to work there. But she got fired from

the salon where she was a hairdresser when she started to transform into a woman, at age 19, and no one else would hire her. So she was forced to work in these exotic dance clubs. And in the exotic dance clubs, a lot of prostitution occurs."

Whether or not the asylum is granted to the Tijuana transgenders, Clark says they represent a milestone "from the human rights perspective. I have been an expert witness in many cases involving political asylum in the courts of California and Texas. But I have never heard of such a number of Mexicans crossing in a short period of time to ask for asylum. This is very unusual." ■



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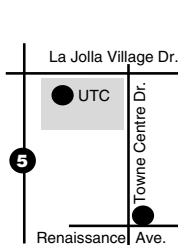


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Tip The Shrink

I really enjoyed the article on tipping ("I Perform a Service. I Deserve a Tip," Cover Story, November 9). I consider myself a good tipper but have the same confusion about certain situations. I have a tendency to upset my friends when I leave a small tip to show my displeasure for bad service (I am a New Yorker, after all, despite many years away from home). What is most interesting to me, however, is that in several decades as a psychotherapist no one has ever said to me, "Great session, Doc, here's a little something extra to show my appreciation for your service!"

Leonard Elkind
via e-mail

B*****

I want to thank you guys for saving me a lot of time for this issue of the Reader. I don't need to read the cover story ("I Perform a Service. I Deserve a Tip," November 9) because as soon as I saw the cover, I said one word to myself: b*****.

Let me explain something to you people. You perform a job. You are paid an hourly wage like the rest of us. You knew what the hourly wage was when you agreed to sign up for the job. If you don't like the hourly wage, don't do the job.

Tipping is not required. It's not an automatic gimme, gimme, gimme thing. It's something that is given to someone who performs an act up and beyond what their normal job duties are.

I don't tip when someone brings me food when I order out. I don't tip someone for doing a job on hourly wages that they're already getting. I tip for outstanding, really great service. Now if someone does a better job, my tip goes up. If someone does

a crappy job, I don't leave any tip or I leave a real small tip. But I think too many people are expecting or thinking that it's something that should be done automatically, that it's something that is required.

Now, I know in other countries there is a little gratuity that is added automatically to your service fee in restaurants and stuff like that. Maybe America should go to that. But until then, stop bitching, stop whining. If you don't like your job that pays the wage you get, go and maybe take what little tips you got, go buy a bus pass, grab the back section of the Reader called "Employment," and look for something else.

Name Withheld

The Logic Of Appreciation

To insure prompt service, this may not be the real deal, but this is what I adhere to when I tip ("I Perform a Service. I Deserve a Tip," Cover Story, November 9).

Rather than harangue the author over the conceptually strong yet researchless article, a brief overview of the history of tipping, some quotes from Emily Post on the etiquette of tipping, a mention of some recent lawsuits — Denny's restaurants versus blacks — and a tip joke or two, i.e., What's the difference between a canoe and a Canadian? The canoe tips.

Defining one's willingness to serve, supply, or provide product to anyone with forethought given to race or wealth level is ludicrous.

Any job well done is a good job, no pretext and a sincere belief that the person before you deserves your best. Brief mention was given to something of great importance. Tow-truck drivers. Sure, we tip cabbies, we tip bellman, we tip the crazed pizza-delivery dude, but when you think about your wife or daughter stuck on 163, or was it the 805, midnight, raining, the car made a funny noise and quit, goodness, the cab driver just picked you up and the tow-truck driver may have saved your life.

I drove for two years and never once asked for a tip and even rarely received one. Most of our calls were from triple A, and believe me, the triple-A members

get free service, and they are not about to tip.

Sweaty babies locked in cars, flat-tire calls with no spares, out of gas, and don't know what freeway you are on, wrecks, stuck in the mud, etc., and I have to pay a waitress more money because she brought me a \$30 plate that weighs the same as the plate holding an \$8 burger? I would think the cook did the majority of the work on that one.

I think the tire of a passing car just touched my shirt as I change a tire of a crying woman, center divide, on the bridge, 805.

The bartender wants a tip, I just walked up and ordered a draft beer.

Santee Costco, my day off, a fire truck, ambulance, and several sheriff's cars have got their inside-the-door tool stuck inside the car. It's a record-heat day. I push aside a sheriff's deputy and slide my tool in, 12 seconds. The mother does not even say anything to me. I help the cop cut his tool out.

The UPS driver smiles, she is glad I meet her in the driveway, the box must weigh 80 pounds.

The pizza I pick up is ready, I always call my order in, the girl smiles, the cashiers often get tips on pickup items.

I put out a car fire. His daughter calls me from Los Angeles, her dad did not speak English, she is so happy I stopped to help. I see smoke in Lakeside, under the dam, a house on fire, another young man and I put the attic fire out.

The bellhop follows me through the lobby, seems peeved I am doing it myself.

The tipping issue will always be debated, but why we would possibly extend a willingness to help someone will never be debated.

Neal A. Behnke
Lakeside

Subtle Disharmonies

Andres Perez's essay on racism was right on ("Terrible Past," Feature Story, November 9). With young people like him, I do have hope for the future. As the matriarch of a multiracial family, I pray there are more and more people like Perez who recognize the subtler disharmonies as harmful.

Dale Anne Thompson
Clairemont Mesa

Skin Check

In reference to the letter from the doctors regarding skin cancer (November 9). It is not enough to have your regular physician check you for any possible melanomas. I asked two prior primary physicians to check a mole on my back within the last three years. Both stated that there was nothing to be concerned about. After recently being referred to a dermatologist to remove a bothersome cyst, she asked if she could check me for any other problem areas. She zeroed in on the mole and took a biopsy. It turned out to be cancerous, and the subsequent surgery for a one-eighth-inch mole required an eight-inch incision across my back with lymph node removal from both armpits. Luckily, there was no lymph involvement. I missed a month of work and suffered from an enormous amount of leaking lymph fluid (not to mention a trip to the ER for an infection to one of the armpit incisions). Please request a referral to a dermatologist, as they are better trained to spot any possible problems.

Steve
via e-mail

He's Just One Man

Concerning the story surrounding David Ross ("He Loves the People No One Wants," Cover Story, October 5). San Diego's Street Outreach is a private endeavor that consists of one man. He does not solicit help from anyone; however, friends and humanitarians offering cases of bottled water have not been refused. During the next few months, David also offers blankets and socks to his friends on the street. When I spoke to David last, he was very excited about an agreement with a San Diego business to sell him blankets at \$2 each. I would like to address letters in the October 19 issue from individuals questioning how to contact David, offering donations and assistance. At this time, I'm offering an answering-service phone number for those interested in more information on how to help David Ross. The number is 619-840-2016.

Heidi Thomas

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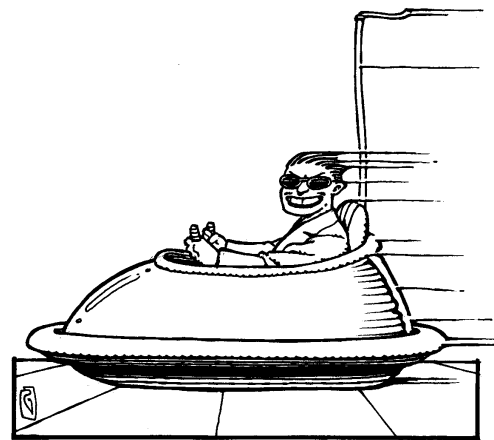
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Matt:

A few weeks ago, while driving along Rancho Santa Fe from San Marcos to La Costa, my wife and I encountered a number of what appeared to be street-legal, licensed bumper cars. There were a number of them, each with a driver, tooling along at the speed limit. They were just like the amusement-park bumper cars, including the vertical metal pole with the flat metal contact that in the bumper-car ride connects to the wire grid on the ceiling to provide electricity. They had small wheels, and for the short time I watched them I could not determine where the engine was. What can you tell me about them?

— Larry in La Costa

We're working a little short-handed this week. Grandma and the elves took off in the motor home headed for D.C. They're so wound up from the election results, they think now's the time to make one of Grandma's dreams come true. See, she figures things in Washington are all messed up because our representatives have crummy diets. Too much of that lobbyist-bought foie gras and pheasant, or maybe Tex-Mex barbecue-sauce poisoning. She wants to be the chairman of the new House Maize and Beans Committee, overseers of the congressional menu. Now that all the Republican chairmen are moving their aides and furniture out of their cushy offices, she figures she can find an empty one, slap a sign on the door, and in the bipartisan confusion nobody will notice. Well, screwier things have happened on Capitol Hill. But in the meantime, we're flying on one wing.

That's our excuse for turning this question over to you Alicelanders. We grilled Larry extensively about the details of the bumper-car encounter, and he seems legit. Or as legit as I can expect, considering our 40-, 50-year history of pulling this "Straight from the Hip" scam on the reading public. Anyway, we checked with the sheriff's office and various other agencies in the San Marcos area to see if we could confirm a local bumper-car sighting. No surprise, we couldn't. At least no one would admit to it. Then it was on to the DMV in Sacramento. As soon as I started asking about legally licensed bumper cars, you could hear the crank-call alarms going off. I'm sure we're now on some Homeland Security watch list. Do you all feel more secure knowing that? The government hopes so.

Okay, where was I? The DMV, yeah. No way in hell a bumper car could be licensed in California. Other details aside, the vehicle wouldn't have a VIN, and in California, no VIN, no license. A vehicle identification number is put on the chassis and other body locations by the manufacturer. You can't have a VIN assigned after the fact. But golf carts, go carts, bumper cars don't need VINs.

We did check online, and you can buy used bumper cars — we found a deal, ten of them for \$50,000. You probably could find some engine jockey out there to convert the cars to battery power. Of course, if you have a lot of back-yard space, you can pick up the entire ride, building and all, for about \$150,000 and change.

Since I can't give you facts to answer Larry's question, I'll try to divert you with a different fact to keep you from complaining. If you build your own car out of parts from, say, a VW, a Volvo, and a DeLorean on a Chevy chassis, you might call the finished product the Bobmobile, but the DMV will look at the VIN and declare it just an ugly-looking Chevy. So there's your fact snack for today.

There's always the chance that the bumper-car drivers took plates off other vehicles and stuck them on temporarily for their little jaunt down Rancho Santa Fe. That's the only sane explanation. (The trip was totally illegal, by the way, unless they somehow had a special permit.) But we still need to hear from somebody, anybody who can confirm the sighting of these unidentified driving objects. Then we need to know what the heck was going on. We need your help; who knows when Grandma and the elves will be back.

Hey, Matt:

Why "the birds and the bees"? Why not the fish and the squirrels or the rhinos and the geckos?

— Danny C., Escondido

This cliché is at least a couple of hundred years old. It appeared back then in a Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem. But it first meant nature in general, not the "doing it" part of nature. Our ears like alliteration, so the repeated *Bs* likely helped to make the phrase stick. When sex ed began appearing in books and schools, it was taught fairly obliquely. No banana-and-condom demonstrations, that's for sure. There's no proof that teachers actually used birds and bees as a modest cover for what they really meant; but — most likely in print — the phrase became popular as a shorthand reference to the whole subject of the facts of life. So, there's no real proof that birds' eggs and pollinating bees were instructional tools, just a handy phrase for the nervous among us.

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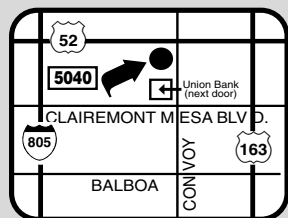
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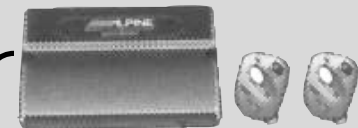


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Of course, readers want to know what's new in human competition, sports division. All right, let's take a look at *Extreme Ironing* (www.extremeironing.com/). Their website claims 1,000,000 visitors and I'm inclined to believe that figure due to the integrity of the site's presentation. This is how ironing professionals describe themselves, "The sport that is 'extreme ironing' is an outdoor activity that combines the danger and excitement of an 'extreme' sport with the satisfaction of a well pressed shirt." That is a perfect sentence. Nothing can be taken from it or added to it.

The idea behind Extreme Ironing is to pick up self, an iron and ironing board, and hie to an extreme location. Extreme ironers have, and have photos to prove it, performed nude ironing on top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, ironed while hang-gliding, and pressed shirts on the North Pole.

Note to Extreme Ironing professionals: I don't like to pass over underwater ironing or its cousin, bog ironing, or ignore the worldwide celebrations marking a new land-speed record for ironing (125 mph). It's a space issue. You understand.

Then, there is the USA Rock Paper Scissors League (www.usarps.com/site/index.php). This is a maturing sport with a pedigree. USARPS events have appeared on ESPN. They have a national tournament with big-time sponsor (Bud Light), pretty big-time money (\$50,000 for the winner), in a big-time location (Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas).

As you probably know, Andrew Golder and Matti Leshem, co-commissioners of the USARPS League, have a lot on their plate, but that doesn't stop the diligent co-commissioners from leading a nationwide campaign that we all hope will culminate on February 4, 2007, on the 50-yard line of Dolphins Stadium, moments before the kick-off to Super Bowl XLI. If the co-commissioners have their way, NFL executives will replace the robotic, boring, flipping of a coin by a faceless umpire or ex-president, with a gripping contest of rock, paper, scissors, staring the opposing quarterbacks, in a two-out-of-three death-match to see which team

will receive and which will kick-off. We can make this happen, people.

Moving on to Elephant Polo (www.elephantpolo.com/)... You'll be happy to learn that the World Elephant Polo Association is celebrating it's 25th year overseeing competitive EP.

Elephant Polo is played on a field that measures 120 yards by 70 yards. The game consists of two 10-minute chukkers with a 15-minute break at halftime. For civilians, a chukker is a period. Horseback polo usually has six chukkers, seven minutes each.

For those planning on taking up Elephant Polo, here a few hints that will improve EP play. You may not lay your elephant down in front of the goal in order to block an opponent's score. Your elephant may not pick up the ball with his trunk and throw it through the goal, nor kick the ball through the goal. It is wise to practice one killer shot. In basketball there is the dunk. In Elephant Polo there is the equally difficult under-the-trunk shot.

Finally, the granddaddy of new sports, professional miniature golf (www.proputters.com/). This sport is so established I've hesitated to put it in. But, after a lot of back-and-forth, I've decided to include it as an example of what can be accomplished with dedication and time. So, listen up, ironers, EP players, and rock, scissors, and paper professionals.

The Professional Putters Association has been around since Dwight Eisenhower was president. They have a pro division, an amateur division, and a national tour (pro, amateur, and senior). They have an Amateur World Match Play Championship, National Amateur Doubles Championship, and Amateur Seniors Championship. Ditto for the pro side. They have a Hall of Fame, ESPN coverage, and the Putt-Putt television series, which, they say, is the longest running syndicated sports program in television history. And then there is the crown jewel, *Putt-Putt World*.

They have *Putt-Putt World* from Volume 1, Number 1, printed in March of 1959, through 1998, on their site. And you can download this unique reference material FOR FREE. Follows is a sample:

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Ms. Honeycutt, if you're reading this, call me.

The Vegas Line

NFL - Week 11 (Home Team in CAPS)

Favorite	Spread	Over/Under	Underdog
Sunday			
KANSAS CITY	9 ½	36	Oakland
Indianapolis	1 ½	48 ½	DALLAS
NEW ORLEANS	3 ½	51	Cincinnati
Pittsburgh	3 ½	38	CLEVELAND
PHILADELPHIA	13	43	Tennessee
BALTIMORE	4	40	Atlanta
CAROLINA	7	44	St. Louis
HOUSTON	2 ½	36 ½	Buffalo
New England	6	44	GREEN BAY
TAMPA BAY	3	34	Washington
Chicago	6 ½	38 ½	N.Y. JETS
MIAMI	3 ½	34	Minnesota
ARIZONA	2	46	Detroit
Seattle	6 ½	45	SAN FRANCISCO
DENVER	2 ½	42	San Diego
Monday			
JACKSONVILLE	3 ½	39 ½	N.Y. Giants

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: First Church of Christ, Scientist
Address: 2450 Second Avenue, Middletown, 619-233-3571

Founded locally: 1904; in present location since 1909

Senior pastor: none; First and Second readers are laypeople elected by congregation for one-year terms

Congregation size: 55

Staff size: 5

Sunday school enrollment: 7

Annual budget: around \$100,000

Weekly giving: n/a

Singles program: no

Dress: wide range, but generally somewhat formal

Diversity: mostly but not exclusively Caucasian

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour

Website: www.sdchristianscience.org/local.html

"In atmosphere of love divine/ We live and move and breathe/ Though mortal eyes may see it not/ 'Tis sense that would deceive./ The mortal sense we must destroy/ If we would bring to light/ The wonders of eternal Mind/ Where sense is lost in sight."

The opening hymn at First Church of Christ, Scientist, showed forth a great deal, starting with that word "atmosphere." Architect Irving Gill's design for the church—the high, cream-white walls, unadorned but for the simple, soft curving arches of the windows and alcoves—did more to create a feeling than to draw the eye. And while the stained-glass dome overhead was certainly ornate, it also added to the general atmosphere, filtering the light, making it watery, slightly green. (The great bank of organ pipes that dominated the front wall, however, did seem a direct appeal to "mortal eyes"—a majestic sight.)

"The mortal sense we must destroy." A shifting of consciousness, from focus on the material to focus on the spiritual, seemed central to the church's mission. After the First Reader read the 24th chapter of Genesis, in which Isaac takes Rebecca for a wife, she presided over a long period of silent prayer followed by "the Lord's prayer— with its spiritual interpretation as given in the Christian Science workbook." "Which art in heaven" was interpreted as "all-harmonious," reflecting Christian Science founder Mary Baker Eddy's vision of heaven as "harmony, the reign of spirit." "Thy kingdom come" became "Thy kingdom is come." It seemed that we only needed the spiritual eyes to see. Hence, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," became "Enable us to know—as in heaven, so on earth— God is omnipotent, supreme." It was a question of knowing. The final request, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" was similarly rendered as a proclamation: "And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth us from sin, disease, and death."

The healing of disease was another theme. Said the Reader: "If you desire a more active

role in Mary Baker Eddy's design for Christian Science to reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing, you are most warmly invited to apply for membership in this church." After that, a woman sang Psalm 103 in a rich vibrato (mortal sense was not wholly neglected): "Bless the Lord, O my soul/ And forget not all His benefits/ Who forgives all your iniquities/ Who heals all your diseases..."

Before the sermon, the First Reader read a letter approved by Mary Baker Eddy that began: "Friends, the Bible and the Christian Science textbook are our only preachers..." The subject was Mortals and Immortals, and again, the shift from material to spiritual was stressed. After a text from the Psalms and a Responsive Reading from Isaiah, the First Reader was joined by the Second Reader, and the two traded off on multiple sections, first from the Bible and then from the textbook. Section One treated human frailty ("As for man, his days are as grass.") versus God's endurance, and concluded with Paul's statement that "Henceforth know we no man after the flesh; yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." Eddy's commentary: "The Christ is incorporeal, spiritual— yea, the divine image and likeness, dispelling the illusions of the senses...destroying sin, disease, and death. Into the real and ideal man the fleshly element cannot enter. Thus it is that Christ illustrates the coincidence, or spiritual agreement, between God and man in His image."

In later sections, the teaching was brought to bear on the fleshly business of marriage: "In the resurrection, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God." And again, on the bearing of children: "In Science we are children of God; but whatever is of material sense, or

of material sense, or mortal, belongs not to His children, for materiality is the inverted image of spirituality." Not that earthly marriage and childbearing were evil, only that, insofar as they were material, they fell short of the ultimate reality.

What happens when we die? Drew, the Second Reader, says, "I'm not going to take the position of speaking for the church. That would be very presumptuous. But it's in the books—the Bible and *Science and Health*." Congregant Reed Cardwell pointed out the exposition of the Bible's use of "year" in the latter's glossary: "One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity. This exalted view...would bridge over with life discerned spiritually the interval of death, and man would be in the full consciousness of his immortality and eternal harmony, where sin, sickness, and death are unknown."

— Matthew Lickona



First Church of Christ, Scientist,
San Diego
Middletown
★★½

Sermon

content★★
delivery.....★★

Liturgy.....★★

Music

congregational.....★★½
band.....★★½

Snacks.....no snacks

Architecture.....★★½
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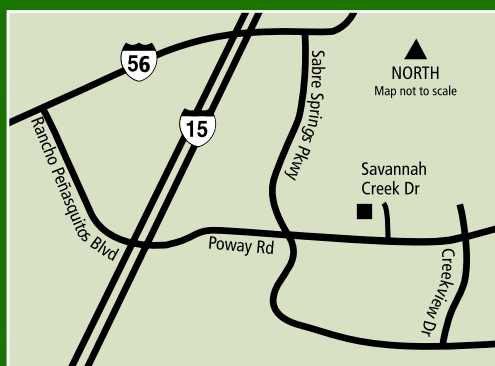


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— EVE KELLY

My sister Meg lives in a 100-year-old drafty home in Massachusetts. Every winter she is freezing. To make matters worse, she is a string bean — no insulation at all on her bones — so she shivers away the long cold months. But this winter is going to be different. Lil' sis Eve is going to send her a down comforter to keep her warm.

Her big 50 is this year, and I think she deserves some comfort. Things have been tight this year for her, so I know if she bought one, she would go for a low-price range. I want to buy her a quality comforter, not a cheap one. I just needed to find someone to give me the skinny on down comforters.

I found the info person, Michele Babcock, owner of Martha Smith Fine Linens in La Jolla. Babcock sells Scandia down comforters.

"There are different types of down," explained Babcock. "You start out with Hungarian down and then you go to Polish down and then you go to Siberian down. Siberian down is the pièce de résistance; it's the top of the food chain. As you go toward the colder climates, it gets more expensive. The birds acclimate in the colder climates to keep warm." So fluffier, warmer down comes from the frigid areas of the world.

What should you look for when buying a comforter?

"First of all, I would always make sure that the comforter is 100 percent down, that there are no quills or feathers in it. Second, you want to make sure the comforter is baffled. Baffle boxes are the little squares sewn into the comforter. They keep the down insulated in that square. Comforters sometimes have straight lines down the comforter, no horizontal lines. So the feathers always end up at one end or the other of the blanket. You don't want that. You want the down to stay evenly spread throughout the comforter for maximum comfort and warmth."

What does fill power mean?

"Fill power is the standard that tells us the number of cubic inches filled by each ounce of down. The more space an ounce of down takes up, that is the more air it entraps, the more warmth it offers per ounce. The more volume one ounce has, the better the quality. So the higher the fill power, the better quality the down is going to be."

What about the fabric of the shell?

"The nicest comforters have scroll silk jacquard covering, and those are the most expensive ones. Others have cotton shells. Whatever the covering, it has to be tightly woven. A tightly woven shell is going to be more durable than a loosely woven shell. And generally, as you go up in the thread count, it is going to be a nicer shell, depending on its weave. It is like with sheets. The tighter the weave, the sturdier it is going to be."

Are there different weights in the

"They are really not allergic to down, what they are allergic to is the dust on the feathers and the quills."

comforters?

"In the Scandia line, there is light, medium, and heavy. Really, nobody needs heavy in San Diego." But Meg will, I thought. "Light is good for summer, though it's not enough for the wintertime, then you need a medium. I tell people if they can afford it and they have the storage space, to buy a light for summer and a medium for winter. I took my medium-weight comforter off the bed in February or March. Often the department stores will just have one kind of comforter; they are not going to sell a light, medium, and heavy."

What do your comforters have that a department-store comforter does not have?

"Department-store comforters are going to be down out of China. All Scandia down is European down; we don't use any Chinese down.

"And a lot of people say 'I am allergic to down.' Well, they are really not allergic to

down, what they are allergic to is the dust on the feathers and the quills. Scandia down is washed 26 times. So we don't really have people being allergic to our down. And in the European countries, the down is a byproduct of the food industry; it is waterfowl. With China down,

you don't know what you are getting. So there is a big difference. It is like cashmere from China versus cashmere from Italy.

"You also want to buy a comforter with white goose down. It is a better quality down." That was one thing I did know about comforters — I detest white down comforters that you can look through to the gray feathers inside. It has a dirty look.

What price will you spend on a quality starter comforter?

"A basic, good-quality starter comforter, Gossamer, in a queen-size medium weight, costs \$500. Scandia also sells a couple's comforter. For a lot of couples, either the wife is hot or the husband is hot. One is cold, one is hot; nobody is ever on the same temperature. So, a couple's comforter has one side in one weight, and the other side is a different weight." I had found a winner, a comforter that would work for Meg and her warm-bodied husband. "For a queen-size couple's comforter, a light/medium is \$475, light/heavy is \$550, and medium/heavy is \$575."

How often should the comforter be cleaned?

"Comforters don't need to be washed that often because they are always covered with a duvet, so every couple of years it can be cleaned. It should be washed, not dry-cleaned; imagine dry-cleaning your hair."

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Crasher

MR. AND MRS. POTATO HEAD

by Josh Board

the second Halloween party I went to was lame. I stayed for an hour. I was afraid that if I left sooner, people would call me and say, "Dude, you won't believe what happened right after you left..."

That party was in Mission Valley, not far from the Point Loma party I went to next. When I talked to Cindy on the phone, she told me that they'd been having their annual "Boos Bash" for years, and that the people who live behind her and a few houses down have called the cops every year. She's tried giving them bottles of wine to apologize, and she's offered to put them up in a hotel and pay for their dinner out. The neighbors griped, "We shouldn't be run out of our own house." This year, karma kicked those neighbors in the butt. The people directly behind them had a party.

Cindy's other neighbors were more understanding. One came over and said, "I figured, if you can't beat the noise, join the party." Another



Bottom left: Party hosts Cindy (right) and Grace (left); Bottom right: The front yard

neighbor didn't stay long but told Cindy before he left that if anyone needed a ride home, he would gladly do it. Now, those are the types of neighbors you want. The cops did drive by but never stopped to break up the party. Cindy tried getting a noise permit, but said that because she lives within two miles of the water, she couldn't.

Cindy had set up strobe lights in the front yard that

"I figured, If you can't beat the noise, join the party."

were flashing on gravestones. When I walked up the driveway, I noticed they had a bar by the garage. One of the party hosts, Grace, offered me a Jell-O shot. She said that she usually brings 300 shots.

As she handed it to me, she said, "Do you want it loosed?" It's always hard scooping Jell-O out of those things, so I said, "Sure." As I handed it back to Grace, who was an attractive Asian woman

dressed in a stewardess outfit, she stuck her tongue into my Jell-O, slid it around the cup, and handed it back to me. It was sexy... and gross. She smiled as I swallowed it and went back to taking care of

others at the bar. I was amused watching the guys dressed as pilots sipping alcohol.

I walked past a water fountain and into the back yard. A guy who seemed a bit drunk tried to jump over the fountain and knocked a drink into a lady. Several people were dancing in the back yard, under colored lights and in front of the elaborate DJ set-up.

I met a guy dressed as Steve Irwin, the crocodile hunter, and his name was Steve. He looked a little like Irwin as well. He had a plastic

crocodile with its mouth tied up. I asked him why he didn't have a stingray barb through his chest. "I thought that would be in bad taste." At the previous party, a guy dressed as Irwin had the barb and a bloody baby doll resting in a crocodile's mouth. One lady said, "I don't think this costume is in bad taste. It's a tribute to a great man."

Cindy, who reminded me of Goldie Hawn, was dressed as a circus ringleader. She had one room set up with a variety of food, including gravestone-shaped chips and dip. I heard a guy mention how delicious

Editor's Note:

On July 28, 2005, the San Diego Reader published a story entitled "Mimosa Redux" in this section, including a photograph of some of the guests at the subject event, and which later appeared on a local television program. One of the attendees whose photograph appeared therein has expressed objection to the subject publication. The Reader intends to continue with its policy of bringing newsworthy events to its readers while balancing the rights of those who seek to protect their privacy within the appropriate settings.



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the mahi mahi was. Cindy was busy walking around and making sure everyone had food and drinks, picking up empty glasses, and greeting people as they arrived. She was moving so fast that I couldn't catch up to talk to her. At one point, she stopped long enough to tell me that she and her boyfriend live in Belgium half the year. Cindy said, "He's Mr. Potato Head this year, and I was going to be Mrs. Potato Head so that my Southern Baptist parents would have at least one photo of us where we shared the same last name."

I lost my camera, and Steve Irwin, who had been snapping photos, offered to shoot a bunch for me. I later found my camera in the living room near photo albums of previous parties. I set my drink down near a woman who sat looking at the albums. After chatting with people across the room, I returned to what I thought was my drink. I tasted orange juice and wondered what had happened to my apple-flavored cocktail. The woman said, "Uh, I think you just drank mine." We laughed about it, and I said, "Don't touch it now, I've got a bad cold." Someone walking by said, "Is it hard going to a party when you're sick?" I replied, "Usually it is, but I'm dressed as Jew Hefner in these pajamas and a smoking jacket. This is what I'd be wearing if I was at home sick."

One man came over and said he enjoyed my column. Cindy added, "It's because of your column that we got six cases of Rock Star Energy Drink here. I read about another party that had it and called them up, and they gave it to us for free."

I asked one guy who was wearing a pinstripe suit if he was supposed to be a gangster. "Thank you," he said. Everyone keeps thinking I'm a pimp." There were several costumes, however, that I couldn't figure out. I

asked one guy if he was a dresser. He told me to keep looking at him and try to figure it out. He was a "one night stand." One guy was supposed to be Bob Barker, but I couldn't figure it out. Maureen, one of the three hostesses, was dressed as Cleopatra.

The two Carmen Mirandas were easy enough to figure out, as were two guys dressed as Hooters girls. There were also a few nerds and a grim reaper. Cindy handed out awards, and a guy in a robot outfit with eyes that lit up won for best costume. A woman in a fat suit with a puppy hanging out of the behind won an award. Cindy said, "What clinched it for her were all the 'Lost Dog' flyers she hung on the walls." There was an award for "biggest balls," but I can't remember if Tarzan won that or the guy who was dressed as Nacho Libre.

There're always people at a costume party who throw on a heavy-metal shirt they probably had in their closet. At this party, and at the previous one, I saw Iron Maiden shirts. A guy with a Sex Pistols shirt on at least messed up his hair enough to resemble Sid Vicious.

One guy saw me with the pipe in my mouth and asked if I was Errol Flynn. I said, "Has anyone ever been Flynn for Halloween, and would anyone know who that was?"

As I was leaving, I noticed that there was plenty of booze left, though Cindy had told me that they already ran through five gallons of margaritas. As I went to grab a can of Coke before heading off to the next party, I saw the woman whose drink I drank earlier. She was with her husband. I said, "Can I have a sip of that?" ■

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Scare Tactics

A good scare is worth more to a man than good advice.
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Changing my position from right to left was a snap decision, made in the half-second between the second and third beeps that marked the elevator's arrival on each floor. *Better to get her from behind*, I thought. A fifth beep, a sixth, and *BING!* I held my

breath. I watched my sister Jenny as she exited the lobby and turned right to head down the hallway leading to my front door. With the stealthy silence of a ninja, I tiptoed close behind her, then poked her in the shoulder and shouted, "HEY!"

Barely choking back a scream, Jenny jerked around to face me, her ponytail flipping around to the front of her face, her nostrils flaring, the whites of her eyes bulging — like a spooked mare.

"HA! Gotcha!" I said,

and burst out in laughter.

Jenny exhaled and drew a measured breath to calm her nerves and then smiled and said, "Man, it just doesn't get any better than that. I feel so awake right now!" She caught my contagious giggles and we walked to my door, arm-in-arm, chortling.

"What's so funny?" David asked, eyeing us as we cackled our way into the living room.

"I scared the shit out of Jenny," I said with pride. Jenny nodded confirmation.

"That's horrible," David said. "Why would you do such a sick thing?"

This took my sister and me by surprise. *Horrible? Sick?* More like *hilarious*, I thought — we were still suffering hiccups,

the aftershocks from our earlier ground-shaking guffaws. Despite our attempts to convince him that scaring people was fun, for both the scarer and the scaree, an incredulous David announced his assessment: "You guys are deranged."

As we sat in my office considering David's words, Jenny told me she feels special when someone takes the time and energy to properly frighten her. Two people in my sister's life who go above and beyond when it comes to demonstrating their affection via terrorism are her boyfriend, Brad, and her roommate, Dad.

Earlier that week, Jenny was given a good fright while washing the dishes. Mounted to the wall above the sink at Dad's place is a framed print of Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. Because the picture itself is dark and the fluorescent lights of the kitchen are so bright, the glass that protects the print also function as a mirror. Jenny had been focusing on the task at hand for several long minutes when she lifted her head to check her hair in the reflection, and glimpsed among the swirls of midnight-blue sky and golden stars the image of a beast hovering over her shoulder with hands like claws above her head, poised to attack. Jenny dropped a plate from her hands and let out a shriek.

"There's something wrong with you," she said when she turned to face the apparition, whose excessive laughter had

left him in a fit of coughing.

Dad has always delighted in executing the perfect ambush. My mother was his ideal victim — she never suspected him, and her responses to his antics were worthy of Academy recognition. Some of his more famous coups featured the upstairs linen closet of our home in Chula Vista. "You coming up to bed?" he would ask. My mother would answer, "Yeah, in a minute." On occasion it could take up to two hours for my mother to finally make her way up the stairs. As she rounded the corner, Dad would hop out of the linen closet, where, with the patience of a serial killer, he'd been waiting all that time, wedged between two shelves.

When we lived in Alaska, Dad invested in a giant gorilla glove. When my mother left to run one errand or another, he would inter himself beneath piles of shoes and thick hanging articles in the closet by the front door. Mom would return, remove her outermost layer, and open the closet to put it away, after which Dad would slowly extend the gorilla mitt from between two coats and wait for the payoff, which he always got.

Sometimes Mom would scream, other times she'd curse, and once, though she still denies it ever happened, she peed a little. After gasping, screaming, or cursing, she would flail her arms and say, "You're trying to kill me, I know it!"

In my family, setting out to terrorize someone for a laugh is akin to telling a joke, the goal for either of which is to extract an electric reaction.

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As most children do, my sisters and I learned by watching our parents. We knew instinctively that Mom and Dad would not be amused if we attempted to startle them, so we focused our attention on each other.

We each had our favorite scare location. Mine was the bathroom. Exiting the one, truly private room in the house, one is relieved and relaxed; one is also either distractingly confident or dejected, depending on how one has just interpreted the mirror's verdict — never is a person more vulnerable to being caught off guard.

But even a good spot can grow old; my sisters and I soon became wary of doors, especially the one to the bathroom. Once, smelling a setup, I lingered in the loo for a while to wear down the patience of my suspected attacker. With the water still running, I swung open the door and shouted. Jenny, frustrated and surprised

that her plan to pounce on me had backfired, screamed and reflexively hit me in the arm.

To throw my sisters off, I graduated to more cunning plans — waiting down the hall instead of just beyond the door, crawling under a bed, or (the most thrilling, and well worth the wait) camping out in the backseat of a car. She who had the most patience received the greatest payoff.

In my family, setting out to terrorize someone for a laugh is akin to telling a joke, the goal for either of which is to extract an electric reaction. I am now beginning to see that, from the perspective of outsiders, my family's sense of humor might seem a tad on the demented side.

David's family's sense of humor, on the other hand, is as subtle as an unfrosted bundt cake. A perfect example of his family's inability to grasp my comic genius was the

day I succeeded in convincing David to carry the bumper (which he had just removed from his father's jeep with the assistance of a small tree) into his parents' house. It didn't matter to me that I had only met David's parents two days before. The sidesplitting visual of him entering the living room with the giant bumper in his arms had me gasping for air. To overcome David's reluctance, I promised him there was no person *on earth* who wouldn't find this funny.

After we returned to the room in which David's parents had been quietly reading — David holding the bumper and me by his side — it took a good five minutes for me to notice that I was the only person laughing. Hard. Because I couldn't stop, I ran cackling like a hyena out of the house, and, accompanied only by the wildlife in the woods around me, let my fit of hysterics run its course. ■

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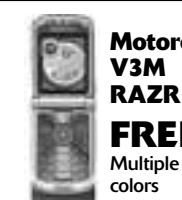
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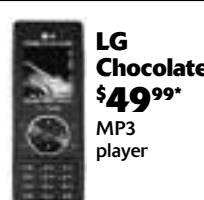
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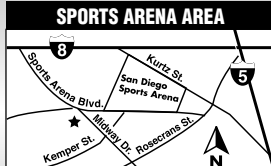
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KT stands in our doorway, arms akimbo, grinning at our groggy faces. She's already dressed and exhibits no signs of fatigue; she is tying her long blond hair into a no-nonsense knot, watching us in good-natured amusement. Her sunglasses sit perched and at the ready



atop her head.

It is 8:00 a.m. The first day of surf camp. At 22, I'm the baby of the group — a surprise, but not unusual — the only recent postgrad among vacationing professionals. Adrenaline hums through my morning grog. I'm excited but dodgy, unsure if my Queens sea legs will carry

Top: KT and the author; middle: Scripps Pier; bottom: Scripps beach

**Eris, zinc blooming white on her nose,
sets her jaw and catches a smooth,
peeling wave, standing by degrees.**



me. The waves are different beasts here, I am certain, not the occasional, clumsy rollers of Far Rockaway. My on-again-off-again year of lugging my nine-foot monster onto the A train for an afternoon of paddling around may not suffice in a place where some kids can surf before they learn to read. But as the old adage goes, ready or not... Here I come.

I stretch night-stiff shoulders,

reorienting. Less than 12 hours ago, I arrived at the San Diego airport, a thick coat of East Coast pale on my skin. Now I am in California, tucked up in an empty dorm at UCSD, easily the most well-maintained college campus I have ever seen, and am about to go headlong into the Pacific waters.

Beside me, Estela begins poking through her stack of moisturizers. She is small, 28, but looks not a day over 18, with big brown eyes and the languid stature of someone younger. She is, after all, on vacation, a celebratory one of sorts. On the short ride from the airport to the college,

*Top: La Jolla Shores;
center: Denise scopes waves;
bottom: Black's Beach*



she announced she had just received her U.S. citizenship. The citizenship is a mere legality. She returns to her homeland of Peru each summer and frequents the beaches there, where she first discovered surfers but never dared try it herself. "I'll still be Peruvian," she said in the car, looking into the distance. "I'll always be Peruvian." And, 1500 bucks and a round-trip ticket later, here she is, at surf camp, a bona fide American.

Out in the common room, a surf video plays on the small television. I watch as bikini-clad women slide down the face of impossible waves, boards staggeringly small in comparison. The women are fierce, concentrated, fearless. I watch their paths and wonder if any of them thinks about death, namely her own, at the hands of an often-brutal Mother Nature. I take in

their relaxed stances, their smooth turns and effortless maneuvers atop their boards, and gulp... Just a little.

Beside me, Eris and Leslie are slathering on sunblock. Eris rubs a thick pad of white zinc across her nose, careful to fill in the space around the little ring piercing her right nostril. She is the only one of the group who has been to Surf Diva before, but in a stroke of bad luck, she sustained an ankle injury two days into her trip. "But I'm back," she says, with a smile.

Leslie follows suit, zincing up her nose. The back of her tank top lists a selection of Maui-isms, including my favorite, "Speak softly and wear a loud shirt," which, as it turns out, describes Leslie to a T. Truly the strong, silent type (but wickedly funny when talkative), her wardrobe boasts bright teals, oranges, and rich blues.

Twin scars lace each of her knees where, a few years prior, doctors put in state-of-the-art, fully bionic new ones to replace the worn-out natural ones. This, however, seems not to deter her. Eris, whose voice is musical and frequent, is similarly attired, wearing a fiercely patterned surf-inspired skirt. She tucks a few last-minute items into her wet-dry fanny pack, giving a few to Leslie for her matching one. A silver-haired couple in their mid-40s, both are avid water women, and references to their kayaking and boat trips abound. They seem, though both are hardworking medical professionals in various capacities, to be on a permanent vacation.

Denise, whose long legs take up most of the U-shaped couch, is the exact opposite. A single mother of four teenaged boys and recently divorced, she is a non-

stop mom and provider. Yet, despite the kids and heartbreak, Denise has the spryness and poise of a graceful adolescent, broad shoulders and strong stance indicative of her experience as a triathlete. Not surprisingly, she keeps the pace with her boys, snowboarding with them and, the summer previous, taking them on a week-long surf clinic adventure in Santa Cruz. "My guys were much better than I was," she laughs, leaning into a cushion. She's from Sacramento (by way of Indiana) and has a mash-up accent that is half Midwest, half California. It seems a miracle that she has managed to carve out five days for surf camp. The night before, as we swapped introductions, she revealed to us her desire for a real, true vacation and, with a twinkle in her eye, the possibility of getting a tattoo. "I wanted to do

something for me," she'd said, with conviction. "I want to have a Denise Week."

I flop down on the couch myself, tugging at the straps of my bathing suit, and page through a magazine. Almost as soon as I do, KT appears, wet suit draped over her arm. "Let's do it," she says.

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The first thing I notice about the UCSD area, aside from the sheer volume of space, is what fills it. Cacti rise from the carpeted lawns of freestanding stucco palaces; fences drip with bright flowers and an overflow of waxy green leaves; palms shoot skyward on tall, bending trunks. The houses, alkali white, yellow, peach, sit peacefully behind oversized birds-of-paradise, roofs capped with terra-cotta tiles. The weather is balmy, sun warming

everything without being obtrusive, humidity barely detectable. Skies are clear in all directions, small planes pulling advertisements cutting across the unbroken blue.

Eyes shielded by double-polarized sunglasses, I take it in from the windows of the Betty Bus, an ex-Hilton shuttle painted pink and appropriated by the Surf Diva team. Trucker flames stretch from cab to grille, and the horn, which is blown liberally, pipes out a piercing rendition of "La Cucaracha." KT pilots this behemoth, pushing the gas until the poor thing groans.

The landscape slides by. Betty jounces and rattles under me, and I tuck my knees to my chin, watching as a strip of ocean reveals itself from between a clot of palms. Waves peel lazily toward the shore, three distinct tiers of them, beautiful sets seen only

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in books. I close my eyes a moment, trying to put it all together, trying to put it all in place.

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My four fellow surf campers recline, taking in the scene as well.

"Beautiful," Denise murmurs, legs folded up under her.

Estela is perched on her knees, nose to window, video camera poised.

"This is *amazing*," she squeaks, pressing the lens to the glass. "Oh my God!"

KT guides the Betty Bus into a parking lot, a jammed stretch of concrete flanked by a sizeable park. Gaggles of schoolkids tear across it, kicking soccer balls, tossing Frisbees, or just plain chasing each other, backpacks falling to the ground in careless heaps. They are unsupervised and seem impervious to the shadowy threats that bordered my city childhood — pickpockets, perverts — instead throwing themselves full force into their games. None of them, I notice, looks over a shoulder, narrows an eye and, I wonder, perhaps they don't have to.

KT parks the bus, and we pile out and head over to the waiting equipment truck to get our gear. Boards abound, neon and inviting, leash-guards dangling like tails, wet suits and rash-guards on racks. The sun is already hot on my back so I forgo the wet suit and am handed a ten-foot longboard, a massive, soft-top/fiber-glass hybrid with a giant single fin. I hoist it atop my head, feeling the weight of it, turning toward the horizon. The water sparkles in front of me, an impossible shade of blue-green. Under the tentlike shade of my board, I watch as the waves roll in, carrying and swallowing surfers as they go. I have never seen sets so clean, so plentiful, so expansive,

so big. This goes on forever, unmarred by man-made rock formations or barriers, and clots of surfers sit atop their boards, waiting for the biggest and best.

Denise walks beside me, a big pink board on

her shoulders.

"I'm nervous," I tell her, turning my head ever so slightly.

"Don't say that!" she laughs. "I'll be nervous too!"

We reach the Divas' brightly colored pink

tent, where we are given a crash course in safety. KT is joined by Crystal, the wide-smiled, blonde-streaked Aussie who kicked off our group introductions the night before by inquiring "till ahs whoi hev yew cam to

seh die-va." She and KT clamber into wet suits as they instruct. The message is clear. Surfing — or "Seh-veen" in Crystal's drawl — is fun but dangerous. Clustered together like expectant schoolchildren, we are

told about riptides, stingrays, and jellyfish. We are told to cover our heads after wipeouts, shuffle our feet to scare off potentially dangerous creatures, and coat ourselves in sunblock to avoid melanoma. Belly

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down on our boards, we are taught the basics of paddling, where our feet should be and where to place our hands.

Then we hit the water.

The Pacific, usually cold, has warmed some. My toes curl in the sand, and I watch as the incoming foam swirls lightly around my ankles. The horizon line is blurry, sky dropping into sea. I stare at it a moment before continuing on, stepping gingerly to avoid trodding on what my friends term "the real locals." My fellow Divas are spread out beside me, swaddled in

neoprene.

We are instructed to catch the rippling left-overs of the broken waves as they shuffle along toward the shore, and for this I am thankful. The Divas, in red caps and red nylon T-shirts (a.k.a. rashguards), are our landmarks, our cheering squad, and our boosters, holding our boards, which we have been told to ride in on our stomachs, until the right moment, when they shove us headlong into the bedlam.

The first few waves are delicious. We slide across the water, belly down, whooping in

delight as we pull up beside each other and head for land in near tandem. There it is, that

**As I lie back in bed,
I take inventory of my
body, what hurts and
what doesn't, what's
heavy and what's light,
what's limber and
what's fused.**

launched-from-a-cannon feeling, and I coast along like a seal. No bumps, no jerks, no

hitches, just gliding, gliding, gliding. When my fin hits the sand, I stop, roll off, and start over.

Giddy, I splash back toward the group, board in tow.
The sky is bright

above us and the rides go on forever, impossibly smooth, and we catch wave after wave after wave. By the time lunch rolls around, I'm already tucked out. The white-water is rough, powerful enough to knock me back. There is no time to sit and wait, bobbing up and over unbroken waves, no moment to enjoy the sun or the sounds or the colors; we're too far in. It's constant pounding, pushing, and shoving, and my body is not used to it. When we break for lunch, I collapse on the grass, my fellows in various states of disarray,

and warm in the sun. We reassemble, and after practicing our pop-ups — the quick motion with which surfers rise on the board from their stomachs to their feet — KT and Crystal usher us back into the water, donning their red caps. After precious few wobbles, my fellows spring into action like experts. Estela, the only surfing virgin, glides along perfectly before holding her nose and keeling over with a Chaplinesque smile. Eris catches one in, followed by Leslie, who, not to be held back by her two replaced-and-bionic knees, hops up as

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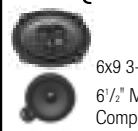
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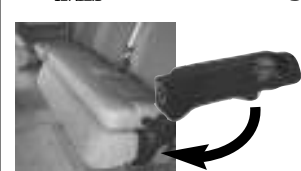
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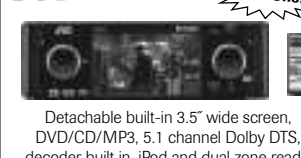
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well. Denise cruises along, tall and balanced, as I flail about. I cheer and scream — I'm good at this — but my will is failing. It is rapidly becoming clear to me that I'm doing something horribly wrong. My feet line up, won't do what I wish them to. My arms skid, my legs tangle, my board goes this way and that, and I end up in a heap at the shoreline, embarrassed, frustrated, and deflated. Each time it's a different problem; I can't get my feet to plant firmly on the board, much less lurch myself to standing. I can't get a grip on the board, and it shoots out from under me, nose plunging under the whitewash and tugging me along for the ride. It all goes by so fast, I can't tell what I'm doing and am left feeling spastic, hopeless, and disgruntled.

"I don't want to hear any of this 'I can't,'" Crystal says good-naturedly, as I haul my dripping board out of the water at the close of the afternoon. "No more 'I can't.' Just 'I can.'"

I look at her dubiously. She smiles. Her accent is endearing, a friendliness built right into the bent vowels of it. "Can't" comes out like "kent." Her words are words I've heard before. I want to believe her, but, alas, I... Kent.

The sun is hanging low over the tops of the trees when Crystal rounds us up for an evening walk. She leads us down a winding path and then to a cliff-top parking lot. The air smells like tea, and the walk is comforting, therapeutic, the view gorgeous. My feet find their way across the brown earth, packed so tightly it looks like rock formations. Water runoff has cut deep channels into its surface, and we have to jump to avoid getting our ankles caught. Beyond it is the sea,

framed by sky and cliffs, waves rolling in undisturbed. The sun has dipped behind a bank of clouds, light casting a gray haze, and I want to sit and watch a while, but soon it's time to go. "Tomorrow is another

day," I remind myself, "tomorrow is another day."

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Tomorrow is, in fact, the Fourth of July. After a fitful sleep, I rise and change into beach gear.

Out in the common room, KT is already dressed and ready to go. Crystal is slipping on her flip-flops, checking the dry-erase itinerary board by the door. We are scheduled to go to Del Mar.

"Our first surf trip!" KT says, as we ready ourselves. "All right!"

Del Mar, like La Jolla, is a town with money. I can just about smell it as we coast in, watching the fancy boutique storefronts slide by.

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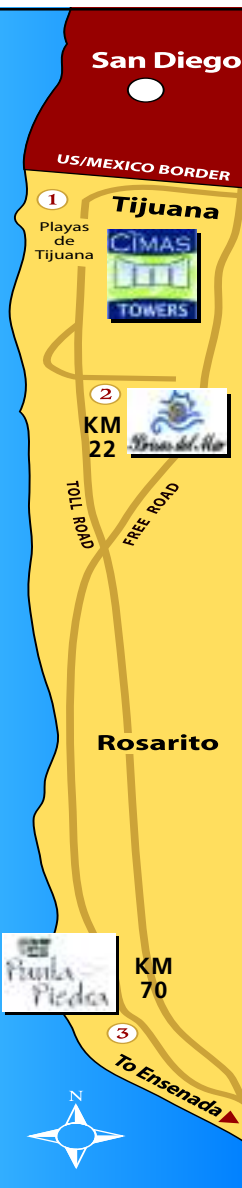


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lined with couture, not surfwear. Locals and tourists alike gawk openly at Betty, and KT honks the horn for good measure at Eris's plea. "Horn!" she shouts. "Horn! Horn!" We secure parking, laughing in amusement at the stares our vehicle garners, and head for the water.

Thankfully, it is still warm, and once more, I forgo the wet suit. Our group fans out, still in the whitewash, taking off in ones and twos. I watch them hop up, each one in her own way. Leslie's twin knee scars flash as she gets to her feet, arms out, bent nearly double in concentration. Eris, zinc blooming white on her nose, sets her jaw and catches a smooth, peeling wave, standing by degrees; Estela breezes by, ponytail flying behind her, as though she's been doing it her whole life. Denise, long in the distance, rides one

full-on into the shore. I flounder, flail. Discouraged, I shuffle lamely back into the whitewash.

At the end of the session, KT approaches. I'm crouching by my towel, looking out to sea.

"I've got something for you," she says. Sand trickles through her fingers as she hands me her

I know, though it will undoubtedly flow out of KT's memory, that this is one of those gestures I will never forget as long as I live.

"Thank you," I tell her. "Thanks a lot."

"You're very welcome," she says.

Though there is no afternoon surf for us,

Something has turned us into superstars, and we surf with all our collective might.

present. It's a shell, or half of one, white and spiraled at the top, all loops and circles. I turn it over in my hand; it's about the size of a box of Tic Tacs, bigger than any shell I've seen on the two beaches we've been to.

I turn the shell over in my hands and look at her. She smiles. The shell is warm in my palm, and

due to Fourth of July restrictions on group surfing, the Divas begin to get restless. Crystal grabs her board, a bright yellow monster measuring around nine feet, and declares she's going for a ride. Crystal, who competes near her town of Yallingup, Australia, and beyond, comes from a surfing family. She car-

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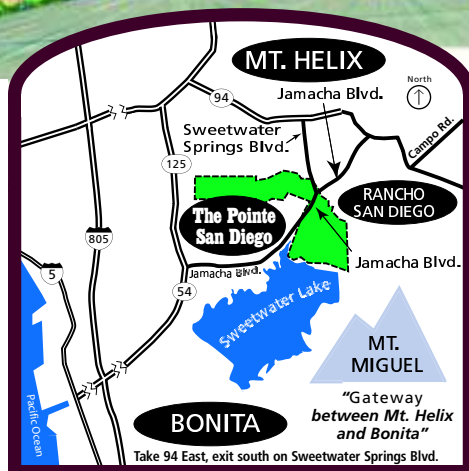
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KT follows, snapping up her sharp-nosed shortboard, leash wrapped neatly around its fins. In 2004, KT was the first woman to compete in Red Bull's Ice-break contest and went up against some tough male competitors. She also heads up the Folly Beach Wahine Classic in South Carolina, where she earns top-scoring marks in both shortboard and longboard divisions. She has been sponsored by three surf companies, and for good reason.

"Hey," she calls to me, "wanna come swim alongside us?"

I do, but soon I lose them and trudge back to

shore. They have gone out beyond the waves, hazy dots on my myopic horizon. I remain on land, watching. Crystal edges her big longboard, the "Taxi" as she calls it, down the face of a clean wave, and she takes it as long as it carries her before slipping neatly

hang out at what has been deemed the Diva Pad, a condo complex in which some of the surf instructors are housed for the summer. After Crystal and KT return, wet and happy, boards dripping, we load up and head out.

The Divas live on a

She turns her hip for us to see, and there it is, in bold color. The surfboard butterfly, edged with the red irritation of new tattoo.

into the water. KT is hot on her heels, sending up a stream of spray as she makes a tight turn and disappears behind her wave. I watch them ride and fall, ride and fall until I can no longer make out which is who.

The plan for the rest of the day is to go and

lush and sleepy road near UCSD lined with stucco houses and complexes. We are let out at a gate covered in bright fuchsia-colored flowers while KT looks for a place to park. This is the clubhouse, complete with pool, spa, and grill, a well-looked-after com-

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munity affair tucked under some languid palms. Residents sprawl on chaise longues while teenaged girls play about in the shallow end of the pool.

Walking in, I get the distinct, reminiscent feeling of being the poor kid allowed to play in the rich kid's garden. I half expect someone's snooty mother to come up behind me and demand to know why I am on private property but instead am greeted by smiles and waves. The Divas and Diva Dudes have set up tables for us, and we sit down heavily, nibbling on chips and salsa.

Divas begin arriving; there's Ashley, or "Ash," a Diva Dude with a slice over his left eye from getting a board to the head; Nussy, who listens to my theories on James Frey's "artistic license";



Denise gets inked

and Izzy, the founder of Surf Diva, who limps from a recent ankle injury. We all crowd around, heaping our plates with food. Beer flows; so does conversation. Eris talks about her son, a recently turned

21-year-old, and the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of raising him. Denise chimes in with stories about her four boys, tales of adolescent folly and motherly worry, and how she is coping with her divorce.

"You know that serenity prayer from AA?" she asks me; she has alcoholics in her family. I nod. "I must repeat that prayer to myself a million times a day." KT is asked about her veganism and explains in

detail how she began to cut animal products out of her diet. Crystal and Estela regale the recently arrived Divas-and-Dudes with the story of Estela's injury, one that occurred when some "kook idiot" rammed

her in the head with her board. "I was screaming from shore," Crystal says. "I thought, 'Oh shit, she'll need stitches.' I was waiting for the blood." Izzy cringes.

When the sun sets, we hit the hot tub and the pool, which is lit from the inside. Floating on my back in cool blue water, I contemplate the life of a Surf Diva. Without a hint of the prima-donna attitude the title suggests, the Divas are a sunny, warm, and well-humored bunch of girls (and guys) who have, through tenacity, talent, and commitment, landed themselves a little piece of paradise. And at least for a moment, I have too.

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"That's it," says Denise. "That's what I want." We are all piled into Betty, on our way to a



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day of shopping in La Jolla proper. Denise is pointing to a small, silvery decal stuck just to the left of the “do not speak to driver while vehicle is in motion” sign. It’s a surfboard, flanked by billowy butterfly wings that sprout from its center, all done in purply-pink glitter.

“Something like that,” Denise murmurs, considering, “on my hip, maybe.”

She smiles mischievously.

“What will my boys say?” she asks rhetorically, laughing; she’s told them no body art until they are paying their own way and are out of the house. Financially independent herself, Denise is cleverly abiding by her own rules, but who can bypass the titillation of shock value?

We park on a hill, everyone dispersing every which way. I forgo the stores and head down to the Children’s Pool. The harbor seals, according to a large, red-lettered sign, have left hours ago due to “tourists on the beach and snorkelers,” so, disappointed, I wander on.

What I find instead is the Cove, a little inlet seemingly carved out of the yellow-brown cliffside. I slide down the face of the rocks and into the sand, watching as a torturous crush of shorebreak hits the sand and spreads rapidly up the beach. The smattering of tourists scream in delight, bare-chested boys flinging themselves headlong into the fray, little children running on bowed legs. It’s a beautiful place, cut off by curving cliffs. There’s something remote about it, hidden, almost, though it appears to be populated solely by non-natives. I crouch in the sand and fish out little, pink-edged shells to fill my pockets. Flies rise from the piles of seaweed the water kicks up, old soda and beer cans pok-

ing up from their midst. In a little cave-let, a bronzed, hoary hippie sparks up a little apple bong, washed-out eyes gazing across the horizon. The sun is slowly coming down and slants across my shoulder;

there is a peace here, and I don’t want to leave but, alas, must rip myself away.

I keep this peace in mind as we venture back to our lodgings, as the hot water of the shower stings my scrapes and

scabs. In the mirror, I notice that my face has darkened three shades, hair whitening at the tips already.

As I lie back in bed, I take inventory of my body, what hurts and what doesn’t, what’s

heavy and what’s light, what’s limber and what’s fused. I think about the tangle I’ve become in the water — a departure for me, as I once swam semi-competitively — and about the advice I got earlier in the evening

from my friend Rebecca. From the other end of California, her low, rich voice came through clearly and without a hint of preaching. “It’s all elemental, Little Fish,” she told me, using my silly nickname. “It’s all




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elemental.”

The following afternoon, I pull on a wet suit for the first time since my arrival. It clings to my skin, pressing against my body. I hate it, but once in the water, it loosens its death hold on me, and we relax into each other.

“Elemental, Little Fish,” I murmur to myself, board pointed to shore, KT holding the back. KT accepts my strange-ism without

comment, holding fast as a rush of water passes over our heads. As the board rocks, I shut my eyes, relying on feeling alone, before opening them again. The sand is yards away, and I watch the horizon, imagine Rebecca’s wide grin, her open arms, waiting to catch me.

The water thunders in my ears, and KT lets go of my board. I let go too, pushing my upper torso through my hands.

My feet plant, legs steady. Something is happening, something that feels like alchemy. Iron into gold. For precious seconds, my plane of vision lurches away from me — the teal of the board, the teal of the sea — and I am coasting, arms and legs and board and ocean all coming together seemingly of their own volition. The water parts in my path, neat fans of it jetting to either side, and as soon

as I grab hold of this idea, this idea of standing, before I can make a sound in amazement, I topple face-first into the shallows.

When I rise to the surface, KT has her hands above her head in twin victory fists. Her head is a red-capped dot, and I race back to where she stands, laughing like an idiot all the way.

“I did it!” I scream; I feel ten, triumphant and a little foolish.

We slap double-five and hug as though I’ve just won the longboard championship.

“That was awesome,” KT crows. “Know what I said? Ho-lee crap! And I was jumping up and down.” She demonstrates. “You were awesome!”

We all make her proud that afternoon. Something has turned us into superstars, and we surf with all our collective might. Denise executes a gorgeous left

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turn; Estela has abandoned her Chaplin stop-and-fall routine, taking 'em in all the way; Leslie catches the longest rides of the day as Eris perfects her stance, crouching low over her board with a game face of bared teeth that gives way to an infectious smile. And, of course, I have finally gotten to my feet.

Up on the sand, we congratulate each other, peeling off our suits. Eris comes up behind me, hands behind her back. "I know it's not cham-

pagne," she says and proceeds to pour a stream of icy water over my head. I shriek, drops falling into my open palms.

Later, in a packed Pacific Beach bar, we toast each other with Coronas and cocktails. Music videos play on banks of TVs above us, pushing a strange, shifting glow across the over-lacquered table we occupy. Looking around at us, in our various states of dress, I realize just how much of a motley crew we are. Denise is brushed and blow-dried,

face fresh with a coat of natural makeup, eyelids lined in pastel. Eris and Leslie have combined sportswear with their signature flair of colors and patterns. Estela, who soaked in the shower, applied her creams and lipsticks, and fiddled with her hair for upwards of an hour, is decked out in a spangled tank top and skirt. Crystal and KT have opted for neat casual, while I favor faded and wrinkled couture of somewhat hapless design. As a whole, we look like

members of a strange extended family on an equally strange holiday, so mismatched that how could we not be? I think of the geography we span; Peru, California, New York, Australia, South Carolina, not to mention the generations, walks of life, professions, and family situations. But we're all here, all collected, all in our element. All Divas.

Driving home from the bar, sinking into the Betty Bus seats with Wolfmother playing on the stereo, I close my

eyes, let the outside light wash over them, and I feel like a kid again. Safe, sleepy, secure. Worn out and cared for, KT piloting the bus on home. The wheels turn under us, KT straining the gas to get us there, and I listen to the hum, the music, and the tempered laughter of my fellows and slip into sleep.

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"Don't worry," says Estela. "I mean, it can't be as bad as childbirth."

It is Friday, Tattoo Day, and Denise is look-

ing a little pale.

"And you've done that four times!" chimes in Eris.

Denise laughs nervously.

"Don't let me wuss out, you guys," she says imploringly. "Don't let me."

Eris has managed to shove all five of us into her four-passenger sedan, the bumper of which is plastered with progressive, upbeat stickers. We bump and jostle our way to PB; wrong turns are taken, but we arrive at the tat-

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too parlor with ten minutes to spare. We wait, paging through vaguely pornographic ink mags until Denise (and therefore the rest of us) are given the go-ahead. Rachie, the artist, has produced the perfect sketch. Modern, running the strange gamut between sweet cartoon and calligraphy that tattoos often do, it seems to be exactly as Denise pictured it.

Rachie leads us to her studio, a half-open room flanked by desks. In it sits a huge black medical bench, the sort doctors favor, the kind that makes me think of reflex hammers and

tongue depressors. Various sheets of vellum are tacked to every available vertical surface, intricate drawings, most of them done in purple pen. They look not unlike shed snakeskins, crackly and dry. Interspersed between are full-color illustrations, eye-catching in popping hues and various styles. Rachie, it seems, has no shortage of commissioned work.

And it's no surprise. Rachie is an even-handed gal, an Aussie, who transfers her perfect mock-up to the tanned patch of skin just below Denise's waistline. She's young and quiet and steady, as patient and

thorough and professional as a nurse.

The needle buzzes. Rachie crouches over her work. Denise curls her toes around the bench and doesn't make a sound. We watch, sip our Cokes. Estela eats an ice cream sundae cup, peering every now and then at the progress. Stuck by Denise's feet, I cannot see past the rise of her hip.

Rachie continues. She bears down, concentrated, stopping every now and then to wipe away the excess ink and rub a small amount of ointment into Denise's no-doubt stinging skin.

Buzz. Wipe. Ointment. Buzz. Wipe. Ointment.

When she's finished, Denise rises, slowly, exhaling. She turns her hip for us to see, and there it is, in bold color. The surfboard butterfly, edged with the red irritation of new tattoo. A mixture of teals and purples, pinks and a yellow accent, the butterfly is excellent. Denise seems pleased and is gleaming with relief.

"So," I ask, "was it like childbirth?"

"It's so different," she replies. "I really can't compare."

In the car ride back, bickering and laughter passing over me, I look at the passing lights of Pacific Beach, half heating up and half shutting down for the night. Suddenly I feel so incredibly tired, the momentous week behind me, and wonder if the others have this sensation as well. As a whole, we've been tattooed, experienced what we'd only watched, proven that our bionic knees can hold up under pressure, and

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surfing a whole week without serious injury. And, I remember with a jolt, taken a first real ride on our feet.

I survey their faces. Giddy. Heavy-eyed but animated. Tunnel-visioned, focused on the road. Calm. All of us half in our own thoughts as the car speeds along the California freeway.

Tired, I figure, slumping down in my seat, PB a sea of floating stoplights behind me, is

a safe bet. Tired, but triumphant.

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Updates:

Crystal Simpson (instructor) is still in San Diego, participating in professional photo shoots and surfing hard. Her father is on the mend.

Katie ("KT") Coryell (instructor) is currently training for the U.S. Open of Surfing.

Eris (student) pur-

chased a longboard of her own and is surfing away in the freezing-cold waters of Bolinas and the surrounding NorCal areas.

Denise (student) took her boys to La Jolla Shores for a surf session, where they reunited with instructor Crystal Simpson.

Rosa (author) has moved to San Diego permanently and hopes to improve her surfing skills. ■

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This certainly wasn't anywhere near as bad as having a tick dug out of his ear, a foxtail yanked out of his nose, or even choking down some kind of lousy pill.



The problem with dogs, don't you know, is we usually end up having to bury them. Petey died in May. The way Scot Harrison tells it, his dog was having a hell of a time getting around anymore, and the day before he had Petey put to sleep, he'd found his dog crying at the foot of the stairs leading down to Table Tops Reef in Solana Beach. That's close to 300 stairs, and by the looks of Petey, he'd tumbled down most of them. Scot picked up Petey and carried him home. There were patches of bare skin on the tops of Petey's hind paws, the hair worn away from dragging across the edge of stairs — and a lot of other things — since Petey's hips went bad, but he was

still able to get around okay. It was clear now, however, that Petey was just too damn old. Scot called the

vet, and he made an appointment for the next day at three. Scot could have done it him-

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self. He's got guns, all sorts of them, and he certainly knows how to use them. Scot Harrison is a heck of a

shot. Lately, he's been shooting international, or Olympic-style, skeet; and last year he placed in the top 50

in the nationals, the top 20 if you exclude military shooters.

Prior to skeet shooting, Scot used to hunt. Mostly he went after quail — and the quail hunting he did with Petey had been the absolute champagne of Scot's sporting life, a career that has bridged the likes of motocross, cycle racing, and archery. Scot is a sportsman. He likes to know how he matches up against the competition. Yet hunting with Petey had nothing to do with competition, at least no more so than the competition with nature implied in the stalk and the kill. But it really wasn't competition at all. Scot loved to go into the bush with Petey, and he loved to watch his dog

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Throw a stick, Petey fetched it. Throw a rock into a swimming pool, and Petey flung himself headlong into the water, fought his way to the bottom, and returned to the surface blow-

ing bubbles from his nostrils, the rock held proudly in his muzzle. Scot is an electrician by trade, and on two-story construction sites, he had to ask carpenters to be careful about tossing two-by-four cut-offs to the ground. Petey would climb a ladder just to be in the thick of things, and his eagerness to retrieve could send him flying. He'd hit the dirt and snatch up that block of wood right now, suffering but a moment's bewilderment before figuring out what exactly had happened and what his course of action should be to make it all happen again.

With quail, Scot had to train Petey not to chew his kills into oblivion. He filled a sock with thumbtacks, threw it — and pretty soon Petey got the idea. It's called a "soft mouth." Later Petey had the advantage of being practically toothless. Yet even then, which was

when Scot was beginning to shoot clay pigeons, Petey's bite would harden from playing games with sticks, rocks, and tennis balls; and on those less and less frequent occasions when Scot still went out after live birds, Petey was apt to gum down on the first couple of quail, so that they came back feeling like lumps of putty with feathers. Wounded game was an especial pitfall. You put a knocked-out bird in a dog's mouth, even the toothless mouth of a wise old mutt, and when the bird comes back to life, wings beating furiously against canine chops, it's awfully hard for any dog not to lose his cool.

But toward the end, there wasn't much of anything for Petey to do except hang out in the back of Scot's red Toyota pickup when the shotguns came out of their cases. Scot has a bunch of shotguns, all

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handsome and diligently maintained. On some of them, he's customized the stocks to match his grip perfectly, to fit more snugly against his cheek, or to give him a better look at clay birds cutting through the air at something approaching 100 miles per hour. None of these fine-tuned guns

has ever killed a thing. They're used, instead, exclusively at gun clubs, those obscure and utterly ordered tracts of land where shotgunners toe lines like basketball players spaced around the key in preparation for a free throw and where hidden machines explode rhythmically to life on com-

mand of that solemn utterance, "Pull!"

Just as Petey had accompanied Scot for more than a decade to construction sites all around North County, he rode in the bed of the red pickup to nearly every gun club in Southern California. Unlike construction workers, however, clay-bird shooters are fanatic about their concentration, and the last thing they want is a playful hound begging for fun at their feet. So even when Petey was still able to hop out of the back of the pickup truck, and especially when he could no longer make that jump without collapsing to his belly, he spent many a long hour waiting for Scot to conclude

the 100 or 200 or more shots each day of practice or competition. He got to know some parking lots well.

Station. It's hard to say what Petey made of the place. The layout of the car lot, sidewalk, and picnic tables,

zantine above the bowling lanes that he must have known somewhere as a teenager, and, in the same light, he can picture small groups of sportsmen wielding shotguns instead of bowling balls as they move about within the circumscribed confines of individual, geometric approach points, he will be a long way toward seeing what kind of place this gun club is. Now, substitute the steady crack of gunfire for the echoic rumble of heavy balls striking wooden pins, and you are even closer to an image of just what it is we're talking about — a shotgun range. Is that clear?

There are two games that shotgunners play: trap and skeet. Variations on each also exist, none of which I'll go into. This is going to be hard enough.

Trapshooting originated in England toward the end of the Eighteenth Century, the name coming from the cages, or traps, from which live pigeons were released for the benefit of privileged, aristocratic sportsmen. Later, traps were exchanged for mechanical devices that could throw inanimate targets, and the birds evolved into clay discs, affording a more popular and humane system of targets scored "dead." (There was a brief period, however, when targets took the form of glass balls filled with feathers, a curiously unique touch of realism.) Today a round of trap consists of a total of

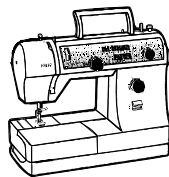
"It was easy," Scot now says, recounting a day he'd rather forget. "I didn't have to do anything except wait there and shoot. But shooting isn't hunting."

The most recognizable one was, naturally enough, the parking lot of the Miramar Gun Club, our own local clay-bird shootery tucked between Highway 163 and I-805 at the south end of Miramar Naval Air

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waiting around, infrequent visits from his beloved master, and, he hoped, a stop at a nearby taco shop on the way home. Petey craved Mexican food. The day he was put to sleep, Petey breakfasted on a plump, greasy machaca burrito Scot brought from the Solana Beach Roberto's up the street from

I can think of few things lower than having a dog hunt up birds and then playing make-believe to save your own uneasy heart. It just wouldn't be fair.

station eight, directly over your head.

Obviously both games, trap and skeet, demand a certain flair for the handling of a shotgun. None of this, however, meant anything to Petey. Now that Scot was a clay-bird shooter and he wasn't hunting anymore, shotguns promised nothing more for Petey than a lot of

his house. Right up to the end, Roberto's was a favorite of Petey's; and it was always the first place Scot went looking when his dog wasn't home when he should be.

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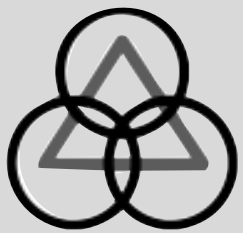
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gun club, much as he counts on his Saturdays for a couple of hundred rounds of practice shots. Yet it was actually a day, as far as Petey was concerned, like countless others. For 14 years, he'd been with Scot nearly every day — morning, noon, and night — excluding those times, in recent years, when Scot would be wiring a new house in Fairbanks Ranch, where construction workers aren't allowed to bring a dog. If Petey had any inkling at all about what was up, it was only because he knew his master, and his master Scot was torn with pain.

After making the appointment with the vet the day before, Scot had gone out hunting for a gravesite. It had to be on the coast, because that had always been Petey's home. Scot found a quiet spot on a knoll



overlooking the southern edge of San Elijo Lagoon, and he stood there and thought about why he was

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But today Scot didn't

feel so strong. Still, he helped Petey into the pickup, and he made it to the vet at the appointed hour in one piece.

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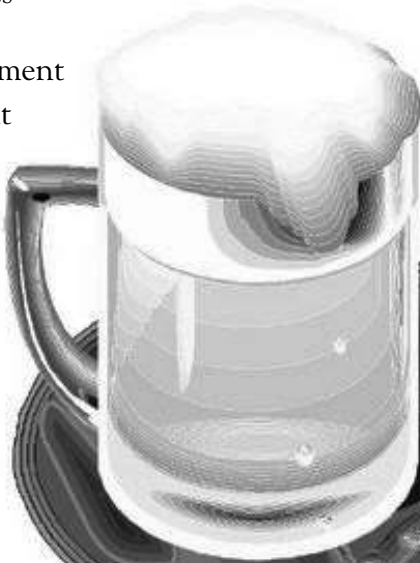
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The shotgun in the \$1000 to \$2000 range will definitely see action, although most of it will generally be in the form of competitive target shooting. Other than the artwork,

there isn't really much to separate a top-notch trap or skeet gun from those of investment stature. On the other hand, it's not the sort of shotgun one would want to beat up in the field. That's the role of the hunting gun,

which can be acquired for about the price of a personal computer and which, if the hunter is fortunate, will be used enough to take on that pleasantly worn aspect of a pair of old Levi's.

I know of a fellow who

owned a vintage 28-gauge Parker side-by-side that he used for both hunting and shooting targets, despite its resale value as a handsome, hard-to-obtain classic. One day he left the gun standing in a rack at a gun club

while he went to the clubhouse for a cup of coffee, and he watched with horror as a young kid ran out to the rack, grabbed his gun, and took off in a car. A week later the Parker turned up at the scene of a holdup.

The buttstock had been cut down to nothing, the double barrels sawed off short. It was truly a crime. A price-less shotgun was now worth nothing, while some punk got canned for blowing a quick-buck, liquor store heist.

Like a lot of sons before me, I got my shotgun as a birthday gift from my father. The similarities, I suspect, end right there. I was turning an age when it had been a long, long time since anybody had considered me a youngster; and I'd never shot a shotgun, with my father or anyone else.

The gun was my request — and it surprised the heck out of my dad. After pheasant in Nebraska corn fields, and duck and geese along the North Platte River, any shotgun game in Southern California had seemed entirely too pale for my father's notions of hunting. He kept his gun — an old 12-gauge Remington pump — in his closet, never once removing it from its case, much less teaching me how to use it. But I knew the gun was there. I phoned my dad and asked him to give it to me because, out of the blue, I'd been figuring it was time I learned about shotguns, in case I ever made it to a little house in God's country, with nearby game birds running thick in the fall.

My father brought over the gun, and he took it out of its ragged canvas case and showed me how to put it up. Immediately I had a strong sense of my father's love for that gun. He handled it with the care of a veteran ballplayer slipping on a favorite glove; and when he finally handed it over to me, I knew it wasn't without some regrets. "It's yours," he said, "under one condition. Don't you ever sell it."

The gun actually belonged to my grandfather. At least it did until Grandpa died this spring. The day we buried him, the family stood around Grandpa's house drinking the last of his Hamm's beer; and as such things happen on these occasions, we got to tracing the whereabouts of Pop's guns. Now I had the 12-gauge. The little .410, which to hunters is what a fly rod is to fishermen, had been given away, along with

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Grandpa's pointer, to a hunting buddy back in Fort Wayne, Indiana, when Grandpa was making ready to move out West to California. And Uncle Dick, my dad's brother, said he had the 20-gauge. "Got it right by my bed," he announced. "I hung up feed sacks all along the fence, and from my front door, I know the pattern the gun throws around every inch of my property. They're running dope all over Riverside."

I didn't want to hear it. I didn't want to hear it any more than I wanted to hear my little sister tell about the dozen or so handguns her husband, a cop, has stashed around their house in Long Beach. It took me 30 years to find out even how to load a gun, and now some of my family was just stinking with them. My father looked at his brother and said, "If you think it's that bad, why the hell do you live there?"

Because I knew Scot Harrison and trusted him, I asked him to teach me to shoot. He was more than happy to oblige. He's got his circle of gun-club pals, whom he jokingly refers to as "shootin' buddies," but he's always trying to enlist new blood, especially if he feels it's someone who's a real sportsman. Well, I'm at least that. I come by it honestly enough, through lineage I can't deny. (There's even a story — entirely undocumented — that contends my great-grandfather emigrated after being run out of Bohemia for poaching game on royal lands.) Anyway, Scot invited me out to Miramar, and I showed up one Saturday with a box of dusty shells and my 60-year-old Remington, which I still hadn't shot and still didn't know if it was safe to do so. Scot gave my gun the once-over, smiling the way gun lovers will when handling a classic — or even a dated, workingman's relic. He remarked that the gun had certainly seen some use. But there wasn't a spot of rust on it, and after a thorough spraying with WD-40, Scot had the pump moving freely, the click of secret mechanisms ringing sweetly in my ears. Scot loaded the gun and pointed it toward the horizon, where navy jets roared down from the sky. He gave the trigger a squeeze. Anybody who is new

to guns, especially shotguns, cannot help but be shaken by the first, up-close blast of gunpowder exploding inside a hand-held metal barrel. I felt, for a moment, that I might be wading in over my head. But then I

shot the gun myself, and I eventually got used to the noise, the jolting kick, the smell of spent shells, the mechanics of reloading. I understood that this was something done commonly by men, women, and

children.

Now it was time to shoot at something. Scot picked up a chunk of a broken clay target, and he had me stand next to him and point the gun safely away. He tossed the clay chip into

the air. I watched it reach its apex, and I aimed and fired. The target fell untouched to the ground.

We tried it again. And again. The piece of clay kept landing unscathed, never more than spitting distance

from my feet. Scot remained patient, telling me that this was actually not the easiest of shots, my gun and shell pattern being designed to hit birds at least 50 yards away. I was hardly consoled.

Of course, I did finally

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connect. Then we went to one of the trap fields, and I shot at flying targets until my shoulder was sore. On my last round, I scored 13 out of 25. We shot skeet, too; and with one of Scot's old 20-gauges — the gun, in fact, with which he used to hunt quail — I turned a few of those clay pigeons into dust.

You hit them that way — dead center with the heart of your pattern — and the four-inch clay disc

disappears in a puff, the impact as terse as a good fast ball meeting the fat of a bat. Scot said I was doing pretty well. On my last round of the day, I tallied a double; and when we finally packed it up, I felt that with practice I could make a fairly decent trap or skeet shooter.

I haven't shot a gun since.

* * *

This is Scot Harrison the last time he went hunting:

he had a number of reasons to feel out of sorts. Petey wasn't with him. His buddies, across from him at a pond out Anza Borrego way, were drinking beer and blasting away at doves. The birds, as quail never are, were thick as gulls around a public beach, and all it took to nail them was a quick gun and a good eye. Then, when the doves got smart — or at least as smart as doves ever get — they kept cutting short their approach to their water hole. And like the lowest kind of dry-gulch hunter, Scot poked his gun out of the tall desert brush, ambushing birds one by one. "It was easy," Scot now says, recounting a day he'd rather forget. "I didn't have to do anything except wait there and shoot. But shooting isn't hunting."

Shooting clay pigeons isn't hunting, either. So if you're counting, that's two reasons why I haven't fired

a shotgun since that first and only time.

Shooting without hunting seems, to me, a rather strong sub-instance of putting the cart before the horse. I admit an instinctual prejudice. At the same time, it would be wrong to assume I maintain a wholesale distaste for killing. I raise chickens, and when their good laying days are over, I can start them on their way to the stewing pot with my bare hands.

It's simply a matter of available game — or, in this case, the lack of it. Here in San Diego, where, for now, I'm making my stand, game for hunters has become scarce indeed.

Had I a notion otherwise, Scot put me off the idea of hunting doves. Mammals I won't even talk about, for reasons that go far beyond the fact that hunting them demands a rifle instead of a shotgun. Ducks

and geese, which used to be hunted locally from, among other places, blinds along manmade ponds you can still see in San Elijo Lagoon, remain something I'll consider only if I find myself on flyways a long, long way north of here. I've heard pheasant have been introduced to farmlands out toward El Centro, but that's the sort of private-property hunting that requires connections, hobnobbing, or money. Which leaves me with quail, the treasured game of Scot Harrison, and a lot of other local hunters besides.

Now, quail hunting I can get excited about. At least conceptually. There's the walking, the stalking, the necessary intimacy with both terrain and game, the few select shots on which hinge a day's success or failure. I wouldn't mind a meal or two of quail, either, the little breasts braised in butter and garlic and ginger root, the legs deep-fried in oil with a flour and curry-spice coating. And I'd love to hunt with a dog, watching that intensity which has been bred into it, following it as it works tirelessly in the bush, trailing scent, finding birds, pointing, retrieving — doing all of those dog things for the pure pleasure of hunting, and for the pleasure of pleasing its master. I'd especially like hunting with a dog.

Not long ago, I saw Scot Harrison out at a construction site where I was pounding nails for my daily bread.

He was on his way to Miramar for some serious practice for the upcoming skeet nationals. He asked me if I'd like to join him.

I was embarrassed to confess that I hadn't shot my gun since that first day of learning. I wasn't even sure where I'd stashed it. Scot laughed, then said it didn't matter; he always had an extra gun with him. What about it?

I said I didn't know. Scot took it as a tacit refusal, and he tossed his tool belt into the back of his pickup, a brand-new Nissan, and he hopped in up front. He swung the truck out onto the street, only to pull to the curb and lean his head out the window. "You wanna go hunting this year?"

Scot's old tool box was in the bed of the new pickup, along with his usual assortment of big rolls of wire, lengths of PVC conduit, milk crates piled high with electrical boxes, and, stacked one atop the other, two briefcase-like shotgun cases. The only real difference was that Petey wasn't there.

"Go hunting for what?" I asked.

"Quail. Rustle yourself up a 20-gauge, and do it right now. You don't want to be practicing when birds are in the air."

I went home and uncovered the Remington, and I found I still knew how to put it up and load it. I assumed it still fired, too. But it's an awfully big gun, big enough to whip you if you tried lugging it around through thick desert sage in search of quick little quail. Now it's back in its tattered case, re-oiled and waiting for some distant, promised land.

Though a sentimental notion, I've come to see in recent years why the quail is our state bird. More than that, it's the bird of the Southland, broadly defined as chaparral, and my particular home since day one. From the windswept coast to the hot, dry hills, the live oak canyons to the sage-sweet deserts, quail are an icon, an animate symbol of something right when it seems, more and more, that the territory is all shot to hell. I love quail — and lately I've been hunting them every chance I get.

I hunt quail from my pickup truck, on foot in public nature reserves, at

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the edge of housing tracts and sordid building developments where we as Californians are helping the republic really to pour on the coals. Sometimes I first see them scurrying through the brush or perched atop a yucca or fence post. Sometimes I hear them, that comical call of "Chi-ca-go, Chi-ca-go," or "Where are you? Where are you?" I hunt quail, coming as close to them as I can to indulge myself in their elaborate beauty: the forward-curving plume, creamy forehead and black throat, the grayish-blue breast and softly mottled nape, the plump belly scaled with markings as sharp as miniature arrowheads. Eventually the quail flush at my approach. Yet if I've hunted well, I can actually hear the furious beating of their wings; and as the birds peel off in one direction or the other, gaining speed in their distinctive up-tilted flight, I swing on them with an imaginary shotgun, making sure to lead them that ever-so-slight amount.

"Bang!" I say. And "Bang!" again if I feel I would have needed the second barrel and if the hell-bent quail are still in range of my secret over-and-under 20-gauge.

I'd do better if I had a dog. Perhaps, say, a young Brittany spaniel, behind which I'd have to hunt close

because, my regard for discipline what it is, I wouldn't have trained it to hold a point. But unless I get into quail for real, it'll have to remain an imaginary dog. I can think of few things lower than having a dog hunt up birds and then playing make-believe to salve your own uneasy heart. It just wouldn't be fair.

Scot stopped hunting quail, I see now, because Petey had grown too old to join him. Leaving his dog behind would have been as absurd as hunting without a gun. Petey loved hunting, and Scot loved hunting with Petey. We'll see what happens now. There are quail still running in the brush, and Scot is still a hunter at heart. When he buried Petey, he buried a big portion of his past.

It's something I've been thinking about, too. ■

— Scott Sadil



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beside her stares blankly into the holes the soldiers have dug, while a priest offers the blessing. Much later, white granite headstones would be placed to mark the graves of Lt. Luis Aguirre, 4th Artillery Regiment of the Mexican army, and an infant, the daughter of Henrique Jiminez, another 4th Regiment soldier. Mother and father might have named her, but there was no time to find out. Officially, she was simply “baby girl.”



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The soldiers had scrambled to find a baby's coffin and dig the smaller grave. Aguirre's burial was already on their schedule, but when the Jimenez girl died that morning, it seemed most efficient to inter them at the same time. Between the continuing border dangers of the Mexican Revolution and the ominous war expanding through Europe, the men at Ft. Rosecrans had bigger concerns than supervising the daily lives of hundreds of Mexican military detainees, their

wives, and their children. The Mexicans had already been held at the fort for more than a year, since August of 1913.

SURRENDER AT NOGALES

In 1913, early days in the Mexican Revolution, the U.S.-Mexico border bristled with confrontations between the army of the Mexican government and bands of rebel Mexican Constitutionalists. On March 13, at Nogales, Sonora, members of the Gendarmería Fiscal (a sort of Mexican

border patrol, customs enforcement, and peace-keeping unit) con-

fronted a larger force of revolutionaries. Low on ammunition after a

day's battle, the Gendarmería's commander, Colonel Emilio

Dozens of families from San Diego's Mexican community arrived with bags of sweet rolls and other fresh food and jostled with guards as they passed the gifts to their countrymen through the train windows.

fronted a larger force of revolutionaries. Low on ammunition after a

Kosterlitzky, retreated with his men across the broad street that divided

the Mexican side of the town from Nogales, Arizona. He surrendered to his friend and fellow Indian-fighter Captain Cornelius Smith of the Arizona Rangers to avoid certain slaughter.

Adding to the pressure on Kosterlitzky, a young man on the Arizona side had been hit by a stray shot, and American military officers insisted that the fighting stop before it spilled across the border. The Mexican forces relinquished their horses and their arms and came under the control

of the United States.

The War Department in Washington ordered the soldiers detained at Ft. Huachuca for violating the Neutrality Act as foreign combatants on neutral soil, though their exact legal status would be an ongoing argument. They would be guarded by the U.S. Army, already stretched thin protecting nervous Americans from dangers real and imagined from Mexican revolutionaries, tracking arms smugglers and raiders, and protecting American refugees

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Within a month of the surrender, a frustrated commanding general for the Arizona district wrote to Washington, "The guarding of these prisoners is a very onerous duty for our troops. To guard them and police the border in the vicinity of Nogales requires the detachment of five troops from their regular station at Ft. Huachuca, whereas two troops would be sufficient were it not for the necessity of this guard duty...."

In response to ongoing complaints, after the detainees had been confined for four

months, Washington ordered the Mexicans relocated to a more peaceful spot on the border, farther from the combat that seemed to keep them edgy and rebellious. By this time, their wives and children had filtered across the border to join them in the relative safety of the detention camp. Colonel Kosterlitzky's own family would be smuggled from their large, comfortable home in Sonora in a car driven by an American friend. At the U.S. border, the driver claimed the passengers as his own wife and children and they were allowed to pass.

By early August,

Washington had organized transportation for the Gendarmería Fiscal held at Nogales and regular Mexican army soldiers held at Ft. Bliss, near El Paso. On August

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5, more than 500 men, women, and children, with their household goods and animals, were loaded onto two trains bound for Ft. Rosecrans. Major Davis, the fort's

commander, had barely a week's notice of their arrival. San Diegans learned of the event in headlines in the *San Diego Union* and the *Sun*.

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The *San Diego Union* more soberly reported, "The prisoners will be required to do their own cooking and to keep their quarters in a sanitary condition," said Major Davis yesterday, 'but under the laws governing prisoners of war, it will be impossible to put them to work. They will be allowed to pass the time as they see fit, so long as they do not violate the rules we set down for them and stay within the boundaries of the camp.' "

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Dozens of families from San Diego's Mexican community arrived with bags of sweet rolls and other fresh food and jostled with guards as they passed the gifts to their countrymen through the train windows. Observed the *Sun*, "In the way of shaking hands, they caressed each other."

After waiting all night in the train cars, the internees finally moved into the barracks at dawn. An enthusiastic *Sun* reporter said of the

spectacle, "If some little Mexican town had been picked up with all its inhabitants and transplanted right here in San Diego, the scene could not have been more truly characteristic of life below the border." He described a chaos of bewildered, exhausted refugees in a tumult of shouting, crying babies, barking dogs, and cackling chickens. "Each refugee wore his native garments.... The women, some rather pretty, others fat and not so pretty, were mostly roughly dressed...."

Some of the men carried highly colored serapes or blankets and others boasted brilliant sashes and cuffs of tinsel fringe or dirty lace. Federal officers among the captives wore the regulation uniform of Mexico....

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family had at least two. There were also chickens and rabbits which the refugees had brought with them as they took their flight. One woman carried a squealing baby under one arm and a game rooster under the other. A tall Mexican carried seven fat hens in his arms, and another refugee was lugging a half-grown goat....

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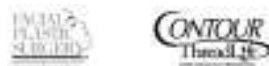
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"The Eagle of Sonora"
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One reporter described the colonel as soft-spoken though intense, appearing more like a scholar than a soldier. But he was a notorious commander in the state of Sonora — called the Mailed Fist of Díaz for his decades as an enforcer of the peace under president Porfirio Díaz. The colonel made his name suppressing miners' strikes, arresting bandits and smugglers, fighting Yaqui Indians, and chasing Geronimo and the Apaches. When necessary, Kosterlitzky, like other government

commanders, increased the army ranks by conscripting men from Mexican jails. On the enlistment forms for one group of reluctant recruits Kosterlitzky wrote, "Here are 25 patriotic men. Please return my handcuffs and I'll send you another 25."

Russian-born (baptized Emil), son of a cavalry officer, Kosterlitzky was raised in European military schools. In 1873, aged 20 and assigned to the czar's navy rather than the cavalry, he took the opportunity of a port call in Venezuela to jump ship. He migrated to Mexico, where he enlisted as a private in Díaz's army. Within a dozen years, he would hold double ranks — a colonel in both the Mexican National Guard and the Mexican treasury department's Gen-

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children.

On this particular August day in San Diego, the colonel supervised the movement of his troops and their families, chatting with the American officers, including Captain F. W. Benteen, commander of Company M of the 12th Infantry, which would guard the Mexican camp. At the captain's heels was his constant companion, his terrier Jeff. Benteen's father and Kosterlitzky had fought Apaches together on the border before the senior Ben-

teen was killed with Custer at Little Big Horn.

By nightfall the refugees were across the bay. They were confined inside the white-board fence of the fort's quarantine station where, within a week, four babies would be born, one named Uncle Sam, if newspaper reports can be believed. The only casualty of the noise and confusion of moving day was the station's parrot, Snooky Ookums, which escaped through an open door.

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While Gamble

brushed the dust off his coat and bowler hat, the guards conferred with one another. Turning back to the visitor, they asked to see any document he might have from the U.S. or Mexican governments giving him permission to visit the detainees. Gamble had none. He'd met with the Mexican consul in San Diego the day before but came away empty-handed. Frustrated once again, Gamble turned back. He made it to Santa Fe station just in time to catch the afternoon train for

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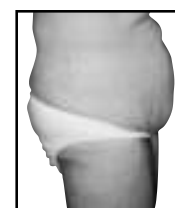
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According to a *Union* reporter, the social center of the little Mexican town was a makeshift PX. The men gossiped, joked, smoked, played cards, and generally relaxed at the store, which sold fruit, "tobacco, special canned stuff, and other luxuries." The *Sun* noted that the soldier assigned as

storekeeper spoke no Spanish, so Captain Benteen was frequently called to clear up misunderstandings "because he savvies un poco Mex."

The internees received weekly rations of staples: flour, meat, beans, sugar, and coffee supplied by the U.S. military, in spite of formal objections from some local and U.S. officials. Salaries paid by the Mexican government through its San Diego consulate provided spending money for extras. They earned between \$1.50 and \$5.50 U.S. a week, depending on each man's company and rank.

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Nights fell cold, damp, and foggy — bone chilling for the Sonorans. Even the warm days were tinged with the unfamiliar smell of the sea. A San Diego woman issued a plea for clothes for the

refugees, since the local Red Cross was not allowed to help them. For many weeks the detainees were a front-page topic in newspapers and among the locals. Captain Benteen said proudly to a *Union* reporter, "These people are highly contented here. They are even happy. They are getting a square deal and they appreciate it."

DISSENTION IN THE RANKS

Despite Benteen's reassuring words for the public, U.S. State Department records from the time reveal that not everything ran smoothly. Within a month of their detention, a Major Duhagon of the Mexican regular army sent a telegram to President Woodrow Wilson complaining of general "bad treatment" at the camp. Transcripts of

interviews conducted for the investigation by Major Davis reveal that Duhagon objected to several men being placed in the guard-house for eight days on bread and water for refusing to help repair the road to the camp and refusing to fix a drainage ditch. He further noted that prices at the camp store were excessive and that Captain Benteen had refused him parole to mail letters to his family and had once searched the camp for weapons.

The same transcripts present Davis's findings. According to Captain Benteen, he had first placed the reluctant workers in the guard-house on full rations. But they seemed to find the accommodations pleasant enough, so Benteen ordered bread and water, which was much more effective,

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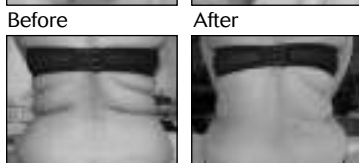
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according to the captain. The expensive sweater and wool blanket from the camp store of which Duhagon complained were found to be of superior quality and therefore fairly priced. As for Benteen's parole refusal, the captain noted that once before Duhagon had gone off to Ocean Beach under guard and returned at 11 p.m. instead of the required 6:30 p.m. Duhagon had felt he was being "spied on"; Benteen believed the major could not be fully trusted. As for the weapons search, this was considered reasonable. Concluded Davis, "The charges referred by Major Duhagon are the result of the pique and malice of an individual who deserves but does not relish salutary discipline...."

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One night in early September four officers failed to report to the

camp for the mandatory head-count at sunset. They had left for Wonderland but turned south and crossed the border into Tijuana. They refused to return to the U.S., and Benteen could find no law that could force them back. Señora Mendez, wife of an army captain, had followed her husband down the dusty, rutted road to the border, but she was captured before she could cross and was brought back to La Playa.

Angered by the men's breach of trust, Kosterlitzky himself mounted his horse and searched the countryside for the AWOL soldiers. Benteen went to Tijuana to negotiate their return. Telegrams flew between Rosecrans and the army headquarters of the Western Department in San Francisco. The Secretary

of War of Mexico wired that the escaped officers had been ordered to return to the U.S., "complying with their word of honor." For two weeks, U.S. Army officers met the various cargo steamers arriving from Mexico, expecting the escapees to be on board. The last official word, near the end of September, was that the men had sailed from Ensenada to Mazatlán. It seemed that Benteen's contented charges were still strongly connected to events in their home country and were determined to rejoin the fight.

After the officers' escape, the army increased security around the detainees' stockade, but otherwise life appeared to return to normal. The medical corps held a mass inoculation in the camp against the typhoid epi-

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Perhaps mirroring events to the south, at the time the officers deserted, strong Santa Ana winds began to blow, filling the coastal air with dust, ash, and smoke. Daytime temperatures reached 109. The Mexicans went to bed each night watching the northern horizon glow from the flames of a 50,000-acre brush fire that spread from Ramona and San Pasqual to Mt. Woodson and Poway. Cyclone winds hit a house in La Mesa and tore off its roof. Three houses in North Park were burned to the ground. It would be five days before the weather turned and the damage could be assessed.

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By the fall of 1913, three months after the Mexicans arrived in San

Diego, their curiosity value had run out. Instead, the front pages of the *Union* and the *Sun* were splashed with rumors of battles in Ensenada, Tijuana, and Mexicali; reports of American and Asian refugees rushing across the border to U.S. soil; and details of the movements of Mexican officials and mysterious groups of men in and out of the Embarcadero.

At the city wharf, Kosterlitzky himself observed one such contingent, described by the *Sun* as "150 to 200 strange Mexican men, all wearing tan shoes and new felt hats of similar design." They'd arrived by rail and steamer from the north. According to port officials, they were simply sugarcane workers returning to their homeland from the fields in Oxnard. But the news-

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papers reported rumors that they wore cartridge belts under their vests and had called any Mexicans left on the pier "cowards."

All this rekindled panic in the local population and brought fears of a declaration of war with Mexico. One day a yacht flying a Mexican flag sped through the harbor, chased by a torpedo boat. The police station and newspaper offices were flooded with anxious San Diegans, sure the war had started. After a few inquiries, the *Sun* dis-

covered it was simply two boats chartered by the Lubin Motion Picture Co. enacting a scene for one of its forthcoming thrillers.

War rumors were so intense in the city that they even inspired two local girls to run away to join the fighting, wherever they might find it. Said the *Union*, "Two girls, Marion Trafton, aged twelve, and Margaret Grubbe, thirteen, the latter dressed as a boy and armed with a revolver, set out from their homes in Encanto yesterday afternoon with

blankets and food, which they asserted they would use when they camped on their journey.... It is feared they have crossed the border.... The Trafton girl wore a long white coat and a blue velvet hat with a white plume. Her hair, naturally blond, had been dyed black."

Inevitably, border tensions began to affect relations between the Anglo and Mexican populations in the city. Police raided bars, taking weapons from Mexican patrons and jailing any who resisted. Civil-

ians often joined the fray. According to the *Sun*, "Taking exception to the flippant remarks of a crowd of Mexicans at Fourth and E last night, a number of blue-jackets from the U.S. fighting craft now in this port tore into the dark-skinned aggregation with a vengeance.... The Mexicans' cries of 'Viva la Mexico' were soon silenced by the fists of the Americans...." Relations became so bad that at one point the Mexican consul in San Diego printed fliers for the Spanish-speaking popu-

lation urging them, for their own safety, to "enter into no public discussion and attend no public meetings, and enter into no demonstration of any kind."

If San Diegans had lingering worries about the hundreds of Mexicans at Rosecrans, it was not reflected in the local papers. From December of 1913 to April of 1914, only two small reports about the detainees appeared. "Two Are Fined for Providing 'Bad Man's' Weed," the *Sun* headline read in December. "Col. Emilio Koster-

litzky... appeared in Justice Keating's court today to testify against E.A. Fisher, F.J. Estrella, and Ramón Espinosa charged with having 'marihuana,' sometimes known as Indian hemp, in their possession and providing it to the prisoners at the detention camp.

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Near the end of April a small notice in the *Sun* announced that Melchor Romero, a Mexican federal private, had been released from the detention camp and deported to Tijuana by U.S. immigration officers. No reason was given for this action. The story ended with

speculation that all the detainees would soon be released.

There was no report in newspapers, official fort documents, or city or county records of the first four deaths at the camp between October of 1913 and February of 1914. Three soldiers and one infant girl were quietly buried in the fort's cemetery.

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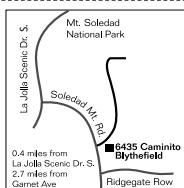
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files include a letter from Colonel Kosterlitzky giving some insight into his state of mind and the plight of the detainees by April of 1914. On the 14th, the colonel wrote to the Mexican consul at

Nogales, Arizona, thanking him for the release of Anselmo Bustamante, which Kosterlitzky had negotiated. Bustamante was a trusted aide to the colonel, but his family situation was dire. Kosterlitzky was less

pleased about the U.S. government's plan to release Melchor Romero, of whom he said, "he has acted very foolishly here, causing much trouble and even now is confined in the military prison at the

fort for having bribed a sentry and before this was several times punished for minor offenses.... If it is in your power, I would greatly thank you to do all in your power to have us all released. [It] is now five months that we have not received any pay whatsoever. Our position is indeed critical." He concluded with a plea for the release of another of his men whose family "is suffering in want at Nogales, Arizona, and is very deserving."

in detention, the Mexican soldiers had been praised publicly by their guards for their industriousness and willingness to work hard to build a serviceable encampment. As a result, it must have come as a shock for locals to read the front-page headline in the April 29, 1914, issue of the *Union*. "MEXICAN REFUGEES ESCAPE FROM ROSECRANS." The *Sun* provided the embarrassing details. "After weeks of labor with tin can covers, sticks of wood, and other crude utensils, Mexican refugees in Ft.

Rosecrans camp completed a 225-foot tunnel from the camp.... Before discovery of the means of egress, 57 had escaped.... The camp end of it was under [an adobe stove inside a tent]. The outer end... was in the yard of the quarantine station. At one point the tunnel goes under a drain ditch 12 feet deep... "Aurelio Gabin, a Yaqui Indian of cunning, stealth, and energy was the real maker of the tunnel. Work on it, according to information secured from [several arrested escapees], was started a month

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ago... Work was done after dark in most secret fashion. Aurelio... dug dirt and passed it to men behind him. They carried it out in their pockets, in their handkerchiefs, and in their hats. It was distributed all over the camp so evenly that evidences of it were hard to find..." Further investigation would uncover a second tunnel, not yet completed.

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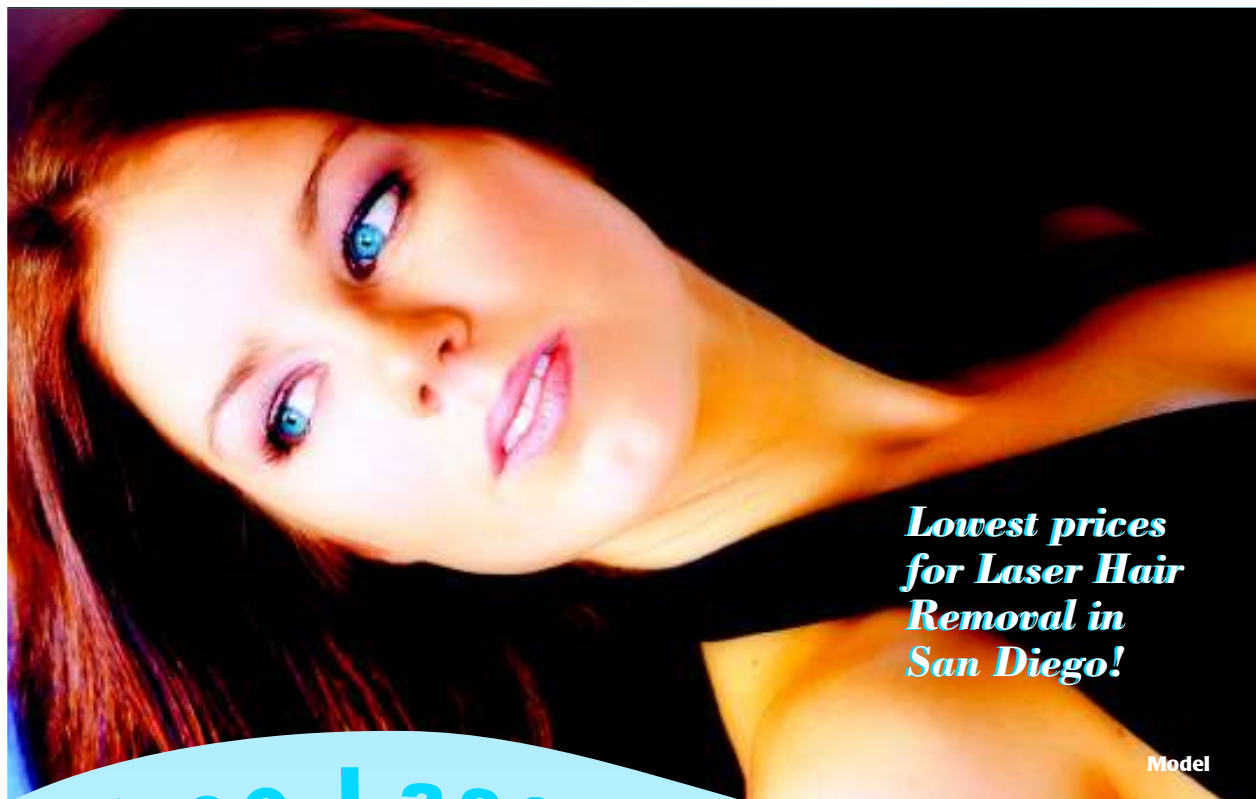
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them, as if the reason for the escape, after nine months of detention, was otherwise a mystery. After a few days, the detainees once again fell out of the headlines.

But Department of State files indicate that things were buzzing behind the scenes. Alarmed at the number of Mexican nationals streaming north across the border in recent months, the U.S. government wanted to know what they were doing. Were they fleeing the expanded war in the north of Mexico, or did they have more sinister

motives? In mid-September, in a series of letters, the State Department negotiated with Captain Benteen and Colonel Kosterlitzky to "put an informant around the places where the Mexicans loafed [in San Diego] to ascertain definitely what their motive was in coming here." Kosterlitzky was to choose a highly trusted detainee and send him to the city to mingle with his countrymen and gather intelligence. Although the records indicate that the colonel would comply with the request, there is

no confirmation that the plan was carried out.

THE DEPARTURE

If headlines are a guide to the public consciousness, San Diegans were now consumed with war brewing in Europe, plans for the grand Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park, and continuing rumors of war with Mexico. After months of silence about the camp, at the end of September of 1914 the *Union* reported, "War Department Will Hold Prisoners at Ft. Rosecrans Indefinitely." Since their arrival, Colonel Kosterlitzky had been negotiating the repatriation of his men with the U.S. administration and that of the alcoholic and unpredictable Mexican President Huerta. When the Huerta government was replaced with the interim administration of revolutionary commander Venustiano Carranza, Kosterlitzky's prospects looked even darker. How could the colonel assure the safety of soldiers who had fought the revolutionaries?

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Finally, on Monday morning, September 28, the *Union* announced that the internees would be returned to Mexico within the week. But the soldiers made their own plea. “Because of the latest quarrel between Carranza and [Pancho] Villa which, in their opinion would render it unsafe for them to venture into Mexico at this time, many of the interned officers and men have communicated with government officials at Washington, asking that the order be

rescinded. [They] do not believe themselves safe with Villa in control of northern Mexico.”

But Washington had made its decision. After 13 months of internment at Rosecrans, following four months at Bliss and Huachuca, the Mexicans were released. The event was acknowledged with only a small notice in the back pages of *Union* in early October, next to the schedules for San Diego’s movie houses. “Four hundred and eighty-five Mexican infantrymen and 65 officers accompanied by their families and a choice collection of dogs, cats, and birds entrained at the east Santa Fe wharf yesterday morning...en route to Nogales and Douglas, Arizona, whence they will make their way to their homes in the state of Sonora. [The] Mexicans were transferred

from La Playa on a huge coal lighter. Two special trains of ten cars each were requisitioned to carry the prisoners... At Colton the trains will be shifted to the tracks of the Southern Pacific and from there will go over that road to Nogales.” Earlier, Kosterlitzky had ensured that his men of the Gendarmeria Fiscal would be released at Nogales, where they could retrieve their horses, which were their own property, not the government’s. The *Union* article also noted that Washington calculated the bill for housing the detainees at \$75,000. In a downpour of rain, the Mexicans finally boarded the trains to go home.

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THE AFTERMATH

The repatriation agreement for the internees specified that officers did not have to return to Mexico but would be sent to the destination of their choice. Colonel Kosterlitzky, now 61 years old, with a lifetime of battles behind him, chose to take his family to Los Angeles. Because he spoke nine languages and was intimately

familiar with Mexico, the U.S. government had recruited him before he left San Diego as an agent for the Bureau of Investigation of the Justice Department, predecessor of the FBI. With European nations increasingly at war with one another, the prelude to World War I, the U.S. was nervous about the heavy German influence in Mexico. Kosterlitzky would spend the next 13 years undercover, posing as a German, tracking spies at West Coast ports and along the border. He died in 1928 and is buried in Calvary Ceme-

tery in Los Angeles.

The colonel's oldest son, Ernesto, who had delivered newspapers to his neighbors as a child, returned to San Diego and lived for many years at 1360 Evergreen Street, near Cañon, on Point Loma, about a mile from where his countrymen were held in detention. He worked for Marine Products Co., San Diego importers of Mexican seafood. In an interview with Joe Stone in the *San Diego Union* in 1976, Ernesto declared that his family had nothing but "the happiest memories" of

the events 60 years earlier.

As for the luckless Mr. Gamble, the detainees' attorney from El Paso, he re-filed his habeas corpus suit in Los Angeles, which challenged the U.S. president's right to hold the Mexicans without formal charges being filed against them. In September of 1913, Judge Olin Wellborn agreed to hear the case (*Ex Parte Toscano*, 208 F. 938 [San Diego, Cal., 1913]). In early November, Judge Wellborn filed his conclusions. He sided with the govern-

ment, saying that under the provisions of the Hague Treaty, executive detention of belligerents during a civil war was within the law. Gamble vowed to take the case to the Supreme Court, but the Mexicans were released before that could be done.

Nearly 90 years later, when various lawsuits were filed in U.S. courts to free the suspected Taliban and al-Qaeda detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, one of the cases cited by the government defense was *Ex Parte Toscano*. An amicus brief filed by the ACLU in the case of one Yaser Hamdi (*Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*) argued that *Toscano* did not apply in his situation. "In *Toscano*, foreign soldiers were interned evidently as prisoners of war 'in honorable detention and internment' in neu-

tral territory pursuant to the express authorization of the Hague Treaty. [But] Hamdi's detention is unauthorized even if he is an enemy combatant...." As in 1913, the court's decision was for the government.

The fate of the Mexican detainees appears in no government documents or newspapers. As they passed through Nogales, Arizona, the border crossing went without a record or any special notice or official comment. ■

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LETTERS

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Herd The Homeless

I'm responding to the article about David Ross ("He Loves the People No One Wants," Cover Story, October 5). I have lived at 13th and E streets for about three years. I talk with homeless people nearly every day. I have never felt threatened by any of the homeless people. They've never been anything but friendly to me. I sometimes buy snacks or food in bulk and walk around and hand it out.

Many people on the street are not drinking, and they're not doing drugs; they simply cannot afford rent. Many have incomes from disability or odd jobs, but often it is about \$600 or less a month. It is impossible to find even a cheap downtown hotel room for that and have anything left to live on. Also, many of the homeless are mentally ill, and no one cares and no one looks after them.

The downtown police have what they call a homeless team. I say this very

tongue in cheek. I have talked to the homeless team. They claim they can help to place all the homeless people downtown. When I asked the police officers in the homeless team if they can place 2000 people this week, they stammered a little bit but said they probably could. I still don't believe that.

When I talk to people who have been so-called helped by the homeless team, they say they are forced or coerced into drug or alcohol rehab programs, even if they are sober, even if they don't have alcohol or drug problems. These programs are run very much like a prison, with every waking moment controlled. They don't have time to look for work, and oftentimes at the end of these programs, they are shoved back out onto the street, onto the sidewalk, literally.

The same thing goes on at Saint Vinny's. Often I hear people leave Saint Vincent's because they have no time to look for work or to go to school or do other things to improve their sit-

uation. They are kept busy, hopping every moment of the day doing one thing or another they're required to do so they can stay at Saint Vincent de Paul. I know this to be true because I've stayed in a couple of these places myself. Father Joe, I believe, is a good person, but he really needs to take a long, hard, realistic look at the help our homeless neighbors are actually receiving there.

I don't know the Water Man, David Ross, but I do know he and other people like him quietly help people who no one cares about downtown. San Diego has been herding the homeless downtown for many, many years, but now that downtown property values have soared, the homeless are supposed to evaporate. Well, they will not evaporate.

I, too, have advocated for people sleeping on the sidewalks downtown. The police wake them up at 2:00 a.m. and ticket them and move them. Why? This is cruel and pointless. If you are sleeping on the sidewalk, how do you pay a ticket? Community service?

This makes no sense — more unpaid work that insures people have less food, less necessities, and even less chance of putting a roof over their heads. The attitude of the police is that they should go somewhere else. But when I asked them where else, they had no answer.

Church groups start coming about now and until about April, especially through the holiday season, handing out food, clothes, and blankets, and other things that people need, like sometimes tarps, if it is raining. I have helped out many of these groups. They all have been harassed by the police, who go about quoting stupid, pointless policies to try to force good-hearted people to stop helping. The City and the CCDC and the police, etc., could take some of the money that they spend ticketing, jailing, and harassing these people and do something helpful.

The winter shelter can and should be expanded year-round. Many a group that I have talked to has asked the City to do so. Many other churches and organizations would pay for and sponsor this. More places like Neil Good and Friend of Friend should have expanded hours. Instead, funding and hours are being cut because of official pressure and funding cuts. Why have America's Finest City officials become so heartless?

And why didn't you, the *Reader*, publish contact information for David Ross? Please do so. That is the very least you could do. And also publish additional information about Neil Good, so people can help if they wish to do so.

Teresa Hart
Downtown

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In order for kelp to get the nutrients it requires, the water temperature must be between 5 and 20 degrees Celsius. "Kelp changes with ocean climate, with El Niño [which brings currents of warm water] and La Niña [which brings currents of cold]," says marine ecologist Ed Parnell. "The cold water is conducive for kelp to do quite well, but it does poorly during the warm El Niño."

Visitors to the aquarium will have the opportunity to touch algae during an interactive tank dive. "For living creatures, both plants and animals, life would be miserable without mucus," Stewart says. The mucilage created by the kelp (and most aquatic plants) protects the organism from abrasion and aids in the flexibility of its blades in the water. The abalone, a mollusk that feeds primarily on kelp, is immune to the slippery substance. "Abalone will have its foot and extend its mouth [the layer of flesh, or mantle just inside the shell], and it leaves these 'lips,' if you will, sort of out in the water; if kelp comes by and touches [this extended

part of the abalone], it gets stuck to it. You can touch this part on an abalone that it catches kelp with, and it won't do anything to your finger. But if you touch kelp and then touch [this part], it will stick like superglue." This suction is not permanent, explains Stewart. "They let go after a second, when they figure out they don't have seaweed."

The kelp anchors itself to the rocky sea bottom with its holdfast. "The holdfast looks like a tangled root system. The individual strands of that root-like structure are called haptera, and those will reach into crevices and essentially cement themselves to the rock," Stewart explains.

"When you look at kelp from the top, like when you're fishing, it looks like a thin floating mattress of kelp; that's where I think the word 'bed' came from. But if you dive down below the canopy, or visit the aquarium, you can see the stipes, or kelp stems, which are equivalent to tree trunks. Because they're flexible, the ropelike stipes — about the diameter of your finger — can bend. Extremely strong waves can rip up kelp from their attachments, but they can withstand the most common waves."

In the past century, the health and abundance of local kelp forests — the largest of which are off the La Jolla and Point Loma shores — has not been consistent. According to the 2002 Annual Status of the Fisheries report for the California Department of Fish and Game, the annual harvest reached a high of 395,000 tons in 1918 and a low of less than 1000 tons in 1931. Until the company relocated to Scotland in the summer of 2005, nearly all of the kelp along the California coast since 1929 was harvested by Kelco (originally "Kelp Co."), which was acquired by International Specialty Products Inc. in



1998. No large-scale kelp harvesting has been conducted along the coast of California since.

"They would just harvest the first few feet of kelp, and the kelp would regenerate. It's a nice, sustainable industry," says Stewart. Current regulations specify that harvested kelp can be cut no deeper than four feet beneath the surface. Kelp fronds can grow up to two feet a day. Though individual fronds do not live longer than approximately nine months, the base, or holdfast, of the kelp plant can live for up to eight years.

From the kelp, companies like International Specialty Products Inc. make algin and agar. "They're stabilizers and emulsifiers," explains Stewart. "We often eat those without knowing. One common way we eat seaweed is as emulsifiers in chocolate milk and ice cream." Algin is used in cake mixes, salad dressings, frozen foods, and canned foods, as well as nonedible products like cosmetics and building materials. According to the *Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine*, kelp contains about 30 minerals and is rich in iodine, calcium, sulfur, and silicon. Kelp is sometimes

used as a dietary supplement for people with mineral deficiencies.

"I wouldn't think you could survive on kelp solely," says Stewart. "Just like you can't get all of your nutritional needs only from beans and rice. But I don't think it would hurt you. My friend Steve once saw a guy collecting sea palms [another brown seaweed] and asked, 'What are you collecting them for?' and the guy said, 'I boil them and eat them with mayonnaise.' Steve asked, 'What do they taste like?' and the guy answered, 'Mayonnaise.'"

— Barbarella

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BAJA

Tecate Score Baja 1000, 39th annual off-road race for all manner of vehicles gets underway at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, in front of Riviera Cultural Center, concludes on Saturday, November 18, at finish line adjacent to La Paz Tourism Office. 818-225-8402. (ENSENADA)

César Niebla's Comedy La Reina de su Casa is presented in many venues this week. Catch the play on Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Teatro Cecutec (011-52-665-654-2404); and on Friday, November 17, 8 p.m., at Cava del Restaurante González (011-52-

661-612-1519). Curtain rises at 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, at Teatro UABC (011-52-664-684-0908) and at Casa de Cultura on Sunday, November 19, 6 p.m. (011-52-686-552-9630). Tickets: \$10 U.S. (ENSENADA, TECATE, ROSARITO BEACH, TIJUANA, MEXICALI)

Hispanic-American Guitar Festival continues at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). The Amadeus Guitar Duo of Germany performs Thursday, November 16; followed by Carlos Barbosa Lima (Brazil) on Friday, November 17. Festival concludes with Antonio Rey of Spain on Saturday, November 18. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. 011-52-664-634-0213. (TIJUANA)

"Organica, Border Realities," painting exhibition examining violence and identity along the border opens with reception on Friday, November 17, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

A Sixties Show is planned by Angelica Maria and Enrique Guzman, Friday, November 17, 8 p.m., at Plaza de Toros Calafia. Tickets: \$18, \$30, \$80 U.S. 011-52-686-561-8212. (MEXICALI)

Adrian Uribe and the Aranza Show slated for Friday, November 17, 8 p.m., at Grand Hotel Tijuana (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). \$15 ticket includes dinner. 011-52-664-288-4000. (TIJUANA)

Meet the Kumiai of Baja California during outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, November 18, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Learn about indige-

OUT & ABOUT

RIVERDANCE

San Diego Civic Theatre, through Sunday, November 19.

(SEE DANCE)



nous culture, traditions, watch creation of willow baskets, take basketmaking class. Carne asada picnic lunch. \$92 fee includes transportation. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (GUADALUPE VALLEY)

Matadors Oscar San Román, César Castañeda, Fermín Spínola, and Jose "Pepehillo" Rodríguez perform Saturday, November 18, 3 p.m., at Cortijo San José. \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-634-3682. (TIJUANA)

Revolución Rockfest starts at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, at House Skatepark (Avenida Lopez Mateos and Avenida Hidalgo). Bands include Tren Fantasma, Tokadiscos, 8 Tracks en Stereo, five others. All ages. \$5. 011-52-646-174-1905. (ENSENADA)

The Skatalites and Aggrolites plan a concert on Saturday, November 18, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace

(on Avenida Revolución). \$15 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Sand Drag Racing by dragsters in variety of categories, Sunday, November 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., at El Taste de los Potrillos (km4 on road to La Bufadora in Punta Banda, 11 miles south of Ensenada). \$5. 011-52-646-173-5956. (ENSENADA)

Opera Pop by Filippa Giordano, Sunday, November 19, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$80 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Revolution Day 10K Run, Sunday, November 19, starting at 8 a.m. at *El Mexicano* newspaper offices, Fraccionamiento Alamar. \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-104-2400. (TIJUANA)

Rock Concert with Gustavo Cerati, Monday, November 20,

9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets range from \$25-\$85 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Atmospheric Ice-Crystal Effects can often be seen, starting about this time of year, because of the frequent appearance of high clouds made of tiny bits of ice. The most familiar of these optical effects is the 22°-radius halo, or ring, around the sun or the moon. Less often seen is a "corona" (a colored disk around the sun or moon — not the same as the solar corona seen during total eclipse); "sundogs" (colored arcs left and right of the sun); the sun pillar (a vertical column of light above the rising or setting sun); and a host of other rare and inconspicuous optical

phenomena. All of the optical effects mentioned are a consequence of sunlight or moonlight refracting through or reflecting from the tiny facets of ice crystals in cirrus and other types of high clouds.

Liquidambar Trees, or sweet gums, the deciduous trees gracing front yards, parks, and campuses throughout the San Diego area, should put on a colorful show this month. The leaves of some varieties turn to purple or red; the leaves of other varieties fade to golden yellow. Still other varieties hold on to their green leaves until sometime in December. Most liquidambar in our area regain their light green foliage by late February.

Ghost Tours led by "ghost hunter" Michael Brown around Old Town, Thursday-Sunday each week, 9-10:30 p.m. Stories "based on research and photos"; sites include Schillers Bookstore, Jolly Boy Saloon, Casa Machado, Whaley House, Seeley Stables, more. \$19. 619-297-3100 x20. (OLD TOWN STATE PARK)

The Leonid Meteor Shower, famous for its outbursts over the past several years, is expected to settle down to a modest display of only about 10-20 visible events per hour (as seen under clear, dark skies) on the early mornings of Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18. The best viewing time is during the several hours before dawn. The crescent moon will rise before dawn on those mornings, but its slight glare will not significantly affect meteor observations. All Leonid meteors seem to radiate from the constellation of Leo, which at this time of year lies high in the south at dawn.

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Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, November 18, 8 a.m.; and Sunday, November 19, 11 a.m. Free. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Terns, Black Skimmers, gulls, ducks should be evident when Audubon Society birders head to San Diego River Estuary on Saturday, November 18, 8 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-692-3246. (MISSION BAY)

Leaves and Flowers, hike Jack Creek Meadow Loop with naturalist James Dillane on Saturday, November 18. He'll search for early-winter flowers, talk about leaf adaptations of chaparral shrubs. Easy 5.5-mile hike over mostly flat terrain starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Free. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Bring Your Horse and join San Diego County Parks docent for ride into Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve, Saturday, November 18. Saddle up in staging area

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Italo-Australian comic Joe Avati, Saturday, November 18, East County Performing Arts Center.

(SEE IN PERSON)



(19324 Santee Lane) by 9 a.m. Free. Requested reservations: 760-749-5320. (VALLEY CENTER)

Cleanup Along San Diego River on Saturday, November 18, starting at 9 a.m. at 10509 San Diego Mission Road. Equipment and refreshments provided; bring

sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen. Free. 619-297-7380 (MISSION GORGE)

Prepare Soil for Future Planting with Friends of Rose Creek in native plant garden, Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m.–noon, at Rose Creek Cottage (2525 Garnet Avenue). Volunteers weed, water, plant native

species. Bring water, work or gardening gloves. 858-405-7503. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Help Remove Invasive Plants and refuse along San Diego River — from I-5 west to river mouth — with Audubon Society volunteers, Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m.–noon. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Free. Directions: 858-273-5242. (MISSION BAY)

Tour Sabre Springs Wildlife Refuge with naturalist Mike Kelly, Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m. See old stagecoach road and its more than 100-year-old free-standing walls. To reach trailhead, exit I-15 at Poway Road east to Sabre Springs Parkway; turn right on Sabre Springs Parkway, drive about one-third of a mile to Creekview. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PEASQUITOS)

Fox Run Canyon Walk, Saturday, November 18, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Boyd Avenue park entrance. Free. 858-581-9944. Hikes

offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Birds and Biodiversity, birding expert Claude Edwards leads educational bird walk, Saturday, November 18. Group gathers at 9:30 a.m. in front of Cabrillo National Monument visitors' center (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Bring binoculars. \$5 per vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Guided Nature Walks planned Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, November 18, 19, and 22 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Hike Up Cowles Mountain during outing led by Hike Bike Kayak, Saturday, November 18. Five-mile trek climbs over 1500-feet for views of county. Adventure starts at 10 a.m. at 2246 Avenida de la Playa. Required reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m.,

starting at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Rediscover Old Escondido West during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, November 18, 11 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

Bird Walk hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough, Saturday, November 18. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat starts at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. Free. 619-224-4591. (POINT LOMA)

Hike Through a Variety of Terrains, past a waterfall, and learn about Native American uses for plants along east arm of Lake Hodges with Canyoneers on Saturday, November 18, 1 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (ESCONDIDO)

Buena Vista Native Plant Club gathers to maintain plants at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway), Sunday,

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Explore San Diego River during moderately paced walk on flat, paved surfaces sponsored by Walkabout on Sunday, November 19. Walk starts at Mission Valley trolley station (behind Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, Starbucks) at 3 p.m. Free. 619-231-7463. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Moon's Cheshire-Cat Smile returns to the evening sky Wednesday evening, November 22. You'll spot its very thin crescent shape low in the southwest about one-half hour after sunset. On succeeding evenings (after nightfall) observe the moon's thickening crescent and its increased prominence in the sky as the week goes by.

DANCE

The Ghana/West African Dance Troupe Ho-Asogli performs with authentic instruments and clothing, Thursday, November 16, 10 a.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). 619-527-3405. (SOUTH SAN DIEGO)

"Jesus My All and All...My Soul Says Yes!" Bayview Baptist Gospel Dance Troupe presents "liturgical dance extravaganzas" celebrating ten years of liturgical dance ministry, November 16-18. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets: \$15 Thursday and Saturday, \$35 for "black-tie gala" on Friday. Find Bayview Baptist at 6134 Benson Avenue, 619-262-8384. (ENCANTO)

Riverdance, celebrating Irish music, song, and dance, continues through November 19 at San Diego Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$26-\$85, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Easy trail hiking, then moderate boulder hopping, and finally some strenuous, knee-deep wading will take you deep into the sublime hideaway of the Royal Gorge, a narrow, rock-walled section of the Arroyo Seco canyon that has repelled trail builders for well over a century. There you'll come upon a small waterfall and a deep, dark, swimmable pool — a "Royal Pool" or "King's Bath-tub," if you will.

Begin hiking at a parking area and trailhead at mile 26.4 on Angeles Crest Highway (2 miles north of Interstate 210). Step around the locked gate and descend 1 mile on a paved service road to reach the Gabrielino Trail, just upstream from Gould Mesa Campground. Follow the Gabrielino Trail upstream (north) along the Arroyo Seco stream past Oakwilde Trail Camp (3.6 miles) and to the point where the Gabrielino Trail leaves Arroyo Seco itself and starts going up a tributary called Long Canyon (4.7 miles). Abandon the trail at this point and start boulder hopping up the main stream to the right — this is Royal Gorge. (Note: Forget about forging ahead to the waterfall and pool if the first couple of creek crossings are difficult. That would indicate the water level is too high for safe passage. High water will likely occur during and after one or more of the winter storms to come this year.)



Royal Gorge pool and waterfall

After plodding upstream around several horseshoe bends, you enter (at about 6.0 miles) a section of the gorge where the sheer walls pinch in tight. Clamber over some boulders and wade through a couple of pools to reach the Royal Pool ahead. The pool is fed by water sliding about 8 feet down a 45-degree incline and then cascading 10 feet almost vertically. The rock-bound pool measures about 50 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 10 feet deep at the middle.

Don't try climbing around the falls to reach the continuation of the gorge above the falls. The rock of the San Gabriel Mountains is aged, and particularly around here it's literally falling apart.

It is possible to approach the upper lip of the falls from the upstream side (about a 90-minute walk and boulder hop from Switzer Picnic Area), but there's

no easy or safe way to descend into the pool itself from there.

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Conditions can change rapidly.

Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The

ROYAL GORGE

High above Pasadena in the San Gabriel Mountains — a waterfall and pool fit for a king.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 134 miles

Hiking Length: 12.4 miles round trip

Difficulty: Strenuous

owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked.

Reader and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



Bellydance Showcase — Marula, Genevieve, Kirsten, and Janete dance, live music by John Bilezikjian, Thursday, November 16, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Schottisch Dancing planned during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, November 17, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Hey Wire spins tunes, Martha Wild calls for contradance on Friday, November 17, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Patricia Sandback and Dancers premiere four new dances accompanied by the Hyperion String Quartet, November 17-19, in San Diego State University's Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200). Dancing

begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10-\$14. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Albanian Dance Workshop by Linda Levin, Saturday, November 18, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street), followed by concert by Drita. Fees: \$7 for workshop, \$10 for concert, \$15 for both. Event is expected to sell out. Suggested reservations: 858-278-4619. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, third Saturday of

each month, including November 18, at Cheek2Cheek (909 Grand Avenue, suite 3). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7. 760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Ben Rotenberg is guest caller on November 19. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. \$8. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Learn to Dance when Jim and Margie of 2toGroove Dance lead classes in variety of dance styles. Salsa and swing dancing taught Mondays and Tuesday for variety of levels at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Duo presents swing dance classes on Wednesdays at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). \$12 per class. Details: 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA, ENCINITAS)

Nutty! California Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* November 25 and 26 at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Cast of 160 includes children 4-14 years old dancing to Maxine Mahon's choreography, Tchaikovsky's score. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$22-\$78 for adults, \$22 for those 12 and younger. 858-560-6741. (EL CAJON)

"Dancing with the Stars" tour hits ipayOne Center on Tuesday, December 19, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$91.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

FILM

"Crossing Arizona," offering an up-to-the-moment look at issues of illegal immigration and border security on the U.S./Mexico border, screens for Latin American Film Festival at Museum of Photographic Arts, Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m. \$10 tickets include admission to San Diego Museum of Art and Museum of Photographic Arts through weekend. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Open Screening Night spotlights Eyespot (sharing videos), Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Show your work, see new San Diego/Tijuana shorts, more. Free. 619-230-1938. (GOLDEN HILL)

The Italian Film *I'm Not Scared* (2002) screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, November 17. See film at 1 p.m. in room 204 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Film also screens at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. In Italian with English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

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VLADIMIR FELTSMAN, pianist, for La Jolla Music Society, Friday, November 17, Sherwood Auditorium.

(SEE CLASSICAL)



"L'Amore Ritorna" (2004) by Sergio Rubini screens Friday, November 17, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). In film, famous actor reconsiders his life and relationship to world following serious illness. \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Peaceful Warrior," film based on Dan Millman's book screens Friday, November 17, 8 p.m., at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive). Movie chronicles "Millman's Olympic dreams, near-fatal accident, and life-changing encounter with a mysterious spiritual philosopher/teacher." Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12.50 at door. 760-731-7683.

Busy on Friday? *Peaceful* screens at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, and Friday, November 24; and at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 26, at Bonita Church of Reli-

gious Science (5120 Robinwood Road). \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. 619-475-1012. (ENCINITAS, BONITA)

Heritage Language Program Film Festival continues with Filipino film *Dekada '70*, Saturday, November 18, 11 a.m., in room 4301 of Applied Physics and Mathematics Building at UCSD's Muir College. Roño's film follows middle-class family in Manila during Marcos years. Free. 858-534-0693. In Filipino with English subtitles. (LA JOLLA)

Spike & Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation continues through November 25 in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego. Program boasts two new Weird Al music videos by Seth Green and Bill Plympton, over 21 new short animated films

including *Happy Tree Friends*, *Pirate Baby's Cabana Battle Street Fight 2006*, *How to Cope with Death*.

Catch festival on Saturday, November 18, 7 and 9:30 p.m. \$10. For those 18 and over. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Russian Dolls" by Cedric Klapisch screens — in French with English subtitles — for Sunday Matinee, November 19, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Secret Cinema Salon" — rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Next salon convenes Sunday, November 19, 7 p.m., Donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x123. (GOLDEN HILL)

How About a "Frisky Farce of Cross-Cultural Collision"? Norma Aleandro stars in family comedy *Only Human*, screening Monday, November 20, for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 6:30 p.m. In Spanish with English subtitles. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"In the Light of Reverence" screens for Native American film series, Wednesday, November 22, 6 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Film explores culture clashes in sacred places including Colorado Plateau, Mt. Shasta, Devil's Tower. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Santa vs. the Snowman* (opening November 18), *Roving*

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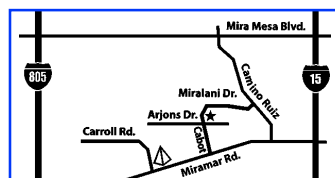
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Mars, and Deep Sea. "Fridays at the Fleet" features *Wild California* (6 p.m.) and *Dolphins* (7 p.m.) on November 17. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Duck Season (Temporada de Patos) " screens for Latin American Film Festival at Museum of Photographic Arts, Thursday, November 30, 7 p.m. \$10 tickets include admission to San Diego Museum of Art and Museum of Photographic Arts through weekend. 619-232-7931. In Spanish with English subtitles. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Race, Class, and Katrina: The Human Impact of Disastrous Media Coverage" examined by media analyst Jennifer L. Pozner on Thursday, November 16, 12 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Walking a Fine Line: The Perils, Pitfalls, and Rewards of Being a

Conservation Biologist" considered by Reed F. Noss, Thursday, November 16, 4 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. Noss is Davis-Shine Professor of Conservation Biology at University of Central Florida. Free. 619-594-0580. (SDSU)

He Spent 11 Years in Prison for a crime he didn't commit; Dennis Fritz plans lecture and signs his book *Journey Toward Justice*, Thursday, November 16, 4:30 p.m., at California Western School of Law (350 Cedar Street). Innocence Project work and DNA testing led to Fritz's exoneration. 619-515-1545. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Collectors Panel, Robert PinCUS, art critic for *Union-Tribune*, will moderate a panel of prominent collectors, artists, and/or gallery owners on Thursday, November 16, 6 p.m. Included in regular admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Medical Marijuana Teach-In: Past, Present, and Future — What Do We Tell the Children?" It's topic for "Each One Teach One: Village Voices Series Part I," Thursday, November 16, 6 p.m., at YMCA-Balboa Community Youth Center (2929 Meade Avenue). Panelists from both sides of issue including author Ricardo Cortes, Dr. Sean Evans of UCSD's Department of Neurology, lawyer Kenneth Michael White. Free. 619-281-8313 x104. (NORTH PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

PEACEFUL WARRIOR

Friday, November 17, Seaside Center for Spiritual Living and Saturday, November 18, Bonita Church of Religious Science.

(SEE FILM)



"San Diego Motorsports: 100 Racing Years — An Evening with Johnny McDonald" planned Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at San Diego Automotive Museum. McDonald is former staff writer for *Union-Tribune*; he'll "share his resources and knowledge of the race-tracks of San Diego County, and the men" who drove the cars. Free. 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

Commercial and Fine Art Photographer Stewart Cohen speaks for Advertising Photographers of America, Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Zelman Studios (2308-C Kettner Boulevard). \$20. RSVP: 619-417-2150.

Winter Camping Clinic offered at Adventure 16, Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at 2002 South Coast Highway 101. 760-966-1700. (OCEANSIDE)

"Alfred Steiglitz and His Circle" examined by SDSU art history professor Joanne Berelowitz for docent guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, November 17, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Relative Importance of Soil Moisture and Competition from Native Ants in Determining the Invasion Success of the Argentine Ant" presented by NOAA graduate research fellow Sean Menke, Friday, November 17,

noon, at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Views of Brazil, photojournalist Gabriel Ponce de León presents "Brazilian Photos" on Friday, November 17, noon, in Little Theatre (161 Hepner Hall) at San Diego State University. Free.

Writer Robert Neuwirth focuses on "Shadow Cities: Squatter Towns in Brazil" at 1 p.m. on 17th in same location. Neuwirth spent two years living in squatter communities in four countries, now seeks to "humanize these maligned settlements." Free. Information on both talks: 619-594-1103. (SDSU)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society, Friday, November 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (LINDA VISTA)

"On Swainson's Wings: The Great Journey" presented by wildlife biologist Hal Cohen when Audubon Society gathers on Friday, November 17, 7 p.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Swainson's hawks breed as far north as Alaska, winter on pampas of Argentina, traveling as much as 17,000 miles a year; Cohen discovered their high-altitude "funnel" through Anza-Borrego Desert three years ago. Free. 619-682-7200. (CLAIREMONT)

Refresher and Beginning Genealogy course taught by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Carlsbad Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"London After the Millennium" is topic for slide-illustrated lecture by retired SDSU history professor Ned Paynter for Friends of San Diego Architecture, Saturday, November 18, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F

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Literacy Day event hosted by San Diego Romance Writers and READ San Diego, Saturday, November 18, at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). Author Stephanie Bond presents workshops on "The Difference Between a Good Book and Great Books" (10 a.m.), "How to Make an Editor Laugh — on Purpose" (11 a.m.), "Mind Your Own Business, Writing Business, That Is" (1:30 p.m.). \$35. 619-448-4207. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Internet Genealogy beyond Ancestry.com" is subject when David Frazee speaks for Escondido Genealogical Society, Saturday, November 18, 10:15 a.m., at Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-489-7760. (ESCONDIDO)

"Lunar Returns: The Key to Short-Term Predictions with Astrology" — workshop by Jim Hennum for California Institute for Open Studies, Saturday, November 18, noon-4 p.m., in Sleepy Hollow Canyonview Clubhouse (4201 Sixth Avenue). Learn to construct weekly charts, how to interpret them. \$45. Registration: 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

"Roulades 101" presented by chef Elizabeth, Saturday, November 18, 1 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Participants learn to cook two meat roll recipes. \$35. Registration: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Climate, Climate Change, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change" presented by theoretical meteorologist Richard Somerville for San Diego Inde-

pendent Scholars, Saturday, November 18, 1:30 p.m., in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. He's author of *The Forgiving Air: Understanding Environmental Change*. Free. 760-431-6822. (LA JOLLA)

Appalachian Rib-Style Buttocks Basket taught during class led by Carol Lang, Sunday, November 19, noon-5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). For all levels of experience. \$90. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Jewelry of Arline Fisch — Historic References and Influences" chronicled by jewelry designer Fisch on Sunday, November 19, 4 p.m., at Mingei International Museum. \$15. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x116. (BALBOA PARK)

"Alien Manipulation, the Love Bite, and Milabs" discussed by alien abduction researcher Eve Lor-gen when Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) gathers on Sunday, November 19, 6 p.m., at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Free. 760-763-2456. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Buddhism as a Modern Experience" illuminated by Lama Ole Nydahl for Diamond Way Buddhist Center of San Diego, Sunday, November 19, 7 p.m., in University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (5998 Alcalá Park). Nydahl has adapted "ancient and precious teachings of the Buddha and transformed them into a modern approach." Donation: \$10. 858-431-9610. (LINDA VISTA)

Information Every Writer Should Possess divulged when Yvonne Nelson Perry leads round-

table discussion for San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meeting on Monday, November 20, 6:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$5. 619-471-5323. (HILLCREST)

"Torrey Pines State Reserve: San Diego's Treasure" explored by amateur botanist and reserve docent Margaret L. Fillius for California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104 or 101. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

European Travel Guru Rick Steves plans slide-illustrated lecture hosted by KPBS on Saturday, December 2, 1 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). \$35 general. 619-231-5714. (NORTH PARK)

"Bling Bling Holiday Décor," floral design instructor René van Rems leads workshop, Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Students will create large holiday wreath, centerpiece, decorative candle holder. \$100 class fee plus \$115 materials fee. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Author John Moir discusses, signs *Return of the Condor*, Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

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"The Odd Couple" presented by actors of San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts. Neil Simon's play is performed in original (male) versions on Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., and Saturday, November 18, 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$7. Find campus at 2425 Dusk Drive. 619-475-8556 (PARADISE HILLS)

Author Barbara Milo Ohrbach signs *Dreaming of Tuscany*, Friday, November 17, 1 p.m., at Seaside Home (5079 Girard Avenue). \$55 fee includes talk, autographed book, refreshments. Required reservations: 858-454-0866. (LA JOLLA)

Ocean Beach Comedy — Steven Kendrick, Travis Taylor, Andrew Deans, Jesse Egan, Bob Hansen, others perform Friday, November 17, 6 p.m., at Winstons Beach Club (1921 Bacon Street). Free. 619-222-6822. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Is That a Dude?" Lesbian Gendering: It's Not as Simple as You Think! Kimberly Dark uses "combination of 'auto-ethnographic storytelling and lecture' to 'explore ways lesbians have created gender roles.'" Friday, November 17, 6 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Nobel Laureate Eric Kandel signs, discusses *In Search of Memory: The Emergence of a New Science of Mind*, Friday, November 17, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Book is described as "mixture of memoir and history, modern biology and behavior." Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

The Backyard concert series continues (indoors) with performance by Fiffin Market with Melody Prout, Friday, November 17, 7 p.m., at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Free. 760-746-1322. (ESCONDIDO)

Los Angeles Comedy Battle 2005 Winner Tim Shaw headlines Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18, 8 and 9:30 p.m., at Comedy Co-Op Warehouse Theatre (11211 Sorrento Valley Road, suite M). Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 students. Open-mike nights with 10-20 local comics, Thursdays, 7 p.m. (free).

888-567-4464. All shows for those over 18. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Legendary! Singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson in concert, Friday, November 17, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$20-\$35. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

World Champion Surfer Shaun Tomson signs his new book, *Surfer's Code*, on Saturday, November 18. Tomson wrote book to combat "declining etiquette in the world of surfing." Catch surfer/author at Pangea Outpost (909 Garnet Avenue) at 11 a.m.; at Hansen's Surfboards (1105 South Coast Highway 101) at 2 p.m.; and Surf Ride (1909 South Coast Highway) at 4:30 p.m. Free. 323-988-4645. (PACIFIC BEACH, ENCINITAS, OCEANSIDE)

Duo Colibri performs Spanish music on guitar and flute, Saturday, November 18, 1 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13350 Salmon River Road). Duo members are guitarist Magdalena Loza and flutist Tiffany Weller. Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PEASQUITOS)

Tips, Techniques, Tastings — all promised when Lynn Alley, author of *The Gourmet Slow Cooker*, visits Bazaar del Mundo Shops (4133 Taylor Street), Saturday, November 18, 2 p.m. Free. 619-296-3161 (OLD TOWN)

Ghanian Master Drummer and Dancer Kwame Degbor leads "exploration of African rhythm, dance styles, and musical instruments" on Saturday, November 18, 3 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). 619-467-4610. (SOUTH SAN DIEGO)

"Thanksgiving Extravaganza II: Turkey Talk" uses songs, dance, skits, audience participation to focus on television, with *American Idol* spoof entitled *Turkey Idol*. Competition continues on Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Every night is different! \$15. 619-298-9978 x8006. (HILLCREST)

Guitarist and Singer Heloise Love (a founder of band Highland Way) performs for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

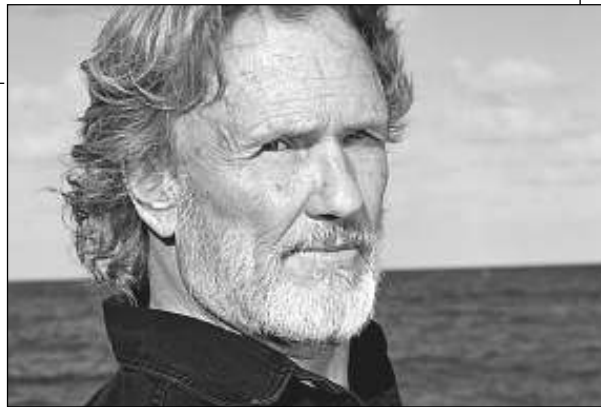
"Hallowed Harvest: Stories for the Autumn Tale" told by David Novak for Storytellers of San Diego, Saturday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., in Manchester

OUT & ABOUT

LEGENDARY!

Kris Kristofferson, Friday, November 17, California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Novak's expertise in mime and circus techniques allows him to transform "everyday objects and simple props into magical uses for his storytelling." Suitable for adults, children over 12. \$10. 619-298-6363. (LINDA VISTA)

Tony Award-Winning Actor Brian Stokes Mitchell plans benefit concert for San Diego Junior Theatre on Saturday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado Theatre. Mitchell, who has enjoyed career on Broadway, in television and film, is an alumnus of San Diego Junior Theatre. Tickets: \$25-\$500. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Most Original Refried Chicken Circus Entertainment in the World" promised during Technomania Circus, Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). "Glam Rock Chickens," chicken shadow puppetry, psychic chicken surgery, interpretive chicken dancers, chicken juggling, more. \$15. 619-231-1950. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"U No Believe It," Italo-Australian comic Joe Avati performs Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). \$40. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Mark Twain Tonight!" Actor Hal Holbrook presents his tour-de-force performance as Mark Twain at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$32-\$47. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

North County Funnies, Russ T. Nailz headlines, Stan Simmons opens on Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre

(2822 State Street). \$18 at door. 760-960-0105. (CARLSBAD)

Old-Time Vaudeville Shows with comedy, singers, dancers, music, juggling, magic, specialty acts, November 18 and 19, at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at door. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

"Comics That Kill 9: The Jive-Turkey Syndrome" — stand-up comedy show with entertainment by Lang Parker, Ted Mac, Sarah Newell, Tim Palmer, Tara Munson, Jason Bang, Saturday, November 18, 8:30 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). \$4. Not suitable for those under 14. 619-263-3335. (MISSION VALLEY)

Local Mystery Author and Reader contributor Ken Kuhlken and fellow author Alan Russell host Orchestral Kazoo and Guitar event, Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

The Pleasure of Your Company series features fingerstyle guitarist Tom Boyer, Sunday, November 19, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Program includes music from Beatles to ballads, Chet Atkins to Broadway, more. Donation. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Fingerstyle Guitarist Laurence Juber (of Wings fame) performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Sunday, November 19, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Advanced Jazz Improvisation Students plan concert, Sunday, November 19, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Recital Hall. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry Readings by Matthew Zaprunder (*American Linden*) and Elena Karina Byrne (*The Flammable Bird*), Monday, November 20, 7 p.m., room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

Twelfth Annual San Diego Jewish Book Fair concludes on Monday, November 20, with "spiritual iconoclast" Rabbi Irwin Kula discussing his new book, *Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life*, 7:30 p.m. \$10.50. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

27th Annual San Diego Thanksgiving Dixieland Jazz Festival is November 22-26 at Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center (500 Hotel Circle North). Over 20 bands, international guest artists, and solo pianists play jazz, ragtime, and swing for dancing and listening in seven venues. Participants include Butch Thompson Trio, Oz-Chi Connection, Music of Walter Donaldson, vocalist Eva Emingerova; swing dance exhibitions, jam sessions, more.

Hours: 7-11 p.m. Wednesday (\$15) and Thursday (\$20), 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday (\$30 each day), 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday (\$25). Ticket packages available. 619-297-5277. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Tarot Readings on Turkey Farm Road," the Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Radio Drama is at it again! Seasonal radio drama show — for Theremin, actors, tarot deck, and turkey caller — slated for Wednesday, Novem-

ber 22, 12:30 p.m., on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. 858-534-8074. Admission is free, parking is not. (LA JOLLA)

Cop Talk, bestselling author and former Los Angeles Police Department detective sergeant Joseph Wambaugh signs *Hollywood Station*, Thursday, November 30, 7:30 a.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"El Mas Chingón," comedian George Lopez in concert, Saturday, December 2, 8 p.m., at Cox Arena at San Diego State University. Tickets: \$38.25-\$60.25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SDSU)

Musical Saws in Concert. David Weiss, described as "one of the world's foremost musical saw virtuosos," massages this ordinary tool and its sound into "beautiful music," Sunday, December 3, 6 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). \$10. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"Touching the Kinetics Continuum," Michael Moschen — who has "revolutionized the ancient circus art of juggling" using techniques of art, science, physics, and mathematics — performs Saturday and Sunday, December 9 and 10, 2 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$36, \$38. 858-748-0505. (POINT LOMA)

Aloha! Makaha Sons plan sixth annual Hawaiian Christmas Concert, Saturday, December 9, 7 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. Guests include Darlene Ahuna, Hoku Zuttermeister, Barry Kimokeo, Halau o Na Ali'i and Halau Na Lei o Liana hula performances. Tickets: \$37.50, \$45, \$75. Reservations: 619-426-1953. (LA JOLLA)

Woody Allen and His New Orleans Jazz Band in concert for UCSD's ArtPower series on Tuesday, December 19, 8 p.m. at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Allen is an avid clarinetist; this is the ensemble's first North American tour. Tickets: \$40, \$60, \$85, available at 858-534-TIXS. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Blowfish Surf Series competition, Saturday, November 18, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at Oceanside's south harbor jetty. Free for spectators. 805-234-2563. (OCEANSIDE)

Dog Paddle, bring your dog out for kayak tour from La Jolla Shores to sea caves on Saturday, November 18, 8:30 a.m., at Hike Bike

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Ride with Knickerbikers on Saturday, November 18. The (nearly) 29-mile bike ride starts near food court at Plaza Sorrento (6700 block of Mira Mesa Boulevard) at 9 a.m., heads through Sorrento Valley, to Del Mar, along Highway 56 bike path, Rancho Peñasquitos, back to start for lunch at Panera (bring money). 858-610-3444. (MIRA MESA)

Silver Strand Half Marathon and 5k run is Sunday, November 19, 7 a.m. Half-marathon runs from Sunset Park in Coronado to Imperial Beach Pier, with skate, handcycle/wheelchair, amputee, general public divisions. The 5k starts and finishes at Imperial Beach Pier Plaza. 858-268-1250. (CORONADO, IMPERIAL VALLEY)

San Diego Walk for Darfur benefiting International Medical Corps, Sunday, November 19, starting at 7:30 a.m. at corner of Sixth Avenue and El Prado. \$23. 858-535-1111 x3803. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Chargers are in Denver to meet up with Broncos for football on Sunday, November 19, 1:15 p.m. Game broadcast on CBS; listen on radio station KIOZ, Rock 105.3. Tickets for future games start at \$54, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

Where's the Laguna Triangle? San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for hilly ride on Tuesday, November 21, starting at 9:15 a.m. behind Major's Cafe (take I-8 to Pine Valley exit). Bring money for lunch stop. 858-453-4587. (ALPINE)

Inaugural O'side Turkey Trot, Thursday, November 23, from Oceanside Civic Center to Oceanside Pier. Open 5k run/walk for nonresidents at 7:15 a.m., locals-only 5k at 8 a.m., kids' pier-to-pier run (1.2 miles) at 9:15 a.m. 760-434-7706. (OCEANSIDE)

Father Joe's Thanksgiving Day 5k Walk and Run starts at Museum of Man in Balboa Park at 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 23. Wheelchairs, strollers welcome; no Rollerblades, scooters, bikes. 858-848-6437. (BALBOA PARK)

Run for the Hungry Thanksgiving Day 5K and 10K, Thursday, November 23, starting at 8 a.m. at Embarcadero Marina Park South (behind Convention Center). 760-692-2900. (DOWNTOWN)

Thanksgiving Up the Coast, join Sierra Club bicyclists for brisk 30-mile ride starting at 8:30 a.m. at North Torrey Pines Road and Muir College Drive on Thursday, November 23. Rev up your appetite! 858-456-7849. (LA JOLLA)

Thanksgiving Day Paddle, tour La Jolla sea caves with Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Thursday, November 23. Two-hour tour starts at 9:30 a.m. at 2246 Avenida de la Playa. For families, beginners, aged eight and older. \$35 fee includes equipment, guide. Required reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

SPECIAL

"Urban Trees 3," public art exhibit of 30 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorne Street) con-

tinues through April. Free. 619-686-6200. (DOWNTOWN)

Have a Story to Tell? San Diego Public Library's digital community storytelling station remains available through Saturday, December 30. Gather reminiscences of your neighborhood, memories of interesting jobs, tales of special interests and activities, to record San Diego history as told by general public. Find library at 820 E Street. Requirements, reservations: 619-236-5821 or 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

Get to Know San Diego Historical Society Staffers with "lunch bunch," Thursday, November 16, noon, at Museum of San Diego History. Senior curator Claudia Leos will lead discussion and share thoughts on "Belle Baranceau: The Artist at Work." Bring your own lunch. Included in regular museum admission (\$5). 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

International Peace Village hosted by International Student

Association at San Diego State University, Thursday, November 16, noon-3 p.m. Over 30 countries represented, "based on belief that peace can only follow knowledge and understanding." Free. 619-594-1982. (SDSU)

Celebrate Beaujolais Nouveau when Georges Duboeuf Vintage is released Thursday, November 16, 5:30 p.m., at McMillin Companies Event Center (2875 Dewey Road). Live music, food by the French Gourmet. \$39.95. Reservations: 858-488-1725 x300. (POINT LOMA)

"Muttropolitan Home and Bark-Iecture" event, Thursday, November 16, 5:30 p.m., at Muttropolis (227 South Cedros Avenue). Party "celebrates design excellence in pet furniture," live entertainment, silent auction, all benefiting SNAP (Spay and Neuter Action Project). Twelve pieces by SDSU Art and Design students will be auctioned. Free. 858-345-1008 x204. (SOLANA BEACH)

"The Birth of God — Scientific Evidence?" Discuss on Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Del Mar Antique Show and Sale, November 17-19, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Glass, crystal, jewelry, art, silver, furniture, more. Show opens at 11 a.m. each morning, closes at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8 general. 800-943-7501. (DEL MAR)

Ups and Down Agility Dog Show, Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)


San Diego Photo Expo is November 18 and 19 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Seminars, vendors

and exhibits, and hands-on photography workshops for all levels. Free admission. Show opens at 9 a.m., closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

Used Book Sale, Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

Artisans' Studio show and sale, Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Designs by Doria (5623 Madra Avenue, Del Cerro). Art quilts, blown glass, wearable art, collage, fiber baskets, home decor, more. Free admission. 619-582-8865.

San Diego Dance Theater benefits from holiday art sale slated for Sunday, November 19, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Jean Degenfelder's Studio (DeSoto and Cortez, Escon-



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Sara Gruen is the author of two previous novels: *Riding Lessons* and *Flying Changes*. She and her

husband and three children live in Illinois.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

"Is it true that you keep your late cat's ashes in an urn near you?"

"Max, yeah, he's in an urn behind my desk."

"So you've always been very involved with animals."

"Mmm." Sara Gruen's voice is melodic and quick. "We have three cats at the moment, two dogs, two goats and a horse."

"Quite a menagerie. Has that been true all your life?"

"When I was growing up my dad didn't like animals very much so we were limited to one cat and one dog. But as soon as I got off on my own, yeah."

"I'm told you got desperate while writing *Elephants* and

moved your desk into a closet, disconnected the phone and plugged your ears to try and get away from outside influences."

"Yeah, I had already painted the family room five times. I went from white trim to green, to what I thought was going to be brown but turned out purple, then a faux finish, then sort of dark black, and then I went back to white. The windows, I think, are never going to open again."

"All this to avoid..."

"To avoid writing, yes. I also did not have a door between me and the children. Eventually I unilaterally declared the living room my office and we built doors. So now I can lock the kids out. If the Oriental screen is across the French doors then they know they have to go and ask Daddy instead."

"Your first two novels were published by HarperCollins: *Riding Lessons* and *Flying Changes*, acquired by Carrie Feron. Both books star a horse-woman who, as a teenager, had ambitions to compete in the Olympics but suffered a terrible riding accident. She returns to the family horse farm 20 years later with her daughter and has to deal with her past troubles and some new ones. In your second book her daughter develops Olympic ambitions as well and this is difficult for the heroine. Competitive riding is a dangerous sport and she fears for her daughter's safety. It was successful, that first book, yes?"

"It did well; it made a best-seller list, *USA Today*. I would have said it was, but *Water for*

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A Betsy Ross Flag will be raised, musket salute fired, and dignitaries will be on hand for celebrations marking first anniversary of dedication of San Diego Presidio as supporting site of American Revolution by Sons of the American Revolution, Saturday, November 18, noon, at Serra Museum (2727 Presidio Drive). William Doyle — portraying George Marston — speaks on preservation of the ancient presidio, followed by Ranger Teresa Tews. Guided tour of Presidio Park follows. Free. 619-448-8858. (OLD TOWN)

Geranium George, a "lovely new hybrid perennial," is sold on grounds of Marston House (3525 Seventh Avenue), Saturday, November 18, noon–2 p.m. Plant was developed to honor George Marston, blooms all year. Admission is free. 619-232-6203 x102. (HILLCREST)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19, noon–6 p.m., at Alexandra's Book-Store (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Pup and Circumstance, Canine Companions for Independence hosts graduation ceremony — when humans graduate with their new, highly skilled dogs — Saturday, November 18, noon, at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-901-4300. (OCEANSIDE)

Cannon Battles Promised in San Diego Bay between privateer

Lynx and revenue cutter *Californian* tall ships on Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19, 1–4 p.m. Tickets to join crew: \$55 for adults, \$30 for children. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x101. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Bubbly! WineStyles of Encinitas hosts champagne showcase with over ten bottles of bubbly to taste, hors d'oeuvres, Saturday, November 18, 2–5 p.m. \$25. Find shop at 191 North El Camino Real, 760-633-0057. (ENCINITAS)

"What is Life?" Ponder Schroedinger's work with Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, November 18, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

The Cameron Highlanders Pipe Band of San Diego hosts 58th annual Tartan Ball, Saturday, November 18, 6:30 p.m., at Holiday Inn on the Bay (1355 Harbor Drive). Dinner-dance includes pipe band and dancers perform-

ing their competition programs, other special pieces including a highland reel and special sailor's hornpipe. Admission: \$50 general, \$25 for children, \$15 for cocktails only. Reservations: 619-463-0477. (DOWNTOWN)

Alternative Christmas Market planned Sunday, November 19, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., at La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue). Shoppers may donate to one of the charities represented (including Mama's Kitchen, Heifer International, Center for Social Advocacy, others); items for sale from Guatemala, Africa. Free admission. 619-466-4163. (LA MESA)

Poinsettia Festival in downtown Encinitas, Sunday, November 19, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Live entertainment, 400 vendor booths. Free admission. 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

Ninth Annual "Magkasama" festival of Filipino art, history, and culture, Sunday, November 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., on green at UCSD's Eleanor Roosevelt College. "Conscious commentary," musical performances, cultural dances, art exhibits, food booths, workshops. Admission: free. 858-534-7763. (LA JOLLA)

Talmadge Art Show, over 50 local artists exhibit and sell work Sunday, November 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at San Diego Women's Club (2557 Third Avenue). Free admission. 619-559-9082. (HILLCREST)

Japanese Brush Painting Exhibition hosted by Washu-Kai, Sunday, November 19, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. Sumi-e painting exhibit, demonstrations, fashion show, koto music, flower arrangements. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

The 60th Annual Mother Goose Parade is Sunday, November 19, noon. The floats, marching bands, clowns, equestrians start at corner of Main and Chambers Streets, proceed down Main Street, turn onto Second Street, then north to Madison. Free. 619-444-8712. (EL CAJON)

"Cheryl Parry — The Cloths of Heaven," installation with paintings, video, and performance art opens with reception on Sunday, November 19, 1 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). On 19th, 15-minute videos screen at 1:30 and 2:45 p.m.; performance art/dance at 2 and 3:15 p.m. Work is culmination of Parry's exploration of Ireland's Magdalene Laundries. Show continues through February. Free. 619-527-5475. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Teller Magi Festival," 14th annual exhibition boasting over 750 sets of Wise Men from more than 50 countries opens with reception on Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m., at Bonita Museum and Cultural Center (4355 Bonita Road). Free. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Art Auction 2006 for "the serious collector" hosted by Galerie

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"Thanks for Giving" Breakfast honoring fire and rescue departments, Wednesday, November 22, 7:30 a.m., at Handlery Hotel (950 Hotel Circle North). Theme: Neighbors Giving Thanks. \$25 per person, plus donation of nonperishable foods. Reservations: 619-282-8860. (MISSION VALLEY)

Skating by the Sea, outdoor ice-skating rink overlooking Pacific Ocean opens Wednesday, November 22, at Hotel del Coronado (1500 Orange Avenue). Three-hour skating sessions begin at 2 and 6 p.m. daily (\$20 general, \$15 for kids), with two-hour sessions beginning at 11 a.m. on weekends (15 for adults, \$10 for kids). Hours change on December 19. Skate rental: \$5. 619-435-6611. (CORONADO)

Thanksgiving Yoga Benefit class ("Pure for All — Ashtanga Primary") led by Dana Rae Paré on Thursday, November 23, 10 a.m., at Infinite Yoga (2400 Kettner Boulevard, studio 115). \$10 donation benefits an African charity. 619-682-7115. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation" continues through Friday, November 24, at San



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"Yes, it accompanied an article about a photographer named Edward J. Kelty. He followed traveling circuses in the 1920s and '30s. He built his own camera that could take negatives that were 12 by 24 inches, so you can imagine the level of detail. He took enormous panoramic shots of the entire Big Top, all the employees of the Ringling Brothers,

and you could see just every spangle, every sequin."

"Did you know a lot about circuses before you got into this project?"

"I had never been to a circus before. I had no interest, no connection. None. It was completely this picture. I had been planning on starting another novel the next day and I was sitting with my cup of tea and just started stabbing the photograph with my finger, exclaiming, 'There's a novel in that!' And my husband was groaning, 'Oh, no.' Because we had just done research for this other book. I just couldn't rip my eyes off the photo, and immediately ordered Kelty's [pictorial book]."

"Were you surprised at how closed a community a circus was, how gypsylike and also marginal and tough?"

"Yeah, and I obviously chose to go with a seedier show than I could have, but I thought this would make for better tension."

"So this one photograph

launched you on months of research in Ringling Brothers archives in Sarasota, Florida; Circus World in Baraboo, Wisconsin; at the elephant house in the Kansas City Zoo; and searching out retired clowns and carnival operators everywhere. What did you find out in the Kansas City Zoo?"

"By sheer dumb luck one of my writer friends is married to an ex-elephant handler who worked at the KC Zoo until he was gored by one of the elephants. I just wanted to sit outside the enclosure and watch them, to see how they move and get the body language down right. So we went there and Mark called to Penny, one of the elephants he'd known, and she remembered him and came over and purred, and that was really neat."

"And afterward," I prompt, "you connected with another elephant at Circus World in Baraboo, Wisconsin."

"I had the story of Mark's getting gored freshly in my head,

so when they said I could go in and actually meet an elephant, I stood at her shoulder and was shaking. I was scared to touch her. I mean, she was eleven feet tall. I gave her a pat and said, 'Thank you!' and went away. On a later visit, I was handed a bucket of peanuts. The handler opened the enclosure, I went in, and he closed the door behind me. And there I was, alone with this African elephant and a bucket of peanuts. She was as baffled as I was. But she turned out to be such an affectionate love bug that I lost all fear of her. And at the end she gave me a sock puppet with her trunk and was really sweet."

"Another photograph that sort of caught your attention was of Thomas Alva Edison, trying to sell electrocution as the most humane means of execution. Except, by way of demonstration, he was electrocuting a rogue elephant in Coney Island."

"I didn't see it. I don't want to see it. After I learned what this man did, I get so sick going into

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my children's school and seeing him listed as an American hero."

"Another bit of research produced a scene in the book of a circus fat lady's burial."

"Yes, they laid her out (in real life as well) in the hippo wagon, using it as a hearse, and paid all the circus people to dress up and mourn, promising a few dollars to whoever put on the best show of grieving. This was a way of gathering a crowd for the matinee."

"I had never heard of red-

lighting before reading your book."

"I was sitting in Sarasota in their reading room just taking notes, thinking, 'This is crazy. I can't believe someone could fire someone else by throwing them off the back of a moving train.'"

"Yeah, and if they landed badly, they were dead," I point out.

"Well, yes. The reason it's called redlighting is because — if

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Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Exhibition includes reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs, and illustrative materials such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera focusing on Lincoln's America, many aspects of Civil War. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

A Swiss Fairy Tale receives a comic twist when ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Juri and the Bearded Dragon* through Sunday, November 19, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Santa and the Ho, Ho, Ho Thief* performed by Big Joe Productions, November 22-26.

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

"The Phantom Tollbooth" — children's play based on Norton Juster's book is presented by Pacific Children's Theatre through November 19, at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 kids. 619-920-2838. (MISSION HILLS)

Please, Sir, I Want Some More! Star Theatre Company and Coast Kids Theatre Company present musical *Oliver!* through November 19 at Star Theatre (402 North Coast Highway). Productions with casts of adults and children by Star Theatre Company on November 18 and 19; and with casts of children and youths by Coast Kids Theatre Company on November 17, and 18. Tickets: \$15 general; \$10 seniors, students, military; \$6 for children under 6. For showtimes and tickets, call 760-721-9983. (OCEANSIDE)

The Musical *Beauty and the Beast* performed by Christian Youth Theater through November 19 at Mission Hills High School auditorium

(1 Mission Hills Court). Cast of over 70 is made up of students aged 8-18. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$7-\$12. 619-588-0206, 800-696-1929. (SAN MARCOS)

Musical Story Time led by educator Anne Fennell, Saturday, November 18, 9:30 a.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Interactive storytelling sessions inspire reading, expose participants to elements of music, musical instruments, music making. Suggested donation: \$5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"Kids Are for the Birds," join a bird-watching, binocular-wearing adventure for kids 7-12 on Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$15. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Botany for Kids plant walk in search of San Diego's native plants, Saturday, November 18. Walk starts at 11 a.m. at corner of Mendocino and Greene Streets. Free. Hosted by Coastal Sage, 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Kelp Koricopia, discover ways people and ocean animals depend on kelp, meet Scripps scientist, and learn about current research during family program, Saturday, November 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). Activities, demonstrations. Included in regular museum admission.

"Seaweed Sensations" offered 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on 18th, for additional \$4 per child/parent pair. Participants press seaweed, conduct experiments, make kelp plant, taste a piece of seaweed. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"Cyberchase: Inventive Innovations" presented Saturday, November 18, noon-3 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Sneak preview of four new episodes of this television show, family science day activities. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore Air when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science

day, Saturday, November 18, noon-3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Let's Go Tour," Barney Live! with Barney, Baby Bop, and BJ at ipayOne Center, Saturday, November 18, 2 p.m. Tickets: \$28-\$34, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

"Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka" presented by Kennedy Center's "Imagination Celebration on Tour," Saturday, November 18, 7 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$36, \$38 general, \$5 for youth tickets purchased with each adult ticket. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Explore "The Many Cultures of Latin America" during family festival on Sunday, November 19, noon-4 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Live entertainment, art projects such as screenprinting, tours of "Paper Traces" exhibit. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts, stories, and animals are part of fun on Sunday, November 19, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). For kids four-eight years old. \$2. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

"Musical Menagerie," enjoy Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" and Bruce Adolphe's "Marita and Her Heart's Desire" during Classics for Kids performance, Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m., at Salvation

Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Guests from City Ballet of San Diego. Tickets: \$11-\$22. Reservations: 619-435-9111. (ROLANDO)

Kids' Day Train, one-hour vintage train experience for children offered at Campo Railroad Museum at 10 a.m. on third Tuesday of each month, including November 21. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. Tickets: \$15 general, \$5 for those 6-12, free for kids five and younger. Required reservations: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Celebrate Thanksgiving — hear stories about giving thanks, make turkey crafts on Wednesday, November 22, 10:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

The Disney Channel's "High School Musical" hits ipayOne Center on Wednesday, November 29, 7 p.m. Live concert version of the made-for-TV movie features most of stars of TV film. Tickets: \$38.50-\$58.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

MUSEUMS

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, collection of colorful paintings by farmers from Shandong Province depicting their daily life of farming, fishing, festivities

continues through December.

See 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. (EAST VILLAGE)

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves 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, 14th annual "Teller Magi Festival," boasting over 750 sets of Wise Men from more than 50 countries, opens with reception on Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m. Closes Saturday, January 6.

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)

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.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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. 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and

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Reading

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they like you — they throw you off while the train slows to pass by a railway yard. You can see the red light of the yard and find your way back to town. A courtesy, if you will. But if they don't like you...."

"And all this culminated in you picking for your novel a male narrator who is 93."

Sara laughs. "I wanted to flex my writing muscles a bit, yeah. I was a little worried that I was getting pigeonholed as a women's fiction writer. And so I thought, what's the thing I can do" — she laughs again — "that can guarantee nobody will look at this as women's fiction."

"Did you study writing? Did you always want to be a writer?"

"I never studied writing. I studied literature but as a reader. And yes, I always did."

"This was in the Midwest?"

"No, I'm Canadian, from Ottawa mostly. I was there for ten years and went to Carleton University. I spent most of my life in Ontario. I finished school (what are you going to do with an English degree?) and wangled my way into a job writing online manuals and help systems, and I documented everything from statistical software to data mapping. Then I moved to the States for a tech writing job and met my husband. Two years later they laid me off, so I decided to write novels."

"How did you and your husband wind up in what is described as an 'environmentalist community' north of Chicago?"

"He had known about it and, when we got together, we went looking for a house. We investigated the community and decided, 'wow, this is paradise.' It has stables, a school, and its own organic farm."

"Are you required to work on it?"

"You're supposed to, yes."

"I understand the houses are energy efficient?"

"Our house is one of the first ones built; they became more energy efficient as they went. We have some leaky windows but once we get those fixed..."

"And it's a community, it's not a commune."

"Right, a community."

"Did your children grow up there?"

"One was one and the other was five when I moved from Canada. So, yes, this is where they grew up."

"Will they have dual citizenship?"

"Yeah, they do. So do I."

"And your next book is going to star animals as well."

"Bonobo apes, yes, a family group. It's going to be set in the present day."

"You wrote an 11-page letter to your agent, Emma Sweeney, and she used it to sell your fourth and fifth books. She actually held an auction based on those 11 descriptive pages. (It ended Monday, Oct. 30.) How did she break the news to you about how it went?"

"She called me and asked if I was sitting down."

"And informed you that it (and the following book) had gone to Cindy Spiegel at Spiegel & Grau, part of Random House, Inc., arguably the top editor in the industry. She was the highest bidder at 5.1 million dollars. Did you have any idea of what was coming?"

"No."

"And were you sitting down?"

"I've adopted ten infant

Bonobos at the Lola Ya Bonobo Sanctuary in the Congo."

"I was and I'm glad, because to be honest I think I lost all feeling in my limbs at that moment."

"How is this stunning news going to change your life? What did your husband say, what did your kids say?"

"The kids don't know anything and I don't want them to know anything. I don't know if this is the reaction I would have guessed I'd have, but my thought right now is that I don't want anything to change. I want to put it away and not touch it. I want to pretend that it's not there. I think the way to keep my head about it is to sort of carry on as normal."

"Do you miss Canada? Do

those cold plains call to you?"

"Oh, yes. Definitely. I've been back recently and I'm going at the end of this month to do a reading and actually go and talk to some guys at York University about the Bonobo apes. I've adopted ten infant Bonobos at the Lola Ya Bonobo Sanctuary in the Congo. I hope my book can raise enough awareness to help keep them from extinction. I'm so looking forward to getting into this next novel. The research is going to be incredibly fascinating. I actually hope to be able to come away from this talking about the time I spoke with an ape."

— Juris Jurjevičs

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)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon–4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, *Children Around the World* videos screened in Hall

of Nations, select cottages open. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886–1915, "some classics and a concept car." Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard; 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in

Science and Technology" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our everyday lives?

Ongoing exhibitions include "More Than Meets the Eye" (through May), "Aging for All Ages," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "TryScience!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "A Letter from the Ocean Hotel: Victorian Lady Traveler's Adventures in San Diego, 1888" includes glassware, dishes, bottles, personal items dating from late 1880s that were excavated from a block in East Village area downtown in 2002.

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)

Museum of San Diego History, career of local artist is highlighted in "Belle Baranceau: The Artist at Work." Baranceau was "one of the foremost expressionist painters of the 1920s and 1930s" who moved to San Diego in 1933 and received assignments from the WPA. Two of her murals are still in their original locations at Balboa Park Club and La Jolla post office. Exhibit provides broad overview of her career, look at her creative process. Through Tuesday, May 29.

"Nikkei Youth Culture: Past, Present, Future" includes photographs, documents, school yearbooks, military medals, clothing to illustrate children's and teenagers' activities from early 1900s to present day. Exhibit includes look at experiences of Japanese-American youths living in World War II internment camps. Through Monday, March 5.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915–16 and 1935–36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, "Taming the Pacific Swell: The Evolution of Surfing" continues through January, tracing history of modern surfing from its Hawaiian beginnings to billion-dollar industry it is today. Changes in surfboard design used to illustrate evolution of the sport.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and

the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The H.M.S. *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Guatemala! Celebrations of Weaving" features hand-woven clothing items, plus musical instruments such as oboes, a drum, and a marimba with gourd resonators. Items included in exhibit, on display through March, were selected "principally for their timeless beauty."

"Body Ornamentation: Artistic Representations of Self," continuing through Tuesday, March 27, examines this enduring art form. Exhibit focuses on many different types of body art in variety of cultures around the world, as well as underlying reasons behind the ornamentation. See examples of body painting, tattooing, scarification, piercing; documentary videos, photo murals.

"Reflections" showcases rare and significant objects representing 90 years of the museum's collection history; some of the objects have never been displayed for public. Items include a *Seri* woodcarving of a whale; bronze sculpture by Alan Houser; more. Through Saturday, March 24.

"Passage to Panama: Past to

Present" continues through Thursday, January 25. Exhibit documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethnographic materials, cultural items, photographs.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Electronic Composer and Filmmaker Hans Fjellestad "shares tricks of the trade" in a lecture/demonstration for Concert Hour series, Thursday, November 16, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Piano Students of Aleck Karis in concert, Thursday, November 16, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. 858-534-3229. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Hey Nonny, Nonny! Garbed in Elizabethan costumes, Early Music Ensemble of San Diego performs medieval, Renaissance, and baroque music, Friday, November 17, 7 p.m., at St. Philip the Apostle Church (2660 Hardy Drive). \$10 general. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"The Marriage of Figaro" performed in English by San Diego State University's opera theater along with chamber accompaniment, November 17-19, in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$6-\$15. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Pipe Organ Concert with San Diego civic organist emeritus Robert Plimpton, Friday, November 17, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

Robert Schumann's Dramatic "Introduction and Allegro Appassionato" promised when 40-member New City Sinfonia performs, Friday, November 17, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Program includes pieces by Haydn, Bruch. Free. 619-527-4457. (HILLCREST)

The Breene-Irawati Duo plays Beethoven's "Sonata in A Major" and "Sonata in G Minor" by Rachmaninoff, Friday, November 17, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). \$12. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

Classical Pianist Vladimir Feltsman performs pieces by Beethoven and Chopin for Piano Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Friday, November 17, 8 p.m., Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25-\$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Mozart Inspired: A Concert Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Composer's Birth" is slated for Friday, November 17, 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Concert repeats Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m. \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Selections by Franck, Glazunov, and Yoav Talmi promised when Talmi conducts San Diego Symphony for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts, November 17-19. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). \$20-\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (ESCONDIDO)

Known for Tonal Purity, the Valaam Ensemble of the Monastery of Valaam in Russia performs Saturday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., at San Rafael Church (17252 Bernardo Center Drive). Listen for Russian, Greek, Serbian, Kievan, and Georgian chant and church music, as well as polyphonic music of 17th and 18th centuries. Offering. 858-487-4314. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

The Berlin Piano Quartet plans concert for Barbara and William Karatz chamber concert series on Saturday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$35. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

red fish blue fish — UCSD's resident percussion ensemble — celebrates tenth anniversary with concert on Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. Program includes pieces by Iannis Xenakis, Cage, Tenney, graduate student Charlie Wilmoth. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams plans organ concert on Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Authentic Medieval Music performed on reproductions of medieval instruments, sung in dialects and languages of the period when the Goliards perform for Old Masters of Music and Art series, Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Woodworks clarinet ensemble performs music from Mozart to chanteys and chansons, Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church (5075 Campanile Drive). Offering. 619-582-8480. (COLLEGE)

Chamber Music by Grieg, Schumann, and Franck is on tap when violinist Henry Gronnier and pianist Rina Dokshitsky perform for Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society, Sunday, November 19, 2:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$24. Reservations: 760-726-1524, 760-630-4360. (LA COSTA)

Redlands Symphony Orchestra plays Schubert's "Overture in the Italian Style" and opera arias by Mozart, Verdi, and Gounod with bass-baritone Craig Colclough for Fallbrook Music Society, Sunday, November 19, 3 p.m., at Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stagecoach Lane). Conductor's preview: 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35 general, \$10 students. 760-451-8644. (FALLBROOK)

"Music at the Madeleine" series continues with San Diego Children's Choir in concert, Sunday, November 19, 3 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church (1945 Ilion Street). Free. 619-276-1041 (BAY PARK)

Explore "The World of Opera" when San Diego Opera Ensemble performs Sunday, November 19, 4 p.m., at La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue). Offering. 619-466-4163. (LA MESA)

"The Romantics," pianist Cynthia Darby joins Grossmont Symphony Orchestra in concert featuring pieces by Schumann and Tchaikovsky on Sunday, November 19, 4 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$10, \$12, \$8 general. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Jeremy Kurtz, principal bass for San Diego Symphony, performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, November 20, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Music on the Point," San Diego Opera Ensemble performs selections from favorite operas, Monday, November 20, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). Donation: \$5. 619-223-6394 x13. (POINT LOMA)

Electro-Acoustic Music Festival with "guest soundscapers" Hans Fjellestad, Marcelo Radulovich, Jonathan Glasier, Brink McGoogy, Tuesday, November 21, 8 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). \$5. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Violin and Viola Students of János Négyses plan recital, Tuesday, November 21, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Recital Hall. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

ART LISTINGS

Events that are underlined occur after November 23.

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prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to **READER ART**, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

GALLERIES

"Ancient Stories" by John Clark and "On the Beach" by Abe Ordober open at Ordober Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172) with reception for artists on Thursday, November 16, 6 p.m. 858-720-1121. Closes Sunday, December 17. (SOLANA BEACH)

"The Group Show," Richard Baker, Robin Bright, Richard Allen Morris, and John Rogers exhibit painting and sculpture in show commencing with reception, Friday, November 17, 5 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201). 858-459-3917. Closes Thursday, December 21. (LA JOLLA)

"Oceanside," Keikichi Honna's installation of paintings promises reception for artist, Friday, November 17, 6 p.m., in Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). The "laborious paintings are devotional in the intensity of their production." 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

"Etchings from Oaxaca: Taller de Grabado" by Dan McCleary may be seen through Friday, December 22, in Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). McCleary made his first etchings in Mexican printmaker Fernando Sandoval's studio in 2000 and has returned on numerous occasions to produce new prints. Meet artist during reception on Friday, November 17, 6 p.m. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Mexican Artist, Poet, and Musician Cecilia Garcia Amaro will be on hand for receptions on Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18, 6-9 p.m., at Wentworth

Gallery (1025 Prospect Street). 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

"Jewelry to Dazzle" by many artists is on view through Tuesday, January 2, at Taboo Studio (1615122 West Lewis Street, 619-692-0099). Opening reception for artists: Friday, November 17, 6 p.m. (HILLCREST)

"Under a Dry Moon" by Michael Berman and Laszlo Layton's "Cabinet of Curiosities" are on display through Saturday, December 30, at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). Meet the photographers during opening reception on Friday, November 17, 6 p.m. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

"Uncommon Metal: A Look at Contemporary Jewelry and Metalwork" featuring diverse pieces by artists from around the country and "Kendra Eskau: The Lint Project" both open with reception on Friday, November 17, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Eskau is a self-proclaimed "lintalist"; in these pieces, colored lint is arranged in panels under Plexiglas. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Furniture with a Modern Aesthetic by five local designers showcased in exhibit opening with reception, Friday, November 17, 7 p.m., at Design Within Reach (393 Seventh Avenue). 619-744-9900. Closes Sunday, November 26. (EAST VILLAGE)

"California Charm: Original Paintings" by Daryl Millard opens with reception, Saturday, November 18, 11 a.m., at eponymous Daryl Millard Gallery (342 South Cedros Avenue, 858-847-9030). Through Tuesday, November 28. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Home, Hearth, and the Hand-Created," artisan exhibit and sale opens with reception, Saturday, November 18, noon, at Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard). 760-795-6120. Closes Sunday, January 14. (CARLSBAD)

Original Oil Paintings and fine art giclee prints on canvas by AliceJean Dieffenbach are on view, along with paintings by Elaine Trei and metal sculptures by Stan Weber, at Off Track Gallery (687 South Coast Highway 101). Meet

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"Art Speaks to You During the Holidays" continues through Sunday, January 7, at Pinnell Gallery (124 North Main Street). Reception for artists Neill Ketchum, RoseAnne Sobkow, Marsha Um-bour, and Carrie Repking is Saturday, November 18, 4 p.m. 760-728-8870. (FALLBROOK)

One-Night Art Show with work by sculptor Warren Bakley, painter Theresa Vandenberg Donche, and photographer Alo Munizza slated for Saturday, November 18, 6 p.m., at Viadesign Studio (3911 Harney Street). 619-220-0470. (OLD TOWN)

"Dimensions," juried exhibition of art in all media continues through Sunday, November 26, at La Jolla Art Association Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Juror: Rich Hawk. Artists' awards reception is Sunday, November 19, 4 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

"Impressions," art exhibition with "Family Snapshots" by Lisa Bebi and works by Igor Koutsenko opens with reception, Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 p.m., in Bard Hall Gallery (First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street). Reception followed by art discussion group at 7:30 p.m. (artists, bring samples of current work to share). 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, time for Eloy Tarcisio's 11th annual site-specific installation *Muerte de todos ofrenda de par-*

tipicaci3n (Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering). Installation includes wooden crosses, clay bowls filled with grains, beans, and other organic materials symbolic of Mexico's pre-Hispanic past. Through November.

"The Migrant Project: Contemporary California Farm Workers," with photographs and text by Rick Nahmias, offers "in-depth journey detailing the lives and struggles of today's California migrant farm workers." Work focuses on all aspects of migrant stories, including personal lives, family members, women's issues, creation of community.

Basic human emotions explored in paintings and mixed-media creations by Anna Zappoli Jenkins in "Where Do You Store These Dreams." Hugo Heredia's "Broken Chandeliers" boasts large-scale sculptures combining glass and metal in "impossibly intimate and beautiful configurations."

"Memoria del Hombre: A Muerto de Todos Retrospective" is a site-specific installation of "objects left behind over the 12-year span of the installation."

Except where noted, the exhibitions close on Sunday, January 28. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, "Grass and Gold — Nomads of Kazakhstan" focuses on important archaeological discoveries, including those in 1998-1999 at frozen burial site of Berel. Exhibit includes gold, silver, and bronze artifacts fashioned into small animal forms along with their stories of recovery, overview of the history and culture of Kazakhstan, and mythology of

the Steppes. The art objects are being shown in the U.S. for the first time. Through Sunday, April 15.

The first university furniture design class in California was offered in 1948 by SDSU professor John Dirks, whose "elegant architectural sculptures combine various woods and acrylic." The retrospective "John Dirks, Sculptor" continues through Sunday, February 11.

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

Mingei International Museum — North County, "Folk Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" presents contemporary objects of daily use from throughout Mexico fashioned from tin, clay, wood, paper, and fiber. Exhibit "demonstrates the importance of family, community, religion, and fun."

"Pre-Columbian Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" highlights clay and stone objects. These objects "abound with material from myth and legend." Both exhibits close on Monday, January 15. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Ar-

gentinean artist Santiago Cucullu. His art juxtaposes images of progressive, historical figures and events with his personal experiences. This piece engages the architecture and oceanfront site of museum.

"From the Vaults: Recent Acquisitions" focuses primarily on works on paper, demonstrating a range of contemporary drawing and photography practices in recent additions to permanent collection. Closes Sunday, December 10.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, "The Roads Most Traveled: Photographs of Migration by Don Bartletti" examines lives of migratory workers in search of economic survival. Exhibit including 90 photographs by Pulitzer Prize-winner Bartletti continues through Sunday, January 14.

"Mexico: The Revolution and Beyond — Photographs by Agustín Víctor Casasola, 1900-1940" features more than 80 "of the best and most significant images from Casasola's archive at the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia in Mexico City." Images document Mexican Revolution and industrial revolution in "streets, homes, cafés, and countrysides of Mexico." Closes Sunday, January 7.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Quilt Visions 2006" offers 43 works of art from 725 entries submitted by 318 artists from 20 countries. Jurors Jane Dunnewold, Patricia Malarcher, Lloyd Herman selected pieces offering "surprises in design and nontraditional materials." Closes Sunday, January 21.

Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Personal Views: Regarding Private Collections in San Diego" features 25 "of the finest private collections to be found in the San Diego area." The collections highlight historical artworks from the 19th and 20th Centuries, including works in variety of media by Rembrandt, Cassatt, Monet, O'Keeffe, de Kooning, Kahlo, Goldin. Closes Sunday, January 7.

"Paper Traces: Latin American Prints and Drawings from the Collection at SDMA" continues through December, highlighting approximately 60 Latin American and U.S.-Latino works on paper. The prints, drawings, posters, portfolios in exhibit "confirm the vitality of paper as a medium with a particular historic outline of its own."

"Backs," on exhibit through Sunday, February 18, focuses on backs of five paintings where important information such as age

and ownership is revealed. Works are drawn from museum's European collection. Labels, inscriptions, and markings divulge details of painting's history of attribution, exhibition, ownership, sale.

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

Timken Museum of Art, "Guercino: Stylistic Evolution in Focus" explores dramatic shift in artistic style of Il Guercino, considered one of the most prolific and successful artists of 17th Century. At heart of exhibit is Timken's *Return of the Prodigal Son*, a theme Guercino painted a number of times over his life, shown with versions on loan from Borghese Gallery in Rome, and Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna. This is the first time these three works have been shown together. Closes Sunday, January 7.

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Dogged for Dough This year, Green Day's "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" won the Song of the Year Grammy, which may have helped push

Warner Bros. reached a settlement three months ago with Surfdog Records and the former members of Agent 51.

"Surfdog got most of the money," according to the source, who said that band members got about \$20,000 each. A call to the office of Green Day manager Pat Magnarella yielded no

officer," says Suffer the Heat singer Brandon Barclay of the band's Halloween gig at MiraCosta College.

"Travis had and still has no idea why he was being arrested, so he asked the officer 'why' about 20 times and never got a response. A second cop comes in and starts yelling at the crowd gathered around the scene to disperse. They end up telling Travis that they want to check him for weapons....

"As soon

as they cranked his arm up behind his back, he flinched due to discomfort and was body-slammed to the ground and Taser-gunned several times. As they held him down, they restricted his arms from any movement and kept Tasing him because he wouldn't put his arms behind his back."

School officials declined to comment on the incident but did provide the preliminary police report that states the campus police officer approached Du Bois outside because he "smelled marijuana smoke." The officer stated that Du Bois "drew attention to himself" by walking away. The officer followed Du Bois into the building, where he "detected alcohol" on the bassist's breath and decided to "conduct a weapon and/or alcohol search."

"Standard procedure" dictates putting handcuffs on suspects during such searches; the officer stated Du

Bois "refused to cooperate." When a second officer arrived, a struggle began, and the second officer "discharged a Taser into [Du Bois's] back." Du Bois was taken into custody and charged with public drunkenness, resisting arrest, and possessing alcohol on school grounds ("a bottle of Blue Vodka").

"The bottle was a mini two-ouncer, and it was still sealed," says Barclay. "It was

marijuana.

"I'm 21 years old, and now I'm a felon," says Ballenger, whose sentencing date is in December. "I had to plead guilty. If I didn't, I would have had to come up with thousands of dollars to fight the government in court."

Ballenger started working at OBD last fall.

"I wanted to work there because it was air-conditioned, it paid decently, and it was near my house. Plus, I was working for a cause that supported the revolution of decriminalizing marijuana for medical purposes.... Dispensaries are very necessary. You need professionals like me who can deliver medical marijuana in a safe and reliable environment."

Jason Kaufman operated OBD, which was located near the corner of Voltaire Street and Catalina Boulevard. He says he will reopen next month and sell clothing and vinyl records.

"I'll have to alter the name because we were a nonprofit," says Kaufman.

"We want to cater to DJs. We want to carry pro audio equipment. We still have a lot to resolve [following the raid]. We have

a lot of bills....

"In Northern California they would have revoked



BOB WOULD BE ON OBD'S SIDE

your business license. They would have said, 'We don't want you here, please shut down.' Here they used some of the best cops in San Diego that were cross-deputized as DEA agents and raided us. Channel 10 showed up ten minutes later. How can you fight that?"

Buddah Grinder appears Wednesday at Dream Street.

— Ken Leighton

Stomped After becoming one of three finalists in MySpace's "Stomp the Yard" music contest, local rapper Kevin "Juice" Orange has



LEGEND AND JUICE, A UNIT OF BEATMAKERS

been disqualified. "The contest rules stated, 'The song must be composed, written, and performed solely

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the inside track

sales of their 2004 album *American Idiot* over the five-million mark. The song also paid off for the former members of Agent 51, a now-defunct local band.

A year before the release of *American Idiot*, Encinitas-based

Surfdog Records released Agent 51's CD *The Red and the Black*. The album had a song titled "She's My Heroine." The opening guitar line has a strong resemblance to the prominent guitar riff in "Boulevard of Broken Dreams."

In February, Surfdog president Dave Kaplan denied the existence of legal action between his indie label and Green Day/Warner Bros. However, a source recently disclosed that Green Day and

response. An e-mailed query to Kaplan was not answered. The earliest Green



YOU WANT HOW MUCH TO SETTLE?

Day/Agent 51 connection goes back to early 2001, when the local Poway pop-punk band was signed to Adeline Records, a Bay Area-based label launched by Green Day front man Billy Joe Armstrong.

— Ken Leighton

Zero Tolerance, 50,000 Volts "In the midst of setting up our equipment, [bassist] Travis [Du Bois] was being escorted outside by a campus police



DU BOIS (RIGHT) TAKES MORE THAN HEAT

for after the show. But because he also admitted having two beers before the show — during dinner, off campus — they say he was breaking the law. What about burning nine inches of Taser marks onto an innocent guy's flesh?"

The MCC campus has a "zero tolerance" alcohol policy. Since February, the campus newspaper has included at least three articles regarding the possession of Tasers by campus police.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"I Hate the Government," says Aaron Ballenger, singer/guitarist with Buddah Grinder. Ballenger worked at the OBD (Ocean Beach Dispensary) until July 6, when it was raided for dispensing medical

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by the artist," says Orange. "We were skeptical as to whether 'the artist' meant a single individual or a group as a whole but, with only a few hours remaining before the submission deadline, I submitted my 'Stomp the Yard' song, which also features Legend [Jordan Powell]."

Orange was contacted by MySpace about the disqualification on November 2, two days after voting ended. The website may have found out about Legend's participation from his own MySpace bulletin, posted October 30, which read in part, "Vot [sic] for your boys! Legend and Juice...vote under the name Kevin Orange, that's us, Legend on the first verse and Kevin AKA Juice on the second verse, and

the beat was produced by Legend."

The contest reportedly received over 600 entries. The winning entry will be on the soundtrack to the upcoming *Stomp the Yard* film.

"We were hoping this contest could lead to our big break to get a record deal," says Orange, a pizza-delivery driver who also performs at parties as a Michael Jackson impersonator.

Kevin "Juice" Orange appears November 24 at the Static Lounge.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Old-School Punk Rock

Bassist Rob "Noxious" Durham of the Shitgiveits had a heart attack November 4. "His aorta blew out and collapsed all his arteries," reads a post on the band's webpage. "He went under a ten hour surgery and it took thirty doctors and nurses to save his life."

During surgery, Durham suffered a hemorrhagic stroke, caused when a blood vessel within the brain bursts or bleeds.

"The left side of his brain is dead," band guitarist Todd

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Awful said on November 7. "The doctors said that if he did regain consciousness, he would be in a vegetative state for the remainder of his life."

Though Durham was comatose and on life support, he was able to make the effort of squeezing his daughter's hand. He died last Thursday. (His funeral will be held this Saturday in Long Beach.)

The Shitgiveits, based in Imperial Beach and made up of former members of Chronic Thrill and Jack

Shred Destruction Company, became a band in 1994. Durham also played with America's Hardcore and fff. Since 2004, he'd been involved with manufacturing skateboards in Mexico.



PHOTOGRAPH FROM MYSPACE SHITGIVEITS.COM

ROB "NOXIOUS" DURHAM

"I'm still shocked about it," says Awful. "The guy was clean and sober for over seven years. He watched what he ate, went skating all the time, took care of his daughter... He was old-school punk rock who stayed true to his roots."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Catching Up with Mr. Thomas

Four-time San Diego Music Award winner Earl Thomas started singing in a Pentecostal church while growing up in Pikeville, Tennessee.

"They spoke in tongues

and rolled on the floor," says Thomas. "We didn't handle snakes, but we did everything else... I used to love going to church. I loved everything about it — the music, the fellowship, hanging out with my relatives and friends, the food after church."

Yet, Thomas balked last year when his friend asked him to sing at a Lutheran church in Minnesota.

"I refused to go into a building where people are going to call me names," says Thomas (who is gay). "Their opinion of what God wanted didn't work for me... I grew up knowing that I was equal to everyone except when I went to church."

Thomas eventually agreed to sing at the Lutheran church.

"It was a paying gig. When I got there and actually sang, I got this tremendous feeling of joy; everything that Christians are always telling you you can get, like joy and peace — I got it. I really got it. People started crying and so did I."

The experience moved Thomas to record *Plantation Gospel*, a 17-song collection of 300-year-old spirituals.

"We only used instruments that would have been found on the plantation, like violin, banjo, piano, acoustic guitar, and human voices...."

"The only sadness I have is that my mom and grandma never got to hear me sing this music. My grandmother wanted me to be a gospel singer. I hadn't sung in church since 1985, at my grandma's funeral. This music has brought me peace. I made peace with my whole life. It's not about religion; it's about peace."

Earl Thomas, who divides his time between San Diego



EARL THOMAS GOT IT

and Northern California, appears at his CD-release concert at the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre on Saturday. He'll perform blues and gospel songs.

— Ken Leighton

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as i hear it

by BRIAN CARVER

San Diego songs take the street test

Interviewed: Jeb Bautista, Los Angeles
Artist: Deadline Friday
Song: "Sweet Breathin Thing" (from the CD *Wear Yourself Worn*)



JEB

It sounded pretty upbeat. I actually like it. It's a song about a specific someone, and it's not a love song where it's a downer or mellow. I would probably say [it sounds like] 2000s R&B. They have really good use of the electric guitars. The ideal situation [for this music]? Probably driving along the coast.

Interviewed: Wes Ryan, Banker's Hill
Artist: Sara Petite
Song: "Coming Home" (from the CD *Tiger Mountain*)



WES

I don't really listen to that kind of country. It wasn't a hard enough soul for what I'm looking for in country. In my opinion, she's more pop-country than roots-country. It didn't seem like it focused enough on the band. They're kind of just going with her and her voice. I'd like to see that band perform in the Casbah or some small, close venue.

Interviewed: Sara Wilkins, College Area
Artist: The Morning Riot
Song: "Numbers" (from their self-titled CD)



SARA

They sound very contemporary. They kind of remind me of Black Rebel Motorcycle Club. I really like the drums. I wish [the singer's voice] was louder. His voice just kind of disappears in all of the instrument sounds. [It would be good for] driving in a car.

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"It's never been easier to find really good music and to pass on the crap."

Greg Laswell is the latest in a string of local musicians to have a song featured on a national television show. His "High and Low" played on an October episode of CBS's crime show *Without a Trace*, and "What a Day" could be heard recently on the new legal drama series *Shark*.

On his MySpace.com blog Laswell lists "20 Things I've Learned on Tour," which include "Don't keep going for 'a little longer' when your gas tank is almost empty; The main difference between the Hyatt Regency and a Howard Johnsons is the bed; Mexican food outside of San Diego tastes like hamburgers."

Laswell hit the road again on November 1 for his Sia Tour ("Sia there"), promoting his second album, *Through Toledo*.

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"Not getting distracted by that drunk lady in the fourth row. I'm sure she's a sweetheart, but she talks very loud and forgets that we are not the only two people in the room."

YOUR AXE?

"My 'axe' — or at least the instrument that I am the most sentimental about — is still in my parents' living room. It is the piano that I grew up with. Actually, it was my sister's 13th birthday present from my Nana, but she never quite took to it. I certainly did. I remember waiting for her to finish practicing the soundtrack to *Land Before Time* after school,

at which point I would play until my parents told me to stop. I should admit here that my first song I learned on that piano was 'Pop Goes the World' by Men Without Hats."

EARLIEST MEMORY?

"Watching my younger sister eat a snail."

BEST/WORST GIGS?

"My last show at the Belly Up will go down as one of my favorite shows. It was nice to come back to such a great crowd after being on the road for so long. My worst would probably be in Louisville, Tennessee. After driving through the night and

LISTS

MICHAEL HEMMINGSON



Greg Laswell

PHOTOGRAPH BY AUTUMN DE WILDE

a two-hour sound check in a room that could hold over a thousand people, we played to six people. And I think they were there for dinner. I'm huge in Louisville."

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

"Demetri Martin. He played Spreckels last month. If you haven't heard him, you should. He will make you laugh and laugh."

WHERE IS MUSIC GOING IN THE 21st CENTURY?

"I think it is more and more up to the people again with independent, Internet, and satellite radio stations really taking hold. Podcasts, iTunes, MySpace — all are relative newcomers to the music industry, but I think the effect they have had and will continue to have is going to be enormous. It's never been easier to find really good music and to pass on the crap."

FAVORITE SAN DIEGO HANGOUT?

"On various back porches of friends, the Point

Loma fishing pier, the Ould Sod — although now that I am touring more and more, I spend a great deal of time at home with my dog."

WHAT DID YOU DO PROM NIGHT?

"Some friends of mine decided to rent a flatbed steak truck and put couches and a TV in the back. Our dates were thrilled, as you can imagine — especially with their perfectly styled hair blowing in the wind. Hindsight is 20/20. I was the belle of the ball with tinted Clearasil on my pimples, checkered scarf, white gloves, and, yes, a cane. Mad Dog 20/20. Did I kiss the girl? I can't remember."

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SATURDAY

Frank Black: House of Blues, Saturday, November 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

SUNDAY

The Lemonheads: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, November 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Lady Sovereign: House of Blues, Sunday, November 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Laurence Juber: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, November 19, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

MONDAY

John Legend: House of Blues, Monday, November 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

TUESDAY

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Kevin Federline: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 21, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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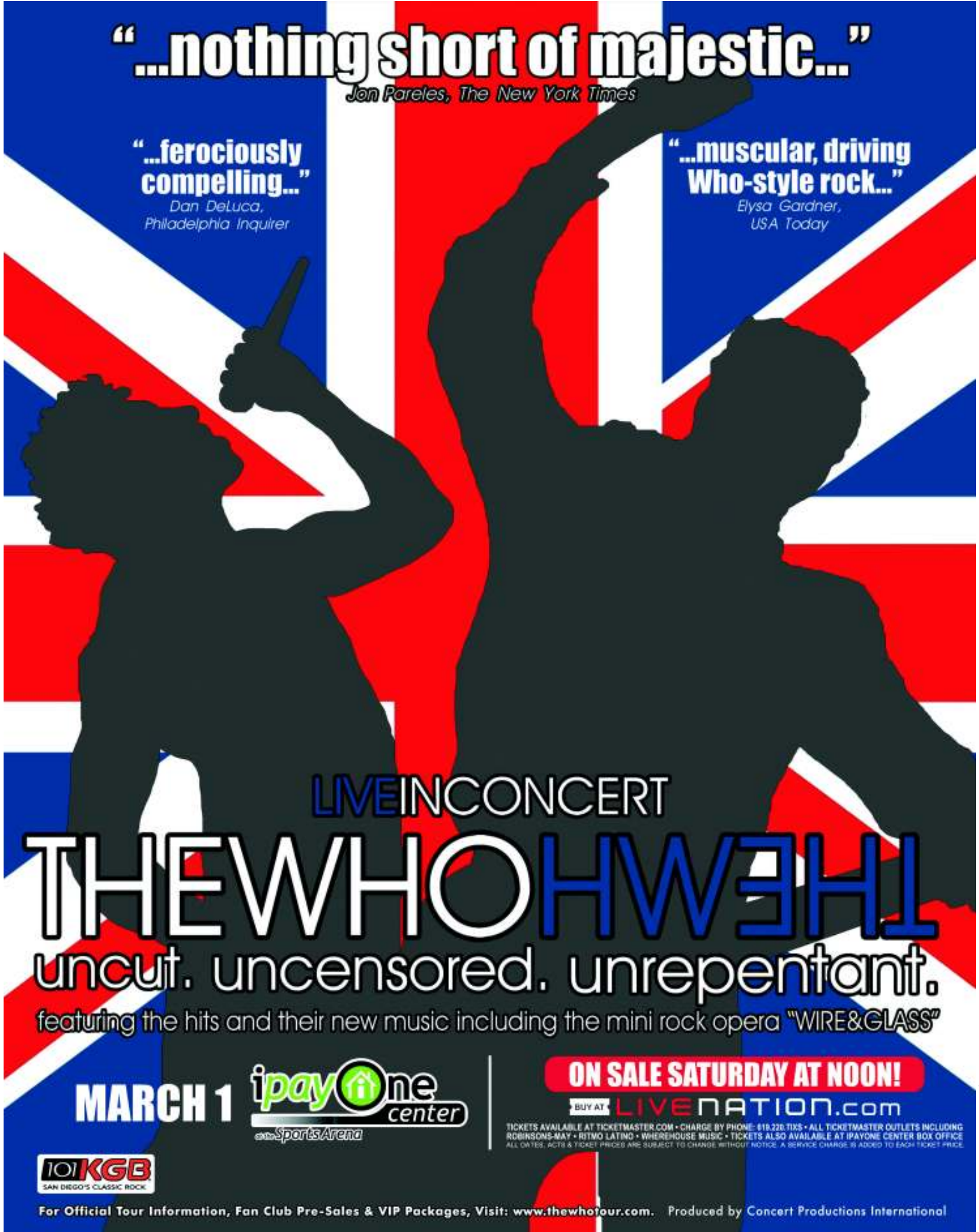
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AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

"91X Nightmare Before Xmas" with **AFI, My Chemical Romance,** and **Taking Back Sunday:** ipayOne Center, Sunday, December 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Papa Roach: 4th & B, Sunday, December 10, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Yung Joc: House of Blues, Monday, December 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Senses Fail and **Saosin:** Soma, Saturday, December 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Ozomatli: House of Blues, Wednesday, December 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Tha Alkaholiks: 'Canes, Wednesday, December 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Redman: House of Blues, Thursday, December 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Jeremy Enigk: The Casbah, Thursday, December 21, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

El Vez: The Casbah, Saturday, December 23, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Peter White: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, December 23, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Dokken: House of Blues, Saturday, December 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Donavon Frankenreiter: House of Blues, Sunday, December 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

JANUARY

NOFX: Soma, Friday, January 5, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Beres Hammond and **Marcia Griffiths:** 4th & B, Sunday, January 7, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Justin Timberlake and **Pink:** ipayOne Center, Monday, January 8, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Al Kooper: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, January 12, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Manhattan Transfer: California Center for the Arts, Friday, January 12, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

The Cheetah Girls: ipayOne Center, Saturday, January 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Guns N' Roses: ipayOne Center, Tuesday, January 16, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Reverend Horton Heat: 'Canes, Thursday, January 18, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Tom Rush: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, January 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Muriel Anderson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Chieftains: California Center for the Arts, Friday, January 26, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

FEBRUARY

Cheap Trick: 4th & B, Thursday, February 22, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

of NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Laurence Juber was 11 years old when the Beatles broke free of working-class pub obscurity and became teen idols with their appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. Here, we called it the British Invasion; I've no idea what they called it in the UK where Juber grew up, but the music and the hysteria surrounding the Fab Four did not go unnoticed. Twenty-five years later, Juber would be employed by one of the Beatles.

Despite the explosion of rock in the '60s, Juber continued to listen to the music that interested him most — complicated stuff by Django Reinhardt and Julian Bream. Jazz guitar had more of an impact on Juber's

sound than any one Invasion band. Although Juber would win his first Grammy award for a rock-guitar solo, his second would come for an instrumental version of the *Pink Panther* theme that he contributed to a Henry Mancini compilation.

Juber is a master of acoustic finger style, but with less of the trick-guitar mishmash that seems obligatory among the high-octane pickers. He has a fluid style that shifts gears through simultaneous jazzy chording, leads, and bass lines, while weaving in and out of musical thoughts faster than a Formula One racer.

Now an L.A.-area session guitarist, Juber has been making artful solo instrumental records since 1990. I almost don't want to mention that he played lead guitar in Wings, since his own music is so different. It's as



LAURENCE JUBER

distracting as mentioning fingerpicker Tommy Emmanuel in the same breath as Air Supply, one of that guitarist's past employers.

LAURENCE JUBER, AcousticMusicSan Diego, Sunday, November 19, 7:30 p.m. 619-303-8176. \$15 or \$20.

"Texas Songwriter's Show" with **Lyle Lovett, Joe Ely, John Hiatt,** and **Guy Clark:** Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Wednesday, February 28, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

MARCH

Christina Aguilera: ipayOne Center, Friday, March 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Jeremy Camp: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

APRIL

Josh Groban: ipayOne Center, Friday, April 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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DANCE

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Brick by Brick: Fridays, *Therapy*, industrial, gothic, and fetish with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 8:30 p.m. to

2:30 a.m.; 21 and up. 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Buster Daly's: Thursdays, *Amat* with rotating DJs Veep Reekins, Xavier, Clean Cut, and Myson King. 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

'Canes: Thursdays, Top 40, hip-hop, and old skool with DJs Power Girth, and Rick Nasty. 9 p.m. 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Character's Bar & Grill (La Jolla Marriott): Fridays and Saturdays, salsa, mambo, and merengue. 9:30 p.m.; 21 and up. 4240 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-597-6397.

The C Lounge: Sundays, *Liquid*, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass. 9 p.m.

to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Crudo: Thursdays, deep, soulful, and sexy house grooves with guest DJs. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 1953 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy. 619-398-2974.

Dino's: Fridays, *Gimmie Gimmie Gimmie*, punk, goth, and rock with DJs Bryan Pollard, Morgan Young, and guest. 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.



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Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. Sunday, *Sunday Night Jam* featuring DJ Dizzy D. Wednesday, *Pre-Thanksgiving Jam* with guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school sophomore and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Jack's Lounge: Fridays, sexy dance music with DJ Misha and weekly guests. Saturdays, vocal house with DJ Sean Wilson. 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

Kadan: Wednesdays, *Darkwave Garden*, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Stern, and Grimderella. First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. Second and third Saturday of the month, *Underground Playground*, breaks, house, and progressive with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. Tuesdays, *Distortion*, mashups, bastard pop, and cybertrash. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: Second Friday of the month, *Ascension*, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, *Sub-Par*, hip-hop, rock 'n' soul, and funk with DJs Buddha and SC. 9:30 p.m. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Michael's Lounge (Hyatt Regency): Thursdays, DJs Neko, Sky, and Chris Mullins spin hip-hop, dance, and '70s/'80s. 9 p.m. 3777 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-552-1234.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, 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.

Moose's Gaslamp: Sundays, *Nocturnal*, house and trance with DJ Neko. 9 p.m. 535 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-5595.

Riley's Sports Bar: First Friday of the month, *Sin Factory*, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Darkman and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

San Diego Sports Club: Wednesdays, *Club Pussy Galore*, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electro pop, and '80s. Second and fourth Saturday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore*, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. Third Saturday of the month, *Club de Sade*, gothic, industrial, and fetish with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

710 Beach Club: Sundays, hip-hop, funk, and old skool with the Husky Boy Allstars. 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Shooterz: Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. Saturdays, *Underworld*, industrial, gothic, and dark electro with DJs Bryan Pollard, Cybian, and Harlot. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Static Lounge: Saturdays, house music to dark dance beats. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 18 and up. 634 Broadway (between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

Whiskey Girl: Sundays, Top 40, hip-hop, and dance with DJ Danimal. Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

The Whistle Stop: Second Thursday of the month, *Programme:Zero*, indie, Brit pop, and soul. First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation*, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. Tuesdays, *Friends Chill*, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, Lstr, and guests. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

CLUBS BY AREA

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Beaches

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., John Cain, jazz/Latin/international/pop standards.

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, Brain Buckit, rock. Saturday, Custard Pie, classic rock.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Thursday, Philip Carrillo. Saturday, Triple Shot, blues.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, Crash Carter, pop/soul/rock. Friday, Palos, salsa. Saturday, Jeff Moore and Billy Thompson, blues. Sunday, Candye Kane, blues. Monday, Eve Selis, roadhouse rock. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, Tres Sapos.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Most music is rock/alternative. Thursday, Split Finger, When I Rise, One Drop, and Dub Shack. Friday, Ben Lee, Rooney, and John Ralston. Saturday, Tainted Love. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Juke Kartel featuring Toby Rand, hard alternative rock. Wednesday, Reeve Oliver, Daredevil Jane, Kemistry, and the Big Provider.

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midnight, Latin jazz. Saturday and Wednesday, live jazz/funk.

Cody's La Jolla, 8030 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0040. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Roy Resnikoff*, light classical piano/show tunes. Friday and Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Dick Koenig*, jazz guitar. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Stefani Stevens*, jazz piano. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Joe Cardillo*, acoustic jazz-rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Chinook*, *Sexual Tofu*, *You and What Army*, and *the Wookiee Diplomats*, alternative rock. Friday, 8 p.m., *Maybe Tonight*, 9 p.m., *Jesse Plack*, 10 p.m., live music, 11 p.m., *Traylor*, acoustic. Saturday, *Minus One*, *Attic of Love*, *One Theory*, and *Cavena*, alternative rock.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Joseph Angelastro Jazz Duo*. Friday, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Paper Moon*, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jimmy Patton*, jazz. Monday, *Vladimir & Friends*. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Randomness*.

Estancia Resort Hotel, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 858-550-1000. Mustang and Burros Bar and Grill: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Los Reyes Del Ritmo*, Gipsy Kings tribute band.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, hip-hop/house.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Pickford's Party*, rock. Saturday, *I-Sao-7*, reggae/hip-hop/old skool.

Ki's Coffee on Top, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Friday, *Peter Sprague*, jazz.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Blues Brokers*. Sunday, blues jam.

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.

Manhattan Restaurant, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0700. Friday and Saturday, *the Joe Marillo Jazz Trio*.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron*, *Mark Fulton*, *James East*, and *PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guilino*, *Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, Latin jazz.

People's Food, 4765 Voltaire Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-224-1387. Friday, 6 p.m., *the Speak Easy Quartet*, '40s traditional jazz.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Damnicus Live*, Irish/pirate pub rock.

RT's Longboard Grill, 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030. Saturday, 10 p.m., *the Stepping Feet*, Dave Matthews tribute band, pop/rock.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Rockola*, classic rock. Friday, *Divebomber*, *the Simple Minded Soldiers*, and *OPM*. Saturday, *Justin James & the Sons of Beaches*, *the Stone Senses*, and *Irideside*, reggae.

Sunday, hip-hop. Monday, *Mitch Budd*, rock. Wednesday, *the Disco Pimps*.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/pop/Latin/standards.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/reggae/soul/dirty blues. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Willowleat*, smooth jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Agave*, rock. Saturday, live rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Tunes by Trent*.

Tower Two Beach Cafe, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., live acoustic/folk music.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Zindu*, *the Mayan Kings*, and *Something Four*. Friday, *Those Dang Robinsons and Lojic*, hip-hop. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Johnny Voodoo*, 8 p.m., *Cash'd Out*, alternative rock, and *the Boogiemens*, R&B. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Wise Monkey Orchestra*. Wednesday, *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz/funk.

Downtown

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music, 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Teflon*, alternative/folk.

Busalacchi's Ristorante, 3683 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-0119. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Standard Jazz Trio*, straight-ahead jazz.

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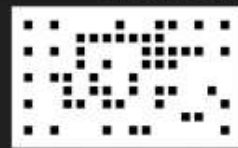
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The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Slits*, *the Dmonstrations*, *Mika Miko*, and *Bipolar Bear*. Friday, *the Drones*, *the Devastations*, and *Vision of a Dying World*. Saturday, *These Arms Are Snakes*, *French Toast*, *the Mouth of the Architect*, and *Everlovely Lightning Heart*. Sunday, *Hot Chip*, *Born Ruffians*, and *Sly Child*. Monday, *Grand Ole Party* and *Tender Buttons*. Tuesday, *Margot & the Nuclear So and So's* and *Emery Byrd*. Wednesday, *Jive Wire* and *One Nation Under a Groove*.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop piano.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *the 86'd*. Wednesday, *the Ghost of Sada*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Michael Chapdelaine*, acoustic guitar. Friday, 8 p.m., *Karin Carson* and *David Patrone*, jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Andy Villas-Boas*, *Peter Sprague*, *Gumar Giggis*, *Duncan Moore*, and *Tripp Sprague*, jazz. Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Arc Trio*, jazz. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Kalido-Skopio*, Latin jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Culann's Hounds*, Irish punk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Tuesday, *Kevin Federline*.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The sounds of British post-punk have been all over the place in the past few years, whether it's in modern guises like Franz Ferdinand, the Futureheads, and Bloc Party, or in prerevolutionary France (the Gang of Four figures prominently in the soundtrack to *Marie Antoinette*). But some important things are missing: the original movement's emphasis on sexual politics and its Jamaican influences. It's fitting that the **Slits** should come back now to remind us.

The Slits were almost literally the children of the original wave of British punk — singer **Ari Up**, who was all of 14 when the

Slits began, is the stepdaughter of John Lydon, a.k.a. Johnny Rotten. And they took punk's aesthetic of amateurism to heart, recording their debut album when they knew no more than a handful of chords and going on tour when they still needed the Clash's Mick Jones to tune their guitars for them.

But as the Slits got their act together, they began to leave loud punk rock behind. Rather than bashing away, they started to play minimally, basing their songs around reggae rhythms and topping them with Up's yelping vocals.

Other female or partly female bands — LiLiPUT, the Delta 5, the Au Pairs, the Raincoats — were heading in similar directions at the same time, but the Slits went farther than any of them away from rock and funk. In the theory-heavy rock criticism of the time, the Slits were seen as rejecting patriarchal



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Western culture. Famously, they appeared on an album cover wearing nothing but loincloths and mud, as though they were rejecting even civilization itself.

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AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Music is acoustic/folk/pop. Sunday, *Laurence Juber*.

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Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Speak Easy Quartet*, '40s traditional jazz.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Jello Biafra*, spoken word. Saturday, *One Word Solution*, *Union 13*, and *Cheap Sex*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live music.

Harry's Bar and American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Sunday, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Alan James* and *Greg Douglass*, folk/blues/country. Monday, tango.

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Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Soul Persuaders*.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is punk/hard rock/metal/alternative. Friday, *the Fascination*. Saturday, *the Dissimilars*, *the Killed Kids*, and *the Postals*.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Andi Rae Healy*, *Molly Jensen*, and *Aaron Bowen*. Saturday, *Allison Lonsdale* and *Steve Poltz*. Sunday, *Gregory Page*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Derek Evans* and *J.R. Robison*.

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The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Life*, blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Eddie Rossi* and *Joe Soprano*, piano. Monday and Tuesday, *the David Shaw Duo*.

The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, San Diego. 619-224-4835. Tuesday, open blues jam.

Rosie & Joe's, 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-277-5777. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Hugh Gaskins*, rockabilly/blues.

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San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Friday, 9 p.m., *Demasiado*, *Spell Toronto*, and *the Orion Frequency*, alternative rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday and Saturday, live bands.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.



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South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, 7 p.m., *John Kopecky*, solo Latin jazz guitar. Friday, 7 p.m., *Amelia Browning*, jazz/Latin standards. Saturday, 8 p.m., jazz jam session. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sam Johnson's Jazz Quartet*.

Tina's, 1956 54th Street, San Diego. 619-263-0254. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Johnson Project*, funk/pop/R&B/jazz.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday and Saturday, live music.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Monday, tango.

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The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, *Vena Cava*, *Tiltwheel*, and *Off with Their Heads*, hard rock.

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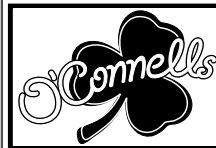
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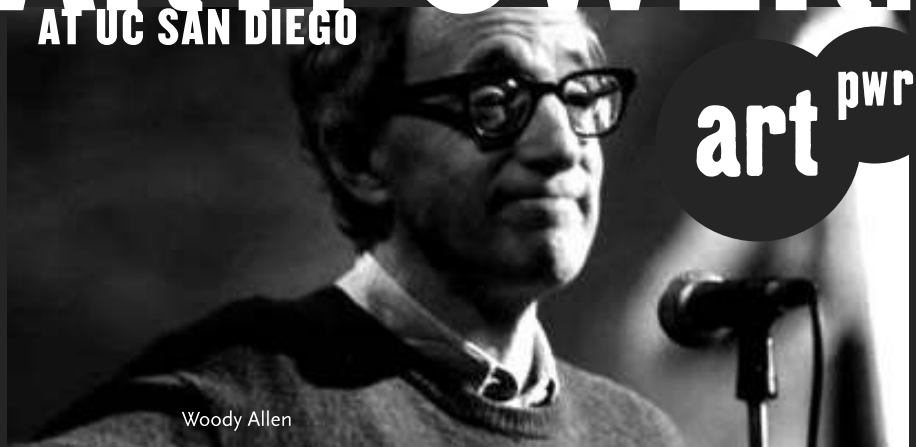


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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Groundation*, reggae. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Skatalites* and *the AggroLites*, ska. Saturday, *Boogie Nights*. Sunday, *the Lemonheads*, *Vietnam*, and *Reeve Oliver*, alternative rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations* and *Shaka Buku*, reggae.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 7 p.m., *Eric Kandel*.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Steven Ybarra*, pop/folk.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Tom Boyer*, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Mike McGill*, acoustic folk-rock.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/country. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 2508 El Camino Real, Carlsbad. 760-672-0848. Friday, 7 p.m., *Joe Tran* and *Scars on Scars*, acoustic.

The Comstock Bar and Grill, 316 West Mission #115, Escondido. 960-746-6188. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Band in Black*, alternative country.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, funky rock. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Little Big Men*; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Theo & the Zydeco Patrol*, blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.,

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Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., **Sambajazz**, Brazilian and American jazz.

Del Dios Bar and Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, **Big Rig Deluxe**, country. Saturday, **Hugh Gaskins**, blues.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, **Five Miles High**, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, **Leo Rising**, rock. Saturday, rock.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., **Jerry Melnick**, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, **Noiz and Kingsland**. Friday, **the Death Metal Legends, Incantation, the Year of Desolation, Damycan, Internal Suffering, and Nihilist**. Saturday, **Fireball Ministry, Artimus Pylar, the Vains of Jenna, Hate Times Nine, and Difficult Henry**. Sunday, **Wax on Radio, the Shore, Marjorie Fair, and Inberst**.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, **Mike Gardner**, acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., **the California Rangers**, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Friday and Saturday, live music. Monday, **Dixieland jazz**.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., **Mike Gardner**, acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, **Glen Sutton**. Friday, 9 p.m., **Material Witness**, rock. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m., **the International Blues Challenge**, 9 p.m., **the M-80's**, rock/pop/dance. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., **the Credit Union**, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bicocho 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, **the Big Sound**, rock. Saturday, **Loose Canyon**, rock.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., **Raggle Taggle**, Irish dance cabaret.

South Bay/Coronado

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., **Ray Correa**, standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, **Sandy Chappel and Sammy Canonizado**, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., **Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Scott Wallingford**, jazz.

Coronado Island Marriott, 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., **the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet**.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., **Tony Lasley**, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., **Barbara Jamerson and Joe Tarantino**, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., **Stellita & Dave Lindgren**. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., **Jim Gibson**.

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Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, 9 p.m., **West of 5**, '70s to current rock. Saturday, **Blue Rockit**, blues/rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, **the Justin Brothers**. Friday, **4-Way Street**, classic rock. Saturday, **the Offbeats**. Sunday, **Gene Warren**. Monday, **David Houser**. Tuesday, **Jackson & Jesus**. Wednesday, **Tommy Price**.

East County

Borders Books and Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., **Monty McIntyre**, acoustic. Saturday, 7 p.m., **John Borja**, jazz.

Cosmos Coffee Cafe, 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-698-4217. Friday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., **the Sam Johnson Jazz Duo**.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, **Nemesis**, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, **the Tall Dudes**, rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, **Geezer**, rock. Saturday, **Altered Time**, rock.

Habana Restaurant, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-713-2011. Saturday, salsa dancing.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, **Southbound Johnny**, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, **Uptown Groove**, classic rock.

Sixty 7 Bar and Grill, 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. 619-561-6767. Saturday, 8 p.m., **SoCo, J Devil, Lenny Hands, Gusto & Tre, and MacMob**, hip-hop/rap.

Stefanos, 14019 Highway 94, Jamul. 619-741-8095. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., **the Caribbean Cowboys**, rock/country.

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., **the Wize Guyz**, swing/standards.

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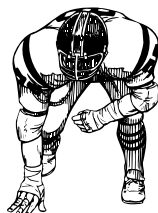
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The Dissimilars: The Kensington Club

The Divebombers: 710 Beach Club

The Drones: The Casbah

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The Slits: The Casbah

SoCo: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill

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These Arms Are Snakes: The Casbah

Union 13: Epicentre

The Vains of Jenna: The Jumping Turtle

Vietnam: Belly Up Tavern

Vision of a Dying World: The Casbah

The War of Ages: Soma

The Warriors: Soma

Wax on Radio: The Jumping Turtle

When I Rise: 'Canes

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Where available/price: Music Trader (Broadway in El Cajon, Midway, and El Cajon Blvd. shops), Cow Records in O.B., M-Theory in Mission Hills for \$10. Online at *CD Baby*, *iTunes*, and www.iu-music.com for 99 cents per song.

Band: Shawn Gallup (guitar, keyboard, vocals, drums), Andrew Napoli (guitar, keyboard, vocals, drums), Tommy Napoli (guitar, vocals, drums), Billy Roberts (bass, vocals)

Songs: 1) Bridge 2) Change 3) Sun 4) Feel 5) Awake 6) Big Bang 7) Gun (part one) 8) Golden Door 9) Anew 10) Amore 11) Apathy Rapture 12) Put It Down

Website: www.iu-music.com

Extra info: IU is scheduled to play at Coaster's Saloon Friday, December 15

Some of this album sounds like early-'70s protest rock or nature rock. There are

little clips of President Bush cut in and a "wah wah" guitar effect. A sensitive male lead



IU

an era (late '60s to '70s) instead of mastering their instruments and offering something new.

Their final song — before a "secret" 13th track — is their best and deviates from the rest of the album by being a stand-alone acoustic guitar track with sincere vocals and lyrics.

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Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

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Peggy Lloyd: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

The Joe Marillo Jazz Trio: Manhattan Restaurant

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The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

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David Mosby: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Mike Nelson: Sogno Di Vino, The Lodge at Torrey Pines

The New Standard Jazz Trio: Busalacchi's Ristorante

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Christian Graves, the new chef at J-Six, is proud to be a card-carrying Slow Foodie. If you haven't heard about it yet, "Slow Food" doesn't mean you'll have an hour's wait for your appetizers, or that everything's stewed — although it *is* the opposite of mass-produced, unhealthy fast food, a movement dedicated to preserving traditional ways of farming, cooking, and caring for our food and planet. A serious side effect: wholesome, tasty fare.

The Slow Food movement started in Italy, and Alice Waters was the first to practice it in an American restaurant (Chez Panisse). It begins at ground level with saving and growing diverse heirloom seeds, rather than buying sterile, patented commercial hybrids from mega-corporations. It includes farming with organic and sustainable growing methods in place of pesticide drenchings, and raising animals naturally and humanely (for better flavor and healthfulness, as well as contented cows). It encourages contact between the growers and the cooks (e.g., at farmers' markets) and choosing fresh local products as much as possible, rather than foods shipped from half a world away. And it involves supporting products made by small-scale artisans, ranging from honeys to handcrafted hams to cheeses and honest breads.

At J-Six, the kitchen bakes the breads, chef Graves cures charcuterie and makes sausages, and the friendly, knowledgeable waitstaff serves gently reared free-range meats and local produce. (We're lucky in San Diego, surrounded by farms with a year-round growing season. It must be tough to be a Slow Food maven during a Minneapolis winter.)

Stepping into J-Six is like entering a theater where the play's in progress, the bar and open kitchen stage sets with a golden glow. The dimly lighted dining room snakes around them, divided into more intimate areas by tall, plush sound-absorbing booths, which keep the noise level painless. Mike and Scott were with us, and Mike ran around the room like a kid, testing the comfort of the different banquettes (he liked them all) and barely resisting the temptation to horn in like Harpo Marx on a couple cuddled in a rounded floral shell of a booth. In the area where we were seated, the decor runs off in three different directions: The ceiling has upside-down white foam flowers, like a fake Italian palazzo; one wall is hung with strips of translucent round beads resembling a Filipino capiz-shell curtain; another wall is mysteriously bedecked with dozens



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of identical Moroccan fezzes hanging from pegs. "My father hates the decor," said our waitress, who seemed to have a family connection to the place. "He didn't like it when they were putting it up, and he doesn't like it any better now."

The menu has a more coherent diversity. It's divided into "small plates—starters," "large plates," and "share bites" of appetizers or cocktail noshes serving two to six — plus a few side dishes. (Unlike a steakhouse, entrées come with veggies, so the sides are meant as extras.) The table breads are a light olive-and-herb loaf and a denser red-pepper bread, served with a spread of Kalamata olives, sun-dried tomatoes, and olive oil that you ladle on with a spoon. "Talk about addictive — I can't stop eating this," said my partner.

As a foursome dining "family style," our attention went straight to the "share" plates. We began with a trio of summer salads. There were heirloom tomatoes with fresh mozzarella, a standard dish on local menus but distinguished here by luscious green-ripe tomatoes with a light pesto beneath them. I loved the cantaloupe and prosciutto, another conventional combination, improved by a garnish of red onion slivers and a lemon verbena gastrique. A

block of herbed French feta surrounded with diced cucumbers and onions lacked something, though. "This is like the dressing on a Greek pita sandwich, minus the yogurt," Mike observed.

We couldn't pass up a platter of the chef's house-made assortment of charcuterie. The juicy unsmoked sausage, similar to fresh Italian sausage, was plated over coarse-ground mustard. We loved it, but I was even fonder of the thinly sliced, mild bresaola (cured beef) — tender and pleasing wrapped around crunchy cooked green beans dressed in tarragon crème fraîche. The smoked ham turned out to be house-cured duck prosciutto, made from the plump breast of a Moularde (foie gras) duck.

We turned our attention to the "small plates," which were not so small. First arrival: steamed Manila clams in a deep bowl filled with a salty, complex broth of seafood stock and tomatoes topped with crumbled house-made chorizo (a bit bland); bread fingers perched on the edge of the bowl. "This is the perfect sharing dish," said Mike. "Lots of bread and sauce and flavor." "And if you tacked this whole thing by yourself," Scott added, "you wouldn't want an entrée." As we worked our way through the dish,

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we experimented with the table breads for dipping. The red-pepper bread had the right stuff.

The showpiece of the meal was a plate of truffled white-corn ravioli with butter-sautéed, whole, fresh, chanterelle mushrooms (yeah — fresh, not dried, and what a difference!) aswim in a chive and lemon fondue, which proved to be a luxurious but not-too-heavy cream sauce. My first raviolus was perfect, bursting with the sweetness of slow-roasted Chino Farms corn. The second was undercooked,

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the pasta thicker than expected. But the filling was so devastating, it could have been wrapped in paper towels and I'd barely have noticed — definitely one of the year's best bites.

At this point, nearly done with our starters, we took to wiping the platters. "This is the first place we've gone with you where we're using the bread to sop up the last of the sauces," said Scott. "Usually, halfway through and that's enough." "Right," said Mike. "We're like starving Third World children lapping it up."

"Our seafood is the freshest in town," the waitress told us as we were choosing entrées. "The fish was cut five minutes before the doors opened." The signature dish, she said, is the seared sea scallops. We tried them, and sorry to say, they didn't taste all that sparkling. Although not phosphated or otherwise mistreated, they were nearly flavorless — cut today, perhaps, but probably caught a couple of days before. They were overshadowed by the accompaniments — a fondue of "box shucked" corn (rasped from the cobs on a box-grater, with all their sugary juices), dotted with English peas and ricotta gnocchi. The naked cheese gnocchi (in Italian, they're called *gnudi*, like "nudie," because they're like ravioli filling without the pasta skins) were tender and tiny — all two of them. (I got the plate first, and I counted.)

A thick hunk of grilled Hawaiian ahi was well done on the surface, rare at the center, but even the reddest core tasted more like albacore than like ahi (which is usually yellowfin). Instead of

ahi's near-beefy flavor, the impact was closer to cooked pork. (Maybe it was "the other white meat" of the sea?) It came with a red wine gastrique with thick *batons* of good smoked bacon, undercooked white beans, and lemon-braised baby artichokes of uneven doneness — some soft, some on the tough side. (What's with the hard white beans I'm running into all over town? The better the restaurant, the harder the beans — did some New York celebrity chef declare them de rigueur? If Mario jumps off a cliff, do you have to jump off it, too?)

Oddly — given the chef's previous stint at San Francisco's famed and fabulous Farallon seafood restaurant — things went much better with the beef dishes. Braised Angus short ribs are the menu's sole holdover from previous chef Deborah Schneider. The boneless beef is slow-baked for three hours with rosemary, garlic, and Chianti. Great flavors and a delicious gravy are the high points, but the casserole's liquid content should probably have been attended to more closely during baking, as the texture was a tad dried out. Alongside are ricotta-whipped potatoes, which take some getting used to. The lean ricotta modifies the rooty flavor of the potato, producing refinement in place of earthiness.

We ordered our rib-eye steak rare, and so it arrived, well-browned on the surface and juicy inside. It's naturally raised meat from Brandt Beef, grass-fed until the final stages when it's switched to conventional corn for fattening up. Grilled over a gas flame, it comes with fine accompaniments — a salad of tomatoes (including those great green-ripe ones served with the salad plate), green beans, and, best of all, Point Reyes goat cheese, a perfect, tangy comple-

ment to the steak. Although none of our main courses quite lived up to the promise of the starters, this was the favorite entrée of our table. We wished we had one more person with us, though, so we could also try the brick-roasted organic chicken, made with prized little black-skinned Jidoris.

I took advantage of a three-wine white flight. (Whenever I write "white flight," I want to make real estate jokes, but...never mind.) It included a Coppola Pinot Grigio (a dish-water blonde), a good Spanish Albariño, and the star, a Te Awa Sauvignon Blanc from Hawk's Bay, New Zealand. Unlike the Marlborough-grown Sauvignons from that country, it wasn't dry and citrusy, but a rich mouthful, great with clams and scallops. A glass of Melville Viognier proved full bodied enough to hold its own not only with the meaty ahi but against the rib-eye. Scott tried the red flight and evidently liked it, since he kept it all to himself.

We managed to try some desserts, all house-made. Best was a molten lava cake that was more like a lava cupcake — short, round, and flattened. It was small enough to please without cloying, lightened with a scoop of Tahitian vanilla ice cream and a shallow pool of devilishly delicious pistachio-studded *crème anglaise*.

Vanilla panna cotta in plum "soup" topped with candied lemon zest and mint leaves was a little heavy and custardy for my taste. (I prefer panna cottas as airy as you can get 'em.) Last and least was a very moist crustless pumpkin cheesecake, tasting sweet and creamy but nothing more. "Maybe the current pumpkin shortage affected this dessert," said Mike. "There wasn't enough pumpkin to get any into the cheesecake." On the

other hand, the house coffee is a superb dark French roast called La Colombe. If you prefer weak American breakfast coffee, don't order it, and I'll drink your share.

To review J-Six without a side trip to the rooftop J-Bar lounge would be criminal. To avoid arrest, we returned to explore. They've got a swimming pool up there, and firepits, heat stanchions, some tented cabanas that groups can reserve for bottle service, and open-air tables with a view of the construction equipment raising more surrounding condos. If you choose a table close to the elevator, a server will demand and hold your credit card until you're ready to pay up — evidently they've experienced some misdemeanor escapees. We arrived during happy hour (4:30–6:30 p.m.). Half the patrons were filtering in after work to meet friends, some still in office drag, others in more casual wear. One large, young group were hotel patrons evidently vacationing from a colder climate. They clustered around a fire pit wearing tank tops and cut-offs on a chilly (for San Diego) November evening.

But we were there for the food, just the food, ma'am. Fried calamari were a credit to their race — small rings and lovely little tentacles, crisp and succulent in a light batter that wasn't oversalted. They came with lemon wedges and a smart and tasty mayo-free tartar sauce based on thick Greek-style yogurt dotted with diced house-pickled vegetables. A Hawaiian-style pulled pork sandwich offered flavorful (if fatty) premium pork strips in fruity sweet-sour sauce on a bun, accompanied by house-made kettle chips. And knowing we could trust the beef, we ordered a rare burger "with everything" (avocado, bacon, grilled onions, cheddar). Thick and juicy, it met

expectations and came with thick *frites* that had shared their frying oil with the branches of fresh rosemary that garnished the plate. The ketchup was lively, amended with something bright and tangy that I couldn't quite identify. (Other J-bar dishes include skewers of chicken or skirt steak, a mini-pizza, grilled shrimp, and various sandwiches.) A frozen Mango Piña Colada, sweet and suave, resembled an alcoholic smoothie and made us wish that summer were just beginning.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Christian Graves became executive chef at J-Six about six months ago, after cooking at many of San Francisco's top restaurants, including five years as chef de cuisine at Farallon, a famed downtown fish house. Graves spent his childhood in the South, but his peripatetic parents moved to San Francisco by the time he reached his teens. He started his career as a dishwasher in local restaurants, until a chef let him start doing prep. "I loved cooking, and when I finally decided to go to school for it, my family were very supportive and confused as to why I hadn't figured out earlier that this was what I wanted to do. I went to a junior college in Santa Barbara and the city college where they have a hotel-restaurant program. Meanwhile, I was working in restaurants. That's where I started to get a lot of love and knowledge. I worked for a really good guy who was really into teaching me, and I was hungry for knowledge as well."

Why did he leave one of San Francisco's top restaurants to come to San Diego? "J-Six was a perfect fit," he says. "I'd worked with seafood at Farallon. I'd been at Aqua and One Market and Roti. I kind of specialized in fish.

My friend, Jim Birnbaum, who's a famous chef, was helping [Bill] Kimpton [of Kimpton Hotel Group, owners of Hotel Solamar and other boutique hotels] with trying to find placements for this restaurant, and it was such a natural fit for me. My wife's parents live in Orange County and we wanted to be closer to them, so my family and I, with two little boys, moved down.

"At J-Six, we're really trying to change the whole restaurant. My style of food is very different from the previous chef. I'm trying to do everything in-house. We make our own breads, pickles, our own charcuterie. We're trying to do as much as possible with organic ingredients and definitely hand-selected ingredients. I'm not trying to break the sound barrier with food — I'm humble. I'm really into solid food. I like classic techniques as well as classic ingredients. I'm really into Slow Food, which to me is about using all-natural ingredients and traditional techniques. I use produce from local farms as much as possible and a small-scale meat vendor who can select carefully because he's not buying masses of fillets. I love food, fresh food. I love family and celebrations with food and with each other, and I love cooks who cook. One of the best things about San Diego is that the chefs here are really interested in each other's work and support each other — it's not a competitive, cutthroat thing like San Francisco can be.

"The thing with J-Six is, we really want to be a neighborhood restaurant — we want to be like those San Francisco places where you can go again and again. I miss just dropping in to places like Chez Pannise Café and Zuni and Oliveto in the Bay Area, and that's what we want to be to San Diego." ■

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'Go," says Carla. "I trust you."
 Uh-oh. Warning flags. You know the rule: Never trust a woman when she says she trusts you.

But I'm being straight with her here. I want to learn the *quebradita*, the Mexican break dance that, from what I've seen, is a better workout than a couple of hours at your fanciest gym. Somebody told me the other day that down at the southern end of Chula Vista there's a, like, lobster place where they also have dancing, traditional Mexican stuff. So I suggested, all cards on the table, that we go down, right? Together, tonight, to dance.

"Bedford! I'm still limping from the damned broken leg.... Hello? Anybody there?"

But...then she says to go.

So here I am, around 11:00 p.m., outside this cream-colored stucco place surrounded by palms and banana-type trees. The sign says, "Baja Lobster. Dancing Nightly." Inside's plush, red leather, long bar. Looks good, except nobody's dancing. Guy sings onstage, not too well. Karaoke. In Spanish. "Come back Friday, or Saturday," says the guy behind the bar, Herman. But when I explain I want to learn the *quebradita*, he says, "Try the Marisol, on Main. They have girls can teach you there."

Ho-kay. Need time to think. Back outside, I spot this cone-shaped, grass-roofed place on the corner. Looks brand-new. Very Baja. Irony is,

going in, two glass doors swish open automatically, and there you are — outside. A half-circle of tables, with a half-circle black marble counter and half a dozen cool stools, a single pipe curved up to hold a footrest and the padded seat. Also

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way-cool, a mural of the Baja desert on the back wall, with buzzards, cattle skulls, saguaros, and the words "Baja Taco Shack" daubed in, plus, above your head, a Baja 1000 VW maxing out on its shocks and a half-moon ceiling painted with more buzzards, cruising the air currents this time, along

with gulls and pelicans. But coolest of all is the feeling of being inside a massive palapa...

"Señor? Sir. You have to order at the counter."

Uh, oh, right. This is an über-cool gal named — Lord! — Carla. She walks me back to the cashier's counter at the entrance. They have a list of tacos posted above.

It's fairly basic, but good prices. Mostly from \$1.50 to \$3.00. Carne asada (beef), al pastor (pork), or *tripa* (tripe) are all \$1.50. Then they have *mulitas* — little mules. Carla here says *mulitas* are two crispy corn tortillas with meat, cheese, and *guaca*. If it's done right, the bubbling cheese cements the tortillas together.

Then again, I could get a crispy *taco dorado deshebrada*, with its shredded beef, \$1.50, or a taco "à la New York" (with unsliced carne asada, says Carla), \$3.00.

But now a couple of people are waiting behind me, so I just go for whatever tickles my fancy: an *al pastor*, 'cause I know I like that, and lessee, a *taco dorado de papa*, 'cause a crispy taco with potato sounds good, and, uh, okay, *elote asado* (\$2.00). I embarrass myself by having to have Carla remind me that *elote* is grilled corn on the cob with butter. "You've lived how long now in this border town?" I mumble to myself.

I go sit at the counter on one of those cool stools, while Tony the manager brings out the food, plus two salsas, limes, spiced carrots, and red onions. The potato taco I could wolf a dozen of. It has a creamy, cilantroish sauce with the potato. Tony says he sells more of these than anything. The pork is beautiful in the *al pastor*, and the corn comes with its husk still attached, so you can hold it while you eat. I grab a bottle of Sangria, a nonalcoholic but winey-tasting drink in a winey-looking bottle (\$1.50). I ask Tony which is the best salsa to put on the corn. "Neither," he says, and brings me a bottle of Tapatía hot sauce. "This is what you want." And the man's right. Just a little gives the corn the kick it needs to make it, well, Mexican.

Now, of course, I have time to look at the list without pressure. Here's what I regret *not* pick-

ing. (Sigh.) For starters, the *Combinación Baja*, a three-taco combo (carne asada, tripe, and pork) plus a *chile pasilla con queso*, smoky Oaxacan pasilla chile stuffed with cheese and grilled, all for \$5.50. Then the *mulita*. And last, *taco de lengua*, today's (Wednesday) special, just because I'd like to someday learn to enjoy tongue without picturing it in its old job.

It turns out that Baja Tacos is only around three months old. That VW in the mural belongs to Marcos, the owner. (He and his family run both this restaurant and the Baja Lobster dance outfit next door.) "He wanted to make this look like a real Baja place," Tony says, "so he brought an artist up from Mexicali and had him paint a *Baja Mil* scene — with Marco's car in it. He competes."

Man, I'm reluctant to leave. I'd party here, even though there's no grog. It's hip, it's Baja, it's — hey — Baja-hip.

But now — drum roll, please — *el momento de verdad*. This *quebradita* thing. Should I go down to Marisol on Main for lessons? I can still hear Carla's voice: "Go. I trust you." Right, until I come back with my teacher's scent all over me. That's how it'd be with the *quebradita*.

Oh God. Decisions, decisions. ■

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Exams for Sommeliers

"If you're not here, if you're not following the format, you're sort of holding everybody up."

Lisa Redwine, general manager and wine director at Molly's in the downtown Marriott, hands a sheet of paper to Dan Chapman, a captain at George's at the Cove. "Are these examples of questions you'd see on the certified, or are these more advanced-level?"

Redwine will take the Society of Wine Educators' exam to become a certified specialist in wine on December 11. Chapman has already passed the advanced-level exam — the second hurdle on the road to becoming a master sommelier.

"These are more advanced-level," answers Chapman. "What is the newest Grand Cru of Alsace?" — that's a good one. Is that the one that's a Sylvaner?"

It's something you might very well need to know. Besides the name of the new Grand Cru, the question asks what varietals are allowed, the percentages permitted in blending, the village, and why it has never been classified as a Grand Cru in the past, "even though it was always considered one of the true Grand Crus."

Megan Burgess, GM at Roppongi and corporate sommelier for the Sammy's restaurant group, tells Redwine that when she took the certified exam, "There were a ton of questions on Australia. I'd say almost a third of the test. Questions along the lines of, 'Which of the following is not an appellation in Southern Australia?'"

Redwine, Chapman, and Burgess are three

members of a sommelier tasting group that has been meeting every Monday for the past six months in order to prepare for either the certified or advanced (or even master) sommelier exams. The other members: Paul Krikorian, sommelier

at the La Jolla Country Club; and Catherine Henson, national accounts rep for the Henry Wine Group. (Henson, because she doesn't work on the service side of the business, is aiming to become a master of wine — a degree with a more academic emphasis — instead of a master sommelier.)

"For the certified exam," explains Chapman. "There was a book that basically said, 'These are the things you need to know.' It was nice."

"But there's no curriculum for the advanced or master sommelier program," says Burgess. "They give you a list of recommended reading," and that's it.

"It's much more elusive," continues Chapman. He didn't pass the advanced exam on his first try. "I just didn't know what I was supposed to learn. Having gone through it, I got a sense." He passed on his second try. Now, he serves as the moderator of the group — which is not to say that he is merely a teacher, passing along information. "If you talk to any of the master sommeliers, they all have a group like this," says Burgess.

"You've got to create a community to make sense of wines," adds Chapman. "It's too expen-

sive to buy your own. And you learn about what other people know."

"I don't work with Italian wines, for example," says Redwine. "We studied them for three weeks. I'm just barely getting it, but it's great exposure when you're tasting with people who really know Italian wines."

Chapman says that even the masters "are always learning. Sometimes, someone will correct them, and they'll say, 'You're right.' Things are always changing. That's part of the reason they're always teaching, I think — it helps them keep track."

(The group should know — they've played host to a few of the masters. "Peter Neptune's come down twice" from Newport Beach, says Burgess.)

"Think of an athlete," offers Burgess. "You have to be constantly using your ability. So it's important to have a group that is pushing you. And if you know somebody's going to meet you at the gym, you're more inclined to go."

In some ways, the meeting is more like an academic test than a trip to the gym; you're expected to have studied beforehand. Everybody brings reading material: the latest edition of the *Oxford Companion to Wine*, a trade book on Spanish wines, a Xeroxed article on a tasting of Clos Ste. Hune Riesling. But the gym analogy is also apt. The group meets to taste and analyze wine; it is exercise, and you have to do it regularly. "It's a selective group," says Burgess. "Consistency of showing up is the most important thing. Restaurant hours are never short, but anybody who gets brought on has to have the same amount of dedication. If you're not here, if you're not following the format, you're sort of holding everybody up.



Sommelier tasting group at Roppongi

I was in a group before this one, and I got tired of being the only one who showed up."

After consistency, what matters is congeniality. "Everybody's supporting everybody else," says Chapman, "trying to make sure that everybody's learning. There are some people that are certainly plenty knowledgeable, but they might not be the best suited for this group."

"We don't feel nervous," agrees Burgess. "We say, 'What happens in this room stays in this room.'"

Chapman elaborates. "It's a funny thing when you take a glass of wine that you don't know anything about. There's a vulnerability in sitting in front of people, when you're supposed to be an expert, and smelling and tasting and telling everybody what the wine is. Sometimes we're right, but a lot of times we're just totally wrong."

"If it was easy," notes Krikorian, "there would be more than 124 master sommeliers in the world."

Part of the master sommelier exam, says Chapman, involves analyzing six anonymous wines,

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and you better be right about five of them if you're hoping to pass. "And Peter said that in the ten years he did it, they threw in every wine they could, trying to screw him up," says Henson. "They would throw in a Bierzot," says Chapman, referencing a relatively obscure region in Spain that produces Mencía, a wine that might get mistaken for the much more familiar Cabernet Franc. But the advanced isn't so brutal. There, he says, "The wines are true as true. They don't try to cheat you. They won't give you a wine from Jumilla, or Priorat" — up-and-coming Spanish regions. "If they give you a Spanish wine, it'll probably be a Rioja, and it'll be pretty straightforward. They taste the wines first, and there are certain things they want to make sure you're getting."

"And you're never told if you got it right," says Burgess. "There's a massive discussion afterwards. When I took my certified, there were just two wines, and when I walked out, I said what I thought they were, and half the people said, 'Oh, no, no, no, no.'"

"The real goal is this," concludes Chapman. "You're standing at a table, and somebody asks you a question, and you know the answer. And you can answer in a way that's really articulate. The final goal, I think, is to be able to help make sense of these wines to people who don't speak the language we speak."

"And the better you are, the less pretension will come across," agrees Krikorian. "You can get pretentious, and then, when you get really good, all the insecurity goes away." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: "The Billy" is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). "The Cindy" is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is "The Pablo." It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

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Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself—crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafont patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or

outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 11 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: *Veuve Clicquot* it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained

frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Le Bambou Del Mar Village, 2634 Del Mar Heights Road (turn north on Mango), Del Mar Heights, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners' daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of "ground shrimp on sugar cane" so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and "Star of the Sea" curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quirks can enjoy Vietnam's own "33" brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible

lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesday, Monday and Wednesday all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Wednesday through Sunday nights. Lunch and dinner daily, with a break between the meals; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as

they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of "something extra" — e.g., not

just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an "American Bistro," Chef Susan Sbicca ("speeka") also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a "wine room" upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$4 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesday. Crowded during racing season. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellow-

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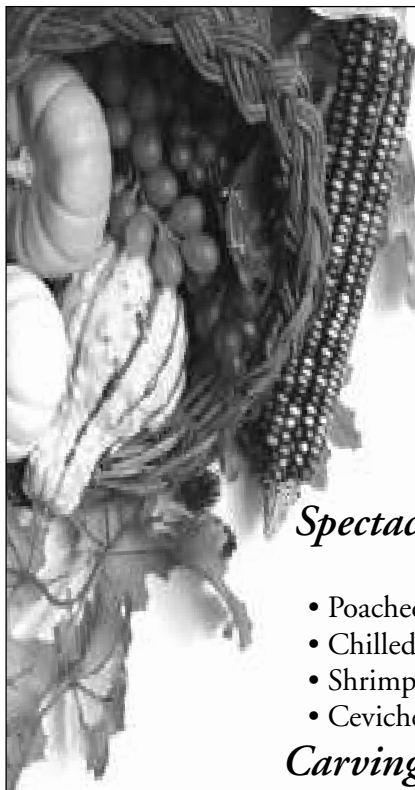
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NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*,) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (6/04)

Cabana Cove Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from "surfing spots around the world," includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambiance is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (11/03)

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend

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Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of rice, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B. (10/04)

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woese. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most excit-

ing on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sumomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M. (8/04)

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above av-

erage, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D. (10/05)

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa) or the Mile High omelet (bacon, cheese, and bell peppers). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily

for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. (Closed for renovations, set to reopen December.) The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W. (10/99)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza,

3709 Convooy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W. (9/02)

Korea House 4620 Convooy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convooy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and

heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multitenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running prepared box lunches, and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream

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THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, pecking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oak-wood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

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make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (6/04)

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as

chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Magnolias Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the

BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — N.W. (2/05)

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *saji*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *saji*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/05)

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Street (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-tries: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street (at Howard, across from Vons), North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be

great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (5/06)

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge, 619-584-2535. The owner's a retired Navy medic, one of the first women to serve in the Middle East combat zone. She's named sandwiches for career stops, like "The Recruit Training Center, Orlando, Florida" (chicken breast, bacon, avocado, provolone cheese, spinach, tomato, and onion) or "North Island Dental Clinic" (turkey, ham, bacon). But try a main dish like eggplant Parmesan or chicken with sautéed mushrooms. Or a massive chunk of lasagna, plus bread and salad. Coffee? You get a huge French-style press-the-coffee-down affair. Your big decision: eat out on the flower-strewn boulevard patio or inside among black leather easy-chairs and a giant screen? Open for lunch and dinner daily, until 2 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/06)

Vagabond Kitchen 2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 619-255-1035. Seasonal "world food" filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually SRO, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (7/06)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective

glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with ham, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/04)

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B. (12/01)

Couleur Cafe 7820 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-697-0036. Couleur has gone "raw." The Living Room-comfy café, with couches and classy swirly cane chairs, always had interesting big sandwiches, but now raw is the rage. Walnut burgers, "seafood" cucumber salads, hazelnut-and-raisin breakfast cereal with bananas, macadamia, and Brazil nut milk — all are part of the new diet of live-enzyme food. If you're not ready, four traditional sandwiches are still there (BLT, tuna, salmon, and chicken). Open 12 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Fix Me a Plate Cafe 9168 Fletcher Parkway (next to Souplantation), La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Cafe, and now he's got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po' boy is (as France's Michelin Guide might say) "worth a de-

tour," as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouffés are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skippy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break between on weekends). Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (2/06)

4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark, student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, lurking them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Thursday; till 2 p.m. Friday. Closed weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/06)

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convo. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (laborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the

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mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — N.W. (5/04)

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently cho-

sen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like *linguine mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is

bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B. (7/04)

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chileman* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel's outstanding, adventurous desserts. Com-

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fortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/04)

Chilango's Mexico City Grill 142 University Avenue (near Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-8646. This bright, cheerful cafe offers authentic cooking from Central Mexico. You know it's real because there are no "combo plates" on the dinner menu. Instead, enjoy rarely found dishes cooked with creative twists — for instance, the delectable *chiles en nogada* features poblano chiles with an exuberantly fruity ground-sirloin stuffing topped with a walnut-cream gravy scattered with strawberries. The "Yucatan salad" with mole-sauced pork is refreshing, and pork with *chile pasilla*

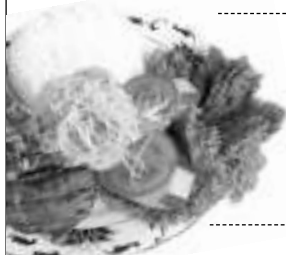
sauce is dark, deep, and delicious. Lunches include various tortilla wraps with a choice of six regional sauces. Mexican and European beers, tasty margaritas made from agave "wine." Short but carefully chosen, affordable international wine list includes bottlings from Baja. Patio seating. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate, entrées half-price on Monday. — N.W. (9/05)

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco cafe backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the

OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Indian Princess 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincipally sum. Dinner is more expensive. Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Seven days, lunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., dinner 5 p.m.

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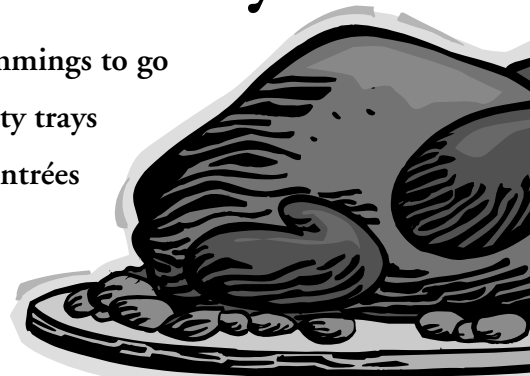
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Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

Kung Food Express Cafe 2949 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), uptown, 619-298-7302. These guys really try to be green. They have a "100-percent plant-based menu," use solar-heated water, give their food waste to farmers to compost, and even try to use biodegradable cutlery, plates, and bowls. They have a "live" food section (meaning raw, so enzymes survive), plus vegan and vegetarian items. One great-looking lunch offering is the collard wrap, a big green collard leaf wrapped around a mix of cashews, agave, agave nectar, alfalfa, cilantro, mango, red cabbage, and avocado. Also good are the dishes using steamed quinoa — the Incas' mother grain — plus curried veggies, and beans with Soyrizo. Nice courtyard with native grasses, climbing vines, white umbrellas. Open 11 a.m. till 11 p.m., daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/06)

The Mission 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check

out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on local spiny lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not fried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — N.W. (8/05)

Phil's BBQ 4030 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills, 619-688-0559. Check the lines around Phil's any lunchtime. Although Phil grills his BBQ (rather than slow-smoking it), he must be doing something right. He is: That sweet, rich rib sauce he invented is one thing. The fall-off-the-bone pork and beef is another. The sweet baked beans a third. Plus, the restaurant is a rabbit-warren that grew, but it's kid-friendly, has open wash-basins for your greasy mitts, and has paper towel rolls at every table. Ribs can be expensive, but a quarter-rib (four bones) will fill you fine. A great second-best is the BBQ sandwich with char-grilled pork shoulder. Remember: you'll get pork unless you specify beef. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/06)

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a

tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmezh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

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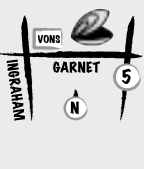
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daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

Anthony's Fishette 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand battered treasures," like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. In winter, breakfasts are served on weekends; in summer, all week. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/06)

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousin-restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/04)

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja. Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — N.W. (7/03)

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and un-muddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list, Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (8/05)

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war going on here. "City" has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough

has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the "Ranch Chicken" pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever *consider* serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are eleven other "specialty pies" every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — B.D. (10/05)

Crudo Restaurant 1953 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-398-2974. *Crudo* refers to the Italian version of sushi, but that's not on the menu at this flashy eatery-cum-nightclub, a partnership between Italian restaurateur Joe Busalacchi and disco maven Mike Viscuso. Nope, the raw fish here is Japanese-fusion sushi and sashimi, with some excellent, creative "party rolls" (like the Green Hornet and the Crudo roll) and a delightful, shareable sashimi "plateau" — a mini-ency-

clopedia of fish and garnishes. Fusiony appetizers, noodle or rice bowls, and baroque, high-end entrées fill out the list. Having a bite before the disco opens buys free entry to the lounge. Short wine list at high markups; numerous sakes (mainly by-the-bottle only) at high-to-ridiculous markups; full bar. Want quiet? The dining patio in front is sheltered and serene. Disco Wednesday through Saturday night. Dinner nightly. "Bowls" and simple sushi inexpensive, otherwise very expensive. — N.W. (4/06)

LG's Prime Steakhouse 789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), downtown, 619-239-7899. The atmosphere at this chain steakhouse is a little less "old boys' club" than most of its kind — it's quiet and luxurious, but not especially formal. All the beef is aged on the premises, and the star cut is the superb dry-aged "Jewel in the Crown" Porterhouse, with much beefier flavor than wet-aged meat. Meats are heavily salted unless you request otherwise; sauces taste a little pre-fab. The Caesar salad is made at the table to your tastes. "Escargots alfredo" is fun as an indulgent starter. Everything's à la carte, with good creamed spinach among the sides. Great, if pricey, wine list, but the top reds are barely over retail prices. Full bar. Valet parking at Fifth and F. Reservations recommended. Open for dinner 365 days a year. Very expensive. — N.W. (8/05)

McCormick & Schmick's Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game

nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive — N.W. (10/05)

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. Patty's expanded to non-fruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — E.B. (12/01)

RA Sushi 474 Broadway (at Fifth), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well sea-

soned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/04)

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (8/01)

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The Barbecue Pit 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

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Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Merkli's Deli-BBQ 415 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0767. Named after Sebastian Merkl, the owner's German granddad, who jumped ship in New York after World War I. Merkl's claims to be the "first real New York-style deli south of Hillcrest." It certainly has serious, all-day, New York-type breakfasts like pastrami and corned beef three-egg omelets or Reuben omelets filled with corned beef, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut. Or salami and eggs, pancake-style. There's even a breakfast Philly cheese steak. But it's not only New York. Out back, their Texas-style smoker burns mesquite for some pretty mean ribs. Also check Chula Vista's truck farm history on the walls, a collection of crate-end labels with all the fruits that this town's soils used to produce. Open every day breakfast through dinner; Sundays breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/04)

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans)

with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambiance early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Expensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate

even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (7/01)

Vahida's Healthy Choice Chula Vista Weekly Farmers Market, Center Street (between 3rd and Del Mar Street), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it's Bosnian, like her. Not that there's a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn't cover it. These *Burckor Chevaphichia* are made like the sausages of the city of Skopje, ex-

cept for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida's eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/06)

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), *moussaka* (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

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El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green

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walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabrería* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalapeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabrería* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B. (9/04)

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *dicharón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Lonchería La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105,

Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Lonchería La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro García Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W. (4/03)

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterranean Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. When Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant, he went all the way. He built a complete Tuscan villa right next to venerable Hacienda *Cien Años*. "But then," says Plascencia, "I got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente

valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B. (8/04)

Super Antojitos 4th Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole*, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. *Super antojitos* means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/20)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades

made on-premises — it's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carmitas* outstanding. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. — N.W. (10/05)

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brickly drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B. (11/03)

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street),

College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations (different management) in Hillcrest, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — E.B. (10/00)

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive (near Executive Way, opposite UTC), 858-458-9007; 7077 Friars Road, Fashion Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window. And there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy-busy mall-Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. You have to grudgingly like it. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the "Sichuan from the Sea" shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, like the Shanghai Street Dumplings, whose gingery chicken and sweet sauce flavors matched beautifully. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive "Great Wall of Chocolate" dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (1/06)

Restaurant Coupons and Menus

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Restaurants listed without coupon offers have only menus online. Restaurants with • have multiple locations. See online menu or coupon for all locations.

Pacific Beach, Mission Beach & Ocean Beach

- Atoll at the Catamaran Hotel
- Broken Yolk **\$2 off breakfast or lunch**
- Canes **Free wing basket**
- Chateau Orleans **50% off**
- Costa Brava **Free tapa for lunch**
- French Gourmet **Free dessert**
- Great Moon Buffet **10% off total bill**
- Gringo's **\$2 off Sunday Brunch**
- Lahaina Beach House **Free breakfast**
- Pacific Beach Bar & Grill **2 for 1 entrée**
- Pacific Rotisserie **Free entrée**
- Sam's by the Sea
- Saska's **Free sushi or 25% off bill**
- TJ Oyster Bar **2 for 1 tacos/tostadas**
- Tower Two Beach Cafe **1/2-price appetizers**

East County & State College

- Alpine Inn **Sunday prime rib \$18.95**
- Aroma Thai **Free entrée**
- Cereal Port Cafe **Free energy drink**
- Fix Me A Plate Cafe **15% off any entrée**
- Greek Town Buffet **50% off dinner buffet**
- Habana Cuban **Free entrée**
- Lucky Star Buffet **50% off dinner**
- Shakey's Pizza **Lunch buffet \$4.95**

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- The Beach Club **50% off entrée**
- Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q **50% off entrée**
- The Blvd **Free Happy Hour appetizer**
- Del Mar Rendevous **20% off**
- Greek Village **Free saganaki**
- Jamroc 101 **Free island sampler**
- Ki's Restaurant **Free appetizer or dessert**
- Mikko Japanese **50% off sushi**
- Noodles & Company •
- Pho Lucky **10% off entire check**
- Wild Note Cafe

South Bay & Coronado

- Chick-Fil-A **10% off catering**
- Lai Thai **50% off entrée**
- Mariscos La Costa Azul **Free combo plate**

Uptown & North Park

- A La Française
- Awash Ethiopian **1/2-price entrée**
- B Fried Rice
- Baby Back Jack's **\$2 off**
- Hob Nob Hill **\$2 off entrée**
- House of India **Free dinner**
- India Princess **Free dinner***
- Lips **50% off dinner**
- Rannoosh **Free entrée**
- Rudford's **\$2 off entrée**

Midway, Old Town & Mission Valley

- The Amigo Spot **15% off bill**
- Bali Thai **Free entrée**
- Bennigan's **\$5 off lunch or dinner**
- Chiba Japanese **\$2 off lunch or dinner**
- Forever Fondue **2 for 1 entrée**
- Fuji Japanese Steakhouse **10% off**
- Old Town Mexican Cafe
- Paradise Yogurt **50 cents off a smoothie**
- Pizza Bella **Free wine dinner**
- Shanghai Chinese **\$1 off Mongolian BBQ**
- Tio Leo's **Dinner combos \$8.99 each***
- Today **10% off lunch or dinner**

La Jolla

- Cafe Milano **Free Comedy Store tickets**
- Cendio
- Clay's La Jolla
- Ginza-Sushi **Sushi dinner for 2 \$15.95***
- Harry's Coffee Shop **20% off**
- La Jolla Brew House **Free lunch or dinner entrée**
- Marrakesh **50% off lunch**
- Regents Pizzeria **Free large salad**
- The Shores **20% off dinner**
- Su Casa **20% off entire check***
- Vida Gourmet

Clairemont, University City, Miramar Rd., Poway, Mira Mesa, Scripps Ranch & Kearny Mesa

- Ashoka the Great **50% off lunch or dinner**
- Bangkok West Thai Cafe **Free Thai iced tea**
- The Boathouse **2-for-1 entrée**
- Filling Station **Free appetizer**
- Honey's Cafe
- La China
- Pampas **Free empanada**
- Philadelphia Sandwich Co. **Free sandwich**
- Thai Cafe **\$1 off buffet**

Downtown & Point Loma

- Alambres **Free soup**
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- Rock Bottom
- Saigon on Fifth **20% off**
- Samba Grill **Free all-you-can-eat Brazilian feast**
- Sevilla
- The Shout House
- St. Tropez Bakery-Bistro **10% off***
- Star of India **50% off entrée***
- Thai Time II **Free fried spring rolls**
- Visions **25% off sushi**
- Whiskey Girl
- Xavier's **Free appetizer**

THEATER LISTINGS

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

All My Sons

MiraCosta College presents Arthur Miller's drama about Joe Keller and a past that tracks him down. Eric Bishop directed. MIRACOSTA THEATRE, 1 BARNARD DRIVE, OCEANSIDE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-795-6815.

Archangels Don't Play Pinball

SDSU Theatre, Television, and Film presents Dario Fo's early farce about Tim: the more he tries to straighten out his life, the more bureaucratic chaos overwhelms him. Peter Larlham directed. EXPERIMENTAL THEATER, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, THROUGH DECEMBER 2; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. (NOTE: NO PERFORMANCES THANKSGIVING WEEK.) 619-594-6884.

Bad Dad, a Comedy of Errors

In Mark Whitney's comedy, Dad opens a Ben & Jerry's. The FBI in-

vestigates. "Dad goes to the cooler, but who really gets licked?" WAREHOUSE THEATRE, 11211 SORRENTO VALLEY ROAD, SUITE M, SORRENTO VALLEY, THROUGH DECEMBER 16; FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, AT 8:00 P.M. 888-567-4464.

Bedroom Farce

Moonlight at the Avo presents Alan Ayckbourn's multiple-bedroom comedy. Tracy Williams directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Bug

Aphids aren't bloodsuckers. Or are they? A secret government (or the Bilderbergers) didn't stage JFK and 9/11 to escalate Vietnam and invade Afghanistan and Iraq. Or did they? Tracy Letts's sleazy thriller tromps right down the middle of these questions. It's set in an unlikely local: a motel in Oklahoma where rock cocaine-toking Agnes "hermetized herself" from her abusive ex-con husband. She meets kindly, distant Peter Evans. Her potential savior brings about even greater paranoia: he was a government subject at Groom Lake (i.e. Area 51) and may be carrying a bug virus of burrowing carnivore aphids. Agnes gets it (or is she just scratching sympathy sores?). Helicopters swarm overhead. Men in black? Or delusional ravings? Cygnet Theatre's crack design team does it again with a detail-rich motel room (Sean Murray), costumes ranging from frump to top shelf (Veronica Murphy), and lighting (Eric Lotze even has a strobe effect) and sound (George Ye, brilliant) designs that tell the story by themselves. The production, directed by Murray, is

full of taut suspense, including many an eloquent silence. And the performances are quite good, especially Robin Christ's chain-smoking Angie and John DeCarlo's flip-flopping Peter. Where the production sometimes flags: as if it fears being labeled a "conspiracy theorist" (possibly this country's most dominant stereotype), it stresses Bug's comic moments. Letts created down-and-nearly-out characters rarely seen onstage. Emphasizing the humor of Bug marginalizes them even more, making their reactions, to real or imagined causes, often just silly. This choice gives the audience too easy an out. Sure Angie and Peter could be "hitting the pipe a little too heavy." But then again...

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525 X3.

Death in Granada

For its final production of 2006, the Hispanic Arts Theatre presents a reading of Jesus Sierra Oliva's drama about the death of Federico García Lorca. Robert Wald directed. NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE THEATRE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, AT 8:00 P.M. 619-647-4958.

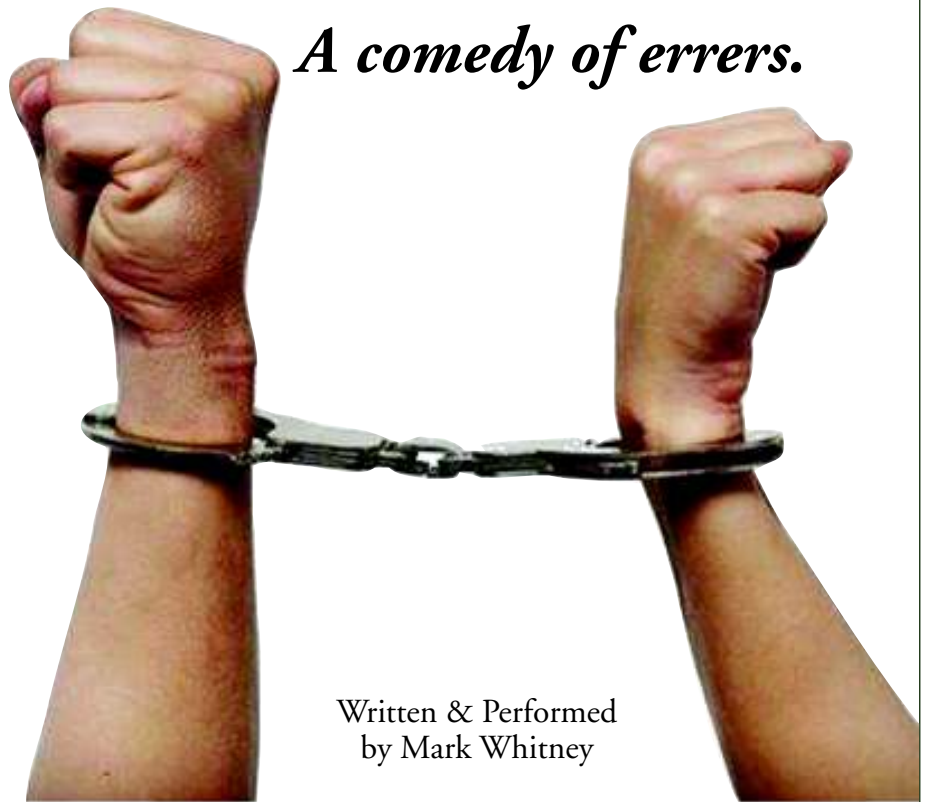
Dutchman

Lynx Performance Theatre stages Amiri Baraka's allegorical drama about the clash between a blonde woman and a black intellectual on a subway train. Al Germani directed. LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE (NORTH OF COSTCO), ROSE CANYON, THROUGH DECEMBER 10; FRIDAY AT 9:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-889-3190.

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Calendar THEATER

El Jardin Secreto

Vox Nova presents a staged reading of Ruff Yeager's new bilingual adaptation of *The Secret Garden*. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA DOWNTOWN, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Hank Williams: Lost Highway

The San Diego Repertory Theatre stages a musical, by Randal Myler and Mark Harelik, about "the Father of Country Music." Myler directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, THROUGH DECEMBER 17; SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

The Old Globe Theatre stages its popular Christmas show about the Green Meanie, based on the book by Dr. Seuss. Jack O'Brien directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

It's a Fabulous Life!

Diversionsary Theatre presents a gay holiday musical borrowing its premise from *It's a Wonderful Life*. David Brannen directed and choreographed.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, THROUGH DECEMBER 17; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

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

The Labyrinth of Desire

UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Lope de Vega's drama in a new translation by Caridad Svich. Gerardo Jose Ruiz directed. SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, THROUGH NOVEMBER 25; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. (NO PERFORMANCE ON THANKSGIVING). MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

Life X 3

A dinner party pretty much from hell: guests arrive a day early; six-year-old (stuck in the terrible twos) screams in the next room; job promotion on the line; worries range from galaxies to a run in a stocking. Yasmina Reza's 90-minute comedy-drama shows the same evening three different ways: in the first, everyone goes berserk; in the second, there's ire and some calm; in the third, decorum reigns. The obvious reading sees each scene separately, as a parallel universe. But this makes the play just shallow variations on a theme. Much more interesting (and, I suspect, accurate) is to look at *Life X 3* from above, like three-dimensional tic-tac-toe. Each scene becomes a layer

of the same event. In the first, the subtexts surface. The last stands on the other two; we see through its formality to a possible affair, shifts of status, burning resentment, even the threat of violence — all now embedded in polite banter, stable reactions, and the illusion of harmony. We read, in other words, between the lines. Each scene thickens the previous one. They grow from childhood to adulthood, from sitcom to drama (one could even give them Freudian labels: id, ego, superego). The Lamb's Players production ranks among its best in years. Surrounded by myriad stars, and a gigantic earth rolling across the rear wall, Mike Buckley's set also includes a living room on a turntable and the Milky Way spinning on the floor. The cast, smartly directed by Deborah Gilmour Smyth, shines throughout: Lance Arthur Smith as volatile (everything from a "doomed" infant to a poet) Henry; Robert Smyth's smug, contentious Hubert, Henry's boss; Glynn Bedington's Inez, as deep as she is daffy; and Colleen Kollar's manic/tender, always amazingly focused Sonia. The quartet does a kind of reverse ensemble acting. They turn 12 characters into 4 increasingly complex beings.

Critic's pick.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

The Marriage of Figaro

SDSU's Opera Theater continues its year-long celebration of Mozart's 250th birthday with the opera about a single day in Count

Almaviva's palace. Kellie Evans-O'Connor directed. SMITH RECITAL HALL, SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-1696.

A Match Made in Heaven

As a fundraiser for the company, Community Actors Theatre stages Liva Krancberg's play about love and romance. Jennie Hamilton directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, OAK PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

The Mikado

Point Loma Nazarene University presents Gilbert and Sullivan's opera, allegedly inspired by an old Japanese executioner's sword falling from the wall of Gilbert's study. CRILL PERFORMANCE HALL, POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-849-2325.

Much Ado About Nothing

The Old Globe/USD dramatic arts program presents Shakespeare's comedy about recalcitrant lovers. Richard Seer directed. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

Patriot Act: The Trial of George W. Bush

Did George Bush provide false information to Congress, authorize

unwarranted wiretaps of American citizens, violate the Geneva Convention? These are some of the allegations raised by Todd Blakesley's audience-interactive trial of the president. Actually it's a "military tribunal of universal justice" in which three juries hear evidence from both sides and render verdicts. Sledgehammer Theatre provides a realistic courtroom setting, including uniformed security personnel frisking audience members. The most moving part: non-actors testify (a woman called Bush a "special-needs president"). Magistrate Blakesley encourages questions, opinions, even hearsay, and the show gives voice to the unrehearsed passion of everyday folks and not the usual talking-head suspects. Drama, humor, and conviction often result. The least moving: many of the actors are miles from their roles and haven't a clue how to ad lib in legalese. You can tell what is scripted — when they remember their lines — and what isn't, which makes for a long, chin-resting-on-open-palm evening (although each performance will depend on audience participation, the show could chop off 20 minutes and no one would miss it). A tricky irony runs throughout: along with trying to save the prez from lifelong incarceration, the defense wants to put the trial on trial. There has been "an illegal seizure of authority," they claim, by a female general. Bush and Cheney are "enemy combatants." If you play along, then you condone military tribunals and are no different.

Worth a try.

10TH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEMBER 26; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

Plaid Tidings

Broadway's San Diego presents a holiday version of the popular *Forever Plaid*, which includes a Caribbean "Christmas which puts the 'Day-O' in Excelsis." SPRECKELS THEATRE, 121 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, THROUGH DECEMBER 3; TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-TIXS.

Readings of August Wilson's Plays: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what "Grassroots Greeks" did for ancient Greek drama in San Diego. The companies present a series of staged readings of one of the American theater's rarely performed but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for *Fences* in 1987 and *The Piano Lesson* in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the "largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade"). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: Calvin Manson directs *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

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Mitch Albom's 1997 book about the slow decline of his favorite professor, Morris Schwartz, to Lou Gehrig's disease, became a movie in 1999, and then a play that straddles the line between wisdom and greeting card sentiments about living and dying (*Tuesdays*, as my colleague Christopher Schneider once remarked in a different connection, "is relentlessly life-affirming"). We learn very little about Schwartz — two of whose students at Brandeis were activists Angela Davis and Jerry Rubin, though you'd never know it — or about Albom. As written he's just a stencil-thin workaholic who learns to cry. It's almost as if the story's generic by design: as you watch you recall lost loved ones and have a real good weep during the 95 intermissionless minutes. The North Coast Rep's production begins so warm and fuzzy you hanker for ice and sandpaper. Then Robert Grossman's Morrie takes over: as his body contorts, his mind seems to brighten — far beyond the facile aphorisms he doles out like Halloween candy ("embrace life and it will embrace you back"). At times Grossman's gestures and ready smile feel calculated to endear. But when Morrie counts how long he can hold his breath, or slumps into paralysis, the real thing enters the room. Mike

Sears's Mitch is more a dramatic "straight man" than a character. But Sears works between the lines, forging a credible bond between the prof and his pet student. Jeanne Reith's costumes are apt, as always, and Mia Bane Jacobs's lighting, especially late autumnal effects, ranks among the best I've seen at NCRT. **Worth a try.**

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The Wiz

For this "reimagined" musical, Robert Brill has transformed the Mandell Weiss Theatre from a proscenium stage to an environmental space. Gleaming black and lit with lemon beams, the Yellow Brick Road winds through the theater. Objects and people drop from the sky or rise from a central circle. Oz spangles with Vegas glitter-balls; the poppies are giant, flaming red-orange petals. The production dazzles. But the story and several songs have been reduced to sound-bites. The technical always upstages the human. The entire cast, wearing Paul Tazewell's amazing, rainbow-hued costumes, obviously has the chops. Albert Blaise Cattafi's contorting Toto and Michael Benjamin Washington's Tinman come closest to realizing their roles. Others could amplify their characters' traits (Rashad Naylor's Scarecrow, David Alan Grier's Wiz, Tituss Burgess's Lion). Others, like E. Faye Butler's one-note, unscary Evillene and Heather Lee's stereotypically goofy witch Adaperle, need rethinking. In Nikki M. James, the playhouse has a splendid Dorothy. But except for her stirring "Soon As I Get Home," most of her

numbers feel abridged, or half-finished. You keep wondering when the show will let her cut loose, since it's obvious she can. *The Wiz* could use loosening as well. It's a hip-hop re-making of Charlie Smalls's musical, but where are the rap numbers, where's the sustained funk? Opening night felt like a white "cover album" of the 1975 version. Even with a top-notch band, the show rarely suggests that it's "been down from day one." **Worth a try.**

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Beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Not because *The Santa Clause 3* has come to town (I didn't, wouldn't, see it), but because movies have begun to pile up at such a rate as to obstruct justice. In cases, anyway, where justice might be deserved.

La Moustache, for one, demands a lengthier hearing. Denied. An absurdist existential thriller adapted from his own novel by French filmmaker Emmanuel Carrère, it's a movie made out of nothing. A man (Vincent Lindon, an everyman) shaves off his soup-strainer on a sudden whim, and stands by in deepening shades of disbelief, disappointment, dejection, annoyance, anger, and perhaps madness as no one notices — a pliable metaphor of self-centeredness and self-consciousness. It has, for all its nothingness, a fast start and a sharp focus; it has intrigue; it has intensity (no great credit to that musical monomaniac, Philip Glass, whose *Violin Concerto* intrudes insistently); and it has its own evocative look: the flat, frigid, sunless illumination of ace cinematographer Patrick Blossier. It has, on the downside, an unsatisfactory third and final act (after an impulsive

flight to Hong Kong), although nothing to dent the central image of a man with a different, a disjunctive, level of consciousness.

Stranger Than Fiction, the first filmed screenplay of Zach Helm, crowds in on the domain of Charlie Kaufman: a Pirandellian brainteaser about a robotic IRS auditor

(Will Ferrell, constrained by catatonia) who discovers he is a character in the work-in-progress of a blocked novelist (Emma Thompson) and is slated to die at the end of it. (A new approach, there, to the standard time-travel and second-sight conundrum: can the foreordained be averted through foreknowledge?) He discovers all this when he, and he alone, starts to hear the voice of the omniscient narrator — don't ask how or why — accurately describing his life as he lives it, "but with a better vocabulary," and he then seeks help not from a therapist but from a literary theorist (Dustin Hoffman). The pedantry tends to get in the way of laughs, and the twisted logic sometimes trips up the plot developments (what does the author think she's narrating when her hero is dashing to a phone to dial her own



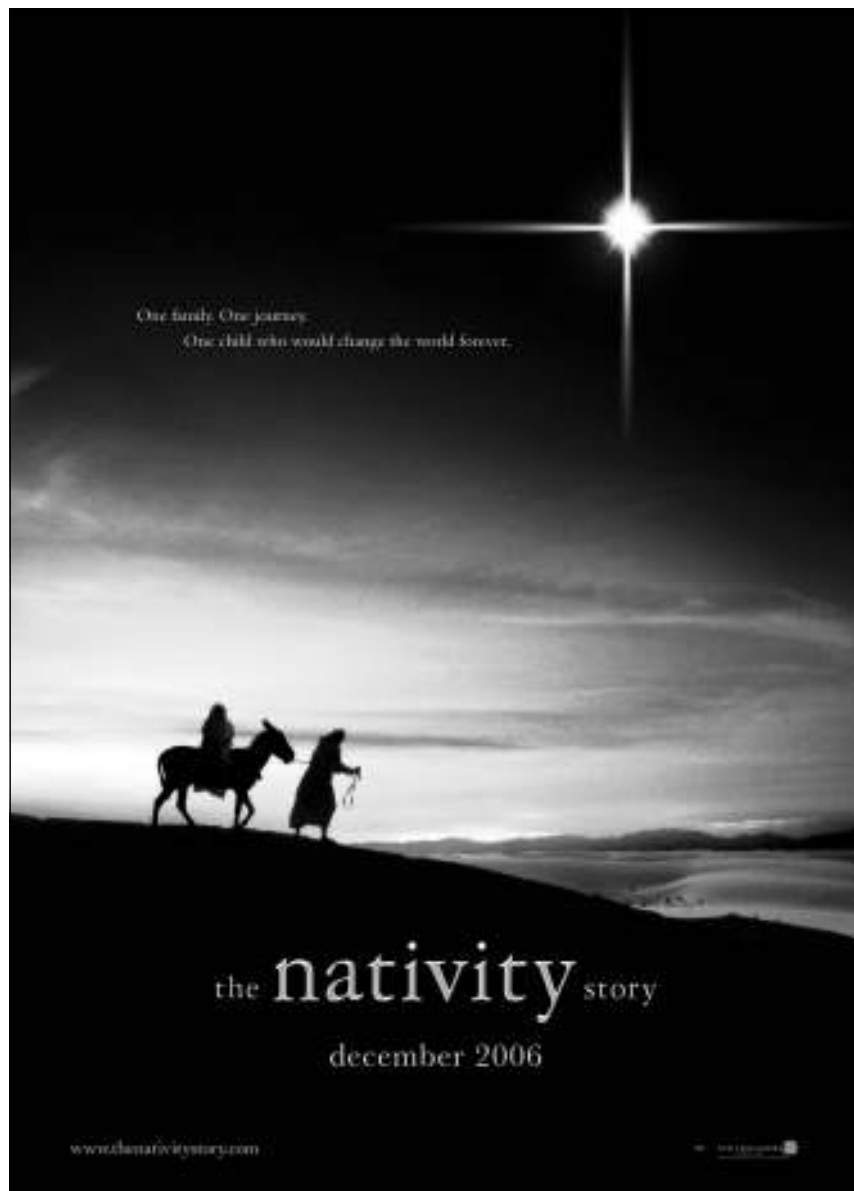
Casino Royale

number?), and the voice-over prose samples do not remotely live up to the writer's reputation. Nevertheless, the improbable romance between the inflexible tax man and a civilly disobedient, tropically tattooed baker, currently under IRS scrutiny, is oddly touching, thanks in large part to the touchingly odd line readings of Mag-

gie Gyllenhaal, who can work wonders with an echoic little query like, "You don't like cookies?" And immediately after that, her sensuous recital of the goodies in her early culinary repertoire hovers breathlessly between sheer poetry and utter pornography: "Lemon chiffon cake with zesty peach icing," etc., etc. Directed by Marc

Forster (*Finding Neverland*, *Stay*), this is not the "average Will Ferrell comedy" to which I snidely alluded last week. This is above average.

In *Fast Food Nation* — a multi-character fictionalization of Eric Schlosser's nonfiction exposé of the same name — director Richard Linklater picks up a placard and joins the



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radical parade of American fictioneers from Frank Norris and Upton Sinclair and Jack London and John Steinbeck and on down. The major issues, too many to fit on one placard, are corporate corner-cutting and penny-pinching, the exploitation of undocumented workers, the brand-naming of America, the brainwashing of its citizens, and the like. Undisguisedly didactic in intent, often clunky and chunky in dialogue ("Right now I can't think of anything more patriotic than violating the Patriot Act"), it is surprisingly watchable, with its large assemblage of life-sized characters (Ashley Johnson, special mention, as a perky fast-food clerk with incipient scruples) and its smooth-flowing narrative, following two principal paths to its central arena of Cody, Colorado: the investigation by a Mickey's marketer (Greg Kinnear) into allegations of elevated fecal content in their Big One burger ("There's shit in the

meat.... This could be a problem for us") and the importation of Mexican laborers (Wilmer Valderrama, Catalina Sandino Moreno, Ana Claudia Talancón) to staff the Uni-Globe Meat Packing plant. The first path, though, trails off long before the finish, yielding to a new and unavailing path of local consciousness-raising. And the rhetorical climax on "the kill floor" is, from any angle, overkill. Particularly from the vegetarian angle.

Casino Royale, taking its title from Ian Fleming's first James Bond novel, approaches the opportunity of a new James Bond as the opportunity of a new beginning. The new Bond, Daniel Craig, is not just another pretty face, in fact is a pretty craggy face (Craiggy face, I guess that should be), and it can pretty well express itself in the bargain. Granted, noises were made about a similar rollback toward reality when Timothy Dalton came on board; and even in the midst of the reign of Pierce Brosnan, noises were made about toughening up his act. These proved to be only noises. The new noises are more. The obligatory pre-credits sequence, in black-and-white and sprinkled with flashbacks, shuns spectacle in favor of

blunt brutality; and the action to follow seems to be under no compulsion to "top" all previous action. While Judi Dench reprises the role of "M," Bond himself has only just been promoted to double-0 status (a new beginning for sure) and has yet to earn his boss's trust. There is no equivalent of "Q" and his cute presentation of the gadgets *du jour*. There is no casual bedding of "Bond girls," and the one romantic relationship (with the enigmatic, darkly eyelined Eva Green) attains an emotional weight beyond even the all-the-way-to-the-altar affair of *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. The hero's lame quips and puns, meantime, have thoroughly been expunged from the script. And "I don't give a damn" is his response to the bartender's inquiry as to whether he'd like his vodka martini shaken or stirred. All these changes are definite improvements. And yet, and yet, and yet.... The action, even if somewhat scaled back under the one-time Bond director Martin Campbell (*Goldeneye*, the beginning of the Brosnan Bonds, but scarcely a *new* beginning), is still more than sufficiently cartoonish. The plotting is skimpy. The whole thing runs on far too long. And then there's the fundamental question: if you want to do an alternative to James Bond, why call him James

Bond? Why not put him out to pasture where at his age he belongs?
Harsh Times sanctions David Ayer to resume his self-appointed role as police watchdog, this time as director in addition to screenwriter (*Training Day*, *Dark Blue*). The man he has his eye on, a very disturbed veteran of the action in Afghanistan, is not already a policeman but soon hopes to be. When, however, he receives his letter of rejection from the LAPD, he shows his commitment to law and order by tossing at a neighboring motorist the beer bottle from which he had been guzzling while driving. His motivation, to be sure, had never been to enforce laws but only to gain greater license to violate them for personal profit. And although the LAPD screeners have red-flagged him, the Department of Homeland Security, impressed by his fluency in *español*, might yet wave him through. Christian Bale's *español* is indeed impressive; and the contradictions in the character, if often uncontrollably comical, are no barrier to belief. The extravagances of Bale's go-for-broke performance (Denzel Washington got an Oscar for *Training Day*, didn't he?) are another matter. Sky-high.
Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus, also describing itself prefatorily as "a tribute to Diane," is at pains

to deflect expectations of a straight, literal, pedestrian biography of the celebrated American photographer of front-and-center freaks (or non-freaks who, so forcibly fronted and centered, merely look like freaks). In spite of the freedom of form, the repressed-Fifties-housewife stuff feels awfully stale, and the protagonist's pursuit of her inner strangeness leads her into a conventional Beauty-and-Beast relationship, with hirsute makeup handed down from Cocteau. (Director Steven Shainberg, in his first film since the S&M romance, *Secretary*, thus continues the pursuit of his own inner strangeness.) Some of the intermediate steps — the arrival of a mysterious masked neighbor in the apartment upstairs, the removal of a hairball clogging the bathroom pipe — elicit a shiver or two, and Nicole Kidman in the title role is convincingly strange (even without any outside knowledge of, for example, her off-screen choice in mates). At the very least, the film has the benefit of introducing Arbus's work to a wider audience, or at any rate introducing her name to it — her actual work is conspicuously absent — as well as teaching that audience how to pronounce it. Dee-ann, evidently, not Dye-ann.

A Good Year ladles out self-betterment swill to do with a cutthroat London bond trader (Russell Crowe, disconcertingly fey) who inherits from his uncle a rundown wine-growing estate in Provence, the happy stamping ground of his boyhood holidays, and who, returning there to sell the place, falls again under its spell — and under that of a hot-as-a-pistol brunette — and recaptures the magic of youth. Ridley Scott (who directed Crowe in *Gladiator*, too) extols the enchantments of bucolic tranquillity in a hectic visual style, and with a busy soundtrack, amounting to self-sabotage. For me, the only bright spots, exactly two of them, were the unexpected appearances of Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi (a top-line star on the continent) as the hero's French legal advisor, a role that affords her fractionally more screen time than her blink-of-an-eye appearance in *Munich*, plenty long enough to emit a blast of Mediterranean soulfulness. ■

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slack and sluggish in pace, sketchy and far-fetched in plot, the film does nothing to justify its epic length or its cosmic ambitions. (The Mexican storyline, particularly weak, goes nowhere until it goes bananas: a series of decisions so bad as to forfeit all sympathy for the characters, let alone for the storyteller who compelled the characters to make the decisions.) With a somewhat calmer camera than his norm, however, the director does some nice scene-setting, some impressionistic documentation of the locales, to help realize his goal in sheer duration. With Cate Blanchett, Adriana Barraza, Gael García Bernal, Koji Yakusho, and Rinko Kikuchi. 2006.

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Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan

— For anyone who heretofore hadn't encountered the character on HBO, Borat Sagdiyev will need an introduction. He is one of the personas of British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen on *Da Ali G Show*, a Kazakh TV reporter dapperly dressed in a dove-gray suit, bristlingly

mustachioed, blissfully sexist, superstitiously anti-Semitic, and not yet toilet-trained (he splashes water on his face from the commode in his New York hotel room, takes a doggy-style dump in the bushes of a public park, jerks off in front of a Victoria's Secret display window, and so on), ostensibly dispatched to America to shoot a documentary for home consumption — a built-in excuse for bad camerawork. Scripted scenes, or at any rate pre-planned scenes, primarily involving Borat's obese and camera-shy producer, Azamat Bagatov (Ken Davitian), secondarily involving a slightly less obese African-American call girl (Luenell), and presumably also involving the proprietors of a Jewish B&B (how can we be sure?), alternate with unscripted performance-art pieces, so to call them, in which assorted innocents, dupes, patsies, and joke-butts are lured into the gag unaware. These unrehearsed bits, no doubt more compelling, more riveting, more nerve-racking than the planned-out parts, naturally give rise to thoughts of their comedic antecedents and analogues: *Candid Camera*, the practical jokes on a Dick Clark *Bloopers* special, MTV's copycat *Punk'd*, the crank calls of any wisenheimer radio deejay, Andy Kaufman's chauvinist-pig wrestling career, the Yes Men (and their eponymous film of a couple of years previous), etc. At the same time, they give rise to moral concerns — to say nothing of legal ones — that far overshadow artistic ones.

Can, as an example, an Alabama minister's wife — bluntly insulted for her dearth of pulchritude — be safely assumed to be less of a human being than our fearless guerrilla artiste, or has the latter's sexism perhaps crossed over, there, from fiction into reality? Any diversion afforded by such thoughts is all to the good, because the general impression of the film, right down to the spottiness of its laughs, and regardless

of whether staged or not, is amazingly similar to that of your average Will Ferrell comedy. In a word, over-the-top and high of the target. Directed by Larry Charles. 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; 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 MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION

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Casino Royale — Reviewed this issue. With Daniel Craig, Eva Green, Mads Mikkelsen, Jeffrey Wright, and Judi Dench; directed by Martin Campbell.

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Deliver Us from Evil — Documentarist Amy Berg puts a human face on the pedophilic priest: the extremely creepy one of Father Oliver O'Grady (familiarily, "Father Ollie"), a serial abuser, of both sexes, in several parishes in Northern California in the Seventies and Eighties (youngest victim: nine months). His willingness to talk about the case, i.e. prevaricate about the

case, from his new home in exile in Ireland (Berg, seeking indignation, not understanding, often manages to get stray children into the same frame with the man), is a coup too big for a mere 60 Minutes segment, a mere slice of the 20/20 pie, although her technique is pure TV. And there's a powerful outpouring of emotion from the Japanese father of one of the victims, wanting to substitute the word "rape" for "molestation." All in all, a rough time for Cardinal Roger Mahony in particular (seen mostly in deposition video) and the Catholic Church in general, with the singular exception of a dissident priest and justice-seeker by the name of Father Tom Doyle. 2006.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 11/16)

The Departed — Martin Scorsese's career-changing turn to the overblown epic, a turn marked by *Casino*, would seem to be a course difficult to reverse. *Kundun* ... *Gangs of New York* ... *The Aviator*... And now even a trashy light diversion, adapted from an average-length Hong Kong action film, will get dragged out to two and a half

hours — this despite the delivery of dialogue at the machine-gun tempo of a hopped-up auctioneer (or of Scorsese's own casual conversation), and despite, too, the mere semblance of speed imparted by the free-associative cutting and the incongruous rockabilly beat of the background music, whenever the filmmaker isn't trotting out his collection of rock-and-roll oldies. The convoluted plot verges on farce: an upwardly mobile underworld spy in the Massachusetts State Police (Matt Damon, raising his eyebrows in an ostentatious show of innocence) and a downwardly mobile police spy inside the mob (Leonardo DiCaprio, giving himself away with his meat-cleaver worry line) both become involved, first as clients and then as suitors, with a *Harper's Bazaar* idea of a psychotherapist (Vera Farmiga, she of the prow-like cheekbones, life-raft lips, blue-lagoon eyes). Not even the take-no-prisoners crescendo of gore toward the end, jolting though some of it is, can pull the movie back from the farcical brink. And Jack Nicholson, as showing an actor as Scorsese is a director (when he's only in it for the money, anyway), plays the mob boss at a pitch barely below his *Batman* Joker. With Mark Wahlberg, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, Ray Winstone. 2006.

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Fast Food Nation — Reviewed this issue. With Greg Kinnear, Ethan Hawke, Kris Kristofferson, Bruce Willis, and Catalina Sandino Moreno; directed by Richard Linklater.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/17)

Flags of Our Fathers — Clint Eastwood, sorely trying the patience of anyone still hoping for a sixth installment of Dirty Harry, is plainly not yet done paying penance for the casual, callous, and prolific violence of his earlier years. And this elegiac war film makes an essential, an unmissable, piece of the entire cycle, an extraordinary course of self-examination and self-reform, beginning in earnest with the aptly titled *Unforgiven*, continuing through *A Perfect World* and, yes, *The Bridges of Madison County* — the modern-day saddle tramp riding a pickup instead of a pony and shooting with a camera instead of a Colt — and, after slacking off for a few lesser efforts, carrying on with revived urgency through *Mystic River* and *Million Dollar Baby*. Once again, as in *Bridges*, opting for the camera as a weapon of choice, he tells the story of the famous Joe Rosenthal flag-raising photograph from the Battle of Iwo Jima — the full story, how this flag was in

actuality a larger replacement flag for one raised already, how the battle raged on for five more weeks afterwards (contrary to the 1949 *Sands of Iwo Jima* with John Wayne), how the three survivors among the six faceless flag-raisers (played with great restraint by Ryan Phillippe, Adam Beach, Jesse Bradford) were brought back home to be paraded around on a bond drive, how they squirmed under the banner of "the heroes of Iwo Jima" (the best-known of them, the American Indian Ira Hayes, later celebrated in song by Johnny Cash and Bob Dylan, drank himself into an irreversible skid), how they lived out their remaining days. It is distinctly a film of, and for, its own time, gripped with the conviction that the more you know about an event, the more tainted it will get. (And let's remind ourselves here that Eastwood is the only major filmmaker to have commemorated on screen the American conquest of Grenada. Surely some special penance was owed for that. Mark it down as paid in full.) The central theme of the manufacture and marketing of "heroes," while timeless in its application to the everyday work of Hollywood, has a particular topicality in the post-9/11 world where no one in public service seems to be able to do his job anymore without being branded a hero. The point — that men are only men, that "heroes" are their creations, a label pinned on them like ribbons — is quietly and forcefully made. Yet despite its best efforts, or rather *because* of them, the film inescapably demonstrates the existence of heroes in the real world. One such, obviously, would be Eastwood himself, a shining example of the human capacity for growth and renewal. He, too, shoots with a camera. 2006.

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Flushed Away — Animation from the Aardman Studios, not claymation, like their signature Wallace and Gromit series (and not Nick Park directing), but instead compliant, acquiescent computer animation, and a compliantly, acquiescently crasser and cruder sense of humor to go along with it. (Traces of which began to creep into the feature-length Wallace and Gromit outing a year earlier.) The basic plot premise: a housebound tux-wearing pet mouse, in his owner's absence, gets dispossessed by an intrusive sewer rat, literally flushed down the loo, to discover an alternative, miniature London in the underground, plus a feisty feminist mouse, a villainous toad and his toadies, a French-accented frog (get it?), among others. The trademark ping-pong-ball eyes are still in place, although all sign of a human touch in the modelling of the figures has been smoothed out, and the three-dimensionality — the light and shade and all the rest — is blatantly counterfeit, and the total effect is markedly less distinctive. Still, a good deal of skill went into it, in matters of pacing and timing and elementary draftsmanship. Hitting the hero in the nuts in a variety of ways in rapid succession is almost as ingenious as it is low. Almost. With the voices of Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet, Ian McKellen, Jean Reno, Bill Nighy; directed by David Bowers and Sam Fell. 2006.

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Flyboys — Fulsome tribute to the boys, the men, of the Lafayette Escadrille, the corps of American volunteers who flew for France in the First World War. A throwback, to some extent, to the aviation films of, for the prime example, William Wellman, except that Wellman had himself been a pilot in the Escadrille, and in consequence did not have so exaggerated, so exalted, a view of it. James Franco, a contem-

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porary cutie-pie anachronistically aping a Fifties method actor (James Dean) in a setting of the Teens, is no heftier a star than Tab Hunter in Wellman's 1958 film named after the corps, but then again Hunter wasn't asked to be such a paragon. Martin Henderson, the new Bruce Boxleitner aspiring to be the new Bill Pullman, comes up even shorter, even lighter, as the hard-bitten, battle-scarred ace of the squad. A couple of colorful details — the 18th-century chateau for a barracks, the domesticated lion for a mascot — cannot go far to compensate for the cardboard characters, the hand-me-down dramatics, the taxing love interest (she speaks no English, he speaks no French), the squarish direction (Tony Bill), the tinny dialogue, the blustery music. There is nevertheless plenty of action, even if it mostly takes place inside a computer, programmed to hurl objects straight at your eyeballs till you yearn for the red-and-green goggles of 3-D. With Jennifer Decker, Jean Reno. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

49 Up — Timely bulletin from Michael Apted on the motley Brits he has been checking in on, at seven-year intervals, ever since they were seven years old. It would be easy for the American moviegoer, introduced to them three movies ago at the age of twenty-eight, to have become blasé about the matter. It would be only a little more difficult for him to marvel anew at the uniqueness of the project, even to lament that other filmmakers in other countries never thought to copy it. Although there is hardly a whole movie's worth of new material in it, Apted does an expert job of shuffling in the old material, filling in each step of the journey, so that even a newcomer to the series might feel at home. New developments — new jobs, new relationships, new kids — are minimal; and histrionics, outside of some general grumbles from the participants about the periodic imposition of the camera and one specific threat to discontinue, are nil. Yet any one of these ordinary people, with their ordinary insecurities and ordinary defenses, their ordinary aspirations and ordinary disappointments, remains inexhaustibly interesting. And the spectacle of advancing age has by now begun to edge up to the epic. 2005.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/16)

Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus — Reviewed this issue. With Nicole Kidman, Robert Downey, Jr., Ty Burrell, Harris Yulin, and Jane Alexander; directed by Steven Shainberg.

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A Good Year — Reviewed this issue. With Russell Crowe, Marion Cotillard, Abbie Cornish, Tom Hollander, and Albert

Finney; directed by Ridley Scott.

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The Grudge 2 — Well-tailored frights in a disjointed narrative, fattening the portfolio of director Takashi Shimizu. Elegant Jennifer Beals, in the shorter of two intertwined (and ultimately knotted together) storylines, does everything asked of her and

more. With Amber Tamblyn, Arielle Kebbel, Edison Chen, Joanna Cassidy, and Sarah Michelle Gellar. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Happy Feet — Computer-cartoon penguins, with voices by Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, and Nicole Kidman, directed by George Miller. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION

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Harsh Times — Reviewed this issue. With Christian Bale, Freddy Rodriguez, Eva Longoria, and J.K. Simmons; written and directed by David Ayer.

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DIEGO 15; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Illusionist — Ponderous amplification of a Steven Millhauser short story about a thaumaturge in turn-of-the-century Vienna (a fiercely scowling if not terribly intimidating Edward Norton), arrested on stage in the film's first scene and fast start. There follows a tedious childhood flashback to a forbidden friendship across class barriers and a clichéd shot of clutching fingertips poignantly pulled apart. The separated friends are destined to meet again in adulthood when Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell with a joke-shop mustache)

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volunteers his presumptive fiancée as a pigeon in the magic act, whereupon the magician immediately recognizes his long-lost sweetheart (Jessica Biel), while she fails to return the favor, perhaps because of his beard or perhaps because he has aged at twice the rate. The entire story, until at long

last it makes its way back to its starting point, is ostensibly told to the Crown Prince by the Chief of Police (the unprepossessing Paul Giamatti), including information he couldn't know or wouldn't share. Questions of whether the magician's powers are supernatural or just prestidigital cannot be answered without Plot Spoilers, or Bean Spillers, though it's fair to say they are answered with trivial tricksiness. Production and photography, nevertheless, are sufficiently evocative of bygone times, even without the antiquated iris-out transitional

device. Directed by Neil Burger. 2006. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14)
The Last Kiss — Americanization, and if it doesn't go without saying, vulgarization, of the Italian film of the same name, a fear-of-adulthood seriocomic centered around a tight-knit group of pushing-thirties. The young cast has some glaring weak spots — Zach Braff looks as if he'd prefer to turn it into a lighter comedy, Rachel Bilson can barely deliver a line — and all of them are outshone by the oldsters, Tom Wilkinson and Blythe Danner. With Jacinda Barrett,

Casey Affleck, Michael Weston, Eric Christian Olsen, and Marley Shelton; directed by Tony Goldwyn. 2006. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Last King of Scotland — The self-conferred title of Ugandan strongman, and madman, Idi Amin Dada, a facile role for Forest Whitaker, who pitches into it with gusto. The true central character, however, is a fictitious young Scottish doctor (James McAvoy), the President's personal physician, "closest advisor," illicit lover of Wife Number Three, and all-around trivial distraction. With Kerry Washington, Gillian Anderson, Simon McBurney; directed by Kevin Macdonald. 2006. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Let's Go to Prison — Behind-bars comedy with Dax Shepard, Will Arnett, and Chi McBride, directed by Bob Odenkirk. (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/17)

Little Children — Todd Field's screen treatment of a Tom Perrotta novel on adultery between young parents, with Kate Winslet, Patrick Wilson, and Jennifer Connelly. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/17)

Little Miss Sunshine — The feature debut of music-video veterans Jonathan Dayton and his wife Valerie Faris was put together on the "quirky" assembly line, a product of the thriving "quirky" industry. Dad (Greg Kinnear) is a would-be self-help guru, "would-be," that is, if anyone were buying his Nine-Step Refuse-to-Lose System. Sample pearl, in casual conversation: "Sarcasm is the refuge of losers." Mom (Toni Collette) is not such an ardent embarrassment, is not really much of anything, except that she has taken responsibility for and custody of her homosexual brother (Steve Carell), a failed suicide and the self-professed, as opposed to acknowledged, "pre-eminent Proust scholar in the United States." Dad's dad (Alan Arkin), who resides in the same household, is a scurrilous cokehead. And the kids are a Nietzsche-reading teenage boy (Paul Dano)

who has held fast to a vow of silence for nine months, though he is not averse to communication via notepad ("I hate everyone"), and an awfully bespectacled younger sister (Abigail Breslin) in competition for the crown of Little Miss Sunshine in Redondo Beach. Since the family lives in Albuquerque, a road movie ensues, with all members of the family packed into a yellow-and-white VW bus. You wait with dread for the moment that will cause the boy to break his silence, and even greater dread for the first public performance of the girl's "talent" as nurtured in secret by Granddad; and the dread in each case proves fully justified. Quirkiness does not preclude sappiness. There are ample compensations, however. Little Miss Breslin is a good crier, and her competitors in the beauty pageant are a frightening collection of JonBenét Ramsey plastic dolls, and the bus itself emerges as the best character, requiring a collective push after the clutch goes out en route, and emitting a rude-sounding, unpredictable bleat after the horn gets stuck. 2006. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Marie Antoinette — Sofia Coppola, possibly drunk on power after the reception of *Lost in Translation*, has gained in ambition as an artist without really gaining in confidence as a technician. She has all the costumes her heart could desire, and all the access to Versailles, but her color palette is a bit bleached and her narrative manner rather starchy. (She spends an inordinate amount of time on the delayed consummation of the royal marriage, and then must bustle through the little business of the Revolution.) The foremost sign of her drunkenness, though, is her use of contemporary pop songs on the soundtrack, a lapse in judgment limited pretty much to a quarter-hour stretch, an hour and a quarter into the film. Kirsten Dunst, Jason Schwartzman, Steve Coogan, Judy Davis, Rip Torn, Asia Argento. 2006. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

La Moustache — Reviewed this issue. With Vincent Lindon, Emmanuelle Devos, Mathieu Amalric, and Hippolyte Girardot; directed by Emmanuel Carrère. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, 11/17 THROUGH 21)

The Prestige — Not the best film of its year to deal with the subject of magic and to feature both Scarlett Johansson and Hugh Jackman. That distinction would belong to Woody Allen's *Scoop*, which was unchallenged as well (except insofar as the air pressure in Jessica Biel's lips may have challenged Scarlett Johansson's) by that intervening magic film, *The Illusionist*. Between the two also-rans, it's pretty near a toss-up, two turn-of-the-century period pieces tangled up in their compulsive twists and turns. Christopher Nolan, the present director, is somewhat less adept at concealing his tricks, despite trying diligently to lose the viewer in a maze of flashbacks-within-flashbacks. Even had he succeeded, his reliance on the plot expedience of dead ringers is taken to lengths of absurdity surpassing even daytime soap operas. Lengths, to be more exact, of the flightiest science fiction. The plot premise of a professional and personal rivalry between a couple of London stage magicians (Christian Bale, Christopher Nolan's Batman, in addition to Jackman) is fractionally more involving than the hanky-panky of the separated lovers in *The Illusionist*, and Michael Caine adds a touch of class, David Bowie a touch of mustache. 2006. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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forts of the newly elected Tony Blair to compel the Royal Family (“a bunch of freeloading, emotionally retarded nutters,” in the view of Mrs. Blair) to behave like human beings: “Will somebody please save these people from themselves?” Helen Mirren and Michael Sheen embody Her Majesty and the Prime Minister to two T’s. In support of them, James Cromwell at least looks the part of Philip, but plays only one note, and Alex Jennings is a bit short in the snout (in complete contrast to Cromwell) but is otherwise credibly dyspeptic as Charles. The plentiful humor, out of deference to history and living persons, is very mild. 2006.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18)

Raiders of the Lost Ark — Director Steven Spielberg and executive producer/co-writer George Lucas pay homage to the cliffhanger serials of the Thirties and Forties — and they pay handsomely, pumping the project so full of money, production values, and technical razzle-dazzle that it no longer remotely resembles its grade-B models. Not intending exactly a spoof, but not maintaining entirely straight faces either, Spielberg/Lucas seem to want to play both sides of the street, to have both the innocent thrill and the sophisticated titter. Some will find that this two-facedness tends to lower the level of excitement, that although the action is consistently lively it is also without real suspense, and that the viewer is always required to meet the moviemaker more than halfway and fake a response that otherwise would never be extracted by such rudimentary perils as a shower of poison darts, a roomful of human skeletons, a blanket of furry spiders, an army of sadistic Nazis photographed with shadows crawling up their cheeks. The essential point to be made about *Raiders* is that it is really just a kiddie movie — a kiddie movie *de luxe*, but a kiddie movie all the same. With Harrison Ford and Karen Allen. 1981.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 11/18 MIDNIGHT)

The Return — Supernatural thriller starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, directed by Asif Kapadia.

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Running with Scissors — Splashy feature debut for the man behind the cable-television series *Nip/Tuck*, writer-director Ryan Murphy, a hey-look-at-me cannonball, adapted from the “memoir” of Augusten Burroughs. Set in the Seventies, it spans his prepubescence (“I guess it doesn’t matter where I begin,” the narrator comments in voice-over, “because nobody’s going to believe me anyway”) into his gloomily gay adolescence. In specific, the breakup of his nuclear family — an alcoholic academic father and a psychobabbling self-deluding poet manqué mother (“Augusten, your mother was meant to be a very famous woman”) — and his subsequent placement in the foster care of the mother’s crackpot analyst, whose first arrival on the scene parodies the arrival of Max von Sydow in *The Exorcist*. (True to the period, for sure.) The boy’s second home is no stabler, a pink-painted monstrosity that accommodates a haggard hausfrau who never misses a day of *Dark Shadows* and snacks on dog kibble; two nubile daughters, one coquettishly virginal and one candidly tart; a cat named Freud; a perennial Christmas tree in the parlor; a never-diminishing pile of dishes in the kitchen; the doctor’s private sanctuary known self-explanatorily as his “masturbatorium”; and a trail of neurotic clients prominently including a brooding predatory homosexual. The basic assumption, trendy and trite as can be, is that the more eccentric, the more lunatic the vision of family life, the more truthful and insightful, the more relevant and revealing, it must be. (And never mind how tortuous the route to a punch line: the sole purpose of the dragged-out practical joke of a cat-meat

stew is to enable the humorless homosexual to huff off with an “I don’t eat pussy!”) Annette Bening, whose presence tends to point up the kinship with *American Beauty*, puts on quite a show as the biological mother, running the gamut from the irrepressibly tempestuous (“Get the rage on the page, women,” she rails at her fledgling poets’ circle) to the chemically tranquilized, with nary a misstep along the way. This is a portrait which, floridness notwithstanding, remains recognizably and humorously human. In most of the rest, the floridness overgrows and obscures. Joseph Cross, Brian Cox, Jill Clayburgh, Gwyneth Paltrow, Evan Rachel Wood, Joseph Fiennes, Alec Baldwin. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause — Christmas comedy with Tim Allen and Martin Short, directed by Michael Lembeck.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Science of Sleep — Michel Gondry, the director of *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* and less memorably *Human Nature*, sets out to demonstrate he can be just as wacky and braintwisty without Charlie Kaufman as his scriptwriter, with, instead, only himself as scriptwriter. The blur of dream and reality demonstrates that, all right, but at a cost of increased tedium and irritation. (An unsteady handheld camera no doubt factors into the cost.) The dream scenes, incorporating a variety of animation techniques, are inventive, intelligent, informed, yet also invariably overstuffed, and not just in the literal sense of the stop-motion straw pony or the plump pillow typewriter. The wispy plot thread has to do with the amorous hankering of a graphic artist and crackpot inventor (mind-reading helmets, time machine, and the like) for his next-door neighbor, a twosome seemingly made for each other: Stéphane and Stéphanie. Gael García Bernal and Charlotte Gainsbourg have little room to exert their charms. We know they have them. With Alain Chabat, Miou-Miou. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/16)

Shortbus — One-track-minded sex film, with exhibitionistic hardcore action and a no-name cast, a something-for-everyone smorgasbord (more for gays, however) anchored at an underground New York club for libertines. Intrepid but inept. And groundbreaking only if you’ve been hankering to see a limber young man get into an inverted yoga posture and ejaculate into his own mouth. Written, directed by John Cameron Mitchell. 2006.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/16)

Shut Up and Sing — Barbara Kopple’s documentary on the Dixie Chicks and their entry into a political crossfire.

(KEN, FROM 11/17)

Stranger Than Fiction — Reviewed this issue. With Will Ferrell, Emma Thompson, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Queen Latifah, and Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick’s *Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the

SEEN ON DVD

DAVID AVALOS

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“Either you fuck them or you get fucked,” Juan Vargas is told by his PRI mentor, López, in *La Ley de Herodes/Herod’s Law*. This political farce was theatrically released in 1999 while Mexico was on the verge of the PRI’s historic presidential defeat. Vargas, a good listener, rises from López’s dupe, sent to replace the decapitated mayor of an Indian village full of restless natives, to a congressman applauded by the federal Congresso de la Union for his assassination of López. Old-school Chicanos able to put together all of the ingredients for a Friday-night roast (a flat screen, a 12-pack of Bud, and a crew of hecklers) can play the game of what defrocked assemblyman, convicted extortionist councilman, or rhetoric-spewing dead-duck mayor most resembles the film’s congressman whose name was not changed to protect anybody.

LA LEY DE HERODES/HEROD’S LAW (Mexico) 1999, 20th Century Fox
List price: \$14.98

aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber’s extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood’s besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody (“I don’t believe what’s happening to me, / My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!”). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones, the premise seems viable enough. Completely separate towns, according to Burton’s fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning and carrying-off the

BRANDON CESMAT

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With revisionist movies, you get two-for-one. *Singin’ in the Rain* inspired *Day for Night*, whose upstart heir in movies-about-movies is Tom DiCillo’s *Living in Oblivion*. Steve Buscemi and Catherine Keener, respectively, play a director and actress whose personal lives precociously intrude into the “real” indie they’re making.

The revisionist Chinese movie *Shower* puts a kinder, gentler edge on the classic *Yellow Earth*. Where *Yellow Earth* justifies Chinese totalitarianism to combat male chauvinism, *Shower* implies technology will help neighbors survive redevelopment. How do SoCal developers differ from communists? Communist propaganda relies less on romantic street names, more on laughs.

Adam Sandler, Warren Beatty, and Nicolas Cage recently made Frank Capra-esque movies in which beatitudes beat corporate cynicism. My favorite Capra-corn comes with jalapeño in Robert Redford’s *The Milagro Beanfield War*. Northern New Mexico shot in available light makes the hometown look worth fighting for.

LIVING IN OBLIVION (USA) 1995, Sony Pictures
List price: \$29.95

SHOWER (China) 1999, Sony Pictures
List price: \$29.95

THE MILAGRO BEANFIELD WAR (USA) 1998, Universal
List price: \$12.98

KRISTINE DIEKMAN

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The documentary *Tailenders* is about Gospel Recordings, a missionary organization founded in 1939 that uses low-tech audio devices to evangelize indigenous communities in India, Mexico, and the U.S. The filmmaker, utilizing her own voiceover, carefully and subtly exposes and critiques the connections between capitalism, environmental exploitation, and missionary activities. This DVD is a must-see, for the information it contains and for the subtle, poetic filmmaking techniques and structure.

The Last Atomic Bomb won the Best Documentary award at the San Diego Asian Film Festival. The film concentrates on the first-person narratives of two Nagasaki survivors. Powerfully, they return to where they were when the bomb was detonated to tell their horrific remembrances of the violent destruction of their homes, families, and friends. Their narratives, although graphic, show great respect for those who died and the suffering of those they knew. A moving, sad, and urgent documentary.

TAILENDERS (USA) 2006, New Day Films
List price: \$95.00

THE LAST ATOMIC BOMB (USA) 2005, www.richtervideos.com
List price: \$99.00

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

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God** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:05) 7:05; **The De-
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Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15)
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Christmas Carol** (G) Sat.,-Sun. (10:30a.m.);
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(1:40, 3:35) 5:35, 8:05; **The Santa Clause 3:
The Escape Clause** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10, 3:05)
5:05, 7:15, 9:20 Sun. (1:10, 3:05) 5:05, 7:20

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Shut Up and Sing (R) Fri. 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
Sat.,-Sun. 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus
(R) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. 10:55,
1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **The Last King of Scot-
land** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun.
10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Little Children**
(Not Rated) Fri. 2:10, 5:05, 8:00 Sat.,-Sun.
11:15, 2:10, 5:05, 8:00; **La Moustache** (Not
Rated) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun.
11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **The Queen**
(PG-13) Fri. 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun.
10:35, 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00
Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00,
1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Fri.
7:00p.m.; **Roving Mars** (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00,
4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00,
4:00; **Santa vs. the Snowman 3D** (G)
Sat.,-Sun. 10:00, 2:00, 6:00; **Wild California**
(NR) Fri. 6:00p.m.

San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00,
2:00, 4:00; **Too Hot Not to Handle** Fri.,-Sun.
11:00, 1:00, 3:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Babel (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 3:40) 7:10, 10:35;
Borat (R) Fri. (10:55, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 7:20,
8:00, 9:50, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:30)
5:45, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:25; **Casino Royale**
(PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 1:05, 3:55, 4:20) 7:05, 7:40,
10:15, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45, 1:05, 3:55) 4:20,
7:05, 7:40, 10:15, 10:50; **Flags of Our Fathers**
(R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 6:55, 10:30;
Flushed Away (PG) Fri. (10:50) 1:50, 1:15, 1:10,
1:40, 3:35, 4:30, 5:50) 8:10, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun.
(10:50, 11:15, 1:10, 1:40, 3:35) 4:30, 5:50, 8:10,
10:30; **A Good Year** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:35,
4:25) 7:20, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:25,
7:20, 10:20; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri. (11:00,
11:20, 1:50, 2:10, 4:40, 5:00) 7:30, 7:50, 10:20,
10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:20, 1:50, 2:10) 4:40,
5:00, 7:30, 7:50, 10:20, 10:40; **HorrorFest - 4
Films To Die For - Dark Ride** (R) Fri. (1:45,
4:00) 6:10, 8:10, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (1:45) 4:00,
6:10, 8:10, 10:15; **Let's Go to Prison** (R) Fri.
(12:00, 2:30, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00,
2:30) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; **One Night with the
King** (PG) Fri. (10:55, 2:00, 4:50) 7:50, 10:45
Sat.,-Sun. (10:55, 2:00) 4:50, 7:50, 10:45; **The
Prestige** (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 1:50, 5:00) 7:55,
10:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:50, 1:50) 5:00, 7:55, 10:55;
The Return (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 1:00, 3:20,
5:50) 8:15, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (10:35, 1:00, 3:20)
5:50, 8:15, 10:40; **The Santa Clause 3: The
Escape Clause** (G) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:40,
10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:40,
10:10; **Saw III** (R) Fri. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35,
10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25;

Will Ferrell Maggie Gyllenhaal Dustin Hoffman Queen Latifah Emma Thompson

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
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)
Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun.; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sun.; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun.; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri.,-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Happy Feet (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **HorrorFest - 8 Films To Die For - Dark Ride** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24
770 Denney Road (858-558-2262)
Babel (R) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00) 1:05, 4:05, 7:10, 10:20 Sun. (10:00) 1:05, 4:05, 7:10, 10:15; **Borat** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (10:40) 12:45, 2:50, 4:55, 5:25, 7:15, 7:55, 9:35, 10:15 Sun. (10:40) 12:45, 2:50, 4:55, 5:25, 7:15, 7:55, 9:35; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 11:55) 12:50, 2:15, 3:00, 4:10, 5:45, 6:15, 7:30, 9:05, 9:45, 10:50 Sun. (11:00, 11:55) 12:50, 2:15, 3:00, 4:10, 5:45, 6:15, 7:30, 9:05, 9:45; **The Departed** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00; **Employee of the Month** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:10) 12:40, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. (10:10) 12:40, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; **Flags of Our Fathers** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:05, 10:00; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:05, 10:45) 12:25, 12:55, 2:35, 3:10, 4:50, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; **A Good Year** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:15; **The Grudge 2** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:45, 10:10; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 11:00, 11:45) 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:45, 4:35, 5:15, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 9:55, 10:40 Sun. (10:15, 11:00, 11:45) 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:45, 4:35, 5:15, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 9:55; **Harsh Times** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **HorrorFest - 8 Films To Die For - Dark Ride** (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00 Sat.,-Sun. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Let's Go to Prison** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:50) 1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:45, 10:05; **Open Season** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05) 1:15, 3:25, 5:30; **The Prestige** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:05) 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:10; **The Return** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35) 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35, 9:35; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 11:15) 12:20, 1:55, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; **Saw III** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05 Fri.,-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive-In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Babel (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:10) 4:10, 7:15, 10:20 Sun. (12:10) 4:10, 7:15; **Borat** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 2:55) 5:15, 7:20, 9:35 Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:15, 7:20; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 1:15, 3:20) 5:00, 7:10, 8:10, 10:15 Sun. (12:15, 1:15, 3:20) 5:00, 7:10, 8:10; **The Departed** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15) 4:10, 7:15, 10:20 Sun. (12:15) 4:10, 7:15; **Flags of Our Fathers** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (2:50) 7:25; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:05, 2:50) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50 Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:00, 7:30; **A Good Year** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25) 4:35, 7:05, 9:55 Sun. (12:25) 4:35, 7:05; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 2:45) 4:15, 5:25, 7:00, 7:55, 9:40, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:45) 4:15, 5:25, 7:00, 7:55; **The Return** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30) 5:30, 10:30 Sun. (12:30) 5:30; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 9:45 Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25 Sun. (12:35) 4:45, 7:35

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri. (9:45, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri. (10:45, 1:25, 4:05) 6:45, 9:30

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Borat (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 1:15, 4:30) 7:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 1:15, 4:30) 7:30; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Borat (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:30) 7:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:30) 7:30; **A Christmas Carol** (G) Sat.,-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **A Good Year** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat.

(11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Happy Feet** (PG) 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; **HorrorFest - 8 Films To Die For - Dark Ride** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 1:45) 4:00, 6:15, 8:45; **Let's Go to Prison** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **The Prestige** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:45, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00 Sat. (12:45, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 7:00; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Call theater for program information

VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Babel (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 3:50) 7:05, 10:10; **Borat** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:55, 5:10) 7:35, 9:50; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:45, 12:30, 1:15, 3:00, 3:50, 4:30) 6:15, 7:10, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20, 11:00 Sun. (11:45, 12:30, 1:15, 3:00, 3:50, 4:30) 6:15, 7:10, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20; **The Departed** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (7:50, 11:00 Sun. 7:50p.m.); **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:40, 5:50) 8:05, 10:20; **A Good**

Year (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:55, 4:45) 7:30; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 12:10, 1:45, 2:45, 4:25, 5:15) 7:20, 10:00; **Harsh Times** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:25, 10:00; **HorrorFest - 8 Films To Die For - Dark Ride** (R) Fri. (1:35, 3:45, 5:45) 7:50, 10:00, 12:00 Sat. (1:05, 3:15, 5:30) 7:35, 9:45, 12:00 Sun. (1:40, 3:50, 5:50) 8:00, 10:00; **Let's Go to Prison** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40, 9:50; **The Prestige** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00) 10:15; **The Return** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:30, 5:50) 8:10, 10:25; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:30, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 10:00

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Flushed Away (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:10, 4:15) 6:35, 8:45; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:15

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Borat (R) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 1:15, 4:30) 10:45 Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:30) 7:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:30) 7:30; **A Christmas Carol**

(G) Sat.,-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **The Departed** (R) Fri. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15 Sat. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 12:00, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat. (10:00, 12:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Prestige** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:15, 7:45

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Babel (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15 Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00; **Flags of Our Fathers** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **A Good Year** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 2:30) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:30, 8:15

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Borat (R) Fri. 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35 Sat. (10:40) 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35 Sun. (10:40) 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:50 Sun. (10:15) 1:25, 4:35, 7:45; **The Departed** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 12:10, 3:35, 7:00, 10:25 Sun. 12:10, 3:35, 7:00; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri. 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20 Sat. (10:10) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20 Sun. (10:10) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:05; **A Good Year** (PG-13) Fri. 1:55, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35 Sat. (11:10) 1:55, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35 Sun. (11:10) 1:55, 5:00, 7:50; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri. 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (10:00) 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:00) 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri. 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30 Sat. (10:30) 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (10:30) 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri. 1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50 Sat. (10:50) 1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50 Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:15, 7:05

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Conversations with God (PG); **The U.S. vs. John Lennon** (PG-13)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Borat (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **A Christmas Carol** (G) Sat.,-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **A Good Year** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

OCEANSIDE

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La primera acción que la alcaldesa electa de Chula Vista, Cheryl Cox, será la de proponer al cabildo realizar una auditoría interna para saber qué hizo la administración de Steve Padilla con los ingresos y egresos de la ciudad.

"Lo primero que debo de preguntar y saber es dónde está el dinero de los contribuyentes y cómo fue usado el presupuesto de la ciudad

estos últimos años.

"No podemos empezar a hacer proyectos sin saber con lo que cuentas o debes", explicó Cox.

La alcaldesa de Chula Vista dijo en entrevista exclusiva que lo primero que se debe hacer como gobernante es cuidar las finanzas de contribuyentes.

"Nuestro trabajo es hacer que Chula Vista esté mejor y vamos a trabajar en conjunto para ofrecer esto a nuestros ciudadanos", Cox.

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Con garra

Pumas de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México consiguió su boleto para jugar de manera directa los cuartos de final en el Torneo Apertura 2006 del fútbol mexicano, luego de apabullar 5-0 a Tigres de la Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León en la cancha del estadio Olímpico de Ciudad Universitaria.

Pumas avanzó de manera directa tras la derrota del Toluca ante Monterrey.

La UNAM terminó con 29 puntos en el grupo tres.

El conjunto auriazul cerró el torneo con tres victorias consecutivas y 325 minutos seguidos sin aceptar gol.

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Señalan ataques

Debido a la serie de crímenes y actos en contra de hispanos de San Diego, específicamente en el Norte del Condado, activistas y grupos pro defensores de derechos humanos se unieron para protestar afuera del Ayuntamiento de Vista.

Recientemente la activista y ex candidata a regidora de la ciudad de Vista, Tina Jillings, fue atacada en su residencia, donde ella y su esposo fueron amedrentados y sus propiedades sufrieron daños por personas no identificadas.

Jillings denunció inmediatamente estos actos pero la oficina del alguacil en Vista se rehusó

a catalogar los hechos como crimen de odio.

"Han sido muchos los actos que los racistas Minuteman han hecho en contra de nuestra gente", comentó el activista Enrique Morones.

El siguiente paso que los grupos pro derechos de los migrantes harán es exigir a altos funcionarios tomar control de estos hechos ya que muchos actos violentos que son racistas han quedado impunes.

De acuerdo a Morones, la procuradora general del Condado, Bonnie Dumanis, debe de tomar cartas en estos asuntos que están trayendo violencia y afectando a las comunidades más vulnerables.



Rueda el Trolley

A pesar de la fuerte oposición que en un principio tuvo la aparición de tren ligero en la región, porque se dudaba que fuera reductible para la ciudad, hoy el Trolley de San Diego se ha convertido en un ejemplo de eficiencia y calidad en la nación.

El Sistema de Transporte Público (MTS) transporta a más de 80 millones de usuarios al año es sus tres líneas de tren ligero y un vasto sistema de rutas de camiones que circulan a lo largo de esta entidad.

"No pensaban que fuera útil, pero ahora al ver los millones de pasajeros se han dado cuenta que estaban equivocados, es un orgullo tener un sistema eficiente que debe de seguir creciendo para servir a más

usuarios", dijo Leon Williams, fundador del MTS.

Más de 120 años han pasado desde que las primeras carrozas de caballos transitaban llevando gente a lo largo de la avenida 5 y la calle D (ahora Broadway) en el centro de San Diego.

A pesar de las oposiciones el tren ligero reapareció en la región en 1981 gracias a los esfuerzos legislativos del entonces senador estatal Bill Mill.

"Fue difícil lograr convencer a la gente de que era necesario contar con un tren que sirviera localmente", narró Williams.

Hace 25 años en julio de 1981 el tren ligero de San Diego resurgió en la entidad transportando pasajeros de la frontera en San Ysidro al centro de San Diego.



Leer para creer

Hispanos de San Diego cuentan ya con una gran oferta en libros en su idioma con la apertura de la nueva librería Barnes & Noble, líder mundial en venta de libros, que abrió recientemente en Otay Ranch.

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David Grepe, gerente de la nueva librería, explicó que este nuevo local vendrá a que los hispanos encuentren los últimos y mejores libros que se han publicado en su lengua.

"Esta librería es una de

las más grandes que hay en San Diego, y cuenta con un gran surtido de libros tanto en inglés como en español", dijo Grepe.

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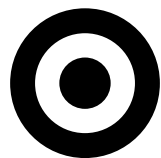
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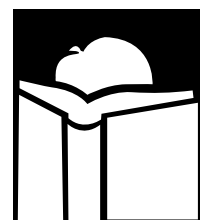
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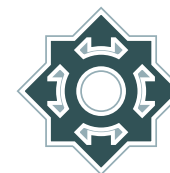
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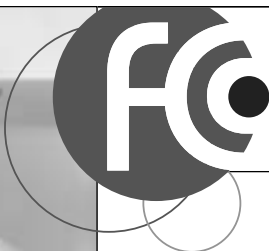
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1. Hillbilly's instrument
6. Yield to pressure
10. Zoom (by)
13. Indy 500 sound
14. Building depicted on John Wayne's headstone
16. Victorian _____
17. Back: Prefix
18. Rick and Ilsa will always have it
19. It sells, reportedly
20. With 38- and 52-Across, Arnold Schwarzenegger's comment on gay marriage that VH1 ranked #1 on its "40 Dumbest Celebrity Quotes Ever"
23. Jr.'s exam
24. Politico Hutchinson and others
25. Word on a door
28. Actors Holm and McKellen
30. Pre-calc course
34. Physicist Georg
35. Woodstock singer Guthrie
36. False start?
38. See 20-Across
41. Seek help from
42. "Dianetics" author _____ Hubbard
43. Old crone
44. Mower stower
45. Candidate for rehab
46. Troubles
47. Sick as _____
50. Lends a hand
52. See 20-Across
57. 1981 NBA MVP
59. Be successful in
60. A month abroad
61. Letters between two names
62. "Everybody knows that!"
63. Nouveau Mexique et Virginie d'Ouest
64. Chi-town team
65. DC team
66. Domineering

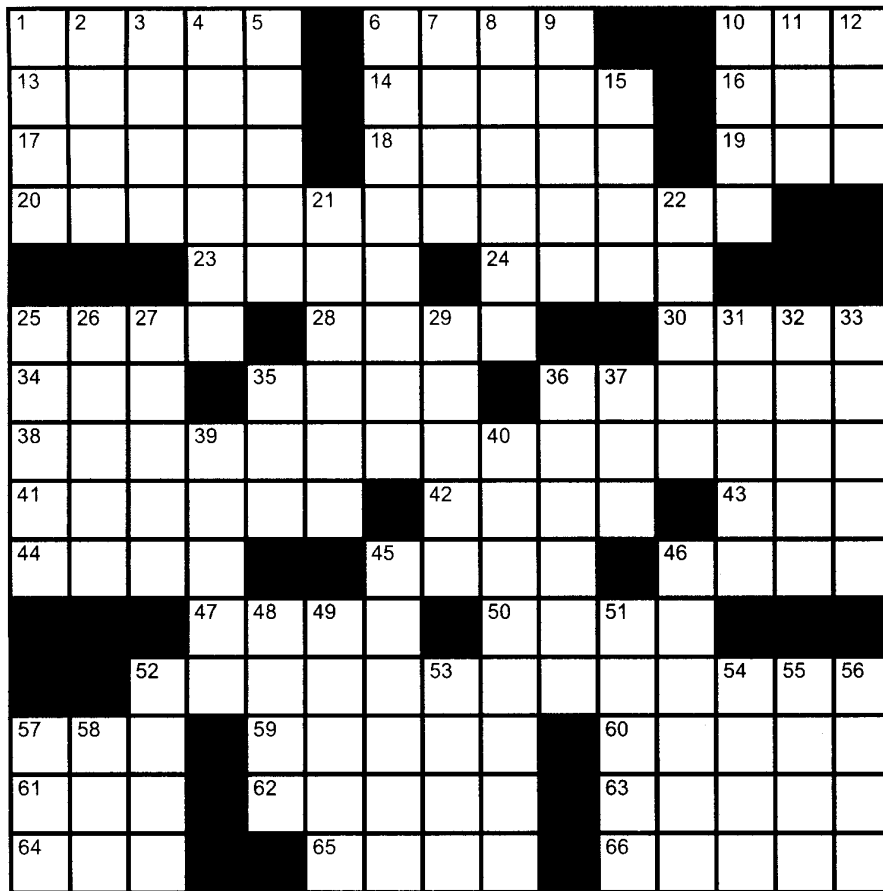
Down

1. Some underwear
2. Suffix with buck
3. "Cheers" barfly
4. Author Conrad
5. Leaves out
6. Beginning of this clue
7. Moonwalker Shepard
8. Elizabeth of ABC News
9. Sends out
10. Irish Spring alternative
11. Embitterment
12. Opposite of bellum
15. Fed. watchdog since 1971

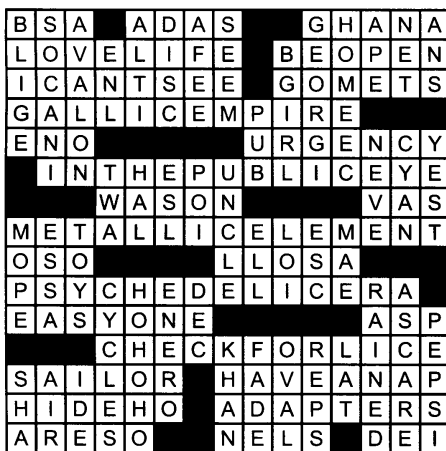
21. Bob, e.g.
22. In _____ (upset)
25. Jobs
26. "Yeah"
27. Apostrophized treat
29. Seasonal airs
31. Mercedes with an Oscar
32. Perfect
33. Big bang producers
35. PC key
36. City on the Illinois
37. Greyhound stop: Abbr.
39. Reverse a beaver's work
40. Scopes
45. Where Idi Amin ruled
46. Knows about
48. Time of day once referred to as "cockcrow"
49. _____ ring
51. Nerd
52. Comet competitor
53. Marine: Abbr.
54. 1993 Faith Hill album "Take _____ I Am"
55. Word with fine or visual
56. Prying
57. "_____ Kapital"
58. "Suspicion" studio

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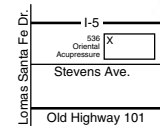
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Chris Eisel
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I would have to say Kiss. They were over the hill at the point I saw them. They still had the makeup on. It was three or four years ago in Irvine. Most of the concerts I see I like, but these guys just seemed to try too hard.



Dan Groeling
Marines
Yuma, Arizona

Elton John was the worst. I was nine years old, and my mom forced me into it. That was 21 years ago in Chicago. The only song I knew was "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting." I liked that, but the rest of the songs...I just wanted to put a gun in my mouth. Now I can appreciate him. He's a great musician.



David Vallin
Musician
San Diego

Blue Öyster Cult. The guitar player actually had this cheesy mustache. It was bad. The band before them I wanted to see, UFO. When you are there for the opening band, you can end up being more critical of them. I saw them another time, opening for Aerosmith, and didn't care for that show either.



Alan Fleischman
Entertainment business
Murietta

On New Year's Eve, Del Mar, a few years ago. It was Dave Wakefield with General Public and Dave Mason. The production...well, every problem imaginable. It was like Spinal Tap. The sound system for Mason blew up. The promoter had an argument with him and he took off. I was working on the production team. What a headache. The worst concert I saw was Black Oak Arkansas at the Performing Arts Center in El Cajon, around 1976. They were tired and old. And they weren't even that old at the time.



Tevia Schriebman
Business owner
Point Loma

The Allman Brothers. It was in a theater and everyone was sitting down. It was boring. Also, White Zombie. The sound kept going out. [Rob Zombie] was good and had great stage presence. It was just the technical problems. And Ben Harper at Street Scene. He just sat there at the piano the whole time, singing to himself, not the audience. Luckily, it's easy to leave when you're at a festival, since other stuff is going on.



Kristi Woolery
SDSU student
Ocean Beach

This one [Aerosmith/Mötley Crüe at Coors Amphitheatre]. Aerosmith didn't play enough songs. It was such a short set. We got here a little late and missed Mötley Crüe, too. And Aerosmith played too many new songs. I've seen about 25 concerts, and I liked them all.

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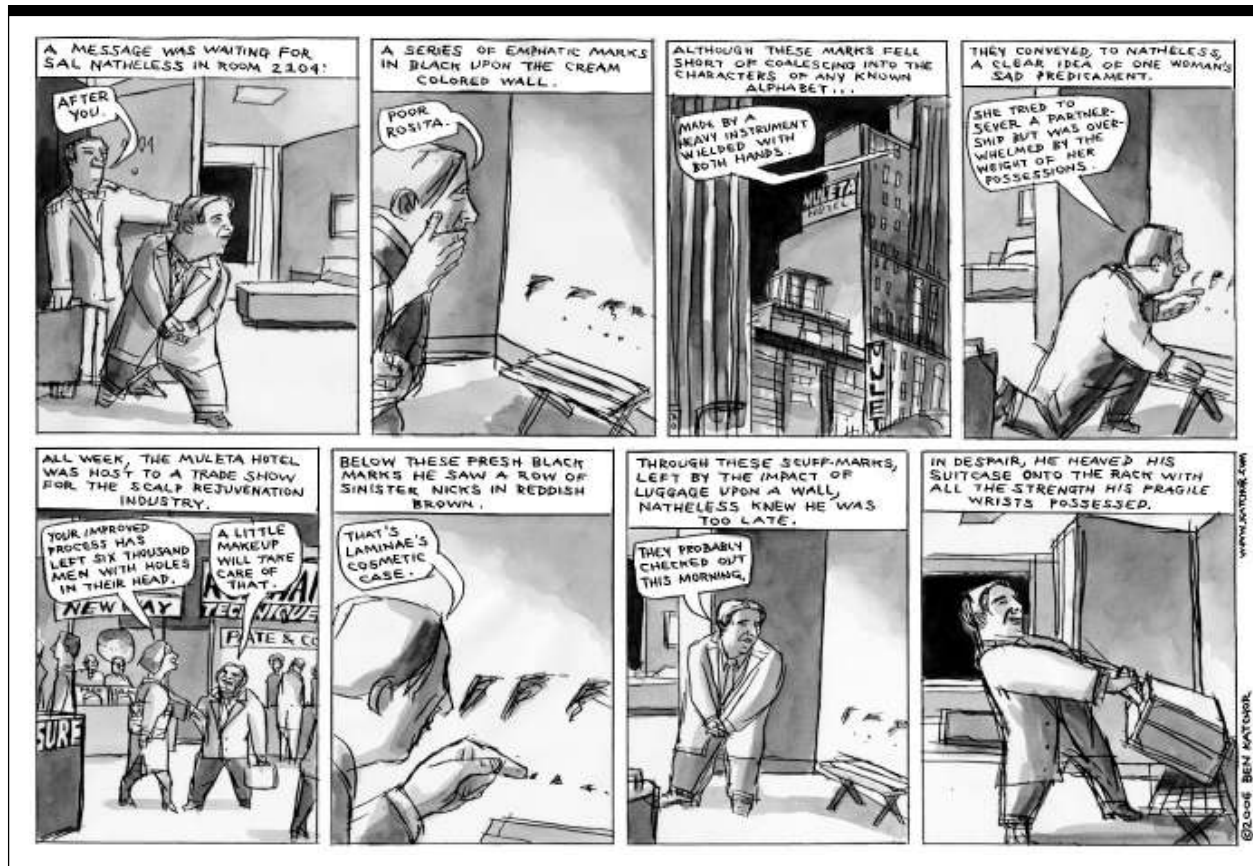
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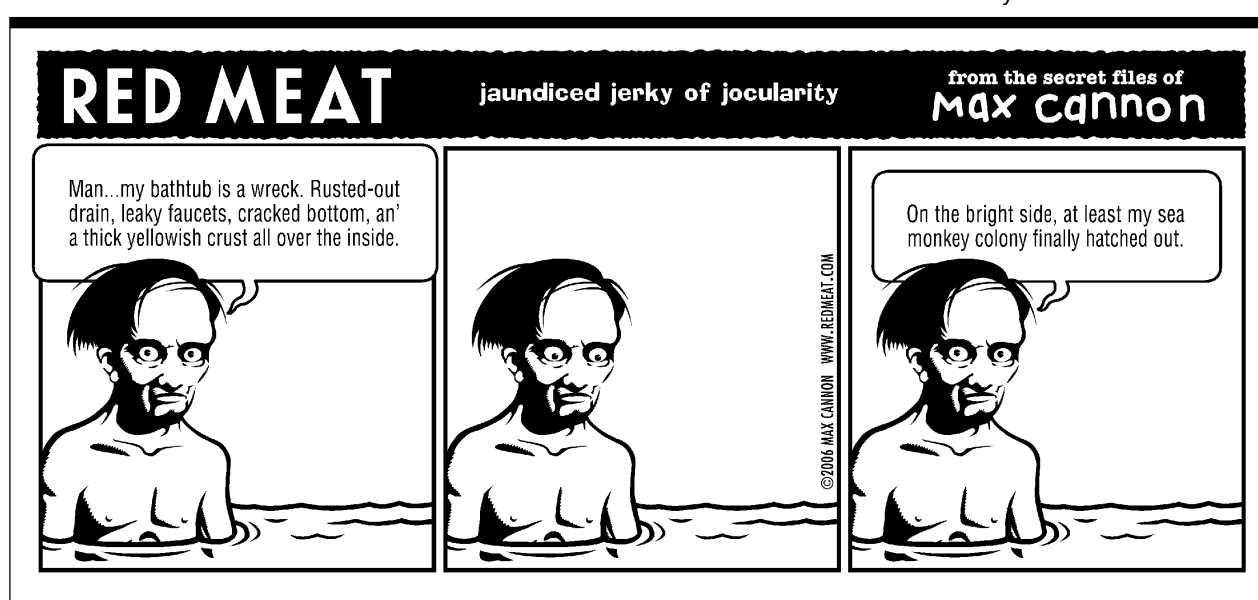
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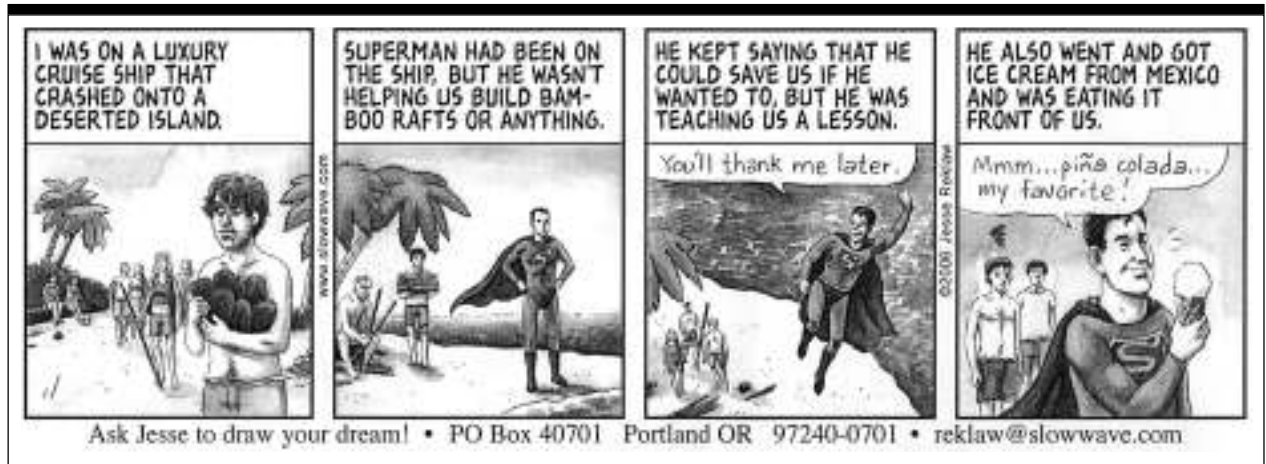
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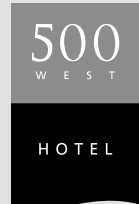
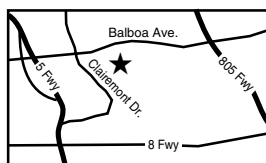
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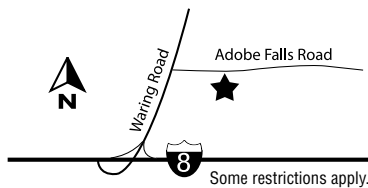
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— The chosen professional interest of biologist David Scholnick of Pacific University (Forest Grove, Ore.) is in how shrimp act when they get an infection, which he gauged by building a tiny treadmill in order to run crustaceans through their paces to measure blood lactate levels. "As far as I know," Scholnick told *LiveScience.com* in October, "this is the first time that shrimp have been exercised on a treadmill." To increase the shrimps' stress, Scholnick designed tiny backpacks out of duct tape but still found that healthy shrimp could go for about an hour without fatigue.

Great Art!

— Simon Pope's "Gallery Space Recall" exhibit at the Chapter Arts Centre in Cardiff, Wales, is an empty room, with patrons called upon to supply the art by imagining another art show they have seen so that, wrote Pope, the two exhibits "exist at two locations simultaneously, both here and there." Pope wrote that the exhibit suggested the brain-injury disorder "reduplicative paramnesia," in which a person has a delusional belief that something exists at two places at once.

Campaign Roundup

— Sitcoms: In October, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, in Pittsburgh to campaign for U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, antagonized anti-Santorum demonstrators by blowing them a kiss, and in the ensuing chaos, Bush was forced to take refuge in a train station supply closet. ... Kansas state Rep. Vaughn Flora was charged with a misdemeanor after an October political event when he allegedly roughed up an anti-abortion protester dressed as a cockroach. ... In Tampa in August, public-access TV host Tony Katz threw a chair at his guest, county-commission candidate Joe Redner, hitting him in the head (after he had called Redner a liar and Redner had called him fat). — Family Values: Republican U.S. Rep. Don Sherwood of Pennsylvania was trailing in his race for reelection, owing in large part to the

lawsuit filed two years ago by his 29-year-old mistress. She alleged that the supposedly happily married Sherwood beat and strangled her. Sherwood settled the lawsuit and acknowledged the affair but denied any abuse. ... Ohio Democrats had to scramble in September to find a replacement to run for a U.S. House seat after their original nominee, Stephanie Studebaker, was jailed along with her husband after the couple brawled at their home in Dayton.

Government in Action

— The Havering town council in Romford, England, prepared a 300-page report in October, which was the result of a 12-month investigation to find out who had heckled a speaker at a zoning meeting by making "baaa" noises. The authors said they had narrowed the list of suspects. ... In September, London's mayor Ken Livingstone defended his downtown anti-pigeon program, which consisted of empowering two hawks to scare the birds away, even though the three-year cost of the program (including a handler) was the equivalent of more than \$400,000, which reduced the menace by 2500 pigeons, or about \$170 a bird. — A civic group in Vienna, Austria, gathered 157,000 signatures on petitions in May and presented them to city officials to encourage a government program for cleaner streets. Under the proposal, the government would assign the populace the task of counting and mapping dog droppings as a first step to greater penalties for owners who fail to clean up after their mutts. Critics were pessimistic because citizens wanted to count and map dog droppings.

Thinning the Herd

— The latest casualty of quick-draw practice: a 19-year-old man in Evans, Colo., in September, who, working out in front of a mirror, somehow fatally shot himself in the head. ... The latest pedestrian-train collisions: (1) a 30-year-old woman in Little Rock, Ark., in October, who was walking along the tracks carrying a beer and listening to music with headphones, and (2) an

18-year-old man in Kenosha, Wis., in September, who first left the tracks well in front of the train but then returned, stood on the tracks, and made a finger gesture at the conductor.

Police Blotter

— In October, Robert Russel Moore, 33, was sentenced to ten years in prison for the burglary of an Arby's in Prince Frederick, Md. Moore was assistant manager of the restaurant and was identified by clues from the surveillance tape. Four employees said they recognized the burglar's body shape, clothing, and (when he bent over) the distinctive top portion of his buttocks, as being those of Moore. The owner of the restaurant said he had had to counsel Moore "more than once" about the inadvertent exposure of his butt crack.

The Continuing Crisis

— In October, California environmentalists and health officials said they might have to undertake a one-by-one investigation of septic tanks in the movie-star-populated Malibu community in order to find the leaks that have been fouling the coastline. According to an Associated Press report, the final decision won't be made until officials test the seawater to determine whether the sewage has human DNA or is from animals, such as runoff from chicken farms, which is the preferred explanation of actress-vegetarian Pamela Anderson. — In 2004, Bruce McMahan, then 65, whose success with his McMahan Securities hedge fund in the 1990s made him one of America's wealthiest men, married (perhaps unofficially) his daughter (who had been born of a 1968 McMahan fling) following a two-year affair (according to a September report in Florida's *Broward-Palm Beach New Times*, based on court documents generated when the daughter sought a breakup). McMahan denied the affair and the marriage, but *New Times* found many wedding photos and marriage-acknowledging e-mails, and reference to a vibrator laden with "evidence." All lawsuits relating to the matter were settled and the files sealed by the court in early September.

— A 33-year-old woman was detained by police in September after complaints by residents at a mobile-home park in Michigan City, Ind., that she had been having sex in an untinted-windowed limousine on one of the park's streets, in front of what grew to be a large crowd, mostly yelling at her for her indecency. At one point, according to police, the otherwise-occupied woman yelled back at the crowd defiantly that she was "doing adult business" and "I've got to do what I've got to do."

Least Competent People

— Slapstick: (1) Inspecting the Dukovany nuclear power plant in Moravia in September, an unnamed American official with the International Atomic Energy Agency wandered away from the group and fell into a water tank. (2) In September, firefighters in Spokane, Wash., rescued a worker whose head had become stuck in a water meter enclosure for about four hours. (3) In October, when Turkey's prime minister Tayyip Erdogan fainted from low blood sugar, his security team rushed him to a hospital but mistakenly locked him and the keys inside his fortified car; after they pounded on it for a while, a nearby construction worker with a sledgehammer saved the day.

Update

— In October, health officials in China again warned citizens against the increasingly popular but seriously painful leg-stretching "Ilizarov procedure," believed to add as much as a couple of inches to a person's height. The patient's leg is deliberately broken and affixed to a rack, with the leg stretched slightly every day so that the bones fuse together to cover the separated space, lengthening the leg. Said one 33-year-old, five-foot-tall woman in 2002, aiming for four more inches: "I'll have a better job [and] a better husband. It's a long-term investment."

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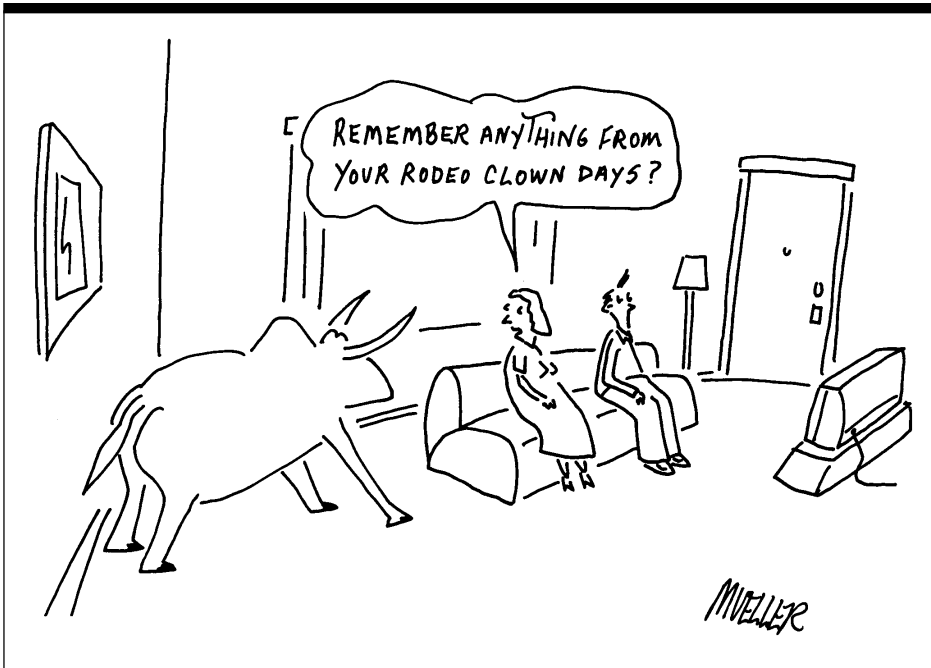
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Thirty Years Ago

Joe Gordon, a cook at the Black Angus, is one of the customers who bought a Muntz on credit from Webb. Gordon, who lives alone, has had his giant screen for nine months. He watches it from 3:30 in the afternoon to 11:00 every night. "I turn the lights on to read sometimes and the picture is still fine," he says. "I never did go to that many movies. Outside of work, it's pretty much my life. I got nothing better to do."

—**"ATTACK OF THE GIANT SCREEN,"** Rich Low, November 23, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Upon our arrival in Huntington Harbor, there were lipstick-smudged kisses and hearty cheek-pinches along with the annual tour of the envied suburban house (all the guests lived in urban apartments). We praised gray wool carpeting, wallpaper, and knotty-pine paneling, all installed in record time by Aunt Lil, who was a hyperactive do-it-yourselfer.

But if a guest was more than 15 minutes overdue, there was much worrying, followed by frenetic phone calls. "We're ready to start eating," came the anxious missive from the great-aunt standing nearest the stove. "You're holding everyone up," my grandmother always added, causing latecomers to drive 90 miles

per hour (with Long Island police on their heels) in order to assuage the alarmists.

—**"THANKSGIVINGS, MISGIVINGS,"** Sue Garson, November 19, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

The new policy at Horton Plaza forces all employees to park outside the plaza's 2400-space, seven-level garage during November and December to make room for the expected crush of holiday shoppers. Many of the women do not get off work until after dark, which makes for a sometimes frightening walk to their cars. "I feel they're putting our lives on the line," says Barbara Maza, an hourly employee in the Broadway's cosmetic department.

—**"CITY LIGHTS: 'THEIR OWN SPACE,'"** William Olsen, November 20, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

I was getting my boots shined in one of those step-up shoeshine stalls you find all over Tijuana. I settled in with a copy of *¡Alarma!*, Mexico's premier blood-drenched tabloid. As usual, it was full of satisfying lurid pictures, massacred cops, train-killed bodies.

We were on the corner of Ninth. A tan-clad arm flashed into the booth, its hard fist closing on my wrist. *A cop!* I jerked: *Oh my God! I'm busted!*

—**"CITY LIGHTS: 'TIJUANA COPS DON'T GET NO RESPECT,'"** Luis Urrea, November 21, 1991

Ten Years Ago

Friday, October 25. Full moon over Mount Soledad. After watching *The Simpsons*, I clicked to a Discovery Channel documentary on "The Integratron," a kind of rejuvenator time machine/electromagnetic-field generator built in Joshua Tree by a skilled lunatic named George Van Tassel. He supposedly built it under the direction of aliens.

Santa Anas blew hard from the northeast that October night. Clouds moved across the sky like morphing feathers, bones, angel's wings, and shredded wedding gowns. I was bored and felt the need for "strange." The phone rang.

It was Paul "Stinky" Kamanski from Comanche Moon. "Get your Spam-fed ass over here. We're going to the desert. It's the Gram Parsons Memorial Concert thing. Caren and I are going to play. Ben Wah Torres will be there. We're leaving at 8:30 a.m. Signs and portents in the air, man."

"You mean Ben Fong-Torres?"

—**"SCENE: 'FUDGE AND PARANOIA,'"** John Brizzolara, November 14, 1996

Five Years Ago

"I left Islam, I converted from Islam, because



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of the violence. The constant threat of violence. And so, to me, the nonviolence of Jesus, the pacifism he advocated, seemed remarkable.

"You have to understand that, in the country I'm from, conversion from Islam carries a death sentence. People from the West don't understand this. If you watch CNN, you wouldn't understand this. I'm not exaggerating. I'm not being dramatic."

—**"SHEEP AND GOATS,"** Abe Opincar, November 15, 2001

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she seemed enthused about meeting them. Every time I have tried to set her up with one of them, though, or arrange for her to come to a party where one of them would be so she could check him out in a totally non-pressured way, she has some lame excuse why she can't make it. This has happened, I swear, five or six times. I don't get it, and I'm getting a bit annoyed and tired of trying to do this for her when she can never make it to meet either of these nice men for the flimsiest of reasons. I can't figure out what's going on or what to do. Suggestions?

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Dear Frustrated,

It's confusing when a friend's words say one thing and their actions scream the opposite. Crystal herself is probably confused and maybe not as ready to meet someone as she'd thought. Perhaps she's scared or traumatized by something in her past. There's obviously some obstacle in her mind or heart to meeting men, and she isn't owning up to it or it hasn't fully surfaced into her consciousness. Have a low-key, affectionate conversation and tell her you don't want to do anything that would make her uncomfortable and you're not trying to push her. You can ask how she'd prefer handling this kind of thing. Would she like you to back off for now, in introducing her to men? Or should you just

give these guys her phone number so it all doesn't have to be orchestrated through you? Or what? Give her a chance to express herself, and be ready to drop the matchmaking thing if it's going to have a bad effect on this important friendship.

Dear Saffron,

My sister, who lives in Los Angeles, has four-year-old twins, who are cute but a real handful. I have no children and live here in San Diego. Because I run my own business, I often end up working way more than full time and have a lot of responsibility. My sister called me the other day and told me she wants me to come to L.A. and take care of their twins for four days so she and her husband can attend a big family reunion of his in Northern California. I asked her why they didn't just get a babysitter, and she said that would be expensive and they are trying to save money now. She said that if I didn't agree to this plan, she wouldn't be able to go and her husband would have to go all alone. I really don't want to do this. Four days is a long time to take care of her wild kids and be away from work — all because they don't want to pay for a sitter. I feel sad to be the cause of her not being able to make this trip, but it's a bad time for me to take off from work. I know she will be angry with me if I don't do as she asks. Help.

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Dear Ambivalent,

I really don't like it when people try to get their way by guilt-tripping others, and it sounds as if your sister is doing just that. You have a business to run, and you have a life. Being an unpaid sitter for four days just isn't convenient for you right now. Your sister and brother-in-law can hire a sitter, or they can bring their double darlings with them to the reunion. What your sister is asking is too much of an imposition and sounds like it would be taking advantage of you. They have other options. Say it sweetly, but just say "no."

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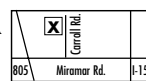
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Our camp the second night is more beautiful than the first. We stop midafternoon where there is a small seasonal pond in front of us. Life is all about water. Elephants, giraffe, kudu, impala, baboon, hippo, crocodile, wildebeest, and an array of birdlife entertain us. Large marabou storks are fishing along the water's edge for their supper. We start the campfire so that we will have good coals to cook with.

Impala have been coming to the pond to drink. They look around for some time before drinking quickly and leaving to continue grazing. One impala wanders into deeper water for a drink. There are at least a dozen crocodiles on the far bank. One of them waits until the impala is facing the other way and quietly slips into the water. The croc comes up behind the impala, grabs it with his huge jaws, and twists it over and over again until it drowns.

We watch as the crocodile drags the impala onto the bank. It starts to chomp away. Other crocodiles move in and a series of fights start. Different crocs are pulling at different parts of the impala. Some retaliating and defending go on, but the situation is hopeless. About six different crocodiles get parts of the impala. In the end, the hunter has to settle for a leg and shoulder.

Twilight is approaching, and we are getting ready for supper. With the sunlight gone, some of the hippos have come out of the pond and are grazing close to us. When the fire dies down enough to cook supper, the hippos move in closer. We throw more wood on the fire to keep them away. The cycle is repeated until we feel comfortable enough to cook.

It is worth the wait. We feast on fillets and vegetables that

were simmered in fine red wine. We enjoy the same meal for breakfast the next morning, only the portions are smaller. A herd of about 30 wildebeests takes almost an hour to wander our way, moving at a grazing pace. Something, perhaps a lion moving behind the bushes, startles them, and they all stampede back the way they came.

We break camp when the first elephant comes back for a morning drink. Charlie wants to keep the sun on his left as we head west, back to one of the supply roads to Moremi Game Reserve. After about an hour and a half, some concern is raised that we haven't met the road yet. After stopping for a cold beer, we head for what looks like some opening in the bush. Much of the landscape can look very similar, but we pass a striking, low-level sand crater. The remains of two long-dead trees in the middle of the crater look like two tables waiting for guests to arrive for lunch. It's an eerie setting, but finding the road is on our minds, so we pass up another rest break.

About an hour later, the going is getting rough, with

places that are tough to go through. Charlie is now taking an odd glance at the fuel gauge. We know the road has to be close. Indications look good when we come across a set of tire tracks. Charlie gets out to make sure they are not our tracks. They are Land Rover tracks, but not ours. Our spirits are lifted as we continue.

We are making good



time because we don't have to worry about getting stuck in sand sinkholes or which way to go. The road should run into us at any moment. Still, Charlie gets out of the vehicle twice to confirm that these are not our tracks. Fallen branches over the tracks convince me. We come steaming around some bushes and out into the open. What do we see, but

our two tables sitting in the crater. It took us an hour and a half to go in one big counter-clockwise circle.

We are beside ourselves. We have sticks in the sand measuring shadows and the direction of the noonday sun. Which way is west? Charlie and I are like two ends of the compass, pointing in opposite directions. Ten more minutes in the heat, another cold beer, and we are able to agree on the direction we hope is west, toward the road.

Charlie smiles, puts the brakes on, and we stop right in front of the road. We sit back and put our feet up on the dash and have the best cold beer of the trip. We knew we would find it. When we would find it was the concern. Soon Sally, our Land Rover, is booting down the road like she can smell pavement. We need to get cleaned up, go out for supper, share a few stories of the trip with friends, and find out what they have been doing for the weekend.

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POST DATE: September 22, 2006
 POST TITLE: Buyer's Strategy for the San Diego Housing Market
 What's next for the San Diego housing market? The next thing that starts to happen is rents rise, and when they do, more buyers move into the purchase market. We've already seen some of this. Also, some sellers have moved out of the market. A few weeks ago, I was seeing active listings total about 23,800 locally, and they're down to 22,500 now. Furthermore, the number of buyers has risen by about 10 percent or so in the past couple weeks. Net result: We were at 38 or 40 sellers per buyer most of the summer. Last week it dropped to 34, and this week it's at 33. This is starting to look like it might be a trend, and when the ratio of sellers to buyers drops enough, prices are going to stabilize, the period of best deals will be over, and people are going to rush back into the market. It's got a long way to go, but where I have predicted Spring 2008 as the most likely market recovery point locally, I'm thinking now that it will more likely be some time next year, most likely early summer based upon current trend lines.

Those who are thinking that we're going to see \$200,000 detached single family homes in San Diego are most likely going to be disappointed. I've said all

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along that the economic pricing support was there for \$350,000 starter homes, providing rates stay about where I think they will, and rates going higher than I think they will (about 7 percent on a 30-year fixed, where we're right at 6 now) means lenders will suffer even more in the short term in order to salvage their bottom line further out. I really don't think they will make that choice.

However long it takes, if you wait for the market to turn, you will now be at maybe 5 to 10 sellers per buyer, which is a more normal ratio, and when you don't have 30 sellers per buyer, you can't get them to work with you nearly as much. Prices will start moving back up, and if you wait for that to happen, you are hosed. It is far better to move now while prices are still moving somewhat downward. Yeah, you might "lose" a little on paper until the market turns. But you have the opportunity to negotiate a better bargain now than you will then. (Numbers

and statistics current as of September 22, 2006.)



POST DATE: November 6, 2006
 POST TITLE: Hot Bargain Property Detached Party Room in A Great Neighborhood!

General: Urban East County, 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath. Asking price between \$425,000 and \$450,000. I'd probably offer \$390,000 to start with.

Why you should be interested: This is a very appealing home in a great older neighborhood with fantastic schools nearby. This street has many more expensive homes.

Selling Points: The back yard is great for entertaining; almost a garden. It also has a detached room that could be used for dance practice, as a martial arts practice area, or just for entertaining.

Why I think it's a potential bargain: Vacant and on the market for a while, and we're entering a slow time of year to move real estate. If they're smart, they'll sell to anything close.

Obvious caveats: New condos behind the property.

Why it hasn't sold already: I do not know. It's priced \$30,000 less than a comparable property in not as good condition.

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rental and investing the difference at 10 percent per year tax free, you would be approximately \$130,000 ahead of the renter, after the expenses of selling.

Fact you should be aware of: New condos overlook the back yard.

Obvious way to enhance value or appeal of property: Update the fixtures, buff the hardwood floors, and maybe convert the detached room into a granny flat.

This property does not appear to be eligible for a first-time buyer Mortgage Credit Certificate, provided your family income is not more than \$82,800 or \$96,600. Ask me for more details on this or any other property.

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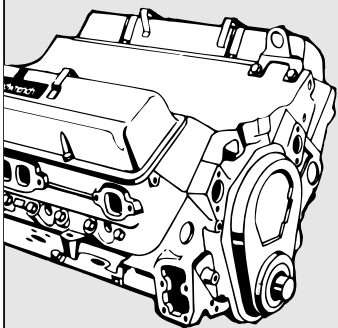
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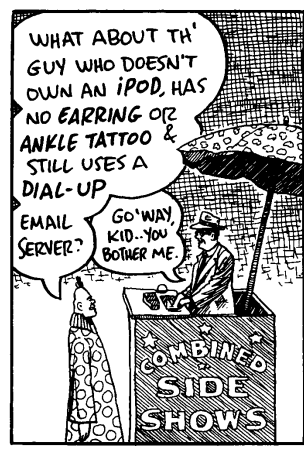
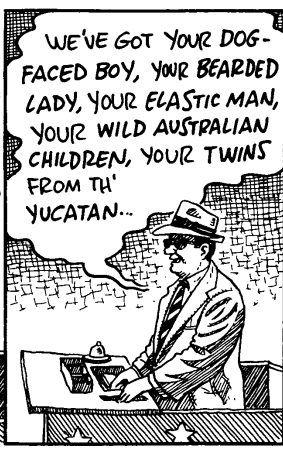
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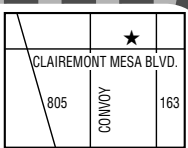


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ROAD RAGE

Location: Chase Avenue and Pine Drive, El Cajon
Time/Date: 11:30 p.m. on 10/26/06

Résumé of Incident: El Cajon Officers responded to a report of a gunshot victim. Officers found the victim,



a 40-year-old male, at that location. He had a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to his face. The victim had

been driving westbound on El Cajon Boulevard. The victim said the suspect vehicle pulled up next to him at a red light. The suspect vehicle was occupied by at least two people. As he stopped, a male passenger in the suspect vehicle yelled something like "Do you have a problem?" and then pointed a silver semiauto handgun at the victim and fired one or two shots.

SUICIDE BY TRAIN

Location: West Washington Street and Pacific Coast Highway, Middletown
Time/Date: 4:07 p.m. on 11/01/06

Incident: A 35-year-old white male stepped in front of a northbound Amtrak train. The man apparently intended to commit suicide. The man was hit by the train, which was traveling about 33 miles per hour. The man died as a result of his injuries.

The train was stopped at the scene for the investigation. Ninety-seven passengers, none of whom reported injuries, were aboard the train. The Sheriff's Railroad Enforcement Unit investigated the incident and San Diego Police provided traffic control. The train was able to continue on its way at 5:29 p.m.

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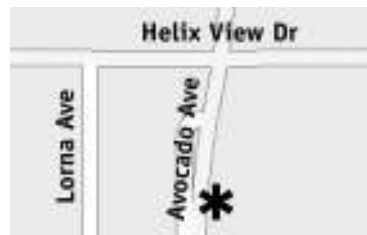
Location: 2875 Poinsettia Lane, San Marcos
Time/Date: 10:41 p.m. on 10/26/06

Report: Officer Perkins observed a suspicious vehicle

enter the Carillo Elementary School parking lot. He tried to contact the occupants of the vehicle but they fled, leading Officer Perkins on a seven-minute pursuit that ended at 1247 West San Marcos Boulevard. The occupants of the vehicle tried to run but were quickly arrested. The driver, B., was arrested for felony warrants and evading. The passenger, Bl., was arrested for possession of narcotics.

BANK ROBBERY

Location: 1235 Avocado Avenue, El Cajon
Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. on 11/01/06



Résumé of Incident: The El Cajon Police Department received a call on 911 regarding a possible bank robbery [at the Southwest Community Bank]. A bank employee heard some commotion in the bank while in a back room, and decided to call the police. Officers had been dispatched and were on the way to the bank when the police department received a call from the alarm company indicating that a silent alarm inside the bank had been activated. The suspects had fled from the bank upon the arrival of officers.

The suspects were described as two black males wearing masks, both armed with handguns. The suspects were seen leaving the bank in a gray Jeep Cherokee. Officers searched the area with the assistance of the Sheriff

Department's ASTREA helicopter, but were unable to locate the suspects.

HOMICIDE

Location: 1968 Marilyn Lane, San Marcos
Time/Date: 4:01 p.m. on 11/02/06

Investigation: The Sheriff's Communications Center received a report that shots were heard...in the unincorporated area of San Marcos. Additionally, the caller reported that shortly after the shots were heard, two men were seen putting a third man into a vehicle and leaving the area.

Shortly thereafter, deputies were called to Palomar Hospital after it was reported that three men arrived at that facility, each suffering from possible gunshot wounds.

At this point in the investigation it is believed that the three individuals had engaged in an altercation with a coworker or coworkers as they were leaving their place of employment at the Foothills Nursery.

One of the victims was pronounced dead at 9:00 p.m.

ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 1051 East Main Street, El Cajon
Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. on 11/02/06

Résumé of Incident: Two suspects entered the jewelry store...and grabbed one of the employees, placing a handgun to his back. Two more suspects entered the store and attempted to tie the victim up. After a brief struggle, the victim was pistol-whipped and suffered a minor wound to his head. The suspects took jewelry, including gold watches and bracelets, and escaped in a white-colored mini-

van with no license plate. The victim ran to a neighboring business, with his hands still bound, in order to notify police. Officers conducted an area search...the suspects were not located.

ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 1991 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 1:21 a.m. on 11/06/06



Investigation: Two Hispanic men committed an armed robbery at the AM/PM gas station. The clerk and witnesses reported that two suspects, armed with a sawed-off shotgun and a folding knife, entered the gas station and demanded money. The suspects took money from the cash registers, cigarettes, lighters, and the clerk's billfold before leaving the gas station. They were last seen leaving the area in a "newer" vehicle described as a two-door, gray or silver sedan (similar to a Honda).

A robbery, where similar suspect information was given, occurred in Encinitas on November 5, 2006 at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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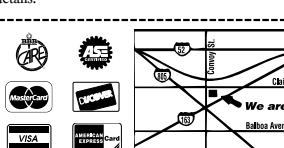
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You were the princess of pop. Sure, Christina challenged, but she was a little too skinny and raunchy. She had all the poise of a yardstick with two balloons and a garter belt taped to it. You had her beat with your all-around looks and innocence.

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But you couldn't. Instead of being a pretty superstar and dating successful young actors and models you tried to play the "I'm a virgin" bit and *married* that cornrow-and-Kool-cigarette wigger.

Now that you have to reinvent yourself, what sexual cliché will you choose? You were the naughty schoolgirl and a stewardess. What's next? Babysitter? Cheerleader? The years of dividing your time between drugs, McDonald's french fries, and pregnancy have left you unqualified for both.

Maybe I'm being too harsh. No. Screw that. I'm not. You're an idiot.

I hate that I know this much about you. Sure, I ogled your pre-skank-era boobs, but I never sought out stories about you. I know more about you than I'd like. You've publicized yourself into ubiquity. Your embarrassing life is leaked to the TV, magazines, and radio. I couldn't escape you even though I tried.

You're like Disneyland: The general populace thought you were cute and wholesome until you distributed yourself to everything, every media, everywhere. Now we all realize you are nothing but an artless, soulless corporation and the cracks in your pancake makeup match the sidewalk of the Magic Kingdom.

Remember, you've chosen this life of public adulation and ridicule.

Your best option is to find some talent within yourself and encourage it. But you won't. Based on your past, I'm guessing you'll choose to be a gap-toothed, Southern, single mother with a chemical dependency.

What's next for you? The obvious route: stripping. Get it over with and then please fade to obscurity.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16

SCOOPY-DOO AND THE MONSTER OF MEXICO TOON 10:00 A.M.

If this is about Tina the one-legged Tijuana prostitute, it's not funny. Sure, she's on the "large" side of the scale, but to call her a monster is unfair. When she strips off that mustache she's almost pretty, and, besides, she's a nice lady. I don't like this show. Scooby, you've been rude to my friend.

30 ROCK

NBC 9:30 P.M.

One of those goofball Baldwins was picked up

for vehicle theft and cocaine charges last week-end. I think he should find Pastor Ted and Diana Ross and go on a twisted romp of excess from L.A. to D.C., like Bonnie and Clyde only there's three of them and they're quasi celebrities. When they step from the wreckage and dust the powder off their jackets and fix their wigs they should march into the Capitol building and demand Mark Foley's cell-phone number.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

CBS 10:00 A.M.

Morley Safer and Sean Connery better not

buy any green bananas. Following the rule of threes we've got: 1) Ed Bradley, 2) Jack Palance, 3) ? And if Bob Barker feels a little tickle in his throat, he better rush his thin ass to the doctor toot-sweet.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 18

MONSTER ALLERGY

WB 11:30 A.M.

I'm allergic to dog snot. As such, this show qualifies as an irritant.



30 Rock

SCRUBS

MYTV 13 10:00 P.M.

I've cured polio. If, while sleeping, you happen to "compromise the integrity" of the air beneath your covers you've got to let it out. Don't keep that rotten air down there; kick an opening and rush some fresh oxygen in or you'll wake up with withered, black, little nubs where your legs used to be. Please. Stop Bed Fart Polio before it begins. Thank you.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

LAGUNA BEACH

MTV 8:30 P.M.

I propose my own version of *Laguna Beach*, only it'll be set in my home of Tuolumne County. Instead of debutantes' and football stars' dramatic lives unfolding around lattes and lobster dinners, the tooth-light cast will squabble over a baggy of San Jose biker crank and the last nacho in the tub. No mansions, SUVs, or posh designer-clothing stores; the whole thing will be set in a welfare shack in the woods, a Trans-Am with one headlight, and Wal-Mart. Now *that's* reality TV.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 20

PARENTAL CONTROL

MTV 8:30 P.M.

So what? Madonna bought a kid. If I had her money I'd buy a kid, too. Man, I hate doing the dishes. Hell, if I had Madonna's money I'd buy Caroline Kepcher off of Trump; I'd buy Martha from her former cell mate for a roll of toilet paper and a candy bar; and I'd get that ugly kid from *Family Ties*, you know, that blonde chick with the big butt. I'd make 'em perform in a private circus on my lawn. I'd snap 'em with a whip. Hyeaw, you little

bastards! CRACK! Get back on that unicycle.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21

TRUE LIFE

MTV 9:00 P.M.

An open letter to the obese woman in a halter top with a hickey on her neck who was beating her kids in Hollywood Video:

Thank you! For being such an aberration to human decency, my girlfriend and I were treated to quite a show after our dinner on Saturday night. It may have made our subsequent viewing of *The Notorious Betty Page* seem tame by comparison, but I'll trade the anticlimax of a mediocre movie for your terrific spectacle any day!

Yours truly, Ollie.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22

THE SCIENCE OF CHRISTMAS

DISCOVERY 1:00 P.M.

I'm pretty stinkin' tired of Santa keeping the North Pole all to himself. I mean, no country really owns the North Pole, it's a sovereign nation of elves. Elves aren't that tough. I'm mounting a snowmobile-and-ninja-sword attack on the toyshop after Christmas. Sure, I want to rule the North Pole as my own, but I also want my damned Hulk T-shirt and fire truck. Oh, I'm comin'. AFTER CHRISTMAS, FAT MAN!

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

FAMILY 8:00 P.M.

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By John Brizzolara

Allow me to list the many ways for which we thank the deity (or agnostics thank "goodness," a safe but pointless exercise, pretty much like being agnostic in the first place), or don't allow me and go on to the used RVs ads. I'm thinking of my years as a bartender, mostly in New York, when Fridays for me might well fall on a Monday or Wednesday. As in foxholes, there are no atheists or agnostics behind the stick, and gratitude is a given at the end of four or five shifts that may not end until five a.m. Gratitude, as an emotion, will surface if for no other reason than at that point — the analogous Friday night — one can come around the other side of the bar, sit on a barstool, and drink oneself stupid.

I got the job in August of 1974, the day Nixon resigned. The bar, at the corner of 68th Street and Columbus Avenue, had for years been a bookie's joint called Maloney's or Mahoney's. A bank of phone booths against the south wall attested to this. Before the place was limply renamed Dazzel's by the German owner's gay boyfriend, Mahoney's (or Maloney's) was a 28-foot-long, cigarette-scored oak bar lined with ashtrays, shots and beers, and snap-brimmed hats. When Walter Feist took over, he brought in hanging ferns and put quiche on the menu. The snap-brimmed hats disappeared in a smoky, lingering grumble. The phone booths were torn out, and a sidewalk café was installed, the first along what became Restaurant Row

on Columbus.

My singer's record company went bankrupt and I was out of a job. I lied and got hired as a waiter. It lasted for a day. I was the world's worst waiter, and my career ended in a fistfight with a kid from New Jersey who stiffed me. Feist followed me out to the curb, where the kid laid between two parked cars, and fired me on the spot. On the same spot he hired me as a bartender. If I'm making myself out to be a tough guy, this was far from the case. The kid was the size of my little sister, with a mouth like Roseanne Barr, and I had all the restraint and sensibilities of a 23-year-old rock musician from Chicago.

I was taken under the wing of a 31-year-old bartender named Steve Carabin, who would die a year later from cirrhosis of the liver. I did well and was accepted in the Upper West Side neighborhood, which at that time was mostly actors and Puerto Rican families. I did well for the same reasons I failed at that line of work later in California: I was surly, fast, and impersonal unless I genuinely liked you. I liked the Puerto Rican guys and the grips from the soap operas across the street: *All My Children* and *One Life to Live* — many of whom were the same people. The actors, some of them famous, tended to be neurotic and in some cases funny. It never became a stone gay bar but evolved into a spot for diehard street gamblers who couldn't adjust to off-track betting and for soap-opera employees during the day, Lincoln Center theater attendees in the evening, after-theater customers, and, between midnight and two, pretty much gay. Between two and four in the morning the clientele was cab drivers, hookers (a lot of transvestites), pimps, off-duty and undercover cops.

The first time it happened was with a guy also named John, a translator at the U.N. (several dialects of Chinese, though he was not Asian), and an unhappy, intellectual, frustrated writer and miserable closet case who refused to broach the subject head-on. A few times I had to shut him down when he launched into fag cracks. I liked John and still feel bad about what happened to him; I wonder if there was something I might have said that would have changed it. Or was there something I did say that contributed to his suicide? He called me his "whiskey priest" and my regulars "the beleaguered Babbitts of my parish."

The last time I saw him we were sitting in a back booth after five in the morning, slowly draining the weight out of a green bottle of Remy-Martin. We were talking about coulrophobia, which is, I think, the fear of clowns. "I wanted to be a priest when I was little; not a priest like you, though."

"Commendable."

"But then I had this vision, maybe it was a dream, of God as a sadistic ringmaster and me an evil clown. I still can't get past that. It's why I can't go back



to the Church."

That was basically all I remember from the conversation except that I suggested (too flippantly, as the sun was coming up and I remembered I had a pregnant wife at home) that he get laid. "Aleesha seems nice." She was a hooker who was probably a guy. But she was nice, and John seemed to like her. I said it for laughs, I think.

Anyway, John dated her. He took her to Avery Fisher Hall for Mozart. I heard they had stopped back at Dazzel's for a Remy (hers with Coke) afterward, but I was off.

It was maybe two weeks later that I heard he had jumped off the roof of his building on 72nd Street, right next door to where John Lennon was shot. Two other people, actors who were regulars of mine, killed themselves. Once in a while I still see them in old TV shows or movies from the '70s and think back on being called "Kiss o' Death Brizz" and the joint, "Kiss o' Death Dazzel's."

I ascribe much of my antisociality to my on-and-off ten years behind the bar. My last shift was about 14 years ago, when I was fired from the Old Town Mexican Café. If it wasn't a Friday, it should have been, and I say thank God.

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