

Walton Disservice

Thank you for publishing an account of the extraordinary battlefield heroism of John Thomas Walton, who appears to have lived his life on his own terms, with courage and integrity ("City Lights," July 7). Suggesting, however, that his being a stereotypical psychologically damaged Vietnam veteran "may have been a reason" for his tragic death did a grave disservice to him in particular and to combat veterans of any war in general.

Hasan A. Benler, M.D. Vietnam '68–'69 via e-mail

Identical Greed

Kudos to the *Reader* ("City Lights," July 7) for their annual "oops, we're offending 99.99 percent of our readers" submission in "City Lights" political eats. According to the blurb, both Righty and (say it ain't so, Howard!) Lefty politicians are lining up with upturned palms, eager for Indian freebies.

Gee, I think my wolf is right: the only difference between the parties is the decibels as they whine and howl at the perceived injustices to their own self-interests. Can you say "mirror image"?

D. Meyer via e-mail

Unwanted Fluff

With so many more important items to write about, you chose a lead-off article called "When Shirts Talk" (June 30). You are not working hard enough for hardhitting articles. What I love about the *Reader* is the fact that you are not shy about hitting the reader with something that makes them think about who they are and what they can do to make a difference in this world. This lead article was just fluff and really needed to be placed in a high school newspaper. I think the Reader should

take out its own advertisement that says: "Wanted: Writers willing to submit articles with substance and edginess to promote action in our readers."

> Name Withheld via e-mail

Wrong Message

Comment on "When Shirts Talk," June 30.

It's all fun until something terrible happens, right? I am not prejudging the intelligence of the wearers of some of the shirts in the cover story. But, come on, communication is 75 percent nonverbal message. Don't be surprised when something unpleasant happens just because a perverted person takes the meaning of what you're wearing the wrong way. Shirts with messages like "Lick Me," "Hug Me," "Redheads Like It Hot," "Instant slut, just add alcohol," and other sexually provoking messages are really asking for trouble. My advice, please think before wearing anything that might present the wrong message.

I saw a Mexican guy wearing an offensive shirt. I also saw another offensive T-shirt with an ad for a condom worn by one of the Filipino ushers at St. Charles Catholic Church during a Mass. I saw lots of heads shaking in disbelief on both occasions. These people who wore these T-shirts may or may not have fully understood the message written on their T-shirt, and they may not be aware of people's reactions to what they were wearing. There is a website, www.engrish.com, which caters to this issue, but it is not limited to T-shirts or clothing. It covers improper application of the English language in foreign countries. But these people have a good excuse — English is foreign to them. Since I was an immigrant too, I do not claim to be able to write and understand perfect English, but I try very hard to convey/understand the correct meaning of what I am writing, reading, or wearing.

> Jose V. Arellano via e-mail

Statist Worms

Hooray, Kimi Jones, for hitting the nail on the head by citing the hypocrisy of our freedom-hating government (Letters, July 7).

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now state secretary for edu-

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Going bye-bye Staffers loyal to former San Diego Unified superintendent Alan Bersin are quickly following him out the door. District flack





cation under Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Scott Himelstein, 47, president of San Diego READS, a Bersin-backed effort to collect used books and champion the ex-superintendent's pet projects, is also going to Sacramento. He's the new

deputy secretary and Bersin's chief of staff. Karen **Heinrich**, Bersin's longtime personal secretary at the school district, is deputy chief of staff.

According to tax filings for the 12 months ending June 2004, the most recent available, San Diego READS paid **Leslie Fausset**, currently the district's acting superintendent, a \$63,452 consulting fee. Himelstein himself collected \$88,412 in salary and \$19,851 more in benefits. In all, San Diego READS paid out more than \$360,000 in salaries and another \$278.000 for "contracted services," along with \$22,780 in travel. It made only one grant — \$10,000to the Lemon Grove School District for a "literacy campaign" — and ran up a total of \$1,218,828 in expenses. The nonprofit received \$1.3 million in donations from unidentified sources. Himelstein's new state job pays him \$118,000.... Democratic mayoral candidate Donna Frye has collected the endorsement of Democracy for America, a political action committee founded by Democratic National Committee chairman Howard Dean. "Democracy for America stands ready to help Donna Frye, and the other stars of the DFA-List," writes Dean's brother Jim, who now runs the group, in a fund-raising letter on its website.

David's deal Union-Tribune publisher David Copley, who has long battled coronary artery disease and recently ended up with a new heart, has of late been adjusting his real estate portfolio. In April he sold ten separate Borrego parcels totaling 590 acres to fellow La Jollan Norm Roberts, 84, a wealthy veterinarian, investor, and onetime national cochairman of Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign, for a grand total of \$861,500. "I don't know what I am



going to do with it," Roberts says. "I bought it because it seems too cheap, and I don't like the stock market particularly right now." The land is adjacent to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, and Roberts says he might donate or sell some of the land to the David Copley state, depending on tax con-

siderations. "They wanted cash," says Roberts. "I figured I might get 50 percent [profit in a real estate deal] in a couple of years; that would be better than the 10 percent I might get in the market."

The records also show that Copley rearranged his corporate house a bit before going under the knife last month. On May 23, his lawyers filed with the California secretary of state to shut down an outfit called Kaboom, Inc., which had been incorporated less than three weeks before, and set up Kaboom II, LLC, described in the registration statement only as "a holding company of LLC interest." In view of the death of his mother last August and his own poor health, speculation has swirled about the ultimate fate of the newspaper chain Copley controls. Rumors abound regarding whether at least some of the small publishing empire might eventually have to be sold off to pay death taxes.

Branding iron San Diego city councilman **Iim Madaffer** has dispatched an e-mail to his constituents in which he attacks San Diego State University and its controversial development activities. "Something strange is happening on Montezuma Mesa at SDSU," he says. "There are two issues that residents both north and south of the University are up in arms about. They are The Paseo project and the University Master Plan Expansion that includes impacts to Adobe Falls and Alvarado Road.... In fact, sadly, there are some rather influential supporters of SDSU who simply dismiss community concerns as NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) excuses." According to the memo, a power struggle over the Paseo, a giant commercial development project, is going on



between SDSU and the nonprofit foundation it ostensibly controls. The project is run by Frederick Pierce, expresident of the city's scandal-ridden retirement fund.

"The University intends to change the project from being run by the SDSU Frederick Pierce Foundation (which has a wonderful relationship with

the community for fulfilling its promises, addressing mitigation and answering community concerns) and instead replace it with the University itself." Madaffer also asserts that university officials have misrepresented their true intentions: "The University is content to give community folks what I call 'happy spin' - basically telling people the Foundation will still 'run' the project in the hopes residents might feel good and just go away. If they are so intent on running things, at minimum there needs to be an oversight committee between the Community, University and the Foundation to assure the project is as promised: a non-SDSU branded project adjacent to the University...."

Madaffer concludes with a threat: "Unless these issues are addressed, there is no way the community, the City and the Redevelopment Agency will deliver land and \$26.5 million in subsidies only to watch the University once again breach its commitments." - Matt Potter

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Smart on Paper

By Don Bauder

ayoral candidate Steve Francis wants to introduce business techniques to

city government. Uh-oh. That may mean

hocus-pocus — financial engineering. Since going public in 2001, the company Francis cofounded, San Diego-based AMN Healthcare Services, has been inflating its earnings per share by buying back its stock with borrowed money.

Savvy market analysts cock an eyebrow at such pencil pushing. They would prefer to see earnings per share grow because of improving business, not financial finagling. But revenues and earnings of AMN - which places healthcare professionals, mainly nurses, in temporary positions — have been going south.

The share buybacks almost certainly kept AMN's stock price from going down further than it did when the company's business went on the skids after peaking in 2002. This levitation permitted Robert B. Haas —the Texas financier who with his associates controlled 46 percent of the stock — to dump all his shares in late May at over \$13 each. He had been jettisoning them during the stock buyback periods too. Haas had been chairman of the board; on June 10, he stepped down from the board entirely.

After a company has bought

back so much stock, "an insider bailing out would not be a good signal," says Nikhil Varaiya, chairman of the finance department at San Diego State University. Varaiya has written extensively on corporate-stock buybacks. I did not tell him the name of the company I



Steve Francis

described.

David Allen of North County's Palomar Equity Research, who was told the name of the company, agrees. Haas's dumping of all his stock "does not seem to be an awfully strong endorsement of AMN Healthcare," says Allen.

In common with many investment professionals, Allen has strong reservations about

stock buybacks, even when they appear to be used judiciously. Companies claim that they buy back stock "to send a signal to the marketplace that there is some value to the company that maybe the market is not seeing," says Swaminathan Badrinath, a professor of finance at San Diego State who has written with Varaiya about buybacks.

But trying to signal that the stock is underpriced can be a euphemism for reducing the number of shares to jack up earnings per share in order to artificially run up the stock. Managements are "manipulating the price of the stock," says Dennis Muckermann, a retired San Diego money manager who handles money for some private investors.

"All these MBA schools are turning out financial engineers," says Muckermann. "The temptation for these young wise guys is to take on a lot of debt and buy stock back. There might be some increase in earnings per share, but since they are young and inexperienced, they don't understand the concept of risk. It may look smart on paper but may not be smart in reality."

Companies insist that they are not buying back shares to boost their stock price, but the claim is belied by history. A rash of buybacks followed the

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Their Interests Are Interlocked

By Joe Deegan

he Jerry Sanders campaign website currently touts a favorable poll conducted by national pollster Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin

and Associates. A link on the site says that the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation "released" the poll as an independent survey.

This information did not surprise Dave Stutz. In September 2003, when he was a deputy district attorney, he investigated Sycuan's campaign contributions in the 2002 election cycle. Stutz, who retired from the district attorney's office a year ago, cut his teeth in campaign law enforcement in the late 1960s when, as a federal agent, he investigated the political money scandals of C. Arnholt Smith, John Alessio, and Yellow Cab.

Sycuan's activities in the 2002 election were brought to Stutz's attention by a friend in the registrar of voters office. Examining California secretary of state records, the friend noticed that Sycuan had donated \$8000 to San Diego County supervisor Bill Horn.



Jerry Sanders

"You can only give \$500 to a candidate in a county election," says Stutz. "So when my friend called Sycuan and told them their donation was illegal, they said they made a mistake. The next day they filed an amendment, and now the \$8000 didn't go to Bill Horn, it went to a pollster named Competitive Edge."

"I was the district attorney's investigator for campaign law," Stutz continues. "Bonnie Dumanis got elected and

made me the man." Stutz took a look for himself at the secretary of state's records. And there he saw not only the money that went to Horn but \$15,000 Sycuan said it donated to Bill Kolender's reelection campaign for sheriff. "So I called Competitive Edge to see the bills," he says. The president of the company referred Stutz to the company's lawyer, who said he would not release the information. " 'You can't tell the district attorney you won't answer questions," Stutz says he replied." 'We'll find a way to make sure you do.'

"One day I called Sycuan and asked a tribal vice president, Adam Day, about the \$15,000 check to Kolender. 'That would be in excess of what the law allows you to donate,' I told him. 'Oh, it must be a mistake; I'll get back to you,' Day said. That was eleven o'clock in the morning," says Stutz. "Two



Bill Horn

hours later I got called into Bonnie Dumanis's office and was told to stop the investigation."

At this point Stutz was also looking into a political-campaign complaint that San Marcos councilman Lee Thibadeau had filed with the district attorney's office. Thibadeau alleged that Home Federal Corporation had spent more than the city's \$3000 campaign-contribution limit to pay for Competitive Edge polls



council candidates and one mayoral candidate. Home Federal supported Mark Rozmus, Pia Harris-Ebert, and Michael Sannella, politicians who favored a higher building density on Home Federal's 1920-acre residential development, San Elijo Hills.

"I am not antidevelopment," Thibadeau tells me by phone. "But I did fight the



Bill Kolender

way the one huge developer of San Elijo Hills was throwing its weight around in our community. The day after the 2002 election, so it wouldn't seem only like campaign rhetoric, I complained to the district attorney's office about how the developer's candidates benefited from the socalled independent expenditures that purchased the polls."

What Thibadeau calls "independent-contribution coordination" is a common Elijo Hills case, he maintains, was political consultant Tom Shepard. Shepard not only promotes development projects for Home Federal but also managed the Rozmus, Harris-Ebert, and Sannella campaigns.

But my complaint to the district attorney's office didn't get far," Thibadeau says, "because they told us that we didn't have strong enough penalties on the books in San Marcos to make pursuing the case worthwhile."

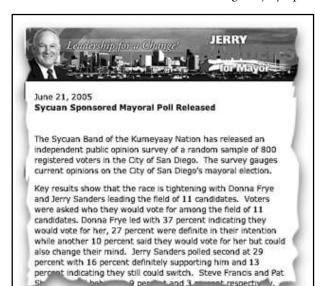
But Dave Stutz never entirely abandoned the campaign cases. "The problem is," he says, "that going over campaign-contribution limits is only a misdemeanor. But conspiracy to break campaign laws is a felony. Up in San Marcos, Tom Shepard had a client who is Home Federal. Tom Shepard also has three people running for office who are clients. So right now the triangle is Home Federal, Tom Shepard, and the politicians running for office. Their interests are interlocked.

"When a candidate runs for office, one of the first things he needs is a poll," Stutz continues. "Can I win, and if so, what are my strengths, what are my opponent's weaknesses? Standard stuff, but expensive — \$10,000, \$15,000. If you, the corporation, pay for a poll and give it to the political consultant for your candidates, it's the same thing as making a contribution. Except that you're saying it's independent, and it's not independent. And since the money exceeds campaign-contribution limits, it's a crime. Well,

jury, which eventually produced a report. But in the meantime, Stutz retired from the district attorney's office. Several months ago he called his old colleagues in the department to ask how the investigation was going. He was told that it had been dropped again.

Dave Stutz

"But the grand jury report



From Jerry Sanders for Mayor website

that's what they did."

Stutz says that in the spring of 2003, he and several other people in the district attorney's office persuaded Bonnie Dumanis to reconsider the investigation into Sycuan's excessive contributions to the Kolender and Horn campaigns. To look into those cases and the similar one in San Marcos, Stutz then convened a grand

is still there in the office," says Stutz.

Tom Shepard is currently managing the Jerry Sanders campaign for mayor. When I told Stutz about Sycuan's Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin and Associates poll on the Sanders website, Stutz remarked, "Two to one it will show up [in 54,200] Sycuan's reporting] as an independent expenditure." ■

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stock market crash of 1987 and 9/11, after which there was a concerted effort to prop up the market

Most companies doing buybacks say they are distributing excess earnings to investors, who can enjoy the stock surge that theoretically should occur. When a company doesn't distribute money it has lying around but resorts to borrow-

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ing to buy back shares, it defeats this purpose. "If the purpose is to return excess cash to shareholders, why borrow money to do it?" asks Badrinath.

Running up the price of the stock is often not the only dubious motivation for buybacks. The largest shareholders "are using other people's money to increase their own percentage ownership," says Muckermann. "As they increase their own percentage ownership, they are able to play even more financial games."

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Sometimes, a company buys back its stock "because of pressure from some key shareholders who want the price of the stock higher," says Varaiya.

All these factors may have been at work in the AMN buybacks, which are startling in two respects: the magnitude of the buybacks and the magnitude of the debt taken on. When AMN went public in 2001, Haas and his associates controlled 26.5 million shares, or 65 percent of the stock. Fran-

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backwards. Revenues dropped from \$775.7 million in 2002 to \$629 million last year, as earnings tanked from \$52.4 million all the way to \$17.3 million.

In November of 2002 the board authorized the company to buy \$100 million worth of its stock. It spent \$73.7 million to buy 5.15 million shares. Then in October of 2003, the company made a tender offer for 10 million shares. It borrowed \$145 million to do so. Thus, the company took on \$145 million of debt to buy back 15.15 million shares. In its 2003 annual report, the company reported \$138.9 million of debt, up from zero in both 2002 and 2001. AMN had eliminated debt with its 2001 initial public offering. In March of 2002 it had 42.2

million shares outstanding. In March of 2004 it had 28.12 million shares

The average stock buyback is 5 percent. AMN bought back more than 35 percent. "That's a lot," says Badrinath, who had not been told the name of the company. Debt went from zero percent of the company's total capitalization in 2002 to 52 percent in 2003 and 41.5 percent last year. This year the debt has been reduced to \$92.5 million. Allen predicts that it will take five years to wipe the debt off the balance sheet.

From the time of the public offering, Haas and his colleagues had been selling their stock, cutting their shareholdings in half, but by spring of this year, they still controlled 46 percent of the stock because of the share shrinkage. Then in a secondary offering in late May, the financiers jettisoned all their stock, more than tripling their money.

Thanks to stock options, Francis now has 3.2 million shares. He got 48.3 percent of the options granted at the time of the public offering and 22.25 percent last year. That's a topheavy distribution of options. AMN stock has been trading around \$16. Annual earnings are one-third what they were, but the stock is trading above its lows of prosperous 2002, thanks to the share shrinkage. The company refuses to be interviewed on the topic.

The buybacks were "an exceptionally shareholderfriendly action," says an analyst for Morningstar, Inc., the stock-rating firm. Three of seven analysts who follow the stock consider it a buy, according to Standard & Poor's, which is neutral on the stock. But the bullish analysts are probably not concentrating sufficiently on the balance sheet debt or the sell-off by the Texas financiers.

AMN has 30 percent of the so-called traveling nurse market. So does a competitor, Cross Country Healthcare. Wouldn't it have been wiser for AMN to amass that debt to put in a better computer system, or increase the pay of its traveling nurses, or in other ways make itself a better company?

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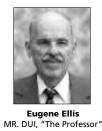
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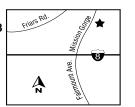


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he phone rings, I pick up and hear, "Feel like dinner? I'm in town." This is the familiar voice of Michael Bogey, travel junkie and adrenaline addict. Bogey likes fast. He's raced motorcycles in Africa, go-karts in France, trekked Nepal, ran rivers in Indonesia, raced snowmobiles in the Arctic, and came within one-hairpin turn of making the U.S. Olympic luge team. He's a downhill skier, airplane pilot, charter boat captain... we can stop here. Nowadays, he lives in Fairbanks, and, once a month, flies south to race cars.

I say, "Can't make dinner tonight, but I'm following the Tour this year. Come by tomorrow morning at 5:30, watch the race over breakfast."

This is fortuitous. Michael has bicvcled Europe a dozen times, and has ridden over many of the same roads the Tour de France uses.

I haven't seen Bogey in seven months, which is unusual. Last time he was here his right foot was flapping as he walked. He had the gait of a clown wearing oversized clown shoes. Turned out, his Achilles tendon was detached. He still raced cars that weekend, then flew to Miami, lined up a surgeon who services the Miami Heat basketball club, and got tacked back together. I don't know why Miami.

By the way, the injury was not a result of a race accident, Michael has never been hurt while racing anything. He fell off a milk carton while rooting around in his bedroom closet.

This brings us to now. Mr. Bogey is tapping on my door at 5:30 a.m., precisely. Today is Stage 10, the Tour's first Alpine climbing day, 120 miles long with a rise from 721 to 6,574 feet. There will

I hand Bogey a cup a coffee, return to the stove to chaperon bacon, sausage, eggs, and home fries. Michael settles in before the TV. I propose the day's bet, "Who will win Stage 10, Lance or Anybody Else?" Michael takes Lance for \$20.

I ask, "How did you come into bicycle world?"

"I was running 10 miles every day and one day my knee locked up. A friend set me up with a bike.'

"What year was that?"

"Eighty-one."

I note that Lance's team, Discovery Channel, is running in front of the pack. Surprised they moved this early. "What do you like about

Bogey says, "It's an elegant way to travel. You're going 30 miles-an-hour. Your body is making that happen. You get a beautiful workout and your work is rewarded by traveling amazing distances, thousands and thousands of miles. Bogey smiles, "Freedom.'

We eat breakfast, have more coffee, and I commence clean up. Now and then I hear a race commentator, each time referring to Lance Armstrong, using phrases like, "Delivering misery." "Mass destruction by the terminator." "Sets a pace going up the mountain that will asphyxiate his rivals." "Bone-crushing tempo."

"You've ridden bikes in Europe?"

Michael says, "Yes, the first time was the year [1986] Greg LeMond won the Tour de France. My girlfriend was going to cooking school in London. I set off from London on a three-month biking tour. I had three goals. I'd read a lot of M.K. Fisher for food and so one goal was to follow her trail through the provinces of France. And then I wanted to see Tuscany and Florence. And finally, I wanted to climb as many Alpine passes as I

"Three months is a long time to have your butt on a bicycle seat. What was the best part of the trip? The worst?"

"Pretty much all good," Michael says. "Funny things happened. I took a ferry across Lake Lagano and climbed two long Alpine passes to the Rhone Glacier. It was snowing on the top of the passes. I hooked up with this German guy for the decent. We were flying, it was foggy, no guard rails, no protection, 1,000-foot drops into the

"Got to the bottom. The pass ahead was grim looking, very steep ascent with lots of switchbacks. I'd been climbing all day and here was another difficult climb. I finally said, 'Okay, I'm going for it,' It was 4:30 in the evening. I went into a shop, ate a lot of sugar, drank a lot of soup. I walked out to get on my bike and there was this one shaft of sunlight coming into the valley. I saw a silver 250 GTO Ferrari sitting across the street. I was fixated on the light and the gorgeous Ferrari and all of a sudden I heard bike brakes. I turned and saw a bike shooting out of a tandem, coming at me at 50 mph. It stopped two inches from my toes. It was Simon, the guy who set me up with my first bike, and his girl friend. An extraordinary piece of timing, you couldn't calculate the probability of it. We decided to go to the *Tour de*

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"People are Karma-producing machines. That is all we do and all we have ever been doing," said Jeff Goin, a resident teacher at Vairarupini Buddhist Center. Karma is the belief that for every

action there are effects that occur because of this action. Twenty-five students listened to Goin teach the introductory class, Advice for a Happy Life, based on the teachings of Atisha, a spiritual guide from India. Goin taught on contentment, the third class of a six-part series. "Contentment is happy acceptance of any circumstance we are experiencing. We all want to feel good, to have happiness and contentment. Often we think, 'I'm a good person. I don't kick puppies. Why do bad things happen to me?' It is because of

Goin said once the students understand Karma, they can understand how the world works and become content. "Karma is built up over multiple lifetimes as you make decisions and later feel the effect of these previous actions. What happens to us is the result of these countless lives before us. Often thousands of years can

pass before we will feel the effects of our previous actions. Here lies the key to contentment. If the things you desire do not come, it is due to Karma a long time ago. So keep a happy and relaxed mind. If we are unhappy about someone who is yelling at us, we might as well be unhappy at the tide of the ocean. If we are mad that someone swindled us, we might as well be mad at clouds that bring rain. If you experience praise or blame, if you are poor or have abundant resources, you can be content knowing, I just created the Karma to experience this."

Goin ended his instruction with four reasons to be happy. "First, we understand the laws of Karma. What we are experiencing is simply the ripening of our Karma. Second, all we can do is set our intention and do our best. Third, if we experience some suffering, we are in a large universe, a little mental pain will not kill us. Fourth, when we learn to accept difficult circumstances patiently, the real problem disappears. It is through these techniques we develop contentment."

In addition to the teaching, the class included meditation and a song of praise to Buddha Shakyamuhi. The song praised Shakyamuhi for being a guide to the liberating path and whose mind is refuge for all human beings. Goin led the meditation, "Visualize all your negative energy and thoughts as black smoke and breathe it out." After several minutes, the group was told to breathe in good energy and visualize it as white light. "Become the white light and expand into nothingness. Our true nature is Buddha nature, constantly in a state of bliss. We need to eradicate a sense of self. The mind is not obstructed by time and

After the class, people gathered into a room around Bit-O-Honey candies, fruit, cookies, cheese, crackers, and Trader Joe's fruit juices. "Essentially, Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism are the same teaching," said Sonja Hanson, a student at the center. "For any spiritual path to be valid, it must be about peace, understanding, and compassion. Often, people read the Bible to justify biases." Hanson cited intolerance toward homosexuals as an example of a bias people justify with the Bible. Hanson added that homosex-

> uality was not always encouraged in eastern Buddhism.

"[America] is going through growing pains. Our community Karma is suffering. We need to grow out of the consumeristic materialism. These things lead to depression," said Lamchen, one of thee three nuns who live at the center. "Deep inside, each of us knows something is missing. We've looked to jobs, churches, our president, or even food. We are never satisfied. We are coming to a point of recognizing that this isn't working. What is missing culturally is looking beyond. We need to look inside our minds and recognize happiness can't be bought. [What we buy] only offers temporary happiness but lasting contentment is only found in our hearts and minds."

'The Vajrarupini Buddhist Center was founded by Geshe Kelsang. He understood that Western lifestyles and

values are different than the people of the East," said Jeff Goin. "People in the West aren't as familiar with Buddhist teachings." Kelsang removed a lot of the rituals, chanted prayers, and bowing before images of Buddha. It is these changes that Goin believes makes Buddhism accessible to Americans, "I've heard from a number of people that Buddhism is the fastest growing religion in the United States and England," said Goin. 'The more involved you become in Buddhism the more you get into the prostrations [bowing] and chanted prayers."

I asked Goin, what Buddhism teaches about life after death. "Karma plays a big role in everything in our life as well as our death. The last moment of thought is the substantial cause to the first thought in our next life. If our last thought was one of happiness and peace we will have a fortunate next life. If it was unhappy or disturbed, our next life will be less fortunate.

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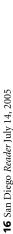
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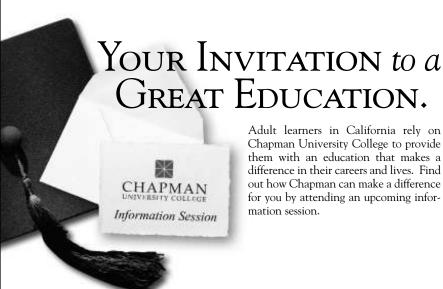






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lord didn't fix the gate. And have your neighbor call the San Diego Humane Society at 619-299-7012 to ask for suggestions about training this dog. The dog needs to be looked at by a professional to see why she's turned aggressive and what can be done, and the owner needs to be taught proper dog care or find a better home for the dog. You are right to be alarmed, and this setup needs to change before another creature, either two- or four-legged, gets hurt.

Dear Saffron,

I'm a Realtor and want to respond to the letter in the May 26 issue from someone in Hillcrest who wanted to warn prospective buyers of a house on their block about nearby crazy disruptive neighbors. There's a law on the books requiring sellers to disclose things to buyers of homes and one thing they must disclose is neighborhood noise problems. I recommend the concerned neighbor anonymously call the listing agent selling the house (whose name and number will probably be on the For Sale sign) and let them know about this problem. As a real estate agent I would want to have such information because if it is not disclosed as part of the sale paperwork, and it comes to light that the seller knew about the problem, both the seller and agent could be sued for fraud. The prospective buyer can also call and see if there are any police complaints against the neighbors, as these things are a matter of public record.

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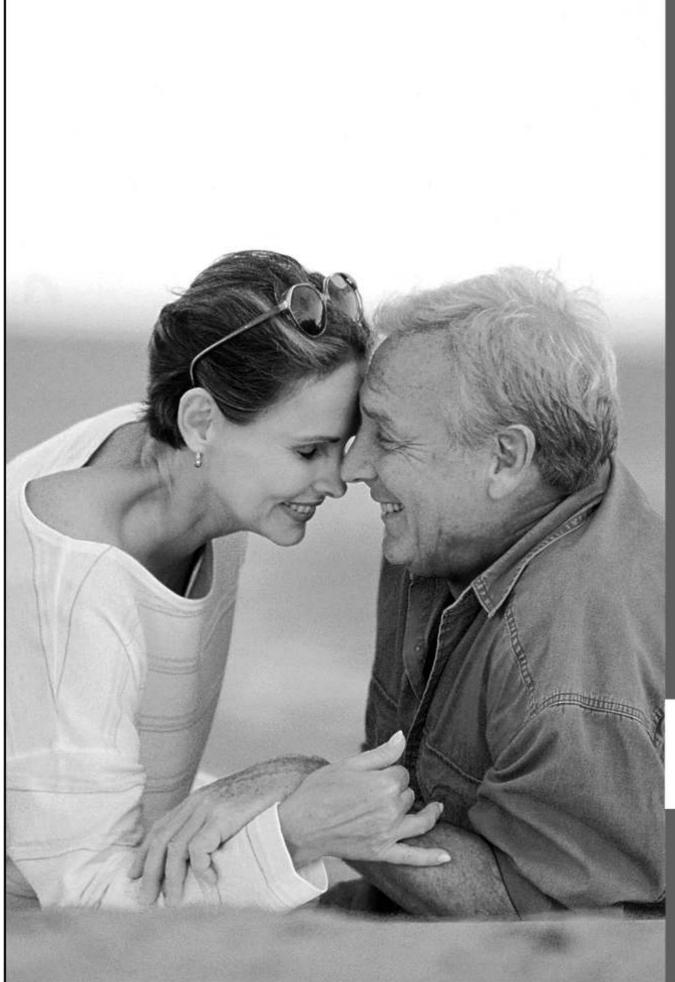
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The daily splashing in the pool at our household is a sure sign that we're in the heat of high summer. The pool keeps the kids cool and happy, and happy kids make for a happy mom. The only thing unhappy about the swimming season is my daughter's hair. Her long locks suffer from dryness and mega-

tangles. Brushing it out is a long and tearful affair. My daughter is tired of it and so am I. I'm anxious for ideas on a troublefree haircut and perhaps some products to help her hair make it through the season.

"Shorter hair is going to be easier to maintain on a daily basis because you just put a little product in it and go," explained Fantastic Sams stylist Ryndie McMillon. "But with shorter hair, you are going to end up getting more frequent haircuts. The neckline and hairline start to get a little shaggy so you have to keep the maintenance up on it. But though it takes a little more haircut maintenance to keep a short style, it takes a little more styling daily maintenance to have long hair. But if you have a pair of trimmers and somebody at home that can keep the haircut trimmed up, you are much better off going with a short haircut for

"Ten-year-olds, most of the time, end up with a longer haircut because their parents don't know anything else to do, and they like a little girl with long hair. And unless the parent is keeping up with brushing the hair, making sure that it looks nice, it's going to fray, and look nasty. So I suggest going with a little short pixie or a short neckline bob, which always looks cute on a little girl; it's very cool and versatile for the summer. A short pixie is like a Peter Pan cut, but for a girl, it's real textured, soft on the edges. It is a scissor cut; you are going to point-cut it. It has

a lot of texture — a lot more feminine then a boy's cut would be.

ease of styling.

"A neckline bob is a slight undercut; it's all one length and then a slight undercut. Basically what it means is that it will have small layers underneath the haircut."

What happens to the hair in the summer? "The sun bleaches hair out," she explained. "It strips all the melanin and strips all the carotene. If you have blonde hair and are swimming a lot, always fill your hair with water or conditioner before you go into the pool. That will keep you from ending up with green hair, because your hair will absorb all that fresh water. If you jump right into the chlorine pool with dry hair, your hair absorbs all the chem"I suggest going with a little

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icals and chlorine."

Other tips from McMillon: "Don't wash the hair every day; that'll frizz it and fry it out more. Brush it and use spray-in detangler. Rinse it after you get out of the pool, but shampoo and condition it only every three days or so."

For over-the-counter recommendations, "I like L'Oréal Kids Tangle Tamer [\$4.49 for nine ounces at Vons]. For salon products, we sell a Fantastic Sams Leave-In Conditioner [\$8 for 12 ounces], and you can't go wrong with Paul Mitchell's Detangler [\$4.18 for 8.5 ounces at Fantastic Sams]."

Brenda Orcutt at Kids Hair Salon in Grossmont Center has been cutting kids' hair for 13 years. "The haircut sort of depends on how often the kids are in the pool and whether or not their hair is fine," she offered.

> "One of the simplest haircuts is the short bob. If the

hair is finer, then a short bob works well because it's a very easy haircut to maintain. If the hair is coarser and thicker, then sometimes it's not quite as easy to maintain. Some girls go for an oldfashioned wedge — think

Dorothy Hamill. It's carefree and — a swing haircut. Pretty much shake your head and go. Not a lot of maintenance on

"The sun does create a problem," says Orcutt, "but it's not as bad as wind whipping through hair, which pulls moisture out of hair, or chlorine, which damages hair, and saltwater, which dries hair out. Those things are bigger culprits than the sun."

When it comes to swimming, removing the chlorine from the hair is key, says Orcutt. "Most professional product lines carry a shampoo that will remove chlorine from the hair,

but you need to start using the shampoo at the beginning of swimming season and use it all through to prevent the hair from getting chlorine into it. If you start using the shampoo halfway through the season, it will only slowly remove the chlorine. If there's chlorine in the hair, it'll get brittle and tangle a lot, and when wet, it feels sort of slimy." The saleslady at Empire Beauty Supply pointed out Paul Mitchell Shampoo Three (\$6.88 for 8.5 ounces). "I have heard good things about this shampoo for removing chlorine," she offered. "My favorite lightweight spray for detangling is the Catwalk Fast-Fixx [\$9.88 for eight ounces]."

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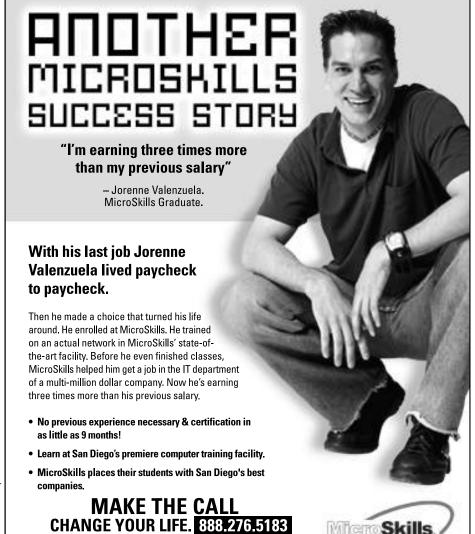


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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Several years ago when asked what he thought about rock music, Marxist philosopher Herbert Marcuse replied, "it's impotent violence." At the time I had no idea what he was talking about and really didn't care since I considered myself the first and foremost hardcore Stones fan outside of London. Mick Jagger became the perfect embodiment of all my fantasies and I no longer had to excuse my looks or thoughts — Jagger was doing it for me. I never worried about the sexism in his lyrics because I assumed he was singing to Keith. Attending the Stones concert Friday I finally understood what Marcuse was talking about.

— "SEE MICK JUMP," Winifred, July 17, 1975



Sy Klein...was chosen post commander of the San Diego chapter of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade at the May 3 preliminary organizational meeting. Klein, who will soon be 65 years old and is retired from the U.S. Navy. lives in Clairemont with his wife Hazel.... "There was no question about volunteering for Spain. I was in the merchant marines and fighting in Spain was the only action in town.

"Hemingway was a nice guy," Klein says. "Every time he came to visit the front, he brought plenty of cigarettes with him and he handed them out to everyone. Everyone liked Hemingway."

"Hemingway was full of crap!" Chriss snaps. "He preened around like a Hollywood celebrity. I saw him every day for months at Brigade headquarters. His descriptions weren't authentic. He romanticized everything and it wasn't romantic."

— "FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLED," Sue Garson, July 17, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

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Fifteen Years Ago

Me and the missus — say howdy, honeybun we just pulled into San Diego this morning. Yep, that's my pickup over there. The one with the bass boat hitched behind. 'Course, we're out here to see Disneyland and this here Sea World and such, but I figgered I'd squeeze in a touch of bass fishing while the missus hits the souvenir shops. What that? You never been bassin'?

Son, you've never lived till you've had ten pounds of fighting largemouth trying to tear the rod outta your hands! Why back in Palatka...hang on a sec. Honeybun, while you're going, could you fetch me back a Coke?

— **"BASS BASICS,"** Joe Daley, July 19, 1990



San Diego Reader, July 19, 1990

Ten Years Ago

I took the first available seat and lucked out. The man next to me said, "No names, please." I nodded and replied, "You don't have to tell me your name, but I'm Eleanor Widmer." He studied me quizzically. "Eleanor Widmer? I read your column every week." I almost fell out of my seat. "You read my column? How come?" He sliced open his roll, placed his roast beef and salad with dressing inside. He did this with deliberation, not rushing to answer.

"No names, please," he replied, "but I have a godfather in the restaurant business in North County."

He took a few more seconds to assess how much he could risk revealing before his tablemates. "You like Manhattan and George's?" he whispered. "I eat in places like that." I thought of the lines from John Keats's "Ode to a Nightingale": "Fled is that music: — do I wake or sleep?" I couldn't believe that I was having a gourmetfood conversation in jail. "What do you think of the new Italian restaurants downtown?" No-Name asked. "Been to any new ones lately?" I played with my roast beef and answered, "The newest one is Bistro Bacco." No-Name pushed his plate aside. "I'll have to try it," he replied. — RESTAURANTS: "NO KNIVES OR FORKS ALLOWED."

Five Years Ago

Eleanor Widmer, July 13, 1995

Going barefoot. Children, hippies, and kung fu masters do it, and since they're smarter than the rest of us, there must be something to it. Plus, what's the first thing we take off when we get home? Still, we despise bare feet in this country, and that, according to the Dirty Sole Society (www.barefooters.org), is criminal.

"We are a group of people," society founders explain, "who love going barefoot pretty much everywhere, all the time (not just around the house or at the beach), as a lifestyle choice, including out and about on streets, stores, in the country, and hiking.

— SIGHTSEER: "PROLONGED EXPOSURE," Justin Wolff, July 13, 2000

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Crasher

FIREWORK FOLLIES

by Josh Board

was invited to a July 3rd party at Baleen, a restaurant at Paradise Point. There was a fireworks display over the bay as we dined on the patio.

Chris, a movie producer, came down from Los Angeles. He produced Boondock Saints. which happens to be my friend's favorite film. Due to the movie's violence, and out of respect for the victims of 9/11, the studio never released it. "It became the biggest-selling movie that went straight to video. It made \$40 million," Chris said. He promised to send me

The guitarist playing outside knew a few people in our party. He was an older Latino named Julio. We talked about our favorite guitarists, from Carlos Santana to Django Reinhardt. Julio told me he went to New York in his early 20s and saw Miles Davis play in a basement. He said it was amazing, despite the crappy drinks that were served.

When Julio left, I was told that Lyndon Johnson, on a trip to Mexico, heard him play his guitar and invited him to perform at the White House. President Johnson was able to get Julio, a boy, a green card.



We waited at the bar until our table was ready. The bartender suggested I try a mojito, and I made the mistake of trusting him. The drink had mint leaves in it, and it tasted like grass from a

At our table, a guy who looked like John Cusack (he said he hears that often) was sitting across from me. He was next to a heat lamp, which he said was burning his asked, "What did you think of the fire?" We didn't know what he was talking about, but apparently a barrel caught fire on the barge that was shooting off the fireworks. They kicked the burning bar-

I remembered a girl was passed out, and she was the volleyball net.

neck. When the fireworks started he had to turn around to watch and ended up with a sore neck. I'm not sure why he didn't turn his chair around.

After the fireworks a guy

rel into the bay.

I was invited to a few 4th of July parties, but the first call I got was for a party in Alpine, and I didn't want to rush back to San Diego for the other ones. I stayed there the

entire night. When Megan called to invite me, she said. "I met you at a party a year and a half ago. Remember that party at the hotel, where everyone was playing volleyball in the rooms and the cops came?"

I remembered a girl was passed out, and she was the volleyball net, I said, "Were you the net?" She laughed and said, "No. I was the one talking to the police."

The directions were wild. When I got off on Willow Road, I was told to make a Uturn, go past a ranch called "Lazy A," and take the next

dirt road, follow that around to a road that was all gravel, and then I'd see the house. I was driving past horses, a rabbit that ran in front of my car, and squirrels. The house was easy to spot. It had several flags; red, white, and blue banners; and lots of cars.

Robert was throwing this party. I asked him if we'd see the fireworks from Viejas Casino. He said, "Most of them. The mountains block some. We tell the people with kids that they are better off driving there and seeing them."

Robert and his wife Laura live next door to her parents. He told me it's not a problem, though, since they are nice inlaws. He had shelves displaying autographed baseballs and football helmets. When I saw his Pete Rose baseball, I asked him if he thought Rose should be inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame. (Rose was banned from the Hall of Fame for betting on baseball.) Robert said ves. When I talked later to an older guy named Tom (who looked like Soupy Sales), he said he thought Rose got what he deserved. Tom's dad had the opportunity to play pro ball, but he was offered a salary of only \$1,500, which wasn't enough





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After discussing sports and movies, Tom and I ended up arguing about politics.

He's a Republican and I'm a Democrat. It was fun debating him.

Megan finally showed up at the party, but her boyfriend wasn't with her. His dad, a fire chief, was supervising one of the fireworks displays.

Robert was cooking chicken, sausage, and hamburgers on the grill. I went to get some food inside and almost walked into the screen door with my plate of food. Throughout the night, I saw three people who did walk into it

There were trees all around. I asked Robert if his two basset hounds run into rattlesnakes. He said, "We see two or three rattlers each year. We had a baby one on the patio recently. My father-in-law killed it, skinned it, and put the skin on his hat. I'm more worried about our dogs meeting up with covotes."

He told me he was in San Francisco when the big fires were raging here a few years back. The fires did come close to his home.

There was a cooler with Jell-O shots next to a snow-cone machine, and someone suggested putting alcohol in the

snow cones. But there were kids eating the cones, so that idea was scrapped. One girl said, "I don't know if I should have these Jell-O shots. I'm going to pick up my boyfriend and shouldn't have the alcohol." I said, "What do you tell a cop if he asks how much you've had to drink? You can honestly say, 'Nothing,' since vou were eating it. not drinking." Then I found out something odd. The girls at the party all said they swallow the Jell-O without chewing it. One said, "It's such a small amount, why chew it?"

I had Robert's wife get me a baseball. I signed Pete Rose's signature, like the one from his shelf. I was throwing it around with a girl named Amanda, hoping he would see this. He didn't seem to pay attention as he was bringing food back and forth and greeting some of his coworkers from the Navy. I said, "Amanda, where did you get this ball?" He glanced over and I showed him the signature. His eyes got wide as he grabbed it. After a few seconds, he laughed. He could tell the signature was fake and said, "Nice try."

There was a poker table outside with ten guys playing. Although there were tiki torches and a fire pit, it got too dark to play. The guys decided to bring the table inside to continue. I thought of a friend's wife who once said she thought I had a gambling problem. I disagreed. But when I found out these guys weren't playing for money, I lost interest in their game. Perhaps my friend's wife had a point.

There was a group of women talking about guys. One of the women had broken up with her boyfriend. There was talk about playing a dating game for her. The others were explaining why their men weren't at the party.

One woman was complaining that she got mono and missed the U2 concert. I asked, "Did you get mono from Bono?" She said, "Unfortunately not."

When the fireworks started, we were all joking about only seeing a handful of them because of the mountain. One lady said, "Wow, I just saw half of one." When another girl said this, her friend replied, "That was more like three-quarters." She said, "I never was good in math." When the next firework shot into the air, I said, "I think we only saw one-eighth of that one."

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by Barbarella

Layover Largess

All is not lost that is delayed.— French Proverb

fter a long sprint, he arrived at the door as the gatekeeper closed it. Words were exchanged. His expression was one of disbelief. How could you give my seat to someone else? Ten people were on standby, sir, all of them

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here on time. He'd missed his flight to Minneapolis and stared forlornly out the window as the 757 he should have been on pushed away from the gate.

No one was behind the counter where I had been waiting patiently. The man who missed his plane came and stood next to me.

"I can't believe this," he said in a British accent to no one in particular. He was 20-something, dressed urban chic in dark jeans and a T-shirt, his brown hair short and deliberately messy, tapering into well-manicured sideburns.

"The next one isn't until 4:00," I volunteered. I had

been standing there for a while, waiting for someone to help me with my own problem and listening to other people deal with theirs.

"That is so annoying," he said. I turned to share a look with David, who showed me his dimples with a smile.

"You might be delayed a few hours, perhaps even a whole day. You think that's bad?" I said to the distraughtlooking guy. "We've been trying to get home since Wednesday, so you better show some respect."

"No shit?" There was that look of disbelief again. David nodded at the man, proving my point.

"Wow. Now that sounds annoying," said the Brit.

"Go on ahead of us.
We're used to waiting," I said.
Enjoying his reverence at our
plight, I refrained from telling
him that David and I considered our three-day, two-night

layover (spanning two cities) to be not as much an annoyance as it was a fabulous, spontaneous adventure.

Wednesday morning we left David's family home early to catch the ferry from Martha's Vineyard to Woods Hole, where we hopped on a bus. Two hours later, we arrived at Logan Airport with three hours to spare and took our place in the line for first-class passengers. After 20 motionless minutes, David left to examine the departure board and returned to report that a dozen flights were either cancelled or delayed due to weather.

"What about ours?" I asked.

"Delayed," he said. When we finally stepped up to the counter, a stressed-looking attendant booked us on a later flight from Denver to San Diego to ensure that we would make our connection. Tickets in hand and minds at ease, we went to hang out in a higherend airport restaurant.

Not two seconds after I sighed with relief at the sight of our plane pulling up at the gate, a male voice announced, in a matter-of-fact Boston accent, that on the way in, a bird had been sucked into the plane's right engine and two blades had been destroyed. Mechanics would investigate the problem and give an estimate for how long it would take to replace the blades. Not to worry, folks, if we are unable to get this plane off the ground, we should have no problem finding a replacement airbus to take you to Denver.

"If this problem takes longah than half-an-

owah to rectify, yaw going to miss the last flight out of Denvah," said Mr. Boston when we presented our tickets to him at the gate. He told us we'd most likely be sleeping in the rocky mountain town and reserved seats for us on a flight from Denver to San Diego for the following morning.

But we never made it to "Denvah." An hour after we learned of the kamikaze bird, a disembodied voice declared that all flights to Denver had been cancelled. People raced to the gates. Rather than stand in another long line, I sat down, called customer service, and booked a flight for the following morning to San Diego, this time with a stopover in Chicago.

While we waited in line for our hotel, taxi, and food vouchers, I made plans with Ellen, one of our friends in Boston, to come meet us for dinner. David and I reassured the frazzled staff that our schedules were flexible and that things like birds and weather were beyond anyone's control. In an effort to soothe her nerves, I handed one woman behind the counter a chocolate lollipop from the famed Chilmark Chocolates on Martha's Vineyard.

Shortly after David located our luggage, Ellen showed up and took us to the Park Plaza, where we were surprised to find two bathrooms and an exercise bike in our room, but no Q-tips, cotton balls, or minibar. While other travelers were making frantic phone calls and snarky remarks to airline personnel about wasted time, we dined at the fine Smith & Wollensky steakhouse, located in a cool, medieval structure that

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Thursday morning, we caught a cab to the airport before 7:00 a.m., stood in the familiar line, and checked our suitcases one more time. The sky was clear and our plane was waiting for us at the gate. All right, everyone, listen up. I listened for him to announce the order of boarding - first-class, seating area one, seating area two... We are grounded due to weather in Chicago. No planes in, no planes out. The good news is, if you have a connection to make, chances are your next plane will also be delayed, so don't worry. Twenty minutes later we

boarded. An hour later, we took to the air. The weather cleared just in time for our connecting flight to San Diego to take off exactly two minutes before we landed in Chicago.

I waited on hold for 14 minutes while a customer service rep researched our options

"Thank you for holding," she said. Then, "It looks like every flight for the rest of the day is booked full." It was noon. "The first available flight to San Diego is tomorrow at 2:50 p.m."

"Can you confirm our seats on that?"

"Yes," said the tinny voice in my ear, difficult to hear through the undulating background noise of a bustling terminal.

"I guess that will have to work, then," I said. We were advised to let our luggage continue on ahead of us.

"Didn't I just tell you the other day that I always wanted to see Chicago?" I asked David. He nodded with

We walked to the Hilton at the O'Hare International Airport and checked in. Someone suggested that we take a train downtown to Taste of Chicago, the annual street fair. We freshened up as much as we could with the emergency-amenities bag provided by United and headed to the subway station, where we caught a ride into

"What were the chances yesterday morning that we'd be eating ribs and listening to a live blues band in Chicago tonight?" David asked. We sat on benches shaded by trees in Grant Park and commented on the fashion tastes (or lack thereof) of the passersby.

"This is great!" I said. We took a stroll by the water's edge (Lake Michigan is so massive, it looked like an ocean), traded three of our food and drink tickets for a bottle of water, gave our last ticket to a woman who we overheard was one ticket short for something she wanted, and headed back to

the subway.

Friday afternoon, David was wearing the same pants he'd put on at his parents' house Wednesday morning. When we arrived at the airport, we were informed that our seats were not actually "confirmed," but that we were on a "kind of waiting list for them." David made a show of eating crackers with ketchup and mustard in front of the gate attendants and saying, "I am delayed... uhhh, long time," in a Russian accent to anyone who happened by.

After the Brit who missed his flight had walked away with a pout on his face, we stepped up to the counter. Despite the fun we'd had, I

knew I couldn't take another day of waiting and rescheduling. Tickets were printed for us. I held the golden envelope as if it were my ticket to Wonka's chocolate paradise. When we had to wait on the tarmac for over an hour before clearance was given for takeoff, we weren't fazed. Marielle, our smiling flight attendant, kept the wine coming.

"I wouldn't mind being rerouted to Paris," I said, surprised to find myself disappointed when the plane finally lifted to take us home.

"Maybe next time," said David. "Remember, we're coming back for Thanksgiving. Who knows what other adventures await us?" ■



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The Panther

His vision becomes the passing bars, so shattered, it holds little else.

To him there are a thousand bars, and beyond the bars, not a world.

He strides in narrow circles, tighter and tighter, and the steadiness of his powerful soft pace is like a dance of impatience around a center in which a noble will stands immobilized.

Only at times, the heavy curtain of his pupils rises quietly —. Then an image enters in, rushes downward through the tense, resilient muscles, plunges into his heart and is gone.

— Rainer Maria Rilke (1875–1926) (Translated from the German)



Por centuries, human beings have speculated about the interior lives of animals, especially, for whatever reason, about the interior lives of cats — what goes on inside those clever hearts and furry heads? Perhaps we've favored cats because of their domestication and independence: like humans, felines seemingly possess well-developed senses of house-living and self-reliance.

Rilke's "The Panther" is an influential example of what the English poet John Keats called "negative capability." Loosely defined, negative capability suggests that a person, possessing the power to eliminate his or her own personality, can take on the qualities of something else and comprehend its unique individuality. The idea behind this is that Rilke momen-

tarily ceases being Rilke and instead becomes the panther that he's writing about.

Part of what's so great about Rilke's poem is how he imagines the panther's comprehension, how we see the outside information assimilated into the captive animal's "noble will." It is a portrait of hopelessness, this poem, a depiction of the effects of absolute boredom, which plays against our knowledge that a panther is supposed to be a free-ranging wild animal. Perhaps "The Panther" has resonated with people for all these years (it was written almost exactly a century ago) because industrial-age humans can identify with the feeling of being separated from the power and energy of the natural world. We become imprisoned in our routines and responsibilities, until our dreams,

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plunging into our hearts, find no motivation to become real.

I wanted to tell you that there was a real live black panther living here in San Diego, but first I have to tell you that there is no such animal as a panther. "Panther" is just an old general term that comes from the Panthera animal grouping name. There are four big cats in the Panthera biological grouping: jaguars, lions, tigers, and leopards. (Incidentally, these are the only big cats that can roar.)

So the animal that most of us think of as a panther is actually a black jaguar. Most jaguars have tawny-colored fur with black rosettes, but some have black-on-black, or melanistic, coloration. Usually jaguars that are found in darker rain forest areas are black.

Jaguars are the largest cats in the Western Hemisphere, and the third largest overall. Only lions and tigers are bigger. Jaguars are completely at home in the water, and are seldom far from a river or lake. One of the more interesting factoids that I read about jaguars was how they may go fishing by waving their tails over the water to attract hungry fish.

Jaguars live throughout most of Mexico, Central and South America, while lone individuals are sometimes seen in the southwestern United States. They can run pretty quickly, but this is not an important skill for them. Instead,

these big cats are nocturnal hunters, and do most of their stalking on the ground. They are also excellent climbers, leaping from a tree or a ledge to ambush prey. Their large jaw muscles allow jaguars to kill prey by piercing the skull with their sharp teeth. Jaguars can survive on anything from herd animals to insects.

Like other cats, jaguars have eyes that are adapted for night hunting. One key element is their eyeshine, caused by a mirrorlike structure inside the eye that nearly doubles a cat's ability to see at night.

The saddest fact that I read about wild jaguars was that they are endangered. Their only predator, man, has hunted them too well.

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Commercial fur hunting, especially in the 1960s, did away with over 18,000 jaguars every year. Other threats to jaguars involve deforestation due to logging, mining, and farming, which breaks up their habitat into fragments, leaving less food and fewer mates. With less and less wild prey available to them, jaguars started feeding on livestock. Ranchers often responded by trapping and poisoning them. It is estimated that there are now only around 15,000 jaguars left in the wild.

So now I can tell you that our fair city does have one black jaguar resident, downtown, in Cat Canyon, near Sun Bear Forest, across from the Hunte Amphitheater, in the San Diego Zoo. He was born October 1992 at Wildlife World Zoo, in Litchfield, Arizona, He weighs as much as I do, about 165 pounds. His name is Orson.

When I visited Orson, the first thing I noted was his enclosure. A kind of chain-link box, roughly 50 feet by 50 feet, kept Orson safely away from me. There was a small pool in with him, and a trickling creek running down, and a covered rock cave for sleeping. Logs and good-sized trees and massive rocks bedecked his slanted space. Visually, it was very interesting, and it looked to me like it must be an interesting place to pace around in, as well.

And the first time I saw Orson, boy, did he pace. For ten straight minutes, he wore a catgroove back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, probably 50 or 60 times. Every so often, for no apparent reason, he'd vary the pacing to include more



of his pen. Once, he acknowledged something — as a zoo vehicle rumbled past, he stopped and looked at it for a long moment.

Then it was pacing and pacing and pacing and pacing again.

The people, perhaps 20 or so of them watching Orson with me, speculated, "That pacing-thing just isn't good." And, "He's thinking over his plan. He wants to get out of there." Or, "He seems so restless." Then, "He acts upset." And one comedic fellow imagined Orson's thoughts and said, "I'm getting out of here real soon. You can smile now if you want. You and you and you. But I remember all your faces."

For my part, I could think of two ways to interpret Orson's behavior. On the one hand, my impression of Orson was colored by the powerful imagery in Rilke's poem. Orson's behavior seemed consistent with Rilke's panther in many disturbing ways. On the other hand, it occurred to me how incredibly patient Orson seemed as he paced. He didn't appear agitated or rushed or neurotic. He looked like he just wanted to walk.

A long way. Sometimes his path took him up over rough terrain, but, in general, he walked along on flat ground.
And to walk a long way over relatively flat ground in a somewhat less than spacious space, Orson would have to walk and turn around, walk and turn around, walk and turn around. So be it.

The second time I saw Orson, he wasn't nearly as restless, although he was very much up and about. He yawned, loped a few slow loops around his enclosure, rubbed his face on a rock and then a log, and even lifted his tail a long moment to urinate. (This last reminded me of one time, long ago, when my aunt took me to a zoo. Back then, there was a particular lion, maybe 40 or 50 feet away from me, who peed a long arcing jet through the midday air

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right onto my coat. All over my coat. It was gross. I screamed and jumped away, too late. Just for the record, I'm mentioning this right here because you aren't likely to read it anywhere else. Big cats can really projectile pee. In other words, if the tail of a nearby tiger lifts up, and he's facing away from you, then you might better cut and run.)

So who'd seen Orson enough to really get to know him? Who could justify the ways of Orson to person?

Jo Ann Haddad is Orson's main keeper. A

senior mammal keeper at the zoo, Haddad has worked with Orson off and on for the past four years. I reasoned that she had to have some insights on the big guy.

A mother of three (if you don't include her many animal children), Jo Ann Haddad speaks like a rapid-fire water pistol. Perhaps it's her way, in the face of curious zoo-goers and her own vocal youngsters, of getting a word in edgewise. For some reason, when I met Haddad I felt compelled to give her a big, warm hug, but not because she appeared as though

she needed one; rather, she gave the impression that she could bestow good hugs. She looked to me like someone who cared.

"Orson's an awesome animal," Haddad told me. "He's very personable. Over the years, he's developed quite a following."

I inferred that because she was Orson's keeper, Haddad enjoyed perhaps the closest sustained contact with him, a closer relationship than Orson shared with any other human being. I wondered if she'd ever petted him. "The only time I've ever

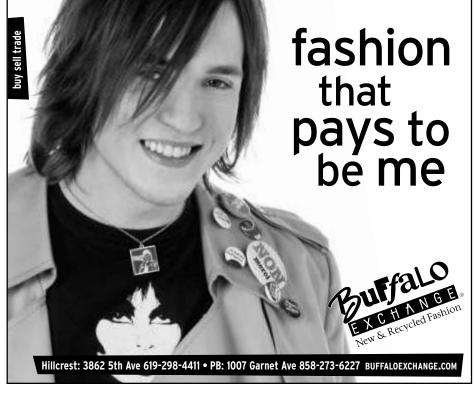
touched Orson was when he had to be anesthetized," she said. "I've worked with Orson off and on for four years. I've worked with him specifically for the past year, and in all that time, I've touched him once. And that was when he was immobilized."

Was this for Orson's own good? Haddad told me that it was, but mainly it was for her own good! "It works both ways, but it's more for us than it is for them. We want to keep our fingers. Yes, it's good for the animals to feel independent from

us, not to be handled, but the thing to remember is that these are wild animals. If I got in with Orson, or with any of the large cats, even though he knows me, his instinct would probably take over. 'There's something in my enclosure, possibly a predator, and my instinct says to take it down.' I would at least get jumped on or knocked down, and if that didn't mortally wound me, I don't know that I could get out under my own power. I don't know that he would eat me; he would probably bite me and go, 'I don't eat

this. This doesn't taste right.' And that would probably be the end of it. So we're very careful that something like that doesn't happen. Because you've only got one shot."

It was easy for me to play up the paranoia in these statements; to scoff and point to Orson's cuddly appearance and so on. But then, it did occur to me that going into Orson's space would be like sweeping in an old war zone for live land mines. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, you'd be fine, but that hundredth time... Just







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think of Roy Horn, from Siegfried and Roy. He'd worked with that tiger for months, and then all of a sudden, one night, it lunged and bit him in the neck. For no reason. Now Roy lives on a respirator. Just like that.

I asked Haddad what she thought about Orson's mentality. Did she ever wonder what was going on inside his head? "It's part of my job to look after Orson's well-being," she said. "I don't want him to be neurotic. I don't want him to be stressed. And I'm always looking for signs of that. If I see fur loss, or weight loss, or any clues that might lead me in that direction, then I need to address it. I think Orson's pretty happy.

personable. He seems to enjoy interaction with us. He seems to like to watch what's going on. But I don't know what he's thinking any more than I know what my one-year-old is thinking. All I know is what I'm picking up from his behavior. And I see that Orson likes to sit on this certain rock, near the back of his enclosure, where he can see lots of things going on. He likes to have a good vantage where he can see what's going on around the periphery of his territory."

Like I said, he's very

What about Orson's pacing? "Different animals pace for different reasons," she said.
"Polar bears are known to be stereotypic pacers in captivity. And there

are programs at the zoo that are designed to combat that. We have behavioral staff who are here to break the bad habits that certain animals might have developed, to give the anipatrolling his area. I don't see what he does as a neurotic pace. That enclosure is his area. And because I know the natural history of the big cats, I see him as patrolling his range.

"Today, he had a knucklebone and meatballs. Tomorrow he will get a leg of lamb, which is also an enrichment opportunity for him."

mals more things to do, instead of pacing or being aggressive or whatever. I don't perceive Orson to be a stereotypic pacer. What he would be doing in the wild would be

Also, it can depend on the time of day. If I haven't fed them yet, a lot of the cats are down there looking out for where I am. So they might be pacing looking for food and looking for me."

What did Orson eat? "Orson's diet varies every day, although it's the same, week to week, in general," said Haddad. "Today, he had a knucklebone and meatballs. Tomorrow he will get a leg of lamb, which is also an enrichment opportunity for him." (I'll tell you more about Orson's eating in just a minute.) "Wednesday, he gets meatballs. Thursday, he'll get a femur bone. Our nutritionist has set it up so that the amount of food each animal gets in a week is basically what they would get, calorie-wise, in the wild. Obviously, it's not the same food, but calorie-wise it's the same."

A food department

on the grounds of the zoo, which includes five chefs and a nutritionist, provides the food for the more than 4000 individual animals there. "Most of these animals wouldn't eat every day in the wild," Haddad said. "If a jaguar gets a good kill one day, then it may not hunt for the next couple of days. So Thursday for us is a fast day. We're not essentially feeding him food — we don't give him hamburger or leg of lamb or anything like that — but he's getting, as I said, the femur bone. It's still got a little meat outside it, like the knuckle did, and it's got the marrow on the inside, and it's great for his teeth. And it's something mentally for him to do. Yesterday, he had

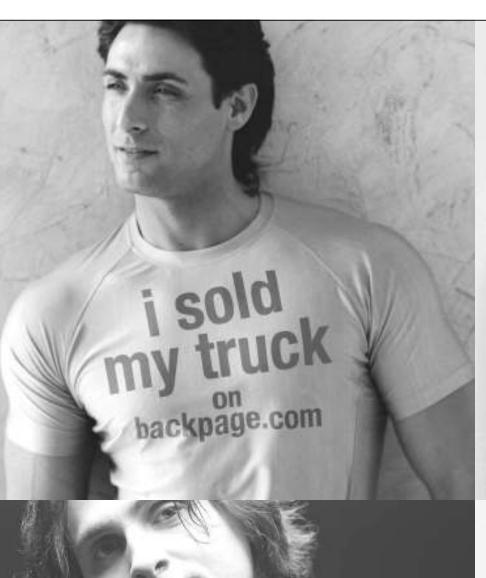


















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a bunny. But not a live one. It would be great if it were alive; it would be best if it were alive; unfortunately, the public doesn't want to see it alive."

Food is also a great way to introduce enrichment activities for the animals at the zoo. "There's a pulley hanging down in Orson's exhibit," Haddad told me. "Tuesdays, we lead Orson into the bedrooms, and then we lower the pulley, skewer a leg of lamb onto this chain, hook it to itself, then raise the pulley up a little higher in the air. And it's not this tug-of-

war, really, but he now has to work a little bit more for his food. There've been times, at least twice, when I wasn't here, and the keeper who filled in for me didn't have time to hang up the leg of lamb. So they just gave it to him, and let him back out, and he was, like, 'What's this?' He looked at the food and looked at the keeper and looked at the food and then went and laid down in his cave. He's hungry; he wants to eat it; but it wasn't going to be any fun. So we know from that that he enjoys that interaction. He enjoys getting the carcass down." But Haddad also painted a picture of

enough," she said. "Because this usually goes on for 15, maybe

Although Rilke was writing universally about THE panther, it must be realized that he was observing a particular panther in a particular situation, at a particular time.

how enrichment can turn to cruelty. "We also have to be sensitive to when Orson's had

20 minutes, depending on how well the lamb is skewered. But if he gets tired of it before that,

And we know, okay, Orson doesn't want to play today. We don't want to make it too hard for him, where he gets frustrated or anything. So we're really reading Orson, and if and he loses interest, then he's really good about going into the beds in the back of his enclosure, and we can take it down off the pulley for him."

I asked Haddad if she thought Orson had formed some kind of relationship with her. Did Orson like her? "I do know that Orson does recognize me," Haddad said conclusively. "Because I've walked by at different times in the afternoon, in my regular clothes, without my work keys, without my squeaky shoes, and he'll be ignoring everybody there — because he's always very popular but he'll be in the back, and he'll look up. He

he'll just walk away. he wants to participate, then he'll continue. And if it's going on too long,

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woman, 52, red haired, with neat, almost invisible glasses over her big, round, innocent-seeming light-brown eyes. She's in terrific shape a result of her active, horse-riding lifestyle. She radiates intelligence, somehow, and a quality that I immediately recognized as inner strength. Her voice has a wonderfully genial tone, cheerful and singsongy.

We met at the zoo one fine morning, after a phone conversation and an e-mail or two. and introduced ourselves. I'd sent Rilke's poem to her the day before, and she'd responded that it would be "fascinating to learn how Orson feels about

his life in a 21st-century zoo designed to be environmentally friendly to both animals and visitors." She was implying that the lot of Rilke's panther was in fact quite different from what a captive panther would encounter today.

And so, before I'd even met her, and even though I'd read Rilke's poem a hundred-odd times, Brigitte Noel had suddenly awakened me to an aspect of the poem that deserved some criticism. Although Rilke was writing universally about THE panther, it must be realized that he was observing a particular panther in a particular situation, at a particular time. I mention

this, for one thing, because, in general, animals are not kept in cramped cages anymore. Animal rights activists and zoological societies have changed all that.

For thousands of years, zoos were designed to show off oddities. The original zoos even displayed people. There was no concern for natural habitats, or for the wellbeing of the creatures in captivity. Over time, as human knowledge and human resources have grown, and as the rights of animals have become more of a concern, our zoos have tried to embrace a more humane idea of animal internment

Jo Ann Haddad had enlightened me on this point somewhat. She'd told me that, "In the zoo's charter, it states that the zoo's purpose is education and conservation. These particular animals, all the animals in captivity, are basically sacrificed for the greater good. We're trying to make it as good as possible for them, and simulate their natural environment as best we can. because that helps us educate the public, not only about this type of animal, but also about the environment where this animal comes from. It's easier to teach people about concepts like recycling, instead of showing them a billboard saying that it's better to recycle, instead we show them a cat, and we say, 'Now if you don't recycle, then this animal won't have anyplace to live. He will die.' And we can use that to bring the message to people more effectively."

that those barred boxes weren't called "cages" anymore; the proper term was now "enclosures." And refreshingly, this shift in nomenclature didn't seem like





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some predictable P.C. euphemism. Today's enclosures are larger than yesterday's cages, and their interiors are crammed with the accoutrements of natural habitats, such as Orson's trees, pools, rocks, and comfortable places to sleep.

In short, the animals aren't just "on display" anymore; they're set up to live well, to be comfortable (though enriched and gently challenged) representatives of their races, and then, auxiliary to that, people might saunter along to see them. In an old zoo, keepers fed the animals and hosed out their cages. In the new zoo, as Haddad mentioned, animals are given enrichment opportunities. The San Diego Zoo even has a wing of the staff whose job is to observe the mental well-being of the animals and make sure they're feeling well.

As we walked downhill across the zoo grounds, toward the cat string, as they call it, Brigitte Noel was instructing me, "Sometimes having all your needs taken care of can be a boring affair. Animals aren't supposed to be fat and lazy. The struggle to feed and procreate can be fulfilling and exciting. But wild animals in captivity have it easy, perhaps too easy."

Every time we'd pass an exhibit, on our way to Orson, Noel would take a moment to view and acknowledge the various animals, "Oh, look at you! Aren't you beautiful?" And so on. It was like walking down the street with someone who's extraordinarily friendly, even to strangers: you start to realize that it's good to lavish others with your attention, because it makes them feel good. Noel was

spreading her feel-good energy to every furry, feathered, scaled, and tailed critter we passed. Curiously, I don't remember her saying hello to any of the people who walked by us.

"The San Diego Zoo makes an incredible effort to stage the most compatible environments possible," to be doing really, really well here."

How could she tell? "Animals can project out, to a certain degree," Noel told me, "but really they exist in the moment. Their frame of reference is the present moment, and that's it. I have people who find out that I can communicate with animals,

Gnawing, licking, chewing, pawing, crunching: he was loving that knucklebone, let me tell you.

Noel told me as we approached Orson. "Zoos used to be more about the people; you know, 'come see the animals and be safe doing it.' But now they really take the animals' wellbeing into account. Almost every creature we've seen so far seems

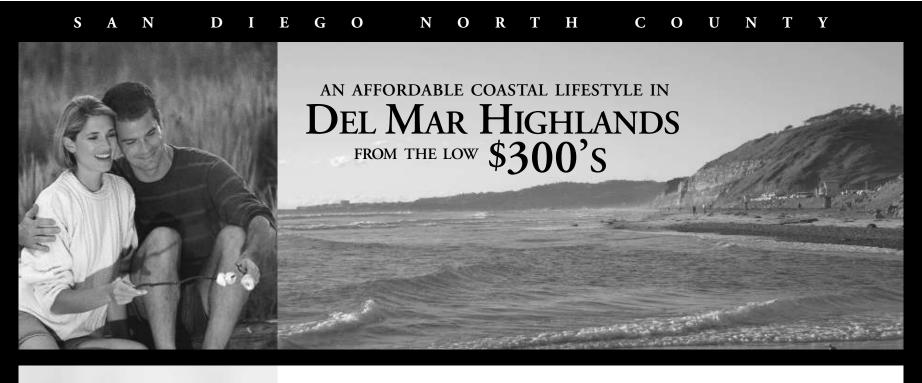
and they'll tell me to ask things like, 'Who'll win the Chargers game next Sunday?' Ridiculous questions like that. But an animal doesn't know that; animals know very little beyond the here and now. But that's what they can teach us. And opening ourselves up to receive that information isn't all that difficult. They're still on the earth plane with us; they come straight from the heart; they're still mammals like us; and there are ways for us to connect. The whole point is to find this commonality, to find these points of unity, and then we can connect with these animals."

Then Noel seemed to scold mere humans. "If we go into our intellects too much," she said, "and we want things for the future, and we remember things from the past, and we live separate from what's going on in our hearts right now, then of course we won't understand the animals, because animals are all about their hearts and the present moment."

As we arrived at Orson's enclosure, he was gnawing Monday's

meal: a cow knuckle. Noel told me that she needed a few minutes, and she sat down at the base of a railing and began to take notes on a yellow pad. Orson hardly looked up from his fun. Gnawing, licking, chewing, pawing, crunching: he was loving that knucklebone, let me tell you. And it was at that moment that it occurred to me just how large and powerful Orson was. The sound of his teeth working over that bone, the length of the claws that held it in place, the sinewy shoulders, the sheer size of him: I remembered Roy...

While I pictured being torn in half and flopped around like a beef part, Noel stood up and announced that she'd finished her interview. I was startled. For the past four or five minutes, I'd thought she was brainstorming what questions to ask





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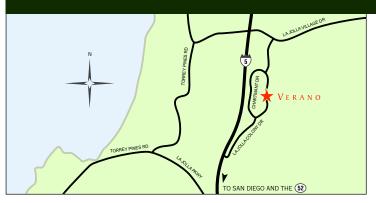
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Orson, but now she was telling me that the two of them had been communicating all along.

To show me the transcript of their conversation, Noel needed a flat surface. So she walked over, grabbed a covered garbage can that was almost as tall as she was, and she dragged it downhill a few feet. I saw this as an emblematic image, not just of Noel's physical strength, but of her resourcefulness and ability to use the tools provided her, even if they aren't the perfect tools. She was a woman who could take matters into her own hands.

She placed her notepad on top of the garbage pail, and before she began to read, she told me, "Orson's cage is like a jewel box, and he's the black diamond inside. He's in total control; he's patient. Look at him. He's so cool, yet so dramatic. He's such a

happy cat. He knows everyone is going to ooh and ahh, so he's working his audience every day. He's not bored at all. He's having the time of his life in there."

Noel went on, "You mentioned Orson's pacing the last time you saw him. But his pacing is really just a solution to a problem. He needs exercise, and he wants to be on display, so he paces in front of everyone. He's not neurotic at all."

Then Noel looked at me and smiled, "So you want to know what Orson told me?" And I smiled over my skepticism and nodded.

BN: Hello, Orson, would you like to share with me today?

O: I am Orson the Great. I am the Great One here. My roar is the loudest, and my presence is felt everywhere. I am a very powerful presence in the Zoo. I am my keeper's treasure

and I adore Joann. I would not let any harm come to her. She can trust me. I know she often wonders about this, but her scent is very distinctive. I would not mistake her for another.

BN: How do you like it here at the Zoo?

O: I am important. And that is enough. I have come to be important. I like to be admired, and I make myself dramatic. I like to be admired, and at night I would like light to shine on me. People are always asking: Where is he? Where is he? Where is he? And that is very frustrating for me.

BN: Geoff standing here has come to write about you in a newspaper that people read and get information. What would you like to share with Geoff?

O: Please let Geoff know I am very happy. Very content. He is wor-

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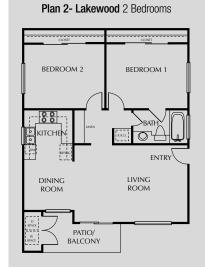
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ried about me but there is no reason. I am very proud, very proud my pride and my dignity are unaffected here. I am of great, great value to the Zoo. Of great value. I am so valuable, so. I am like the Jewel in the Crown of the Zoo.

BN: Geoff was concerned when he saw you pace the other day.

O: I get my exercise that way. I am very happy, happy, happy. I am fine. I am so proud, so strong, so awesome.

"So you see, Orson's like a dignitary," Noel explained. "He's onstage. Orson is being exceptionally dramatic

for us."

We looked through the generous mesh of his enclosure. "I mean, look at him," she said. "He's enjoying his breakfast, but he's also very into what we're doing. He's looked at us several times, and he's very calm and dignified. He wouldn't show too much enthusiasm, because he has to show his level of leadership and dominance."

I started to mention Rilke's poem, but Noel gently cut me off. "That poem doesn't apply to Orson at all," she said. "That's a sad poem. That's a poem about a

panther in a tiny cage with bars who was kept in a very old-fashioned way of keeping animals. Plus, it was probably a wild panther who wasn't meant for captivity. Although Rilke's

domesticated. He's the treasure of the zoo. He has a purpose here, and he really has a sense of that purpose. He's there, on exhibit, showing us all his glory, and he's perfectly suited for the

"I stay on what I call the spiritual phone line, not the regular phone line."

panther might have been a little happier in this environment right here. But really, it doesn't even relate, because Orson is more

job he's being asked to do. Perfectly suited. He's totally cooperating with the work that he's doing. And it is work. So he's not even bored.

Because he's working the crowd, and he's showing off a magnificent animal, and raising the sensitivity of people."

By now, Noel was positively gushing, "I mean, I've never been able to get this close to such an animal, and, to me, this is just a treat. The zoo has been very sensitive to what type of animal Orson is, and his personality. Because maybe another panther would be a lot shyer, and need more screening. But Orson really enjoys being down here in front of everyone. This is more of a stage

than an enclosure. The fabulous zoo decorators have come in and made his habitat. And he's quite calm and very content. I don't know that Orson could fend for himself in the wild. It seems at this point in time like he's very accustomed to having staff, like he's very used to being catered to. I don't think he'd like the jungle at all, where he'd be less important. Then he might have rivals."

So Noel had drawn an entirely different picture of Orson the Black Panther than I'd expected. But how had she done it? There was no

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doubt in her voice, no sense that she was being fanciful or that someone else might have a less flattering interpretation of Orson's demeanor.

"It's called telepathy," Noel explained. "I get on a frequency that's his frequency. It's very much like having an FM receiver or a cell phone. I get on his frequency, and he gets on mine, and I can do it effortlessly now, because I've done it so much. And then, I communicate with him in real time. It's a bit like a CB radio. I'll say, 'Okay, Orson. How are you?' And then I get very receptive, and I don't think of anything else. I don't let any other thoughts crowd my mind. I stay on what I call the spiritual phone line, not the regular phone line. Because there's only one line, but if I start thinking about my laundry list, or the bus that went by, then I'll toggle right off into the regular thinking part of my brain, and I'd go offline with Orson. So I try to stay online, and then we go back and forth. And it's a very polite form of conversation, because I'm totally open, and I wait for his information, and I'm not thinking about my question as he's communicating with me, because that would be going offline. So, it's simple to do, but it takes a lot of practice, because we're so conditioned to have such a

busy brain all the time." I wondered if Noel could communicate like this with people, or rather, I asked Noel directly if she could communicate with people in this way. What I really wondered was whether she was communicating in this way with me, right then. Could she read into my personal thoughts? Was I exposed to her in some involuntary way?

Could she tell that my opinions about her were shifting from condescending amusement to I'll-be-damned respect?

"You can talk like that with another person," she answered, "but it has to be from the heart. You have to be completely trusting with that person, and it has to be completely from the heart and the third eye. But with people, most of the time, it ends up being completely

mental. I can pick up things psychically from a person. But you have to have a certain politeness. I'm not going to be constantly policing for people's inner thoughts. I don't go prying. I just stay very private. For

instance, if I'm walking around here, I'm not going to pick every brain that I see. You know, I ask first. And that keeps me from becoming completely overwhelmed."

So I was safe, or at

least I thought I was safe. But instead of being careful around Noel, and throwing interference her way, I found myself mischievously trying to "tell" her silent things for the rest of the day.







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We stood there in front of Orson's enclosure, and Noel reflected. "This has been an incredibly privileged one-on-one communication. And I took it down to the best of my ability, and as clearly as I could. On a personal level, and in my work, I try to be perfectly clear, to get all my human stuff out of the way, to honor my spirit and the animal's spirit, so that when we do communicate, it comes through very clearly. There's no human prejudice; there's no personal ideas about anything, because I'm always surprised. Sometimes I might see an animal who has the appearances of being one way, but then I work with him and find out there is a problem, but it's not the problem you might think it is."

As Noel talked, I looked at Orson (who by now had moved on

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from his knucklebone and was rubbing his cheek on a log), and I imagined him saying all these wonderful things. And it wasn't difficult. He really did look selfimportant, dramatic, proud, comfortable, and in control. My inherent skepticism made me think that I was perhaps just a victim of suggestion, but I had to admit: it was a powerful suggestion. This new impression of Orson was even coloring how I'd looked at his pacing a few days before.

So what did Noel hear when she tuned Orson in? Was it human words? Cat sounds? How did she make sense of it?

"I get all the information from the animal," she said, "but not the words. It all just comes to me intuitively — it comes whole — and I have to put it into words. I have to translate it. It

happens nonverbally and instantaneously. It's all about spontaneity and clarity. If I don't get a strong signal, then it's because I'm not in tune. But if I open up and receive, and clear information comes through, then I have no doubt how to make verbal sense of what the animal is communicating."

It occurred to me that what Noel was describing also applied to the way that I look at artwork, and listen to music, and read poetry, more or less. All these signals and cues come to me underneath the surface of the art, and after years of experience, I can pretty much recognize things about a particular work that might make some people say, "Huh? What are you talking about? What makes you think the artist was trying to do that?" And I can explain it, a little, but in

the end it's just clear, spontaneous, intuitive information that transmits from the work of art to my brain.

Noel is an artist of the spirit, but she's also too scientific to let it go at that. She meticulously checks her work. After all, most of the animal communicating that she does is designed to serve a practical purpose. She tries to help animals and their people get along. And, according to her clients, she's good, very good in fact, at what she does.

"I always like to make sure that I'm not just working in the ethers," Noel said. "I always want to see a practical result from the work that I do. So when I do my work for my business, I always call back and get proof and confirmation that what I'm doing is helping people and their pets."

Noel's business —

All-Ears Animal Communication — has been doing well for over 10 years. She runs a workshop where she teaches the fine points of her craft. She's written a book on the subject (entitled LoveLink).

And after a couple of hours with Noel, I was beginning to give over my doubt. She was too smart and too pragmatic to be some new-age hippie. She's not even a vegetarian. ("That's not part of the natural cycle," she said. "I'm too spiritual to get caught up in that. And plus, I like eating meat too much.") In the end, I had to conclude that this lady might really be communicating with animals.

So now it was time to rewrite Rilke's beloved poem, to update it, and to re-particularize the imagery, based on my research and my time with animal experts of various stripes.

Orson, The Black Jaguar Often Inaccurately Identified as a Panther

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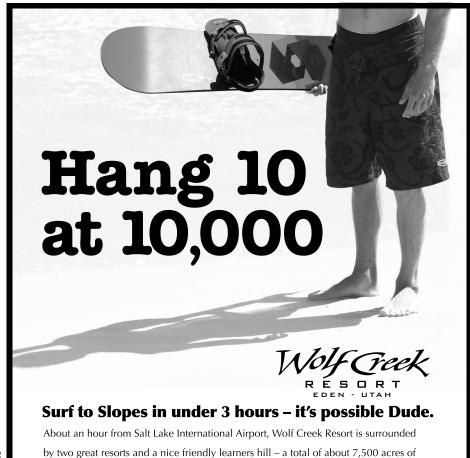
the movement of his powerful soft strides

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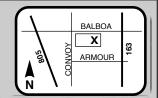
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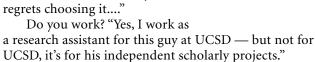
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riginally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 22-yearold Anna Graizbord majored in women's studies at California State University Long Beach and graduated last December. She will move to New York City in September.

What do you think the quarter-life crisis means, and are you going through one? "I think it means that you're at a point in your life where there are so many possibilities that you are kind of dazed by it and are a little anxious that you don't know exactly where you are going.... I think I am definitely going through one."

Is it really a crisis? "Yes. It's a scary time because all your important life decisions will be made here and now."

Are you happy with the major you picked in college? "I picked my major because it was the only thing that really interested me and challenged me in a way that no other subject did at the time. I have absolutely no regrets choosing it...."



What is your current income? "With just my job alone, it's, like, \$300 a month; I only work 20 hours a month. And with the supplement from my parents, it's more, like, \$800 or so a month."

Do you feel pressure to succeed? "Fuck, yes. I feel pres-

sure from myself and my parents most

When in high school, where did you think you'd be at 22? "I wasn't all that motivated or the type of person to look ahead in high school.... I pictured myself with a miscellaneous job somewhere."

Do you support yourself? "I am completely dependent on my parents, obviously, at the moment. But I hope that will change a great deal once I move to New York City in September."

What is your definition of success? "Being absolutely the best at whatever it is that you do, even if you aren't necessarily recognized officially for it. Or it could mean actually achieving all or most of your goals in life, both professional and personal. Or it could mean that you are really making a positive difference in the world....'

Are your friends in the same situation as you are now? "Many of my friends are, yes."

What kind of support group do you have? "I guess I have my really, really close friends as a support sys-

Second round of college? "Yes, for my master's degree."

What do you do in your spare time? "Hang out with friends, read, go to the beach, bars, movies, music and art shows, coffee shops, shopping, eating."

Does your social life override your responsibilities? "No, as I really don't have any responsibilities at this point."

What are your thoughts on marriage? "I'm not married and I don't ever see myself doing so, not even at gunpoint. I don't believe in the institution of marriage and think it should eventually be abolished for the inequities it both creates and perpetuates. Marriage and the nuclear family are the essential building blocks of a patriarchal world that must be over-

thrown. Having said that, I respect people that want to get married and are dedicated to working extremely hard...."

Do you like travel? "Yes. I am going to study in Florence for the month of July."

Do you buy many technological products? "I have a cell phone and a laptop. I wish I had an iPod, really badly. I don't think I own or buy many technological products, though."

How much money do you spend monthly on clothes? "Two hundred dollars."

Groceries? "Twenty dollars."

CDs? "Fifty to one hundred dollars, depending on how much money I have that month."

Where does most of your money go? "Gas, going out, clothes."

Do you have a car, insurance? "Yes. I don't pay my insurance; my parents do."

Are you religious? "No."

At what age should people settle down? "I think people should settle down when they want to, if they even want to. I don't know when or if I'll really settle down, whatever that means....'

Where do you see yourself in five years? "Hopefully on my way to what I want to achieve professionally, in some way."

effrey Shobar is a 25-year-old graduate from University of California, San Diego. He majored in biology and computing within the technological arts/music field. He likes his job in the city and describes himself as a "jack-of-all-trades."

What do you think the quarter-life crisis means, and are you going through one? "A quarter-life crisis is a time of decision and reflection.... It can add up to quite a bit of pressure, especially when you need to make a decision that will have serious conse-

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Is it a crisis? "I would call it a hard time in my life, but I don't know if it's a crisis."

Are you happy with the major you picked in college? "Tough question. I came into school loving biology and music and just couldn't bring myself to pick one. In hindsight, I think I should have focused on one....'

Do you work? "Full-time, more than 40 hours. I work here in San Diego for a local advertising agency doing graphic art, I.T. work, prepress, press operator, and production artist."

Do you know where

you want to work in the future? "I don't know anything about this really... I've ruled a few things out, but overall I am open to many types of work....'

What is your current income? "Thirtysix thousand, plus a few benefits."

Do you feel pressure to succeed? "I mainly only feel pressure from myself...."

When in high school, where did you think you'd be at 25? "Probably where I am now. Maybe a few less bad relationships and perhaps in one now, but back in high school I didn't look too far to the future...."

Do you support yourself? "It's all me, financially."

Who do you live with? "Still living with the same guy I lived with in college. It not only keeps the bills down, but also pushes the loneliness away....'

What is your definition of success? "Well, success is obtaining

your dreams."

Are your friends in the same place that you are in now? "Some are right here with me, some have pulled way ahead, and a few are lagging behind."

What kind of support group do you have? "Well, I have a small group of friends that are just amazing. I'm closer to them than with my family...."

Second round of college? "I do want to go back to school, but as I say that, I still haven't taken the GREs. So, that thought makes me wonder how motivated I am...."

What do you do in your spare time? "I usually play guitar every day and several times a week play with a buddy of mine who plays harmonica. But I also really like writing and have just recently got back into painting...."

Does your social life override your responsibilities? "Usually work dictates responsibility in one way or another.... But the social life wins a bit, too. Sometimes you just want to get out. It's a balance."

What are your thoughts on marriage? "I see myself getting married in the next ten

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Do you travel? "I like to travel. I haven't gone too far in a while because it's hard to get time off. But last year I went to the coast of Mexico, and in July I plan to camp at Yosemite for a week."

Do you buy many technological products? "I have a computer and I have an iPod. People usually can't believe I don't have a cell phone...."

How much money do you spend monthly on clothes? "Seventyfive dollars."

Groceries? "One hundred dollars."

CDs? "Twenty-five dollars."

Where does most of your money go? "Rent and bills win, hands down."

Do you have a car, insurance? "One car; \$200 a month plus \$1100 a year insurance."

Are you religious? "I was raised Catholic, but I wouldn't say I'm religious right now in my life."

At what age should people settle down? "-I'm ready to settle down right now, but only for the right person. I'd be perfectly happy settling down in five years from now, too...."

Where do you see yourself in five years? "Hopefully with a good job. I'd like to stay in San Diego and hang

out with my old friends and meet some new ones. I like the feel of this city." ■

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I glance over, mumble, "No thanks," keep on walking

It's another day. That means when I leave my apartment I'll be hit on for spare change. Usually three or four solicitations per domestic round trip, 365 days a year. Leaving home is running a gauntlet of crushing need.

There have been years when I've had surplus money. Indeed, I've had years when my monthly income was more than even my large appetites could swallow. In those days, I would load up \$5 or \$10 every Monday morning. Later, when a voice asked for spare change, I'd hand a bit over. When those funds were gone, that was it — no more vending until next week. I viewed those expenditures as another urban toll to pay, like parking meters, high rents, cable TV

I've also had years when I was flat-ass broke and walked past the homeless with my eyes bolted to the ground, afraid I was too close to the pit.

Good days, days when I felt happy, I'd

hear *the* voice, "Spare some change?" and I'd turn, look directly into glazed eyes, and say, "No, I'm just a month away from joining you. Save me a place by the horse statue."

They would laugh and say, "Yeah," and I would shudder, because I *was* a month away from the horse statue.

Spare-changing has become *the* American growth industry. Recently, I've noticed a more direct approach to begging. There's a small market on the corner of my block. I buy sundries — toilet paper, cigarettes, canned food. Last week, positioned equidistant between doorway and cash register hovered a bona fide poor person. I placed my goods on the checkout counter, the poor person pointed to one item and inquired, "Can I have that?"

Walking downtown San Diego, downtown anywhere, one is set upon by panhandlers lurching about urban parks like midnight zombies suddenly released from the village graveyard. They stagger up to civilians, hands outstretched, moaning, "Spare change. Spare

change." Homelessness is a low-budget horror film played live, 24 hours a day.

Current guesses count one-quarter to 3 million of our fellow citizens living on streets. It didn't take long for me to cop a third-world attitude about seeing street people as everyday backdrop. They're part of my daily life, like Taco Bell, cof-

fee-to-go, cluster theaters, rush-hour traffic.

I think most people realize the boat won't hold as many rats as it used to, that, in fact, living standards are declining. Fewer of us can buy houses; women working no longer carries much political baggage, it's become an economic necessity. Here's an interesting stat. Between 1973 and 1986, families just starting out, those where head of household is 20 to 24 years old, lost 27 percent of their gross income (wage declines, inflation), about the same drop

that was experienced during the Great Depression. And as we see an ever-growing line of people move into shopping carts, those of us left on the playing field take a deep breath, tighten the circle.

But that's talk, talk, talk. The immediate point is I just don't want to look at the rummy, begging bastards, and when I must I avert my eyes quickly and hope they don't touch me, or drool over me, slobber their vile green and yellow spittle over my clean white sleeve. That's

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the point.

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7:39 a.m., in front of U.S. Grant Hotel, Good God, it's windy, cold, and noisy. Busses belch smoke as they stop and start, must be 30 mph wind gusting down Broadway canyon, humans bustle to work, first things first. Must score coffee. Walk down to Fourth and C. Street. We have gourmet coffees; 36 varieties. Get big mumbojumbo-to-go, circle back to Horton Plaza.

My ensemble consists of a righteous hangover; unwashed jeans; brown, tar-soaked down vest; tennies - tastefully set off by green baseball hat showcasing logo of bankrupt Alaskan construction company.

Horton Plaza resident bums awake to another day. On benches, a score of regulars assume morning positions. I find a group of four, one black, three white, all male, all about 40, sipping coffee dispensed by Taco Bell. Everyone has a beard and old Kmart green sleeping bag. I chat with Jim from the Midwest. Jim's partially hung over, but there's intelligence behind his shallow, yellow eyes. Says he was a contractor in San Diego 18, 20 years ago. He moved on, wound up in downstate Illinois, ran away from his wife 18 months ago. Jim instructs me on blood sales. Twelve bucks first visit, then 10, then 12, and so on, until after 10 completed appointments, one receives a 30-buck bonus. Jim has the feeding schedule at a nearby mission. They start feeding, he says, at 11. They give you a little mandatory prayer, but the service isn't bad, doesn't run too long.

He asks what I'm doing, I reply, "Writing a story."

"What kind of a story?"

"On panhandling. A day spare-changing."

Jim goes, "Uh-hum." Here's one more bullshit story, one of a hundred, a thousand, Bullshit is the eternal, unchanging part of his life.

We chat for a few minutes. I thank Jim for the professional overview, turn toward traffic, begin my working day.

8:01. Hit on for two smokes by residents, added to mumbojumbo coffee, I have already sustained a net loss for the day.

8:08. Begging shift starts to form. Clumps of people move out from Horton Plaza to curbside staging areas. The fashion is baseball hats, torn black jackets, tennies, and '60s long hair. Over by the fountain, a grayhaired man is doing morning maintenance. Today is laundry day. The man sits, puts two black nylon socks on his hands. In his possession are two empty, king-size Carl's to-go coffee cups. He fills each with water from the fountain, breaks out a tiny bar of soap, washes his socks in one cup, rinses them in the other.

Patrolling the park's perimeter is an older Mexican guy, SF Giants hat, inevitable plastic bag, selling cigarettes. Mexican cigs cost 50 cents, U.S. smokes (Winston, Marlboro) a buck. It appears downtown homeless are such an established industry that they support their own vendors, their own service economy.

8:12. "Spare some change?" I turn to locate the voice behind the question and catch a blur out the corner of my eye. It's a

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Utterly defeated, even in this gesture, she manages, "Okay. Well, I'm trying to get up a bottle. I'll come back when I do."

"Thanks."

8:15. Lean pickings here in front of U.S. Grant. Civilian foot traffic dies after eight, and streets revert to the people, that is, those of us who beg. I move over to Fifth and E and set up my office. I've got a stout trash can to lean on; there's a newspaper rack across the street and

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- Decrease your physical and mental functioning
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a better class of prospects. Most foot traffic hereabouts involves Nobel's Chicken House, Donut, Sandwich, Ice Cream, I hit on five or six departing customers, nothing. One woman, middleaged, silver executive dress, gender-based polka-dot tie, \$100 hairdo, pauses long enough to direct me to state employment

"They have jobs down there," she says.

"Don't want no job. Justwant-be-here."

Here comes an old bum wearing a blue Raiders baseball cap, red woolen jacket, striped jogging pants, tennies, big plastic bag, sipping on a can of Bud.

What the hell, "Spare change. Spare change." He grimaces, avoids my eyes. (Additional fashion note, all the bums wear tennies.)

8:35. Drift over to Broad-

30-year-old male with exceptional costume appropriately set off by leather bedroom slippers, pink sock on one foot, blue sock on the other. Over his collapsed shoulder hangs a plastic airline bag and two standard-issue Hefty trash bags. What I admire most, though, is his hair. It's long, filthy brown, exploding out of his head, eyes, nose, chin. An eruption of matted hair, impossible to see his face. The man takes individual approach, goes up to each bystander, gets his face in their

way and Fifth in search of ade-

quate crowd. I begin spare-

changing but already beaten by

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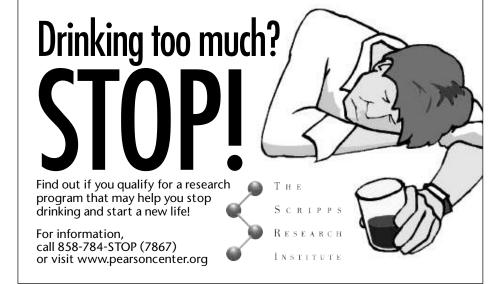
Jesus, it is ugly standing out here asking people for money. It took all of ten minutes before I became worthless bum. All humankind avoids

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ADHD/ADD Research Participants Needed

Medical researchers at UCSD are currently conducting a clinical research study to evaluate an investigational treatment for Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity

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Symptoms of ADHD may include:

- Being easily distracted
- Often losing things
- Making careless mistakes
- Difficulties organizing tasks or activities
- Forgetfulness

Medical and psychological evaluations and study drug will be provided at no cost. Eligible participants will also receive financial compensation.

For more information, please call: (619) 543-3697 Or e-mail: adhdstudy@ucsd.edu UCSD Department of Psychiatry



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me. Simply put, I don't exist. Not a single civilian has looked at me. Each personhood has locked his eyes downward and scurried on. It is an extraordinarily creepy feeling, like being invisible, like living in another dimension. I want to grab one of these little shoppers by the throat and scream, "I'm alive, you son of a bitch."

Oh God, here comes this fucked-up guy again. He's about 50 years old, 105 pounds, has something seriously wrong with his eyes. They bulge out insanely from their sockets, permanently locked in one direction upward. He's not blind, navigates well enough, but he hitches his back, his huge, egg-yolk orbs peer over his right shoulder, his squeaky voice chants, "Hi, ya, hi, ya, hi, ya." The geek has already made five or six circuits this morning. I realize I'm avoiding him the way civilians avoid me. I stop, listen to myself. What is my soft, sweet voice saying?

"Don't look at it, maybe it will go away. Christ, creep, don't relate to me. Don't spill all your pain over me. Don't spill all that craziness over me. Don't drool on my clean sleeve."

I am also sick — nose runny from flu, head pounding from last night's booze, legs wobbling, stomach nauseous, which puts me right on the normal health curve of my codependents.

I walk on. Hard to find a corner free of bums. Fifth and C is taken, couple bums have set up shop. Sixth and C, two cops at coffee in Arby's. I spare-change a teenage girl in sweatpants. Her unlined face darkens — contempt, fear. She manages a vigorous head shake, closes her eyes, tightens chest.

8:52. Frank's drunk, He's got his plastic bag, blue sweater, red, engorged face; a traditional alkie bum. Frank's worked San Diego three years. His best day, known as Jackpot Day, was the day he made \$87. Frank was the only burn around when the cruise ship docked. Holiday passengers made their way to shore, many drunk, many generous. Frank still smiles when thinking of it. "Normally," he says, "I make 20, 30 bucks a shift, but that don't go nowhere by the time you get something to eat, a few drinks....'

Am very impressed at 20 bucks a day, but Frank is living the part, completely there, 8 a.m. drunk, red eyes, missing front tooth. No question, an authentic bum. No question when you give Frank money, you give money to a man who won't double-cross you, won't

sneak down the street and get a job. The time is long gone when Frank could hold a job. I say, "Good luck."

He replies, "Good luck to vou too." I shudder.

Back at gourmet coffee for another cup of Kona and an

egg roll — \$1.31. When this adventure started, back an hour ago, I was shy about soliciting women, wishing to spare them assault by another sullen, bearded male stranger. Those niceties quickly evaporated. Now I beg from women, children, any-

thing near the mammal family.

Ask a business guy in blue suit for 50 cents. He ignores me, reaches down and clutches his right pocket. Yup, still there. I spare-change a city bus driver at a stop light. He looks out the window, deadpans, "You've got

to be kidding."

Fifth and C, waiting for San Diego Trolley. When a trolley stops, people mill about, getting off and on. The drama produces a nice wave action of foot traffic. I stand in the crowd's center, turning slowly in a semipirouette, ask for money as I go. *Nada*.

There is a thing about how your senses sharpen, your street senses. I'm beginning to notice people — people making regular foot tours of downtown, people setting up begging booths.

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Wish You Could Release Your Worries?

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- Unrefreshing sleep

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Schizophrenia?

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

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I notice who's a tourist, who's got money, who's nonlocal, who works what turf.

At Sixth and B. Christ, here comes Jim the bum, my buddy from Horton Plaza, Make that my long-lost-buddy-from-twohours-ago. "Yo, Jim."

He greets me with warmth. I am very pleased to see my partner. We exchange "How's it goings" as if months have passed since our last encounter.

I inquire about his most recent activities. Jim's had a productive morning, signing up for general relief, casing a new shelter.

"Whatcha doing now?" "Going up to give blood. Pay is ten bucks. Come on along; I'll show you where it is."

We stroll B Street. Jim the bum shows me a side alley where he slept last night, which was okay, except for incessant drugdealing. We say hello to a group of bums promenading back from the blood bank.

Jim and I arrive at the Alpha Therapeutic Corporation, 12th and Broadway. Hours: Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 1, Saturdays 6 a.m. to 12:30. The place has a feel of a state unemployment office, say in Watts or downtown Oakland, better yet, Philadelphia, where management provides armed guards, bullet-proof glass, employees who hate their jobs, hate the people they have to service

Entering, one wades through cigarette smoke. A full house of bums wait in molded chairs. There's a bureaucratic counter; over it is an official notice: "If you leave your section area you may lose your turn." Behind the counter in a back room, actually a large warehouse area, are perhaps 30 gray Naugahyde couches, occupied by bums giving blood.

Jim the bum and I walk through the reception area into a side room, designated for

smokers. About eight of us hunker down and light up. I sit on a plastic garbage can; Jim squats against the wall. I ask how long it takes to give blood. Am told it takes about two hours, which no longer seems to be any kind of a deal.

Across the room a young black male and his girlfriend rustle papers. Something about the pair is out of place. They look healthy, they don't appear hung over or stoned. Alarmingly, they're also approaching donors with a smile, acting friendly. Instant neon sign illuminates my mind, "This is a hustle." No one talks friendly to us. (It's already "us.")

The slender black male walks towards my redoubt. "Hi, how are you?" It's a question so utterly out of context, so devoid of even the slenderest thread of authenticity that Jim the bum and I stare.

My man continues, "Listen, we got some petitions here,

RESEARCH STUDIES

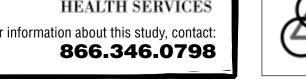
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- -Impulsive behavior
- -Difficulty sustaining attention
- -Difficulty organizing tasks -Acting as if "driven by a motor" -Often losing things

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If you qualify for the study, medical and psychiatric evaluations and the study drug and study procedures will be provided at no cost. Participants will be randomized to receive either the study drug (with active study medication) or a placebo (without medication) for about 3 months. Eligible participants will also receive some financial compensation for their time.



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Overactive bladder

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I need you to sign one of these petitions for the State of California."

I stare at his petitions; they're real, in at least triplicate. I glance at the man and say, "I'm not registered to vote in California."

The salesman doesn't miss a beat. "Hey, I got six years till I can vote. I'm a convicted felon. can't vote or buy weapons. So

I look at the petition again. Blah, blah, \$1.8 billion over eight years. Drug enforcement, expands penalties for first-degree murder, increases penalties for minors. Tightens laws on drugs.

My guess is at least 80 percent of my companions use drugs at any opportunity, and a significant percentage have done time.

I ask my friendly vendor, "Do you know this petition increases money for cops, increases time for drug offenses?"

"So what? You don't got to believe anything, just sign

I ask Jim the bum what the deal is.

"They get seven bucks for every completed page. He's always got four or five different petitions. They work this spot every day."

9:30 a.m. I wish Jim a happy bloodletting, walk out into sunshine. A half-block away, three men assume primate hunker position against side wall of Hong Kong Night Club.





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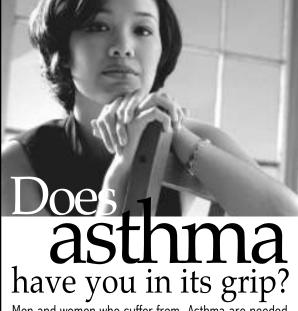
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San Diego has an overload of bums, not as bad as San Fran-

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"How's the day going? What's going on? I'm going to...."

Lots of "goings."

9:47 a.m. On vigil in front of U.S. Grant again. Horton Plaza is partially recycled, only seven or eight of this morning's gang remain. Hand a bum my

camera. He snaps two pictures, price: two cigarettes.

Attempt, successfully, to do the bum sneakwalk down Broadway. Cruise historic Greyhound Bus Station, spare-changing as I go. Pickwick Hotel, Immigration and Passport ID photos. I stop in Deasia's Kitchen for breakfast and newspaper. I pass on the Plowhand, the Farmhand, the Rancher breakfast, go for the Almost Eggs Benedict. Front-page story in L.A. Times on begging says — it's a problem. Bill: \$6.65, plus a dol-

Christ, just a terrific gale wind outside, really cold. Arctic wind attacks the nape of my neck, my wrists, ankles. Feel as if I've always been cold, will always be cold. Imprisoned by cold. Recall most hideous cold experience. Feel worse.

Have decided to try Frank's legendary jackpot spot. Am now at work in festive waterfront location across from Holiday Inn. ALERT! Bogey at 4 o'clock. It's a herd of ACPC name tags. Forty elderly tourists disembark from tour bus, everyone sporting name tag featuring the logo "ACPC." Hit on each visitor. Uncommonly depressed by endless barrage of ill-feeling as multitude marches past, not a dime.

Begging is boring. Begging is humiliating. Begging is demeaning. No wonder beggars get fucked up when they do it. The idea of a midmorning beer begins to tug at my pleasure center. Oops, here comes Sundance Stage Lines with a full load of carefree, happy vacationers. Stand by coach door, eager to welcome all to San Diego. Beg each passenger as they exit. Receive extreme gestures of discontent.

Sitting in gale-force winds, on cement park bench, flossing my teeth. What is it that makes people walk around in public with signs on their chests? What is it that puts the roundness in circles? Where do babies come from?

11:30 a.m. Hauling down the flag; this ain't making it. Wander into Holiday Inn for a phone. Pay phones tied up by covey of blue suits and red ties. Wait them out, call Yellow Cab. Ten minutes later cabbie appears. "Where to?"

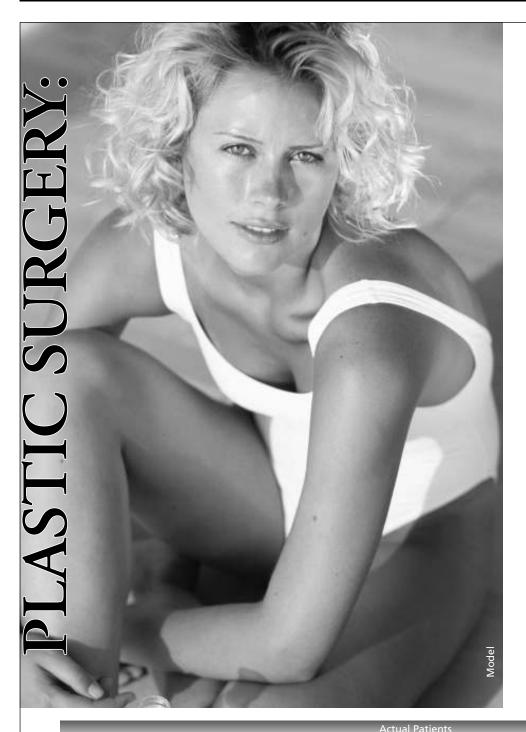
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Twenty-four bucks, with tip. Dismount at Prospect and Girard. This has to be better begging turf. Providentially, there isn't another bum in sight. First contact, first La Jolla artifact is new Jaguar with vanity plates, "OUR JAG."

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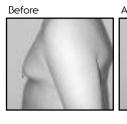
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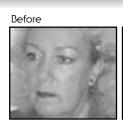
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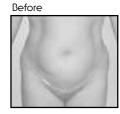
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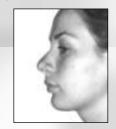
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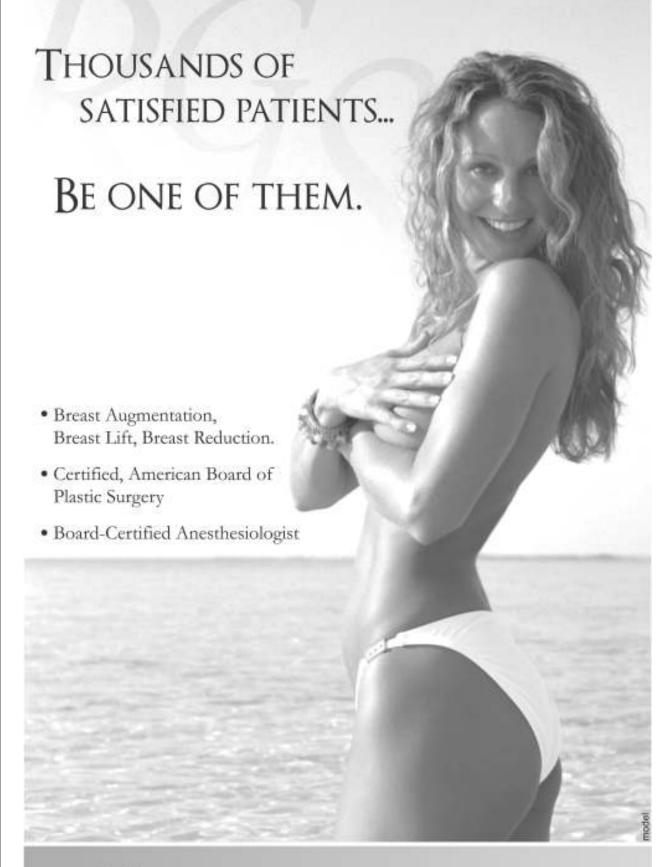






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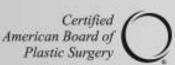
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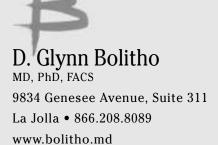


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Okay, La Jolla base camp erected across from La Valencia Hotel, the Red Lobster, and Aloha Louie's. A strong triple threat. Triple threat dissolves within minutes. Am shooed away by hotel employee.

1:00 p.m. Stake out C.J. Charles, Ltd., Jewelers and Gifts. Am well placed on cement planter. Shoppers, 90 percent women, patrol area streets and stores. "Spare change. Thirty cents for the poor." Am met with universal, sphincter-tightening disgust. It's pure nonverbal communication. Direct telegram from their message center to mine. "Christ, I've finally made it to La Jolla, finally clawed my way into enough money to belong here, and this lice-ridden creature is clouding my shopping experience."

1:15. Big moment. Scored a quarter. Can I get a witness? White young guy, maybe 20 years old, with big frosty shades exiting his BMW. "Spare a quarter?" He hesitates. I pounce. "Just a quarter. It helps America's economy. Keeps the wheels turning. Giving is low overhead and fun too." Wretched yuppie swine produces a smirk and then, by God, reaches into his right pocket, withdraws a quarter, flips it toward me. Bingo, first blood.

Moving to Silverado and Girard. Here's a rack of newspapers: L.A. Times, San Diego Tribune, Wall Street Journal, real estate rags, the Learning Annex, and the Sun, with its screaming headline, "Very Attractive White Girl — Married — Does You In Front Of Her Husband." I pick up a copy.

Set up my lemonade stand in front of the Banana Republic. Amazing, I already miss my bums downtown. I miss protective cover, miss soul mates to play with. I'm just standing around, all alone, nobody to talk to, lonely little outcast. Long for my comrades. Long for some, any, human contact.

When panhandling, you play faces, screen obvious jerks, play the most likely benefactors. So of course, the nicest people get hit on most. The tiniest shred of openness, kindness, serenity is unmistakable invitation to come dance with me.

1:30 p.m. Driven off the streets by profound depression into Hard Rock Cafe, La Jolla. Legend on window, also behind bar, "Save the Planet." Two beers,

Outside, a crew takes fashion photos. Old guy on a stepladder working huge camera. Two

male models, standard mannequin-issue, one black, one white. Shocked to see Sears catalogue faces in real life. Mannequin A has blue shirt, slacks. Mannequin B has white striped shirt, blue slacks. Both wearing tennies. The world is tennis shoes. Three or four female assistants scurry back and forth brushing makeup, straightening shirts. Photographer's constant rap, "That's good, that's good, keep it moving, keep involved, keep it flowing." Two models babble mindless verbiage to keep their mouths in motion for boss man. I sparechange crew, clutching my "Attractive White Girl Does You In Front Of Her Husband." No

2:17 p.m. Major, major score. Huge success. Unbelievable payday. Am at my mantra, "Spare change. Spare change." A middle-aged man wearing a seedy brown suit passes, turns full circle, comes back, gives me 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 cents, says, "Are you that bad off?"

"Just one step away," which I now know, in the darkest back alley of my soul, is precisely the way it is. I now know with the clarity of a nightmare that I hang by the smallest thread, one bad break from the street.

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He gets to his back pocket, pulls out a dollar bill, hands it over. I'm overwhelmed, thrilled, I ask his name. He says Judd. We shake hands. Buddies for life. I actually hop up and down. Judd reveals, "Listen, I'm pretty close myself." By this time I am bum, that's my life, whatever I had before is just tissue, just paper tissue memories. Maybe, somewhere in that dream-haze was a job, friends, but that was another time, another life. I reassure Judd, "You'll make it."

2:30 p.m. First burn sighted in La Jolla. He won't talk to me. I jovially call out, "Hey, partner, how ya doing?" He swerves, walks away.

2:47 p.m. Gray Line tour bus chugs down Prospect. Driver spiels into his mike. I shout, "Spare change." Pantomime eating — spooning a bowl of gruel — this interspersed with outreached hand, capped by whiny, pleading voice.

3:20 p.m. Jesus, almost unendurable. Maybe 300 people today. Maybe 3 have actually looked at me. Two have spoken to me. Being here is like being in an outdoor solitary confinement cell. Less than a day begging, am lonely, soul lonely, lonely as a Martian on Pluto. It just takes a single dose of relentless, uniform rejection, just a few hours of being treated like revolting, despised thing, until I start to believe, start to fall into the pit. Scary.

4:00 p.m. Have sounded full retreat. Am at the Spot for a beer, now utterly defeated. Wall Street Journal over urinal.

5 p.m. End of the work day, catch a 24-dollar cab back to Horton Plaza. Ah, home again. I've missed it. And over there, on a park bench, is Jim the bum, Good Lord, he's family now. "Jim, bro, how's it going?"

"How was La Jolla?"

"Great. Tremendous territory."

"How much did you make?"

"A dollar forty-nine." Jim the bum rolls his eyes. I invite Jim for a day's-end beer. We step into a Broadway bar. The establishment appears to be local bum headquarters. Three or four bums collect at one end of the bar. On my left is an alkie-faced, middle-aged male. His soft, plump body melts onto a bar stool. His name is Dwight; he's a bankruptcy lawyer, already ripped.

It's nice to be back among friends.

— Patrick Daugherty

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Archie's Sphere

Ammons welcomes the influence of anxiety, which almost seems like a realist's way of defining inspiration.



A.R. Ammon.

We love best the discoveries we make on our own. In October 1970 I went to Cambridge University in England for two years of graduate study. In that month's issue of *Poetry*, then edited by Daryl Hine and wielding an influence unmatched today when many more poetry magazines exist, there appeared poems by John Hollander, Richard Howard, and Josephine Jacobsen and, in the back of the magazine, lively prose criticism. Hollander had written on Harold Bloom's version of Yeats, Howard on John Ashbery's Double Dream of Spring, and John Koethe on James Schuyler's first collection. All these made an impression, but it was the poetry of A.R. Ammons — lyric poems, brief and spare, a baker's dozen of them — that took the top of my head off.

The literary love affair thus begun preceded my acquaintance with the poet (whom I met on a visit to Ithaca, New York, in 1976) and survives his death at age 75 on February 25, 2001. Our friendship, gathering momentum after I moved to Ithaca in 1980, blossomed on occasion into a collaborative literary enterprise. We worked together on The Best American Poetry 1994, on Archie's Paris Review interview (1996), and on a gathering of his prose pieces, Set into Motion (University of Michigan Press, 1996), among other projects. I shall miss the man terribly. I already do. But I have his poems to console me. Great numbers of them: Archie was a prolific poet, who wrote sometimes on a daily basis (as in Tape for the Turn of the Year and The Snow Poems), though he liked to complain, when you met him for lunch or coffee, that he hadn't written anything in years. A few weeks after this mournful pronouncement you would learn that he had a new book coming out. He was always writing, at least until the stroke he suffered in 1998 and the subsequent illnesses that consumed his last three years. The protestations to the contrary were just Archie's way of warding off what he would welcome — it was what Richard Howard might call an "apotropaic" gesture. It was also one way he had of dealing with his anxiety.

Archie maintained that anxiety was the source of his writing. "Anxiety's Prosody," which Donald Hall chose for The Best American Poetry 1989 and Harold Bloom for The Best of the Best American Poetry, 1988–1997, states the case. The poem begins in a homely enough manner, likening the process of composition to the making of a stew:

Anxiety clears meat chunks out of the stew, carrots, takes

the skimmer to floats of greasy globules and with cheesecloth

filters the broth, looking for the transparent, the colorless

essential, the unbeginning and unending of consomme:

The poet is in effect a master chef (who knows, as he liked to tell me, that "you don't have to know everything to be a master of knowing") and an agent of anxiety. At the end of the poem, "anxiety burns instrumentation / matterless, assimilates music into motion, sketches the high / suasive turnings, skirts mild natures tangled still in knotted clumps." Writing brought Ammons a temporary relief, his version of a "momentary stay against confusion," in Frost's famous phrase. Writing enabled him to attain the state when, as he puts it in "Anxiety's Prosody," "patience and calm define borders and boundaries, / hedgerows, and sharp whirls." If the transmutation of anxiety produces poetry, Ammons welcomes the influence of anxiety, which almost seems like a realist's way of defining inspiration. In a note on "Anxiety's Prosody," Archie observed that anxiety "tries to get rid of everything thick and mate-

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rial — to arrive at a spiritual emptiness, the emptiness that is spiritual."

A number of Ammons's poems do seem to achieve a transcendent emptiness and calm. Consider the resolution of "The City Limits" ("and fear lit by the breadth of such calmly turns to praise"), of "Triphammer Bridge" ("that's it, just / the sound, and the imagination of the sound place"), and of "Cascadilla Falls" ("Oh / I do / not know where I am going / that I can live my life / by this single creek"), each a little miracle of closure. In each case the resolution achieved works in direct proportion to the amount of energy released in the poem, as if, in Ammons's adaptation of Einstein, energy equals anxiety transformed into matterless motion multiplied by the speed of light squared. The effectiveness of the resolutions owe something as well to Ammons's mastery at line-breaks, which rivals Robert Creeley's.

Back in October 1970, before I knew that the A in A.R. stood for Archie, I read his poems in Poetry with some astonishment. To my knowledge no one else besides Ashbery was writing with the same appearance of ease (sprezzatura) in a diction so unusually blended of the humble and the magnificent, about subjects as tricky as the fear of death. "Play," for example,

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the permission to "drill imagination right through necessity." And how does one do that? One starts in the natural world. "So," the poem instructs, "pick a perch — / apple bough for example in bloom."

Ammons's lining may resemble that of William Carlos Williams in some ways, and there are other elective affinities linking Ammons to the author of

Paterson. Ammons acknowledges the debt in a poem written in the early 1960s, when he lived on the Jersey shore. These are the opening lines of "WCW":

> I turned in by the bayshore and parked, the crosswind hitting me hard side the head, the bay scrappy

and working: what a way to read Williams!

Unlike Williams, however, Ammons would never limit his ideas to things. In his "Essay on Poetics," he runs Williams's well-known proclamation through his own transformational grammar, with the result that "the symbol apple and the /

real apple are different apples, though resembled: `no ideas but in / things' can then be read into alternatives — `no things but in ideas,' / `no ideas but in ideas,' and 'no things but in things': one thing / always to keep in mind is that there are a number of possibilities." Another thing to keep in mind is that the speaker means what he says though he seems to be putting an

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Experimenting with short lines, sometimes typing poems on adding machine tape to limit the length of his lines, Ammons aimed to shift the movement of a poem from across the page to down the page. He wanted, he wrote, a "downward pull," a "certain downward rush to the movement, something like a waterfall glancing in turn off opposite sides of the canyon." Landscape as metaphoric for verse is entirely characteristic of Ammons, and so is the effort to act on the resemblances he apprehends behind motions and movements natural (a waterfall, a comet) and man-made (the rhythm and pattern of poetry). At the end of Sphere: The Form of a Motion—a subtitle that Ammons liberated from its parliamentary origin in a Cornell University faculty meeting — the reader feels he or she has traveled on a ride that "beats any amusement park by the shore: our Ferris wheel, what a / wheel: our roller coaster, what mathematics of stoop and climb." That ride is the rotation and revolution of the planet captured in the bend and swerve of three-line stanzas. The image or conceit that engendered the poem was the orb itself as photographed from outer space. It is an image that made Ammons feel he could write about anything and everything on earth and beyond, and in the spinning of the orb on its axis as it revolves around the sun he had found a motion to meditate on and turn into the intricate turnings of verse.

On the colon Archie has something of a patent, the way Dickinson does on the dash. The use of colons where periods would be expected — in book-length poems such as Sphere and Garbage— is a crucial element of Ammons's versification. Unlike the comma, semi-colon, ellipsis, or period, the colon looks two ways; it works somewhat like an equal sign, suggest-

ing that what precedes the mark and what follows it are part of a continuum. In "Composition as Explanation" Gertrude Stein had declared that modernity required a "continuous present," and perhaps no one heeded the injunction as brilliantly as Ammons, whose colons continually postpone closure and create the illusion of perpetual motion until an arbitrary end (the end of a tape, for example) is reached.

In retrospect, the 13 poems in the October 1970 Poetry — which included "Mountain Talk," "Here and Now,""Project,""Reversal," "Working Still," "Play," "Cougar," Dominion," and "Admission" - still seem to me as good a door-opener to this brilliantly original poet as a novice could want. On display in these works, all reprinted in Ammons's Collected, are his sly wit, his characteristic movement from the scientific to the spiritual, his fresh and immediate relation to his natural surroundings, even his distinctive punctuation

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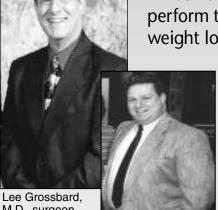
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(call it his "colonization") and his rhetorical affection for words like "nevertheless" and "so" and "therefore" as the hinge word in a poem. Above all in these poems you find Ammons's distinctive habit of allegorizing the landscape, presenting the encounters of the lonely American self with the grand indifferent universe. In characteristically peripatetic poems, Ammons occasionally presents an animated, colloquial dialogue between a mountain and a man, with the wind as one favorite subject and height as another. This happens in both "Mountain Talk" and "Reversal," as in the earlier "Close-Up" and subsequent "Classic."

Ammons was always more comfortable writing about, or addressing, a part of nature than another human being. As he writes in a later poem ("Poverty"), "being here to be here / with others is for others." The one personage striding forth in the 13 poems in the October 1970 *Poetry* is the neighbor in "Domin-

ion." Being perfectly indifferent to the cosmos, the poem's Mr. Schafer is perfectly uninteresting. Asked if he will "get up to see the comet," Mr. Schafer says no:

he has leaves to rake and the plunger on the washing machine isn't working right:

he's not amused by ten-million-mile tails or any million-mile-anhour universal swoosh

or frozen gases lit by disturbances

across our solar arcs

Amused at the unamused Mr. Schafer, the poet reserves his wonderment for a natural event that he is almost uniquely equipped to translate from the scientific to the poetic.

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than the errand-proccupied Mr. Schafer, Ammons turns to the mountain "across the way." Like Wordsworth, Ammons is not a social poet but a solitary walker who pauses now and then to confer with a willow or contemplate a rock ("a poem like a rock is silent but inexhaustible"), then return home to type up his musings. The dialogue with a mountain becomes a parable in "Close-Up," in which the mountain, "reluctant to / admit my praise could move it much / shook a little / and rained a windrow ring of stones / to show / that it was so." Dusting himself off, the poet realizes that getting close to greatness may endanger his health with no appreciable benefit. The poem ends on a sublime note of pathos when the "friendless" mountain, isolated in its greatness, "said / it couldn't help / itself." The double meaning of that last phrase — it couldn't give itself assistance, and it couldn't prevent itself from raining

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stones on those who would climb it — adds to the poem's impact.

poem's impact. The philosophical problem of the one and the many, which Ammons also phrases as the problem of "focus" versus "comprehensiveness," has long vexed him into poetry. It is an epistemological problem with literary consequences, and it's an example of the way Ammons brings philosophy as well as physics to bear on his poetry. The problem of the one and the many is simply stated: Does reality inhere in disparate phenomena, or is there some unifying principle rolling through all things? And on a practical level, how do you capture the essence of a particular thing without losing the larger picture of which it is part? The more narrow your focus, the greater the danger of obscuring the whole; but the more comprehensive the sweep of your gaze, the more will the minute particulars blur into vagueness. So what is the writer to do? How will the artist reach a condition of unity without sacrificing the multifariousness of things? One reason Ammons is attracted to the image of a mountain (whether encountered in nature or along the side of an interstate highway in the form of a gigantic garbage heap) is that its triangular shape suggests a way of depicting the onemany problem, unity versus diversity, the summit versus the base. For Ammons, the mountain and what else is the mound of trash that gave rise to his long poem Garbage (1993)— is a compelling image: pyramidal, hierarchical. Ammons is drawn to hierarchy as a concept and as a word; his work is full of puns on both the "higher" and "Archie" parts of the term. The mountain stands for hierarchy and for "massive symmetry and rest," but it also signifies "a changeless prospect,""an unalterable view," as Ammons writes in "Mountain Talk." At the apex of the mountain there is the unity of a single point in space, elevated, unchanging, but it comes at the expense of the multiplicity of phenomena at the base. "So," the poet says, using a favorite connecting word: "so I went on / counting my numberless fingers," preferring to continue "along a dusty highroad" instead of stopping at the mountaintop.

By temperament Ammons is a poet who would dismantle the hierarchies that he seeks and find the sacred not in the high places alone but among the weeds and the lichen and the beggars with stumps instead of legs. In "Cougar," the poet tells us he "gained insouciance" by being "Deprived like the cougar / into heights." The key word here is "deprived." In "Still" he writes of looking high and low and of finding in the end that "there is nothing nothing lowly in the universe":

> at one sudden point came still, stood in wonder: moss, beggar, weed, tick, pine, self, magnificent with being!

At such moments Ammons seems to fulfill his own earliest prophecies in his "I am Ezra" poems: he sounds like a prophet possessed of spiritual truth.

When, in "Reversal," Ammons declares that "the mt in my head surpasses you," the actual "mt" accuses him of "arrogance." On whom or what does the mountain pin the blame? "The wind in your days / accounts for this arrogance." The wind, we learn in "Project," is nothing else than the initiating wind of creation, animating all things, itself invisible, like the breath that drives the waves and leaves in Shelley and that makes the harps of nature burst into song in Coleridge:

My subject's still the wind still difficult to present being invisible: nevertheless should I presume it not I'd be compelled to say how the honeysuckle bushlimbs wave themselves: difficult beyond presumption.

Ammons comes as close to the American sublime as we get in modern poetry. In his work you find a sort of secular religiosity — M.H. Abrams calls it "natural

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supernaturalism" in his study of the great English romantic poets. Romantic that he is, Ammons seems to apprehend the divinity at the heart of natural things, or in the teleology of natural processes. The wonder is that he insists continually on rubbing the nose, his own and his reader's, in the unsavory wastes of civilization, like the "flies swarming the dumped / guts of a natural slaughter or the coil of shit" in "The City Limits," perhaps his most celebrated shorter poem. Of the monumental garbage dump that triggered the writing of Garbage, he commented, "My hope was to see the resemblances between high and low of the secular and the sacred. The garbage-heap of usedup language is thrown at the feet of poets, and it is their job to make or revamp a language that will fly again. We are brought low through sin and death and hope that religion can make us new. I used garbage as the material submitted to such transformations, and I wanted to

play out the interrelationships of the high and the low." In the moment of vision that preceded the composition of Garbage, Ammons saw the dump as a sort of American church, with the garbage man as priest and the stench functioning as incest.

Not religion but poetry provides the transformative agency in Ammons's poetry. Not orthodoxies of the church (though the rhythms of Sunday school hymns affected him profoundly) but a scientific understanding of natural phenomena girded his faith: "The whole world changed as the result of an interior illumination" that occurred to Ammons when he served in the South Pacific on a naval destroyer escort during the waning days of World War II. "The water level was not what it was because of a single command by a higher power but because of an average result of a host of actionsrunoff, wind currents melting glaciers. I began to apprehend things in the dynamics of themselves - motions and bodies — the full account of how we came to be a mystery with still plenty of room for religion, though, in my case, a religion of what we don't yet know rather than what we are certain of. "Ammons's short poems are lyric outbursts, aptly characterized as "briefings" or "diversifications" (to cite two Ammons titles). Most of his great short poems, from "The City Limits" to "Corsons Inlet," were written in one sitting. He can be wonderfully informal ("Here and Now"begins "Yes, but") or cheeky (his poem "Shit List" brilliantly exemplifies the catalogue or inventory form). There are moments when the poet feels discouraged: "I can't think of a thing to uphold," he confesses in "Working Still." But there are visionary moments when the eye of the observer merges with the object of its contemplation, and the thought and the image are one, as in the title and text of "Reflective":

I found a weed that had a

mirror in it and that mirror

looked in at a mirror in

me that had a weed in it

This poem's shapeliness is manifest. As an object lesson in lining and line-breaks it's up there with Williams's canonical "Red Wheelbarrow." Roald Hoffmann, Ammons's Cornell University colleague, who won a Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1981, has written eloquently about the mirror image. "Note how deftly this little poem sashays around Bishop Berkeley's ontological dilemma you don't have the slightest doubt of the existence, forever and ever, of either weed or observer, do you?" Hoffmann concludes: "This is the best poem in the English language written in words of no more than six letters."

An American romantic in the line of Emerson and Whitman, Ammons asserts the prerogatives of the self in opposition to the demands of community. Tired of symposia in which the faculty debate "the role of the artist in society," he inverts the terms in his mordant poem "The Role of Society in the Artist." He crafts a parable in which "society" sends the young poet an "invitation to go to / hell." By the time the poet achieves some recognition ("society....said it liked my unconventional / verses best") it's his turn to do the rejecting, so he "invited society to go to hell." "Correction" defends and explains Ammons's Emersonian refusal of any political imperative:

> The burdens of the world on my back lighten the world not a whit while removing them greatly

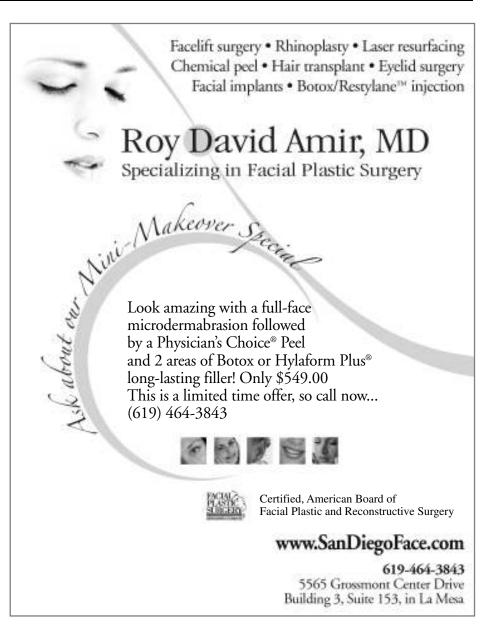
decreases my specific gravity

As is often the case with Ammons, what is distinctive is the rhetorical hinge in the middle of the poem ("while"), the surprising change in vocabulary as the poem abruptly ends ("specific / gravity"), and the lining, the distribution of 22 words over the course of the poem's seven lines. The effects — including the alliterative linking of "greatly" and "gravity" and the double meaning of "lighten" are subtle. The wit is at the service of wisdom.

In Ammons's long poems you get a sense of freedom in composition that recalls the emphasis on improvisation in Abstract Expressionism. Long poems are the way he would "manage the multifariousness of things and the unity of things" by finding a single organizing image or gesture that would lend coherence to a discourse capable of encompassing everything, associatively, from abstract philosophical ques-

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tions to the quotidian details usually left out of the short poems. My current favorite of Archie's long poems is his first, Tape for the Turn of the Year, which chronicles the period of December 6, 1963, to January 10, 1964, in daily entries that I found particularly inspiring as I embarked on my own project of writing a poem a day in 1996. Tape begins with an address to the muse, to whom the poet explains the nature of the enterprise and pleads for help:

because I've decided, the Muse willing, to do this foolish long thin poem, I specially beg assistance: help me! a fool who plays with fool things:

so fools and play can rise in the regard of the people, provide serious rest and sweet engagement to willing minds:

and the Muse be

The poem originated, Archie explains, when he saw a roll of adding-machine tape in a houseware store and decided to "penetrate / into some / fool use for it." This is "serious novelty" indeed: the choice of the tape is decisive in determining the shape of the poem. The challenge for the poet is whether his mind can be "as long as / a tape / and unwind with it." It is characteristic of the author that he quickly undercuts his own eloquence. The second day's entry begins: "today / I feel a bit different: / my prolog sounds phony & / posed."

The freedom to reverse himself, the faith in a vernacular American that could climb to the peaks of lyric intensity or sink to the sewer, the mastery of his own prosody and system of punctuation — these are aspects of a poem that seems to have grown organically, and observed itself in the act. It

is full of weather reports, opinions, memories, diary notes. For the writer it was marvelously liberating to conduct this "conversation with a / piece of paper" that will outlive the circumstances of its occurrence. I have read the end of this poem aloud on several occasions, and each time I find my eyes filling with tears when I reach the moment when the poet says, "Muse, I've done the best / I could: / sometimes you ran out / on me / & sometimes I ran out on you." And on to the last lines:

> the roll has lifted from the floor & our journey is done: thank you for coming: thank you for coming along:

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<u>The Run Begins</u>

In late 1983 things in Great Britain were going down, but back in La Jolla, J. David had plans to go up upmarket, upscale.

Chapter 7

J. David was preparing to offer a foreign exchange trading account with a minimum \$2 million investment. An investor in the fund, to be administered by J. David International Arbitrage, Ltd., would be required to have a minimum net worth of \$1 million; the investment would be made largely with borrowed funds.

And J. David was moving up geographically: This fund would be based in Bermuda, rather than Montserrat.

Attorney Norman Nouskajian prepared a very official-appearing offering document. Of course, a couple of things remained the same. Said the offering, "The accounts have not been registered under either the United States Banking Acts, Securities Act of 1933, or under the laws of any other State, country or jurisdiction." And, it added, "No statement or advice is given by the Company regarding the tax consequences under the laws of the Account holder's domicile or residence which will result from Account transactions."

The offering document was worded conservatively, but the J. David salespeople were

making wild claims. "They were talking about doubling your money in 60 days," says the Oklahoma investor, who correctly

sensed that J. David was getting desperate for cash inflow.

In London, the plan to move J. David to Switzerland was going forward. Yarry, who had worked the European circuit for years, was calling the signals. It was decided that a "trust" would be set up in Switzerland to administer the interbank investments. The word "trust" was important. Trusts are supposed to be neutral parties, working on behalf of customers at an arm's length from the group running an investment operation. However, J. David established a "trust," not a trust. Mark Yarry simply resigned as head of J. David Banking and became head of the "trust," which was coyly named Threadneedle Trust Services, S.A. and was to be based in Lugano, near the Italian border.

With the move Dominelli hoped to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. He planned to play up the trust aspect, not letting on that it was set up only because J. David was on the lam out of Britain.

First National Bank, for one, was impressed. In an internal memo, Thomas LaHay wrote, "Jerry hopes that once and for all this will



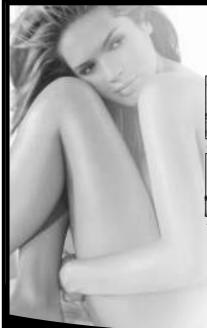
legitimize their operation in the eyes of local critics." But Dominelli had apparently misled LaHay into believing that Mark Yarry would be "the intermediary between J. David and the trust." LaHay had not been told that Yarry was chief executive in charge of the trust.

The Lugano maneuver notwithstanding, First National was getting queasy about J. David. Bank memoranda show that as early as August 1983 J. David had overdrawn its account by \$328,000. The bank loaned J. David the money to cover the amount. But Yarry considered the interest on the loan a nuisance charge and threatened to move the account. The bank's president, Edward G. Cunningham, noted in a memo, "He [Yarry] finally

understood that overdraft approvals constituted unsecured loans. I asked him if he really believed that they could move their account relationship and find a bank that would loan them \$400,000 as we did this week. We particularly were not happy when we were told that the money was on its way and it did not arrive."

There were other problems in mid-1983. Some trading equipment went down, but Dominelli wouldn't get it repaired. "Jerry was often late with bills. The word was that Jerry wanted to use other people's money," recalls Robert Mengar. By fall some suppliers were not being paid. Some employees close to the throne were asked if they would take deferred compensation arrangements. And, employ-

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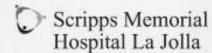
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ees found out later, Dominelli started missing payments on their Blue Cross coverage in the late fall of 1983.

J. David personnel were vaguely cognizant of the environment changing for the worse. "I came back from Europe the first week in September. I knew something was wrong, just the way people were acting. Jerry was reported to have just taken a hell of a hit [a big loss in the foreign currency market]," says Mengar. Obviously, Dominelli — great actor though he was — couldn't completely conceal his wor $ries.\,But\,he\,knew\,how\,to\,mask$ that frown on his face in front of employees: He was blaming it on his trading record (although he was doing almost no trading). He continued to tell customers they were making fat monthly returns.

The public façade never cracked. If anything, Captain Money and the Golden Girl were spending money more rapidly and conspicuously than ever. In November Hoover began sporting a Bulgari emer-

ald ring worth \$40,000. "Isn't it wonderful? It's my engagement ring!" she told Sandra Kritzik. In mid-December Dominelli and Hoover threw a big party for the triathletes and another for the children of employees.

But back at the office, toward the end of December, some checks started to bounce. Salesmen faced infuriated investors who couldn't cash their J. David checks. Dominelli took to delaying vendors' payments across the board. In late December J. David still had not paid its rent to a local real estate firm."I wrote letters and called the secretary several times," remembers Linda Dowley, an agent at William Donovan and Co. "She always said it would be coming. Finally, my boss said, 'Does Dominelli know about this? See if he knows what's going on there.' I called and asked the secretary if I could speak with Mr. Dominelli. She asked why. I said I wanted to be sure he knew that his company was not paying bills. She said, 'You can be certain that Mr. Dominelli knows of our cashflow problem."

Word of similar happenings spread throughout San Diego.

Still, many employees were not alarmed. They were aware company bookkeeping had always been chaotic. Perhaps, they said, the sloppiness was just becoming known in the community.

Only a handful of employees knew that Jerry David Dominelli was frantically trying to raise money. "Guess who wants to borrow money? Jerry Dominelli, the guy who has all the money," said Robert Kritzik to his wife Sandra in mid-December.

Dominelli had told Kritzik that he was trying to buy Commodity Monitors, a San Diego-based statistical firm that Nancy wanted. "We suggested that he borrow from the J. David [interbank] fund," says Kritzik. But Dominelli replied he would rather not. Kritzik did not get suspicious.

Dominelli then tried to

borrow several million dollars from Allen Glick, the La Jollan who had owned the controversial casinos in Las Vegas. Glick had two of his financial lieutenants look at the Commodity Monitors deal.

"Jerry, we're not brokers. If we were to get involved, we'd want to get in as owners," Glick's lieutenants told him. They turned it down. (Glick, who did not attend the meeting, later went to a Hoover-Dominelli party in Rancho Santa Fe. "It was a little strained," recalls Kritzik.)

Dominelli called more friends to try to raise money on the grounds that he wanted to buy Commodity Monitors. He had little luck.

In December employees and good customers began pulling money out of interbank. Among those to withdraw funds were Yarry and his relatives; Richard Colabella; lawyer Maurile Tremblay and his firm, Wiles, Circuit & Tremblay; trading adviser William Griffo; John Brockington; members of Pulaski's family; Jay Gordon of Teachersworth Services; Dominelli's close friend William Galt, a major investor; Axelrod's Transatlantic Bancorp; and Richard Mangiarelli, an ex-Marine and ex-San Diego Charger football player who was a very large investor and a good friend of Dominelli's.

"I suspected something and was trying to get my customers diversified. I was recommending they take money out and get into something else. One pulled out \$750,000, and Jerry came to me to ask if I could do anything about it," says a former interbank salesman.

But the annual year-end party at the elegant Hotel del Coronado was more extravagant than usual. Hoover, radiant, sparkled her way around the guests. Even Dominelli smiled occasionally. A senior financial officer, though, incredulously eved the waiters in tuxedos liberally pouring champagne. He was aware that payments to suppliers were being delayed. "It was too unreal. We

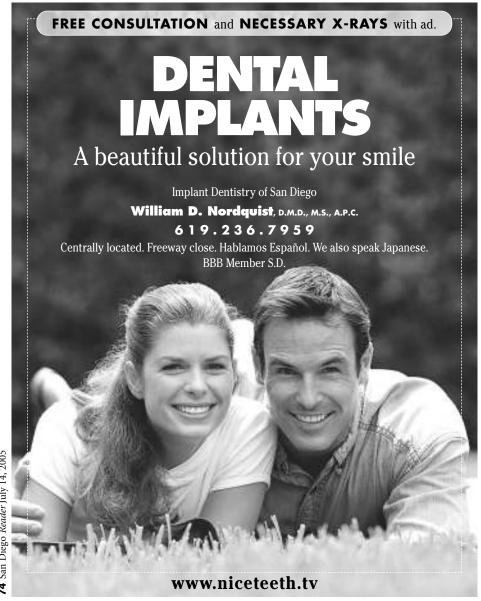
had missed the premium payment for health insurance and were having this grand ball at the Hotel del. I got to thinking that it's the Titanic. Here we are dining on filet mignon and we're sinking."

Another employee remembers saying to himself, "This will be the last J. David party I'll ever attend." But to this day he claims he didn't have anything specific to go

And some who had been closest to Dominelli were experiencing a dawning: They were recalling Dominelli's words and actions of the past, putting them together, and coming up with frighteningly ugly pictures. "Dominelli is a pathological liar," said Nouskajian to Robert Kritzik. Shortly Nouskajian would be pulling his own money out of interbank.

In early January uneasy people on both the inside and the outside were waiting for some information on what was happening. Inadvertently Dominelli gave the first clue.

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To those in the know, Dominelli was making some significant moves. For the first time, the interbank fund would be audited, albeit by a Swiss company, and customers would be receiving an annual audited statement. And deposits would no longer be taken in La Jolla—a signal that J. David was planning to do what it was telling the California Department of Banking it was already doing.

But Dominelli was trying to extract a hefty price for these changes. There was the \$500 annual trust assessment. Much more importantly, investors would be paying a compounded 13 percent a year on their total balance rather than 20 percent on that year's profits. As a San Diegan observed, "That would be a huge increase. And a 13 percent annual fee is exceedingly high — almost unheard of."

At the time Dominelli insisted that the fee change would only diminish customers'

profits by ten percent. The increase, he said, was necessary for "planning purposes." But he admitted the letter had boomeranged: "We got a very negative response. People thought we were abandoning them."

Within a few days customers received the trust material from Threadneedle. San Diego lawyer Norman J. Elliott, looking over the proposed trust agreement for a client, commented, "There is never an indication who the people [constituting Threadneedle] are." If there is no separation between Threadneedle and J. David, "That destroys the concept of a trust," Elliott said. He advised his client to get away from J. David in a hurry. Others in the community expressed their cynicism, but nobody knew that the doubts were absolutely on target: J. David and the "trust" were one and the same.

The withdrawals escalated — and once again, they were being made largely by employees or investors who

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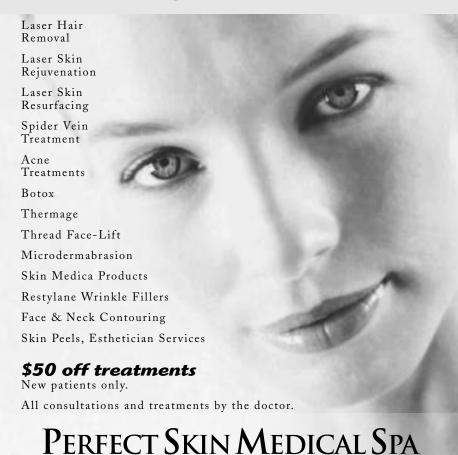
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were very close to employees. It was clearly an inside run. Dominelli tried to offset the hemorrhaging by not paying his bills.

Money that was coming in was "turning right around and going out," says Kenneth Poovey, a San Diego lawyer who was called in by suspicious investors to check out the situation in late January. Dominelli began paying his money-finders as much as 20 percent in a frantic effort to bring in more money.

One time-tested way to attract more money is to make more money for clients. Thus, Dominelli reported to investors that they had made a smashing 7 percent in January. Star salesman Pulaski got the news while talking on the phone long-distance with Dominelli. "Seven percent?! Great! Fantastic!" Pulaski yelled. One investor who saw the performance considers it exculpatory evidence: Pulaski couldn't have known what Dominelli was doing.

Dominelli's money-raising strategies only intensified some insiders' skepticism. The restiveness was getting feverish.

To appease critics, Dominelli offered the use of one of his jets for an investor "factfinding trip" to Lugano. On the trip were investor Richard Rosenblatt and two colleagues, Pulaski and some other insiders, and a couple of potential investors. Rosenblatt stopped in London to see if Lloyd's of London might be able to insure the J. David operation. The rest went on to Lugano to talk with Threadneedle and Privat Kredit Bank. They also spoke with lawyer Mike Clark, who was there setting up Threadneedle. Despite solemn assurances from the Swiss, they were more upset than ever on finding that Threadneedle was headed by Mark Yarry. One of the persons who made the trip went to the FBI when he returned to San Diego.

Among themselves, employees whispered, *Was the money there?* Nouskajian and Clark tried to persuade the doubters that it was. Clark had seen it, he claimed.

Journalists began hearing the rumors in January. Financial writers for the major papers read in San Diego — the *Union*, the *Tribune*, the *Los*

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Angeles Times, and the Daily Transcript — had been dubious about Dominelli's activities for some time. (The stories on I. David that ran in late 1982 were filled with loaded expressions, such as "the elusive J. David" and "raised eyebrows.") Fred Muir, who had done the 1982 Union story and had talked extensively with the cynical Oklahoma investor and others, was frustrated that he hadn't been able to get the heart of the story into print. But at the time he just did not have enough substantive material to satisfy the newspaper's lawyers and senior editors.

Attempts by several papers to obtain interviews with Dominelli in late January were unsuccessful. A representative of the Transcript had sat outside Dominelli's office on two different days.

Since Muir had just left the Union for the Wall Street Journal, the Dominelli story fell to me as the Union financial editor. I called Walter Shaw, whom I knew and who had just come aboard as president of J. David

Securities. I was surprised when I was told to drop in the next day for an interview. Even though Dominelli had consistently refused all requests to be photographed, I was also told that it was okay to bring a photographer.

The next afternoon, January 26, I showed up with the photographer. There had been a mix-up: Dominelli wouldn't let his picture be taken. But Mitrovich permitted the photographer to shoot Dominelli's desk, with piles of newspapers strewn all around.

I interviewed Dominelli

for three hours. He admitted that some of the rumors were true: Checks were bouncing, investors couldn't get their money out as fast as they formerly could, and he would have to make personnel slashes. For a reason no one understands, he also said that there was only \$35 million to \$40 million in interbank, even though his top employees had been told there was four times that much. (Soon he would be telling a bankruptcy trustee that he had had \$150 million in the fund and \$25 million had been withdrawn in the December–January run.)

In the interview Dominelli claimed that the bouncing checks resulted from an administrative snafu related to the move from London to Lugano. He had explanations of varying plausibility for his other problems. He told me some big lies, such as that he was about to make a major acquisition and had purchased a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. He gave me a copy of the letter he had sent to investors and admitted that it had caused a ruckus.

He also gave me a new letter that was about to go out. It recanted the 13-percent-ayear charge on the total balance. The old 20-percent-of-profits fee would remain intact "for the foreseeable future." And the Threadneedle operation would be optional. The letter now identified Privat Kredit Bank as "a large private bank." (In truth, it is a tiny bank.) And the letter defended the

move to Switzerland, noting that the Lugano bankers and lawyers "are people of the highest quality and reputation."

I returned to my office feeling little short of triumphant. I had gone into the interview without proof of the bounced checks. I had been armed only with hearsay and had not expected Dominelli to confess. Nor had I expected him to admit that people could not get their money out on time and that he would be slashing personnel. For competitive reasons we decided to run the story the next day and not hold it to check some of Dominelli's explanations. The managing editor, city editor, house lawyer, and I all agreed that the story should be completely objective, and it was. It related the problems but gave Dominelli's explanations. The accompanying photograph of Dominelli's paper-strewn office - without Dominelli was, in retrospect, the best bit of interpretative graphic journalism the paper had done in years. The story became identified as "the empty chair story."

On the day it appeared, Dominelli said that the story was "objective." Later he blamed it for the deluge. Mitrovich didn't like the emphasis and said he would have selected different words in some cases. The sales personnel were livid: Their phones were ringing off the hook. They sensed the worst. The run had become an avalanche.

The next week Mark Yarry left La Jolla for Switzerland, where he had been spending most of his time setting up the Threadneedle "trust." "I was on my way to Switzerland and I made a routine phone call [back to La Jolla] from the East. Rumors were circulating that I was leaving the country with the money," related Yarry later in an interview with me. Upset, he caught a flight back to California and appeared in the J. David office the following day to calm employees.

But there was no calming them. Lines of irate investors were outside Dominelli's office. One was waving a gun. One

handicapped investor stood there for eight hours. As more and more checks bounced, Dominelli wrote cashier's checks to cover them. Plaintive letters and notes poured in: People desperately wanted to close their accounts.

Many called Lugano, as they had been told to do, and were informed there was no money there. Dominelli had not yet admitted that the Threadneedle "trust" had not in fact been set up.

One woman requested her money several times over 11 days. Finally her lawyer wrote, "All these requests, made by numerous telephone calls to your La Jolla office and Lugano, have been met with lies and evasions."

Judge Bianchini left his card. A secretary made the notation: "Life savings." Then she underlined the words "is

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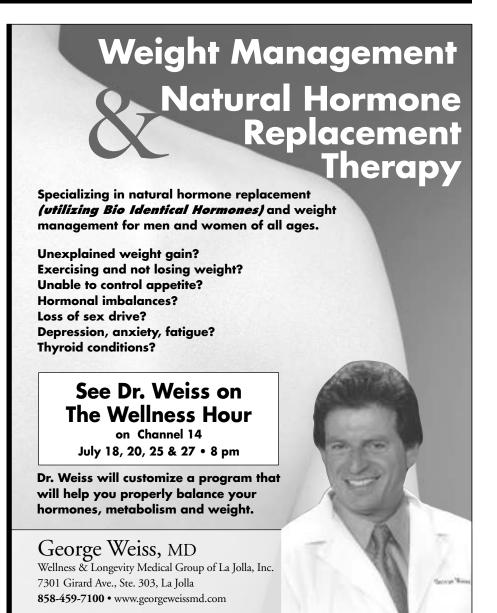
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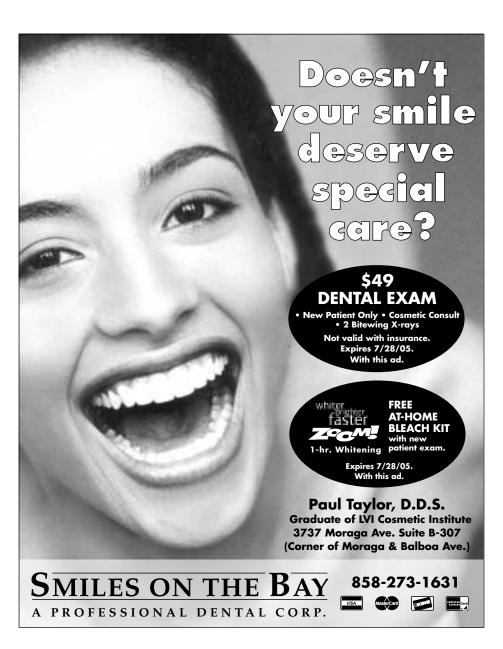


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He was "real scared," noted the secretary. Lawyers threatened legal action, including the institution of voluntary bankruptcy proceedings.

The squeakiest wheels were getting the grease. Under Dominelli's instructions secretaries put certain people on the "critical list," and they got their funds first.

While people waited in lines outside his office, Dominelli was doing two things: approving the disbursement of checks to certain clients and frenetically trying to raise money. On January 24 he borrowed \$2.26 million from four investors in Orange County and San Francisco. They, too, had been told the money was for the purchase of Commodity Monitors. But the money was paid out to investors. These and other loans had maturities of only a few days, and some of the lenders, upon being turned down for payment, joined the investors in

M. Larry Lawrence, former chairman of the California Democratic Party, chief executive of the Hotel del Coronado, and a partner with Dominelli in the takeover of Yuba Natural Resources, loaned him \$1 million, to be repaid two days later. Dominelli offered two of his jets as collateral. As soon as Lawrence gave him the money, it went right out to investors. Dominelli then directed that one of the airplanes be flown to Switzerland, telling Lawrence he would not return it to the U.S. unless he received additional cash. Lawrence sued to get the airplane — and a fistfight broke out when Lawrence's agents tried to take the plane away from Dominelli's crew in Switzerland.

But a fistfight in a foreign land would be the least of Dominelli's problems. Back home, a J. David insider, on the job just three weeks, had figured out the entire scheme. He was Nicholas F. Coscia, a former SEC attorney, who had been brought in, he was told, to assure J. David's compliance with state and federal laws. Immediately he discovered that J. David attorneys Norman Nouskajian and Mike Clark were reluctant to give him any information. Clark called Coscia into his office

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and told him that he (Coscia) had a "personality conflict with everybody there" and that he (Clark) would try to get him fired. Clark denies that account but admits he talked with Dominelli about Coscia.

"I was faced with extreme resistance to my presence," says Coscia. "They denied me access, tried to block me in the hope of keeping me out. They didn't feel they could trust me with what they considered to be sensitive information." The stumbling block was interbank.

It was a difficult time for Coscia. He had left an excellent job with the SEC and, he soon discovered, had taken employment with a firm pulling off a monstrous Ponzi scheme. One lawyer who sat in with him on meetings during that period observed, "He was very nervous, said little. He must have been pissing in his pants."

Coscia wasted no time. On February 9 he wrote a let-

ter to William P. Rogers, head of Rogers & Wells (Nouskajian's firm), and to Gary H. Wiles, head of Wiles, Circuit & Tremblay (Clark's firm). He also sent a copy to Jerry Boltz, the former head of the Los Angeles office of the SEC, who was then working for the Los Angeles office of Rogers & Wells. Rogers and Boltz were thoroughly familiar with securities law.

J. David "may be selling unregistered securities in the form of investment contracts," Coscia stated and then elaborated on some of the specifics: J. David's salesmen solicit individuals to invest in a pool of funds domiciled overseas. The investors sign an agreement calling for Dominelli to trade their money at his discretion. Investments as small as \$10,000 are put into the fund, despite the professed \$50,000 minimum, and the customers deposit money into and withdraw money from the fund through the company headquarters in La Jolla.

The "company may be an unregistered investment company and an unregistered investment adviser," Coscia went on, noting that monies not invested in the fund were invested in Eurodollar certificates of deposit, municipal bonds, and other paper and were redeemable on demand. Further, J. David "may be an unregistered broker-dealer and [the] salesmen unregistered representatives," wrote Coscia.

And finally, Coscia's most damning charge: "[The] monies raised for the fund may have been completely dissipated." He explained how investors were complaining that they could not get their money out. "I have been unable for two weeks to independently verify whether or not any investor monies remain in the fund," Coscia said. Insiders had told him there was \$140 million in the pool, but he could not get cooperation from others on the matter.

"When I informed Nouskaiian that I was unable to verify the amount of money in the fund, he indicated that he had also been unable to make any such verification because that was something Dominelli had always kept to himself," wrote Coscia. Clark and Don McVay, a former Rogers & Wells attorney working on the payroll of J. David, had refused to discuss the matter, according to the letter. "When Clark returned from Switzerland, I asked him whether he had been able to verify the amount of investor monies on deposit with the fund in Switzerland. He informed me he would provide me with no such information because that matter was exclusively between him and Dominelli."

Almost immediately,

Rogers & Wells and Wiles, Circuit & Tremblay ended their relationships with Dominelli, who would soon be headed into bankruptcy court — and a criminal grand jury hearing — without legal representation.

And Coscia wasn't alone: An outsider had the scam pegged, too. San Diego lawyer Kenneth Poovey had been hired by a number of investors to determine what was going on. to find out if J. David was a

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Ponzi scheme, and if there was any money left. Poovey assembled a team of experts, and over a two-week period they interviewed more than 100 investors and employees, as well as interbank professionals and others on the outside.

They concluded that Dominelli was clearly running a Ponzi scheme. He had been spending the money as fast as it came in. Interbank professional didn't know Dominelli: It was obvious he had done very little actual trading from the beginning with the money he was taking in. Poovey checked out the banks where Dominelli allegedly had money and learned there was very little in them.

Assuming that there had been no trading losses (because there had been little trading), Poovey calculated that Dominelli had taken in \$60 million to \$80 million from investors. Then his team started figuring Dominelli's expenses. Recalls Poovey, "Airplanes. Estate. Condominiums. Racehorses. Triathletes team. Porsche racing team. Jewelry - that was significant. Negative cash flow in the operation — this was \$1 million to \$1.25 million a month. Bonuses and huge commissions for brokers. Leasehold improvements [the offices]. The gold mine [Dominelli's stake in Yuba]." And some investors had pulled their money out with huge profits.

Poovey added up the expenditures, subtracted them from the money taken in, and concluded that Dominelli might have \$10 million left.

Some of Poovey's clients were J. David employees, who shared the findings with colleagues. Some of them tried to figure how the supposedly remaining \$10 million could be distributed to investors and the whole debacle kept out of bankruptcy court. In any bankruptcy, lawyers wind up with a significant part of the assets, and investors wanted to avoid

Nouskajian and Hoover, according to several insiders, went to Dominelli and told him that he could simply liquidate the company and distribute whatever was left to the investors. Some insiders who were by this time convinced that Dominelli had illegally spent the money tried to devise a way for him to claim that he lost it trading — tell investors the game was over and then distribute the remaining funds. But Dominelli was buying none of the suggestions. He wanted to keep going.

That's because he knew or at least was almost sure that he didn't have \$10 million. First National Bank was

first to pull the plug. In the late fall it had gotten progressively more disturbed by constant overdrafts. To cover the situation, First National agreed to issue J. David a line of credit secured by a \$1 million certificate of deposit. Thomas LaHay and Chris Kalabokes agreed that the line of credit should be meted out gingerly. "It would be too tempting for Jerry Dominelli and Mark [Yarry] to utilize the full \$1 million if it were available," said LaHay in a First National memo. An \$800,000 line of credit was arranged, but it never went into effect, because I. David never came up with the \$1 million certificate of deposit. The bank began bounc-

ing checks in December. In late December LaHay talked with Dominelli and was assured that J. David would purchase \$3 million in time deposits from First National no later than January 5, 1984. Nothing happened.

Dominelli promised to wire additional money from Lugano. In early January, as the bank continued to bounce checks, LaHay went to La Jolla to speak with Dominelli once more."I again related our concern over the way the accounts were being handled and that we could not continue the relationship in its present status. Dominelli assured me again that the situation was now under control and that we would have anywhere between \$2 million and \$4 million wired into the bank before the end of this week," LaHay wrote in a memo.

The money never came. On January 12 LaHay sent Dominelli a stiff note threatening to close the account in four days. The same day he told Kalabokes that First National wouldn't honor payroll checks on Group J. David accounts unless the funds were

Then some money (from new investors) came into the account, and First National kept it open. Dominelli authorized Yarry to go to Swiss Bank Corp. in Geneva and bring \$10 million in a draft or a certified check to First National. But Yarry developed an eye infection, and on January 30 Dominelli said that the courier would be attorney Mike Clark.

Throughout the February 4-5 weekend, LaHay waited for a call from Dominelli that the money had come. On Monday, February 6, Dominelli explained that Clark's law firm partners objected to his being

the courier. Dominelli promised that the money would be wire-transferred to First National. It never was, and later that day First National closed the account. At the time First National had no way of knowing that the reason \$10 million never came from Swiss Bank Corp. was that there was a total of \$32,000 in the account.

Within J. David, cynicism was rampant. One employee, a wisecracker who had been skeptical all along, strode into a local bistro in early February and peered behind the bar. "Hey! Is the \$10 million down there?" he shouted, as his J. David confreres chuckled.

By now J. David was the talk of San Diego. People were predicting an imminent collapse. Mitrovich, however, had an explanation: A deadly sin had raised its ugly head. Of those spreading rumors, Mitrovich declared, "There are a great number of people who are very envious of Jerry Dominelli."■

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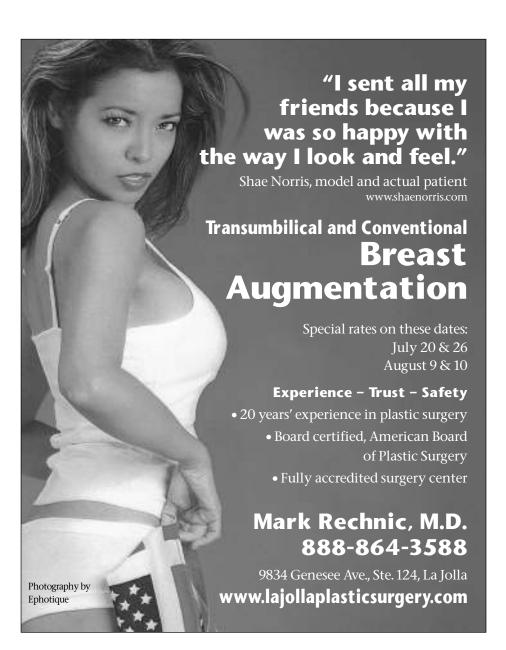
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The "nanny state" and its employees have certainly played a key role in fostering childish dependency. First, the government steals hard-earned money from productive people. Then it bribes irresponsible people with guaranteed "support" programs that reward parasitism. These programs, however, are more widespread than most of us are willing to admit. They include welfare for deadbeat parents, trade tariffs that protect incompetent workers and businesses, subsidies offered to bloodsucking sport teams and defense contractors, tax-financed public schools that steal funds from childless people to reward parents who refuse to pay their way, and salaries paid to military and law-enforcement personnel. Like mindless, unprincipled automatons, these last two groups willingly serve the disgusting whims of bargain-basement politicians. They conduct mur-

derous wars of aggression abroad and wage wars here at home against people who do nothing more than ingest "forbidden" substances or engage in consensual but "illegal" behavior. The nation's founders repudiated such tyranny, but it is now accepted by most citizens, who have been successfully domesticated by the mindnumbing public schools.

On one hand, Republicans and conservatives have joyously embraced the socialist welfare state introduced by liberals and progressives. They have topped the bribes of the Democrats. On the other, Democrats, liberals, and progressives have learned to embrace the nationalistic Patriot Act and the spirit of servitude to militarism (remember John Kerry?), and they repeat mindless slogans such as "we support the troops even though what they're doing is wrong." Put these barbaric political philosophies together - socialism and the nationalism and you have the perfect recipe for National Socialism. Maybe that's why this nation resembles National Socialist (Nazi) Germany a bit more each day. The only thing missing is anti-Jewish racism. That, of course, has been replaced by anti-Islamicism — thanks, in part, to Zionists, who excuse every atrocity committed by the apartheid state of Israel against Palestinians. Armed with perpetual amnesia and a trancelike self-righteousness, we Americans avoid facing up to the fact that for 50 years, the U.S. government with our tax dollars — has targeted and killed civilians throughout the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and Latin America. The sanctions imposed on Iraq, for example, affected only civilians (killing 567,000 Iraqi children in the first five years), not Saddam Hussein.

With 3 million dead Vietnamese on both sides, 700,000 dead Iraqis (since 1990), and countless more in the Balkans and Palestine. we are rapidly catching up with the worst despots of the 20th Century — Stalin, Mao, Hitler, Chiang Kai-shek, Lenin, and Tojo. Despite this, we sleep soundly at night, eat snack foods, and go to church. There, we listen to spiritual cowards who refuse to carry out their ethical obligations by shaming us for our indifference and cruelty. Then we hide behind the silly fig leaf that "this is a democracy," as if a form of mob rule can excuse our predatory behavior.

As you point out, Kimi, we Americans refuse to be responsible for our actions, and it is unlikely that this will change anytime soon. While we correctly recoil at child killers such as David Westerfield, many of us are cheerleaders for soldiers engaged in nothing less than mass murder. These soldiers then dehumanize their victims even more by calling them "collateral damage" and refusing to count their numbers. Those who excuse soldiers by mouthing slogans such as "they're only following orders" are guilty of adopting the infamous Nuremberg defense. As some readers may remember, the U.S. played a lead role in the War Crimes Tribunal held in Nuremberg after World War II. There, it was established that wars of aggression are in themselves war crimes. Such wars were defined as invasions launched by nations that have not been attacked — even if the aggressors call the invasions "pre-emptive attacks" or "wars of liberation." Consequently, both the war in Vietnam and Operation Iraqi Freedom [sic] were war crimes and their participants are likewise criminals. They are not heroes. They are not defending freedom. They are thugs for the largest criminal organization in the world, nothing less. They do not deserve support, but the tax system set up by liberals and conservatives forces us to pay tribute.

Even worse, instead of informing Americans about the crimes of our government and its minions, the local broadcast media have slavishly praised our soldiers and out-of-control leaders. Finally, Kimi, you are only partly correct in identifying "money" as the key to censorship. While money plays

a small role, only the government, through the FCC, holds the knife at the throats of our "presstitute" reporters — and to some extent over print media that are owned by broadcasting companies and are thus compromised. Thank you for the good start, Kimi, but once you open the nanny state's can of worms, you'll find plenty there to make you sick. Lawrence M. Ludlow

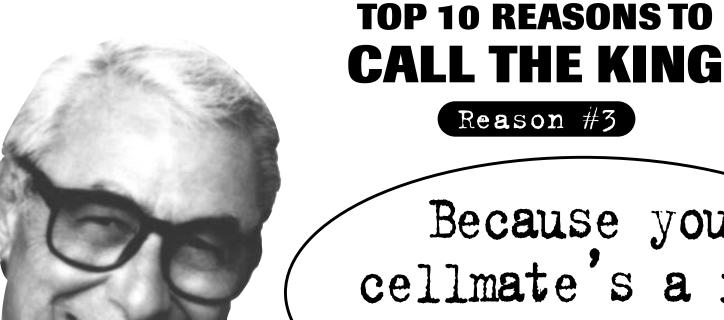
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Free Answers

To the letter writer who is curious about Christian Science (Letters, June 16), the best way to get answers is to visit a Christian Science Reading Room (they're listed in the yellow pages and are open to the public) and read accounts of healings in the free literature there, or to visit the website *spirituality.com*.

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vinyl and plastic items have hefty LOCAL price tags. **EVENTS**

A couple of years ago a dealer at the Comic-Con had

a clear white plastic Godzilla figure for sale. I asked him how much it was going for, and the guy told me, "Seven hundred.

'That's a joke, right?'

He gave me a mean look. "No, asshole," he said, "I am not kidding."

I guess someone did fork over the cash because two days

later that toy was gone. I did some research on the Internet and discovered that only 100 of these clearplastic Godzillas were pressed in Japan. It was a promotion for one of the movies, and they were given out at the premiere. I saw quotes up to \$900. Today it's going for over a grand.

I bought my first two vinyl monsters in 1997 — cheap ones for \$12 and \$20 — a Mothra larva and a Mechagodzilla.

The next year I bought three more; the next, seven. I've been continuing to do so every summer when the Comic-Con rolls into town. In fact, it's my main reason for going: to buy Godzilla toys!

In the beginning of this collecting, I wouldn't pay more than \$20 to \$30 for each figure, but I started wanting hard-to-find monsters for my collection. For example, Megalon, the beast unleashed by the government of Seatopia in Godzilla vs. Megalon to destroy the land dwellers as punishment for nuclear waste and global warming. When I first spotted this action figure it was going for \$45. The next year, \$55, and the next, \$65. I would have to break down and buy the thing at some point. Last year, I did — and paid \$75.

The Megalon is now priced at \$100.

At Comic-Con 2004 I spotted, and became obsessed with, a Mecha King Kong figure. The dealer wanted \$60 for him one day, \$70 the next. Another dealer was asking \$80. I offered the first dealer \$50 cash. "Fifty-five dollars and it's yours," he said. I handed him

Godzilla has changed over the years. In the 1950s he was a nuclear-powered lizard hell-bent on destroying mankind...or at least cities in Japan. In the '60s and '70s he

> the world from space invaders and their monster slaves. As Godzilla was revamped in the 1990s, other aliens went back in time to change events and make Godzilla evil again. Many of his recent foes have been abnormalities created by fusions of his "Godzilla cells" with intergalactic creatures, frozen prehistoric baddies, and lab experiments gone postal.

I am watching Godzilla vs. the Smog Monster as I write this (I bought a Smog Monster for \$40 on eBay, and it goes for \$60 to \$80 among sellers). The theme song to the movie is a psychedelic, '60sstyle tune, "Godzilla, Save the Earth."

– Michael Hemmingson

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BAJA

"La Piel Muerta" read from and signed by author David Miklos, Thursday, July 14, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the

OUT & ABOUT

ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S

1955 French Riviera heist caper To Catch a Thief, Thursday through Sunday, July 21-24, at Garden Cabaret.

(SEE FILM)



Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

Pianist and Composer Oscar Cota plans concert, Thursday, July 14, 7:30 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira). Tickets: \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-621-8167, (TUUANA)

Taiwanese Puppets featured in expo continuing through July at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636.

Mexicali on the Beach sports, music, food, and entertainment promised Thursday through Sunday, July 14-17. 011-52-661-612-2525, (ROSARITO BEACH)

Mexico's National and Regional Arts, crafts, and products are celebrated in Rosarito Fair 2005, continuing through Sunday, July 31. Mexican food, rides, open-air theater performances, live music, ballet folklorico, more.

Entertainment at Palenque includes performance by Joan Sebastian on Friday, July 15 (\$40, \$60 U.S.). Concert by Franco de Vita on Saturday, July 16 (\$20, \$30, \$40 U.S.). Concerts begin at 11 p.m.

To reach the fair, take first Rosarito exit from toll road; fair is visible at its Boulevard Benito Juárez location. Admission: \$3 U.S. for adults, \$1 for children, 011-52-661-612-0700. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Mexican and American Comics

exhibition opens with reception on Friday, July 15, 6 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Party includes music by Mariachi Continental (7 p.m.). 011-52-664-687-9636. Continues through July. (TIJUANA)

RBD in concert, Friday, July 15, 8 p.m., at the Monumental Bullring by the Sea. Tickets: \$20, \$40, \$60 U.S. 011-52-664-608-4692. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Take the Train to Tecate when Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association hosts vintage train excursion, Saturday, July 16. Train departs Campo Depot at 10:30 a.m., returns to Campo at 4:30 p.m. Fare: \$40 for adults, \$20 for those 3–12, free for kids under 3. Reservations: 619-465-7776 x5. (CAMPO, TECATE)

Mesa de Otay Bike Ride, Sunday, July 17, 9 a.m., starting at Mesa de Otay Delegation Office (on Boulevard Tecnológico. 011-52-664-185-0932. (TIJUANA)

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competitions, music, entertainment, is Sunday, July 17, noon. \$18 tickets include four food and four beverage samples. 011-52-661-612-0700. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Mexican Rodeo with "super bull contest," music, food, and entertainment, is Sunday, July 17, 3 p.m., at Cortijo San José. \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-685-0810. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

"The First School in Tijuana" is subject for lecture by Julio Rodríguez Barajas, Tuesday, July 19, 7 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura (on Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira). Free. 011-52-664-687-2604. (THUANA)

A Jazz, Rock, and Pop Festival

is slated for Wednesday, July 20, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Performances by Dat'z Jazz and Relax Band. Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Tiiuana Cultural Center, the center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

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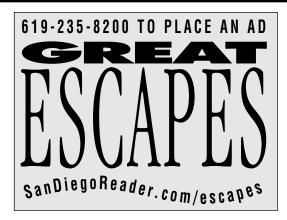


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OUTDOORS

Cumulonimbus Clouds, or

thunderheads, are most likely to form over San Diego County's deserts and mountains during the latter part of the summer season, beginning about late July. The clouds appear by midafternoon often the result of moist, tropical air entering the county from the south or southeast. If intense, these cloud buildups are accompanied by enough rain to flood the desert washes and mountain drainages. When the weather pattern allows the movement of moist air beyond the mountain barriers, even coastal San Diego County can experience the cool spatter of raindrops and spectacular evening lightning displays.

Cicadas, the insects that sound like tinny buzzsaws in the brush, have been putting up a racket around San Diego lately. Occasionally mistaken for the tail buzz

of a rattlesnake, the sound is merely that of a male calling to potential mates. Some 30 species of cicadas inhabit San Diego County, but none are of the famous periodical type that emerge en masse every 13 or 17 years to serenade parts of the eastern United States.

Fast Friday, walk south to Mission Beach from Bird Rock with Walkabout perambulators on July 15. Walk two hours on paved streets and walkways at a moderate-plus pace. Adventure starts at 8:45 a.m. at Starbucks at northwest corner of La Jolla Boulevard and Forward Street, Free, 619-231-7463. (BIRD ROCK, MISSION BEACH)

Save Sunset Trail! Dig out steps, create erosion-control berms during work party involving "potentially strenuous physical labor with shovels" in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to noon. Bring gloves, wear long pants, long-sleeve shirt. Tools provided. Free. Reservations: 619-682-7200. Silverwood, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). (LAKESIDE)

Rain-Damaged Trails Are Repaired, and Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve is open again. Hike planned on Saturday, July 16, starting at 9 a.m. in parking lot at









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A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on July 16, at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Become a Least Tern Docent

at Dog Beach, assisting city park rangers in monitoring the endangered species and providing general information to general public. Two- and three-hour shifts available on Saturdays and Sundays through September 11. Volunteer: 619-682-7200. Free. (OCEAN BEACH)

Walk to Walden Pond, Carson's Crossing, and waterfall with Pat Watkins of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Saturday, July 16, 6:30 p.m. Meet at kiosk at Camino

OUT & ABOUT

"SUMMER STOCK VII" group exhibition opening reception, Friday, July 15, at David Zapf Gallery.

(SEE ART GALLERIES)



del Sur and Park Village Drive. 858-484-3219. Free. Bring insect repellent, water, wear hiking boots. (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

Birdwatch Among Pines and Cedars on Palomar Mountain with Audubon Society birders, Sat-

urday, July 16, 8 a.m. until midafternoon. Possible sightings: hairy woodpecker, Western tanager, brown creeper, purple martins.

Meet the group at School Camp/Doane Pond day-use parking area within state park. Take I-

15 to Highway 76 and head east; drive 20.6 miles to Palomar Mountain State Park sign, turn left, Proceed up mountain to S-7 at top; turn left and then another immediate left at corner store (do not go to observatory). Drive 3 miles to park entrance and then 1.5 miles to Doane Pond.

Day-use fee: \$5 general. Hot weather, moderately strenuous walking. 619-280-7710. Bring water, lunch, and insect repellent. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

Tree Time. Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

A Perfectly Timed Occultation of the bright star Antares by the waxing gibbous (not quite full) moon occurs on the evening of Sunday, July 17. During any occultation, the moon slides in front of some astronomical object in the background, hiding it for typically an hour's time. The hidden object this time is Antares, a first-magnitude, reddish star in the constellation Scorpius. Beginning about 8:10 p.m., in bright twilight, turn binoculars or a small telescope on the moon and the adjoining star to its left, Antares. Within a few minutes, depending on your exact location, Antares will suddenly wink out as its light gets cut off by the darkened limb (edge) of the moon. Approximately one hour later, Antares will suddenly reappear alongside the moon's opposite, sunlit limb.

"Wildlife and Wildfire," field trip to two sites affected by Cedar Fire hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute on Sunday, July 17, 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Outing is led by UC Davis Wildlife Health Center director Walter Boyce. Participants will visit Cuvamaca Meadows and Flat Tire fire road area. \$24. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Wildlife Baby Season Is Here, the emergency response organization Wildlife Assist needs volunteers to rescue orphans and other animals in trouble. Orientation on Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (ENCINITAS)

The Full Moon rises majestically from the east horizon Wednesday evening (July 20), almost at the same time the sun is setting in the west. Some ten hours later, that same full moon will be sinking toward the western horizon, where it will disappear at about the time

the sun is rising. Folk names for July's full moon include the "hay moon," "wort moon," "fallow moon," and the "moon of blood" (which refers to blood-sucking mosquitoes).

Starlight Vistas, naturalist Larry Allen-Tonar leads four-mile moderate moonlit evening hike in Daley Ranch on Wednesday, July 20. Adventure starts at 7 p.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. Bring a flashlight. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

Lower Left Summer Intensive Workshop and Performing Festival continues through Saturday, July 23, at San Diego State University. Workshops run daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lower Left artists and guests lead classes in variety of subjects.

Dancers present "Hot House: New York," an evening of new works ranging from abstract and highly physical dances to theatrical multimedia pieces on Saturday, July 16. Discussion follows. Donation: \$10.

Intensive participants offer "Hot House: Wrap Up" on Friday, July 22. Discussion follows. \$5.

Performances start at 8 p.m. at SDSU Dance Studio Theatre, 5500 Campanile Drive. 619-582-5243.

Belly Dance Gala featuring Kinza, Da'Vita, Marissa, and Lucia, Thursday, July 14, 8 p.m., at Luxor Cafe (1100 Fifth Avenue). \$5. 619-231-8888. (DOWNTOWN)











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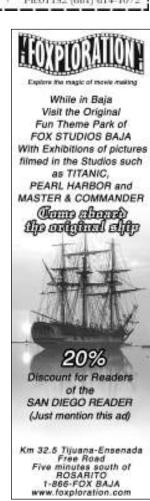
















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Dress as Your "Shadow Self," wear a mask, and dance in "transformational ritual" at Shadow Dance Masquerade, Friday, July 15, 8 p.m., at Encintas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Entertainment includes belly dancing, drumming, food. \$30 ticket benefits Shakti

One-Step taught at beginner-friendly dance on Friday, July 15, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. Free. All ages, singles, partners. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Rising. 619-929-6364. (ENCINITAS)

Wild Time! Contradance to calling by Martha Wild and music by Lime in the Harp on Friday, July 15, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Express "Graceful Feminine Strength" through exotic movements of bellydance during classes held every Saturday at Chai and Chat (5919 Balboa Avenue), 11 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$12 per class, or \$56 for six weeks. 858-884-7707. (CLAIREMONT)

Ballroom, Latin, and Swing Dance Party on Saturday, July 16, 8 p.m., at Dance for 2 (5150 Murphy Canyon Road #107). Foxtrot lesson at 8:15. 858-565-9575. \$7. (KEARNY MESA)

Swing Dance Party hosted by North County Swing and Ballroom Dance Club, Saturday, July 16, 7 to 11 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Dancing, lesson by Mary Manzella. \$12. 619-229-0141. (ENCINITAS)

Belly Dance Faire presented by San Diego Area Middle Eastern Dance Association with performances, music, vendors, henna artists, workshops, Sunday, July 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Admission: \$12 general, \$5 for seniors, children, military. 619-280-8424. (MISSION VALLEY)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Tyge Legier and Janet Arnold are callers on July 17. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

ROAM- -RAMA

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

At nearly a mile high in elevation and close enough to the coast to benefit from a touch of the sea breeze, Palomar Mountain State Park is one of the few inland San Diego County locations where midsummer hiking is reasonably cool and pleasant. Try the following trek — slightly challenging or just plain easy if you prefer a minimal variation — to experience some of the best this densely forested park has to offer.

Begin at Doane Pond — the diminutive, but popular lake stocked with trout, primarily for the youngest set. Walk around the lake to the stream that feeds it and go southeast along the Thunder Spring Trail. Immediately, you plunge into near-darkness under cover of leafy black oaks and thick-trunked conifers. Alder-fringed Doane Creek on the left appears luminescent in the dappled sunlight. After a while, a side path on the right leads to Thunder Spring, a short way up a shady ravine. The place buzzes with flying insects.

Back on the main path, at the end of the valley, you can wimp out and return via the Upper Doane Trail, passing the San Diego fifth-grade Palomar school camp. Slightly serious hikers should veer right and commence a steep climb up a heading up a shady ravine (Chimney Creek). The little brook in this ravine is flowing quite decently even now, because of last winter's heavy rains.



Doane Pond

Western azalea grows thickly through here — though its white, springtime blossoms are fading now.

At Chimney Flats, an oak-fringed and bracken-fern-filled meadow, bear right (west) on the Chimney Flats Trail, a fire road. Climb through the forest to another flat, this one filled with the remains of a century-old apple orchard. Next, turn left on a paved service road (where the trail intersects it), walk out to East Grade Road, and pick up the obscure Silver Crest Trail there. On the left is "Big Willy's grave," the resting place of William

Pearson, an early Palomar Mountain settler, killed by a falling tree. According to the inscription, Willy was "aged 66 Y's 1 Mo. 16 D's." The trail meanders along the edge of a high Picnic Area, ahead.

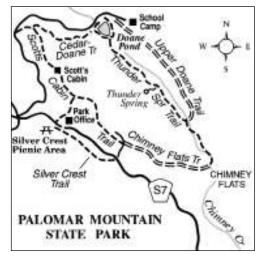
From the park office across the road, you can return to Doane Pond via the shady Scotts Cabin and Cedar-Doane trails, downhill almost all the

DOANE VALLEY

Trek through the best of Palomar's forests on a looping path through Upper Doane Valley.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 65 miles Hiking length: 4 miles Hiking difficulty: Moderate

ridge offering expansive though often hazy views of the San Luis Rey River valley, and either the Pacific Ocean or the top of the marine layer. Drinking water is available at Silver Crest way. Avoid the poison oak that sometimes encroaches heavily on the latter trail. On arrival at Doane Pond, you will have covered four miles with an elevation gain and loss of 900 feet.



Honoring Departed Family and Friends Through Dance! Bon Odori (Festival of Iov) dance

Bon Odori (Festival of Joy) dance lessons offered at Buddhist Temple of San Diego (2929 Market Street) Sunday, July 17, at 10:45 a.m.; Tuesdays (July 19 and 26) at 7:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-0896. (GOLDEN HILL)

Sufi Dancing led by Toni Michael on Monday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). \$3. 619-692-3079. (HILLCREST)

FILM

"Off Road to Athens," documentary follows path taken by eight athletes hoping to make the

U.S. Olympic mountain-biking team in 2004, sacrifices they made while vying for three open positions. See *Athens* when it's screened Thursday, July 14, 8 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. 760-436-7469, 540-438-9933. (ENCINITAS)

Roman Polanski's Thriller Death and the Maiden, starring Sigourney Weaver and Ben Kingsley, screens for Activist San Diego Film Series on Friday, July 15, 7 p.m., at Korova Coffee Bar and Art Gallery (4496 Park Boulevard). Discussion follows. \$3–\$5. 619-528-8383. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

See *Invisible Children*, the tale of thousands of Ugandan children taken from their homes by rebel fighters, on Friday, July 15, 8 p.m., at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Donations benefit Invisible Children, Inc. 619-298-7302. (BANKERS HILL)

Movies before the Mast, selected Fridays are date nights (with nautical games of skill), Saturdays are family nights (with games and exploration of the ship) on *Star of India*. Tour the HMS *Surprise* and then see *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* (film on the *Surprise*) on July 15. Burt Lancaster stars in *The Crimson Pirate* (1952), screening July 16. Films are projected on special ship sails.

Gates open at 7 p.m., with movie commencing just after sundown (around 8:30 p.m.). Tickets: \$12 general, \$7 for children 12 and younger. Find the *Star* at 1306 North Harbor Drive. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

"Unauthorized and Proud of It," Ilko Davidov's documentary about Todd Loren — publisher of unauthorized comic book biographies of rock stars — mixes animation, "eerie home video," inter-

views. See the flick on Friday, July 15, 7 and 9 p.m., at Radisson Harbor View (1646 Front Street). Free. 773-394-8170. (DOWNTOWN)

Musical Matinee, documentary Genghis Blues follows blind bluesman Paul Pena's journey to land of Tuva, competition as Tuvan throat-singer. Catch flick when it's shown on Saturday, July 16, 3 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Film included in regular admission: \$5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

The "Terrifying Ease" required to outfit a foreign guerrilla army is chronicled in Klaartje Quirijns' documentary on Florin Krasniqi, *The Brooklyn Connection*, screening for Film Forum on Monday, July 18, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). SDSU's Dipak Gupta leads following discussion. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Frankly, My Dear...enjoy Gone With the Wind when the classic starring Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, and a host of others screens Monday, July 18, 7 p.m., at Old Globe Theatre (1362 Old Globe Way). Free. 619-23-GLOBE. (BALBOA PARK)

"Visions of Mexico," described as "first sport-climbing film in Mexico," screens Monday, July 18, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). \$7. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds" provide theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Disney's animated *Sword in the Stone* (1963) tale featured Wednesday, July 20, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Alfred Hitchcock's 1955 French Riviera heist caper *To* Catch a Thief, starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, screens at Garden Cabaret, Thursday through Sunday, July 21–24, 8:30 p.m. Find cabaret at 4040 Goldfinch Street. \$12.619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Open Screening Night is Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Co-hosted by Association of Independent Film and Video, event promises guest Isaac Aretnstein (and clips of his current and past work), short films, food, music, opportunity to "show your work and network with other local film/video makers." Free. 619-230-1938 x101. (GOLDEN HILL)

Cinematic Funhouse! Short films by independent filmmakers from San Diego and Tijuana region and selected works from 2005 Sundance Film Festival during third annual "alt.pictureshows," Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). The short films are "looped throughout the galleries." Requested donation: \$3. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag, Rhythms of the World, Mystery of the Nile. Fridays at the Fleet continues every Friday night, featuring two classic IMAX films. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Contemporary Landscape Photography" examined when David Fokos presents lecture Thursday, July 14, at Museum of Photographic Arts. "Intuitive Portraits" considered by Andrea Modica, Thursday, July 21. Programs begin at 7 p.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-238-7559 x212. (BALBOA PARK)





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"Holy Smokes, It's Bat Talk" presented by Dick Wilkins (operator of Bat Rescue of Southern California) for Sierra Club on Friday, July 15, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). Live bats will "make a special appearance." 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

What Do Grown Children Have to Say about their parents' divorces? Find out during San Diego Family Law Council for Children seminar entitled "Guiding the Lives of Children of Divorce and Separation," Saturday, July 16, 1:30 to 4 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Author, social scientist Constance Ahrons presents practical advice and results of her 20-year longitudinal study. \$10. 619-985-4111. (LINDA VISTA)

A Comparison of Genealogy Software promised when professional genealogist Richard Wilson speaks for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego on Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (IA JOLLA)

Baseball Historian Bill Swank discusses his book *Baseball in San Diego: From the Plaza to the Padres*, Saturday, July 16, 1 p.m., when Pacific Beach Historical Society meets on Saturday, July 16, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific

Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"The Soil Food Web and Compost Tea" offered when Gary Colby focuses on world of soil microbes during talk on Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$8.

Get skinny on "Soil and Irrigation" during class led by landscape architect Dan Carney on Wednesday, July 20, 6:30 p.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Fire Prevention and Misinformation is subject when Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets on Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

"Introduction to Pine Needle Basketry" offered by Carol Lang on Sunday, July 17, noon to 5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). Fee: \$60, plus \$10 materials. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"China's Changing Perspective on East Asian Free-Trade Arrangements" explored when Kevin G. Cai of Asia Pacific Studies department at SDSU addresses U.S.-China Peoples' Friendship Association on Sunday, July 17, 3 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (CARMEL VALLEY)

"How Military Thinking Is Changing America and You" is subject when Humanist Fellowship meets for discussion on Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m., on third floor of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-670-4159.

Field Investigator and Researcher Preston Dennett talks about his latest book, *UFOs Over California*, when Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) gathers on Sunday, July 17, at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Dinner: 5 p.m., lecture: 6 p.m. Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VILLAGE)

Call Her Impetuous Delirious, Gabriela Anaya Valdepeña leads

Gabriela Anaya Valdepeña leads poetry-writing workshop for Magee Park Poets on Sunday, July 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Reservations required: 760-602-2012. (CARLSBAD)

"Dear Abby: My Mother Has Alzheimer's," Jeanne Phillips, a.k.a. Dear Abby, presents her personal experiences with the disease for Alzheimer's Association luncheon, Monday, July 18, noon, at Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine. Phillips's mother, the original "Abby," has been battling Alzheimer's for the past several

years. \$45. Required reservations: $858-492-4400 \times 141$. (LA JOLLA)

"Women Travelling Solo" is theme for clinics planned at Adventure 16. Tips, strategies, resources, safety. Take in talks on Monday, July 18, at A-16 located at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374); on Wednesday, July 20, at 143 South Cedros (858-7562); and Monday, July 25, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Programs are free, start at 7 p.m. (MISSION VALLEY, SOLANA BEACH, OCEANSIDE)

"Weed Management in San Diego" is topic when Bill Winans, coordinator of San Diego County's weed management area, speaks in honor of Invasive Weed Awareness Week (who knew?) for California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

Hone Your Map and Compass Skills during classes on Tuesday, July 19, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020); and on Wednesday, July 20, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Programs begin at 7 p.m. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"The Green Party — What Does It Stand For?" Find out during discussion, Wednesday, July 20, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)







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"Time Has No Boundaries: Archaeological Sites Along the U.S.-Mexico Border" discussed when state archaeologist Therese Muranaka speaks for Summer Evening Speaker Series on Wednesday, July 20, 6:30 p.m., at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Church Records are subject when summer workshop series hosted by British Isles Genealogical Research Association continues Wednesday, July 20, 12:30 p.m., at San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-465-0266. (MISSION VALLEY)

"One Good Tern Deserves a Look," event focusing on six species of terns found in coastal areas planned during class (Thursday, July 21, 6 p.m.) and field trip (Saturday, July 23, 8 a.m.), hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. \$69 fee includes transportation. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Bestselling Speculative Fiction Author Orson Scott Card (Ender's Game) signs his new urban fantasy, Magic Street, Thursday, July 14, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"Contrasts That Complement: Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker" signed and discussed by author Jan Jennings on Thursday, July 14, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Volume includes art, biography, essays by art historians. Ms. Whitaker will be on hand to sign books. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Author, Critic, and "Gadfly" Christopher Hitchens discusses his new books, Thomas Jefferson: Author of America and Love, Poverty, and War: Journeys and Essays, on Friday, July 15, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue: 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

North County Funnies with Kurt Swann on Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16, starring Barry Diamond, along with Ray Combs Jr. and Pearl Street Players. Performances begin at 8 p.m. at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$12 at door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series continues with contemporary jazz by Lao Tizer on Friday, July 15, 6 p.m. in Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). Shuttle service from La Costa Canyon High School available. 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

North Star appears under the gazebo in concert on Friday, July 15, 5 to 7 p.m. at corner of Main Street and Indiana Avenue. Free. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) continue with rock and roll by Coupe de Ville, July 15, 5 p.m. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Summer in the Park concert series features Lee Rainey and the Midnight Players at Trolley Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue) on Friday, July 15, 6 p.m. 619-297-3166. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Songs, Stories, and Out-and-Out Lies" presented by musician and actor Ronny Cox for Acoustic-MusicSanDiego, Saturday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

All Jazzed Up (With Someplace to Go), Chris Klich Jazz Ouintet joined by Laura Preble in concert for 2005 Summer Concert series at Bird Park (at 28th and Thorn Streets) on Saturday, July 16, 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-204-5606. (NORTH PARK)

"Let's Call the Whole Thing Gershwin!" Musical salute to George Gershwin planned by local theater performers on Saturday, July 16, 8 p.m., benefiting Patio Playhouse (201 East Grand Avenue, suite 1-D). \$15. 760-746-6669. (ESCONDIDO)

Reporter and author Caitlin Rother talks about her new book, Poisoned Love, and her coverage of Kristin Rossom murder case on Saturday, July 16, 4 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (2615 Vista Way; 760-529-0270). Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Busy on Saturday? Rother also plans appearance Wednesday, July 20, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 1040 North El Camino Real. Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Perform Original Songs and Poetry during open mike, Saturday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). No bands;



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"Whispers in the Park: Spoken Word Meets Music" — event "fusing the creativity of spoken word and poetry with an artful blend of music" is Saturday, July 16, 3 p.m., in amphitheater at Market Creek Plaza (336 Euclid Avenue). Featured performer: Kendrick Dial, along with Ant Black, Jervae Anthony, Erisa Johnson, others. Free. 619-465-6876, 619-527-5660. (SAN DIEGO)

"A Strange Sunday Mass of Music" promised when Dada Swing (from Italy and U.S.), the Clear Channels, and Naomi perform Sunday, July 17, 7 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Donation. 619-692-0942. (OCEAN BEACH)

Actor and Author Bruce Campbell signs his "metafiction Hollywood novel" *Make Love the Bruce Campbell Way* on Sunday, July 17, noon, at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Sundays at Six, summer concert by Mosaic Singers, July 17, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphithe-

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atre (9550 Milden Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

Music in the Park, summer concert series features concert by Breez'n, Sunday, July 17, 3 p.m., at Memorial Park at the Bowl (373 Park Way). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

La Jolla Concerts by the Sea, Big Time Operator performs swing music on Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-

1600. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Take a Break, Kristine Enea and Dean Latourrette discuss, sign *Time Off! The Upside to Downtime*, at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue), Tuesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Twilight in the Park, summer concert series continues with Bi-National Mambo Orchestra (Tuesday, July 19); Bayou Brothers (Wednesday, July 20); and Dixie Express (Thursday, July 21). Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in

Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

The Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series continues with music by the "all-girl a cappella jazz vocal ensemble" Mosaic on Wednesday, July 20, 12:30 p.m., on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Admission is free, parking is not. 858-534-8074. (IA IOLLA)

Thriller Author J.A. Konrath (*Bloody Mary*) is joined by local debut author Jeff Shelby (*Killer*

Swell) for booksigning on Wednesday, July 20, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Historical Mystery O'Brien's Desk is discussed and read by author Ona Russell on Wednesday, July 20, 6:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Summer La Paloma Full Moon Poetry Slam, Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Poets call at 6 p.m.; 17 names drawn from popcorn box for competition. MC is Robert Nanniga. Free. 760-632-9074, 760-944-6027. (ENCINITAS)

"Sailing to the Far Horizon" discussed, signed by Pamela Sisman Bitterman, Thursday, July 21, 6:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

"Six Secrets of Successful Bettors: Winning Insights Into Playing the Horses" divulged when authors Frank Scatoni and Peter Fornatale lecture and sign books, Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735.

The Rarified World of professional dancers is explored in Adrienne Sharp's book *First Love*, set in New York City's ballet world circa 1980. Sharp signs and talks about her book on Thursday, July 21, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Boys of Summer, the San Diego Padres host Arizona Diamondbacks, July 14–17, with games at 7:05 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Road trip to New York finds team playing Mets, July 19–21, at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:10 a.m. on Thursday.

Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

San Diego Surf Dawgs host Fullerton Flyers at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, July 14. The Surprise Fightin' Falcons arrive for games July 15–17, with games at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Surf Dawgs meet up with Yuma Scorpions at 7:05 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, July 18–20.

Home games are played in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). Tickets range from \$6–10. 619-282-4487. (SDSU)

Plantation Walking Horse Show runs Friday through Sunday, July 15–17, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). The Showpark County III Horse Show runs at Horsepark Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

World Beach Bocce Ball Championship XXV, sponsored by Vigilucci's to benefit Boys and Girls Clubs of San Dieguito, is Saturday, July 16, 7:30 a.m. check-in, at Dog Beach (at mouth of San Dieguito River). Entry fee: \$100 per team. 858-720-2180. (DEL MAR)

Fifth Annual Glen Park Classic basketball tournament fundraiser for MiraCosta College's basketball program is Saturday, July 16, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Glen Park (at San Elijo Avenue and Orinda Drive). Tournament features local stars, college, professional players. Free admission. 760-757-2121 x6242. (CARDIFF)

Free Flow Tour, amateur series of Dew Action Sports Tour, hits town on Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Magdalena Ecke YMCA (200 Saxony Road). Expect "grass-roots, jam-style skateboarding and BMX." Registration for competitors: \$10, open to those 18 and younger. 760-942-9622. (ENCINITAS)

51st Annual Over-the-Line World Championship at Fiesta Island, Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17. This year, all bats must be "official" wooden softball or Little League bats; no baseball bats, no metal bats allowed. Catch the competition from 7:30 a.m. until dusk. Free. 619-688-0817. Free for spectators. (MISSION BAY)

Aloha Spirit 5k run/walk, Saturday, July 16, 8 a.m., at Embarcadero Park North (at Seaport Village). 858-353-2205. (DOWNTOWN)

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featured polo match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Snorkel with the Sharks on Sunday, July 17, 8 to 10 a.m., during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Sharks in question are (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth hound sharks, guitarfish. \$30. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

Bicycle the Hills of Mission Bay and Claremont with Sierra Club bicyclists on Tuesday, July 19. Peppy ride between 21- and 35-miles long starts at 5:15 p.m. in north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). 858-974-4871. Free. (MISSION BAY)

Tuesday Night Bicycle Racing continues at San Diego Velodrome, 6:20 to 8:30 p.m. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 760-703-6280. (BALBOA PARK)

The Horses Are on the Track, 2005 seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues runs Wednesday, July 20, through Wednesday, September 7, with racing every day except Tuesday. Post time 2 p.m. except Fridays, when racing begins at 3:30 or 4 p.m.

Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-793-5533. (DEL MAR)

Poetry |

TWO POEMS BY STEPHEN DOBYNS

The Birth of Angels

The heavy-lidded enterprise of the dead begins with forgetting, ends with forgotten. Like smoke, so thick at first but higher just a wisp, until it is indistinguishable from air. The move from youth to old age, doesn't it resemble falling, a leaf descending from white birch to front lawn? You think it drifts slowly? It plummets. And this well-dressed elderly man crossing against the light. At the curb he puts a hand to his chest. He feels a fluttering which suggests the birth of angels: a sudden consciousness, the thrashing of wings.

The Mercy of Lazarus

Groggy, sure, and in the midst of bad dreams, it must have been a dispirited awakening — expecting everything settled, the long night without interruption suddenly interrupted, like a four A.M. alarm bell but worse, the rock rolled back, to be called forth, told to pick up the yoke, to pay your bills, get the roof fixed, to become a bit of proof in the lord's affidavit. Now the crowd pushes forward, demanding to hear your cries of thanks. If you refused, crawled back to your tomb, well, their hope, lately upraised, would need a tomb of its own. Where would be His miracle without your deceit — your laugh and eager shout, the outstretched arms?



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San Diego Comic-Con 2005,

36th annual event takes place Thursday–Sunday, July 14–17, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Exhibit area with comic books, original art, toys, games, trading cards, clothing, movie memorabilia; programming, anime, gaming, parties, lectures, guests including Ray Harryhausen, Forrest J. Ackerman, Ray Bradbury, Juanjo Guarnido, Jim Lee, many others. Four-day passes: \$65 for general, \$30 for ju-

niors, seniors. 619-491-2475. (DOWNTOWN)

Taste of Bird Rock, Thursday, July 14, 5 to 8 p.m., on La Jolla Boulevard (between Midway Street and Camino de la Costa). Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 for children 3–12. Live entertainment, food from area restaurants, art displays, children's activities. 858-337-1326.

Frightmare on Market Street haunted house opens in conjunction with Comic-Con, July 14–16, at 530 Market Street (at Sixth Avenue). Haunting starts at 7 p.m. each night, concluding at 11 p.m. on

Thursday, midnight on Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$12.99 (\$2 discount with Comic-Con badge). 619-231-0131. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Read Up on Rumi and ponder his poetry with Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, July 16, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Rhythms Simple and Complex practiced when Mary Marshall leads dumbek drummers of all levels in session on Saturday, July 16, 7 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). Free. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Holistic Living Expo, with music, vendor booths, massage therapy and energy healing, mediums, lectures, more. Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). General admission: \$5 per person, \$8 for two. 800-722-7330. (MISSION VALLEY)

Festival of Bells, celebrate 236th birthday of Mission San Diego de Alcalá (10818 San Diego Mission Road) at festival on July 16 and 17. Entertainment, kids' area, food, professional pottery demonstrations, more. Free admission. Hours: 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 619-286-2055. (MISSION VALLEY)

Meet Foster Program Parrots when Parrot Education and Adoption Center sponsors afternoon at Hidden Forest Wildlife Art Gallery (936 South Live Oak Park Road), Saturday, July 16, 1 to 5 p.m. Wildlife art on offer. Donation.

619-287-8200. (FALLBROOK)

Master and Amateur Builders, Unite! U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition is Sunday, July 17, with professional and amateur sandcarving teams competing. Competition: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; street festival, live music, entertainment.

Festivities get underway with parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 16; Imperial Beach Optimist's Kids-n-Kastles competition at 2 p.m. Fireworks after sunset. Free. 619-424-6663. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

No Animals Sold — but adoptions are available —during San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Society Show on July 16 and 17 in Casa del Prado room 101. Show opens at 10 a.m. each morning, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 858-492-8805. (BALBOA PARK)

The House of Colombia hosts lawn program with dance, music, cultural costumes at International Cottages on Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, July 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)



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One and Only Truly Fabulous Hat Contest at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club meets on opening day, Wednesday, July 20. Categories: most glamorous, best racing theme, best fresh flowers, funniest/most outrageous. Bring your hat for entry form, 11:30 a.m. and

Participation is included in

regular admission fee. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

"Wood-Fired Ceramics," exhibit of work by UCSD students Eddie Ruhland and Granite Calimpong showcasing nearly 200 pieces continues through Monday, August 1, in UCSD's Grove Gallery (in UCSD Crafts Center Complex, Revelle College campus, off Eucalyptus Grove Lane). 858-534-2021. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

The Musical Comedy Once Upon a Mattress is presented by Youth SummerStock Theatre through Tuesday, July 26,

7:30 p.m., at Monte Vista High School Little Theatre (3230 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard). Tickets: \$13 for adults, \$10 for children. 619-251-8452. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Cinderella" presented by Puppet Express and Weaver's Tales through Sunday, July 17, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs Giddy Up Cowboys, July 20-24.

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

California State Games Junior Lifeguards Competition, Thursday, July 14, south of pier at Imperial Beach. Events include distance run, swim, and paddle;



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The Energetic Musical Junie B. Iones and a Little Monkey Business is presented by kids of San Diego Junior Theatre through July 17 in Casa del Prado Theater. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Potter Parties! Muggles and wizards alike invited to shindigs planned on Friday, July 15, in coniunction with release of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, which goes on sale at 12 midnight.

Head to Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400) at 10 p.m., for readings, face painting, trivia, crafts, costume contests. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway; 760-480-2760). Rowling's sixth Harry Potter book is also fêted from 10:30 p.m. onward at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Gi-

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rard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (ENCINITAS, ESCONDIDO, LA JOLLA)

Make a Collage during Kids at the Colony class for second through seventh graders, Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m. at 101 Artists Colony (90 North Coast Highway 101). \$20. Registration: 760-815-0945. (ENCINITAS)

Maisy the Mouse visits story time on Saturday, July 16, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Design and Decorate a Visor during program on Saturday, July 16, 1 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$5. 760-739-9513. (ESCONDIDO)

Sound explored when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, July 16, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Gyotaku, do some Japanese fish printing during cultural program for kids (kindergarten through sixth grade) planned Saturday, July 16, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. \$3. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"My Friend" is read during story time on Tuesday, July 19, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040) North El Camino Real), Craft, 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found

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Reading

Dear People: Remembering Jonestown



Selections from the People's Temple Collection at the California Historical Society. Denice Stephenson, editor. Heyday Books, Berkeley. 2005. \$16.95

FROM THE BACK COVER: "When we remember Jonestown, we usually think of the deaths of Jim Jones and his followers in a jungle far away from the United States. Some of us remember that a congressman and several journalists died there. Many of us simply remember that hundreds of people died. For the most part, we have responded to the horror of it — mass deaths, parents dying with their chil-

dren, an apparently blind allegiance to a flawed leader — by denying and excluding, we characterize People's Temple as a cult, as if that word explains it all. We do not remember — we may never have known—how the people of Jonestown lived. We have forgotten that they once

lived among us as neighbors and friends, a community that won the praise and support of some of our most notable leaders.

Dear People: Remembering Jonestown presents letters, personal histories, reports, newsletter articles, and other documents, as well as photographs, from the People's Temple collection at the California Historical Society. These documents, many published here for the first time, provide an emotionally dense, vivid portrait of one of the most compelling social movements of the 20th Century, enlarging our understanding not just of Jonestown but of the strengths and fault lines of all humanity.

ABOUT THE EDITOR:

Denice Stephenson is a special project archivist for the People's Temple Collection at the California Historical Society. This collection is the repository of the most complete set of personal and official documents related to the subject. Stephenson has provided assistance to researchers and to family, scholarly, and media projects since 2000.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE EDITOR:

Denice Stephenson welcomes me at the door of the California Historical Society on Mission Street in downtown San Francisco. She has curly salt-and-pepper hair cut in a bob. Middleaged but with a youthful enthusiasm that belies her years, Denice is slim and wears a bright top and blue-tinted glasses. She leads me down to the basement where most of the Jonestown archive is housed. The archive includes 170 boxes of personal documents, depositions, and government papers-most that are stored here in a floor-to-ceiling highdensity storage system. There

are six long steel bookcases, painted white, facing sideways and running 20 feet to the back of the room. I am invited to turn the crank handle of one shelf and then a second: each bookcase slides smoothly to the right, creating an aisle so that I may comfortably step forward to view the rows of boxes labeled "People's Temple" on the shelves, (With a motion-ratio of 1:6000, one pound of my effort displaces 6000 pounds of archival material-two full turns of the crank and I easily shift more than one million documents of the Jonestown archive. After viewing some of the material, we adjourn to the second floor conference room. At the large oak table, I turn on the tape recorder.)

"Can you tell me a little bit about your history here at the California Historical Society and how you came to work with the Jonestown material?" "Well," said Stephenson,
"I got a call from a college friend
of mine, Rebecca Moore. Her
family lost two sisters and a
nephew in Jonestown and
donated their papers to the California Historical Society after
the tenth anniversary of their
deaths. Rebecca asked me to
come down to the Historical Society to do some research for a
film that was being made about
People's Temple for a Canadian
history television show. She also
asked me to check to see what
was happening with the papers."
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"Then what happened?"
"After I finished the research
project, the librarians asked if I
wanted to get the Moore family
papers in the proper boxes and
archival folders, to create an
online directory." She smiled.
"The librarians were both friendly
and helpful, and so I started volunteering just a couple of hours

"A child who had just gotten to Jonestown, writing back to a friend, ended his letter with a request: 'Please send me gum.'"

at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480, (SPRING VALLEY)

Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2.

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

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

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this mu-

seum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North

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

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County.

Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189.

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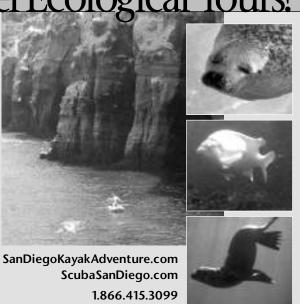
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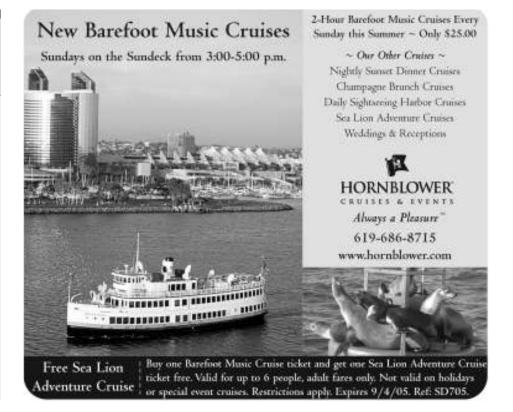
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Reading

"When was that?"

"That was in 2000," she said, adding that over time her involvement built up. "I was surprised by what I found in the

I was eager to know what was in the archive, but I first asked if Stephenson were a professional archivist or historian.

"No, I am a community organizer," she said. "I began this project for my friend, but eventually I found myself doing a lot of research because of a play that was commissioned by my husband based on the materials in the archive."

"A play about Jonestown?" She nodded.

"I find it hard to imagine a

play about such a tragedy."
"Yes, of course," she agreed. "But in 2001 my husband and I saw a production at Berkeley Rep Theater of The Laramie Proiect, about the brutal murder of the young gay student Matthew

Shepherd. That was also a dark story, but it made a powerful play.

I'd seen the play on DVD. "It was certainly riveting," I said.

"I'd been working in the archives for a few months," she continued, "and my husband and I were struck by the type of storytelling, the interviews that were used to construct the play, and thought, 'What if a play about People's Temple...' I was just overwhelmed by how many of the voices were present even in the archives here."

Stephenson said that she wrote the book as a companion to the play. "When people see the play, if they want to know more they can find that some of the documents that are quoted are in the book.

(Stephenson's husband, David Dower, worked with Lee Vondekowsky – a member of the writing team of *The Laramie* Project and head writer and director for this play — and put the project together over three years. The play, The People's Temple, opened in April to rave reviews

from the San Francisco Chron*icle* and is expected to travel.)

"Are there other ongoing projects related to the archives other than your book and the play?" I asked.

"People are writing books both fiction and nonfiction, and there's a new documentary that's supposed to air next spring for the PBS series American Experience. Meanwhile, the actual cataloging of the records goes on. We recently got 1000 new photographs and 800 cassette tapes related to People's Temple and another 15 cases of documents from the estate of psychologist Margaret Singer, who did a lot of work with cults and in particular Jonestown.

I returned to a remark that Stephenson had earlier made, about some things that surprised her while working in the archives. "Can you describe some of those?"

"Well, for one thing there are eight different collections that make up People's Temple.

"And you have them all?" Stephenson nodded. "Yes. And the thing that struck me the most, though, were originals of letters written by people who were living in Jonestown, like from my friend Rebecca's sisters, Annie Moore and Carolyn Layton. There was just so much warmth and information and hope and anger and bitterness. Everything was in these letters."

"Was there a favorite?"

"A child who had just gotten to Jonestown, writing back to a friend, talked about the daily schedule, about all the fruit that they were eating and growing, and he ended his letter with a request: 'Please send me gum.' " She smiled. "It was this kind of story, the human aspect, that gives us a different perspective on the daily lives of the people who were involved in People's Temple and those living in Jonestown."

I suggested that ultimately it was the human story that resonates. "In a sense that is all that we have because do we really understand what happened, do

"For me one of the greatest tragedies is that there weren't autopsies done on the bodies

and that there are so many things that we can't know about how the people died there."

"Do we know the exact number of those who died?"

"Well," said Stephenson, "the death list is not complete yet."

I was stunned. "It has been more than 25 years!" I said. "Why isn't it complete yet?"

"None of the children were ever identified," she said. "They were actually shipped over, you know; shipped back to the United States and buried in a mass grave in Oakland. And then others, most of the older adults-or, you know, young adults and older people - were identified, but some of those were also 'unclaimed.' These are also buried in this mass grave."

I asked for particulars.

'So much was going on so quickly that the Guyanese and American officials and the Jonestown residents had a very difficult time actually trying to remember who was where and what – you know, to be sure that that person actually died. And there were also some Guyanese children involved." Stephenson reminded me of something that is in the book and kind of tragedy within the tragedy. A number of Guyanese children often spent time at Jonestown, and some of those who were there that final day were killed. "Their parents were never able to claim their bodies," she said. "They were shipped to the U.S. and now lie in the mass grave in Oakland."

"What is the number usually agreed upon?"

"I'd say — including Congressman Ryan's staff and the three journalists, all together on that day of tragedy, November 18, 1978 - that 918 people died."

"How many survived?"

"About 80 people. They survived by running off into the jungle."

I said that Stephenson's book reminded me that these people were committed to changing society and their lives, that they weren't crazy. "They were in Guyana for a purpose, and they believed in Jim Jones."

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all history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a

re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the

Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "iust feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits,

video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum. the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. "Rail Town," an "O" gauge operating

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Stephenson invites me down to the ground-floor library where are housed 900 tapes and close to 60 books on the People's Temple, plus 20 binders that include 10,000 individual and passport photographs with 5000 people represented. The library is a cozy place where a handful of men and women, some wearing white cotton gloves, handle photographs and rare documents from other archives.

"What do you hope for from the book and your work with the archives?"

Stephenson says that she has tried to make the materials more accessible to researchers in the future. Then suddenly her

voice shakes, she blushes, and her eyes get teary. "Most people just remember the bloated bodies turned face down, and these photos in our archive, especially the membership photos and the passport photos, help to put a face on those bodies. So often the people who died in Jonestown are called 'cultists,' and people do not distinguish between the children who were there, the seniors who were there, or that people were killed there. They didn't just all line up to drink cyanide punch on one person's

order.
"The photographs in our archives hopefully lead us to ask who were they, and how did they get involved, and what was going on at the time that they followed this man to Guyana. Many people died. They died and we don't

know how they died, but certainly they did not all kill themselves. They were killed by people who also loved them. Sometimes the effort to getting to the point of asking the questions is almost more important than the answers we learn."

I ask to hear the tape made on that day, the 43-minute one in which Jones leads his followers into drinking the cyanidelaced drink. Stephenson invites me to sit at a small table where there is displayed the image used on the tape made by the People's Temple Gospel Choir. The tape, He's Able, borrows its title from an old gospel song and refers to divine intervention. Here, however, "he" is a reference to Jim Jones. Stephenson inserts the audiotape in the boombox and fixes the volume. I listen for a few moments, then stop the tape. "Who is the woman who is asking for calm?" I ask.

"That's Christine Miller," she says and locates Miller's photo in one of the folders. I study the image of the only person who questioned Jones. Christine Miller was an attractive brown-skinned, middle-aged African-American woman. The shot may have been taken at one of the People's Temple's Sunday meetings as she is wearing a stylish go-to-church hat. Christine Miller unsuccessfully tried to ease tensions. She begged "Dad" (the name given Jim Jones) for a chance to explore other options that might save all their lives. Like the hundreds of others whose headshots are kept in the folder, this courageous woman is dead.

On the tape, Jones's man-

ner is cool and patronizing. It is chilling to hear his invitation to his several hundred followers to kill themselves after first killing their children and to hear the wide applause. How desperate must have been the Jonestown experience for these people to make them willing to consider destroying themselves and their children. The full transcript of this tape is included in *Dear People: Remembering Jonestown*.

"Well, someday, everybody dies. Some place that hope runs out, because everybody dies. I haven't seen anybody yet that didn't die. And I'd like to choose my own kind of death for a change. I'm tired of being tormented to hell, that's what I'm tired of. Tired of it. [Applause] Twelve hundred people's lives in my hands, and I certainly don't want your life in

Christine, without me, life has no meaning. [Applause] I'm the best thing you'll ever have... It's not to be afeared. It is not to be feared. It's a friend. It's a friend sitting there; show your love for one another. Let's get gone. Let's get gone. Let's get gone. [Children crying]... Where's the vat, the vat, the vat? Where's the vat with the Green C on it? Bring the vat with the Green C in. Please? Bring it here so the adults can begin... We said - 1000 people who said, we don't like the way the world is. Take some. Take our life from us. We laid it down. We got tired. We didn't commit suicide. We committed an act of revolutionary suicide protesting the conditions of an inhumane world."

my hands. I'm going to tell you,

The tape ends.

— Jangchup Phelgyal

model train exhibit, is on display through August. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Backyard Monsters" features giant robotic insects, up to 11 feet high and 22 feet long, paired with interactive learning displays and "one of the world's largest private specimen collections." Visitors may build a bug, create a bug orchestra, take a robotic insect for a walk. Through December.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through January 2006, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

"Fossil Hunters San Diego"

shows how museum's paleontologists hunt for local fossils — what they look for, tools they use, how fossils are excavated and transported, how they're prepared and studied. Also on view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present." Both close on Monday, September 5. Current "giant-screen films" include *Ocean Oasis* and *A Rainforest Adventure* — *Bugs!* 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16,

1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

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

Stephen Birch Aquarium Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine

life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

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

Wells Fargo History Museum,

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

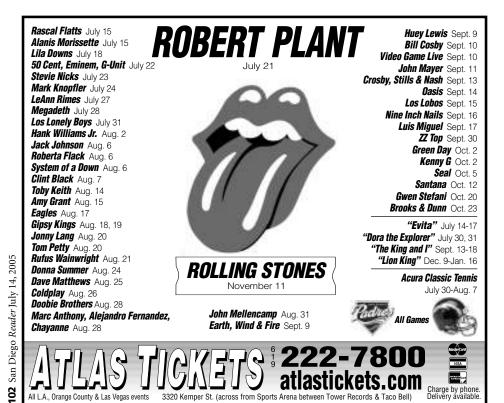


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"Piano Spectaculars," San Diego Symphony Summer Pops series continues with concerts Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16. Listen for Rachmaninoff's "Variations on a Theme of Paganini," "Rhapsody in Blue" by Gershwin. Evenings conclude with fireworks.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$10 to \$65, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

The Youth Choir of Greater Paris plans appearances in the area on July 15 and 17. Concerts include music by "the great masters" and sacred music by Franck.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday at San Rafael Church (17252 Bernardo Center Drive) and at 3 p.m. on Sunday at St. Mary Magdalene Church (1945 Illion Street). Offering. 619-276-1041. (RANCHO BERNARDO, SAN DIEGO)

Works by Dvořák, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn on offer when Oberon Trio performs for Pleasure of Your Company series on Sunday, July 17, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Donation. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Franz Schubert's Major Piano Works are performed by concert pianist Gustavo Romero on Sundays through July 31. Enjoy "Sonata in C Major (Reliquie), "Sonata in G Major," "Sonata in C Minor" on July 17. Concerts hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library begin at 4 p.m. at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$29, \$34. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Arias from Don Giovanni, Le Nozze di Figaro, Così fan tutte, The Magic Flute, and others may be heard during opera concert dedicated to Mozart, Sunday, July 17, 4:30 p.m., at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Tenor Aleksandr Agamirzov joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert, Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Free, 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

"Summer Stock VII" group exhibition opens with reception on Friday, July 15, 6 p.m., and continues through Saturday, Au-

gust 13, at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). 619-232-5004. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Meta:Glyphs — The Art of Iain Gunn" continues through July at Playa Gallery (2940 Adams Avenue). Exhibit features three-dimensional blacklight shamanic imagery. Receptions and "meet the artist" events on Fridays, 7 p.m. 619-339-1136. (NORTH PARK)

Dance Photographs taken with a Canon digital SLR camera during live performances and dress rehearsals by Elazar Harel are on view through Friday, September 9, in Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Meet Harel — assistant vice chancellor for Administrative Computing and Telecommunications at UCSD — during reception on Wednesday, July 20, 4 p.m. RSVP for reception by Friday, July 15, 858-534-0133. (LA JOLLA)

"Natural Impressions," show-casing fine-art photography by Art Wolfe, opens with reception on Thursday, July 21, 5:30 p.m., at Ordover Gallery (Studio 172, 444 South Cedros Avenue). Continues through September. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, art and significance of Japanese dolls from the Edo period showcased in "Ningyô: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, *ningyô* embody the customs, tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, January 8, 2006.

"Kazuo Kadonaga — Elemental Materials in Contemporary Art," on exhibit through Sunday, October 2, showcases sculptures fashioned from glass, wood, paper, and bamboo. Kadonaga's art makes visible "the hidden life of seemingly inanimate matter."

"In the Grain — The Art of the Woodworking" boasts work by George Nakashima, his daughter Mira Nakashima-Yarnall, California craftsman Sam Maloof, seats from Africa, and a Japanese *tansu*. Continuing.

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"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through Sunday, August 28.

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

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "The Beaded Universe — Strands of Culture" includes beads from

40 cultures, inspired by and based

on The History of Beads by Lois

Sherr Dubin. Exhibit includes beaded globe four feet in diameter created by Huichol Indians, a Yoruba chief's robe, garments by New York artist Sandra Rubel.

Concurrently, see "JoAnn Tanzer — Architectural Enamels." Works were created by painting with vitreous glass on steel. Continuing.

Ongoing: "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Richard Allen Morris: Retrospective, 1958-2005" explores oeuvre of this "painter" with 150 paintings on view through Sunday, August 28. Exhibition includes examples of Morris's work from the many different styles he has adopted throughout his career.

In "Cerca Series: Yunhee Min," the Los Angeles-based artist creates work juxtaposing color and form to explore "the possibilities of the space" the piece inhabits. The pieces are "a hybrid of painting, installation, and architectural intervention." Closes Sunday, August 21.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Graham Flint: American Panoramas at 1000 Megapixels" showcases the physicist and photographer's project bringing "together the cutting edges of photographic optics, film technology, and digital processing, creating

landscape photographs which contain an unprecedented detail and resolution." Through Sunday, September 18.

"Snapshot: From Box Brownies to Camera Phones," also closing on September 18, examines the way family photographs taken by amateur photographers over the past 100 years contribute to the history of photography. Exhibit includes historic snapshots from 1920s–1960s, along with "live feed" of camera phone images.

"Steve McCurry: Photographs of Asia" highlights history and faces of places the artist has visited as *National Geographic* photographer. McCurry is most famous for *Afghan Girl*, the portrait of a refugee that appeared on magazine's cover in 1985. View the images through Sunday, September 25.

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

San Diego Museum of Art, more than 80 works on offer in "Maxfield Parrish, Master of Make-Believe," opening Saturday, July 16. Exhibit boasts many of Parrish's most recognizable art works, such as calendar and book illustrations, "classicized paintings," and an 18-foot-long mural he painted for Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney. Show explores Parrish's artistic development and working methods. Closes Sunday, September 11.

"Wedgwood's Fairyland Lustreware from the Collection of Maurice Kawashima," also opening on July 16 and closing on September 11, highlights 27 pieces produced at the Wedgwood manufactory in Etruria, England, in decade after World War I. The pieces feature imaginative patterns inhabited by fairies, sprites, goblins, and dragons.

"Contemporary Links 3: Sandow Birk: The Leading Causes of Death in America" showcases ten commissioned lithographs, based on prints by 20th-Century American artist George Wesley Bellows. Closes Sunday, August 14.

"Human Presence: Works from the Museum's Collection," two-part exhibit focuses on the human body. "Part I: The Singular Body" incorporates gallery sculptures of people and animals with those in the garden and court. "Part II" brings attention to "physiological reactions to pure form and color" via the "Through the Geometry of Color" exhibit. Experience through Sunday, July 17.

"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Continues through June 2006.

"The Origins of Mughal Painting" examines "one of the lingering mysteries in the history of Indian art: how such a distinctive and sophisticated style as that of the imperial Mughals arose so quickly." The new installation, showcasing 20 images from the Binney Collection, continues through Sunday, August 28.

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

Timken Museum of Art, "Old Master Drawings from the Bowdoin College Museum of Art" are on view through Saturday, August 13. Forty drawings dating from the 16th Century to the 19th Century are featured, with majority of works by artists of the Italian and Netherlandish schools, encompassing a wide variety of subjects in a range of styles and media.

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Maxfield Parrish, Interlude Mural, oil on linen canvas, 1922. Courtesy of the Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester. Lent by the Eastman School of Music, 5.97L. Photo Credit: Archives of Alma Gilbert.

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Preposterous Backstory

Hand puppets tell and mock the frame tale.

wife Anne named Hamnet and Judith, born in 1585, after their Stratford neighbors, Hamnet and Judith Sadler. And though the Bard became the definitive absent father, spending

three-fourths of each year in faraway London, he knew how hard it was to keep tabs on toddlers scurrying about his New Place home on all fours.

The Comedy of Errors compounds the problem with two pairs of identicals. Or maybe it's just an accurate picture of what parents of twins experience daily.

Before the play begins, Shakespeare creates the most preposterous backstory in theater history. Emilia, wife of Egeon of Syracuse, gives birth to identical male twins at an inn: "the one so like the other / As could not be distinguished but by names." At the same inn, the very same hour, another woman delivers identical twins. Since the woman and her husband can't afford children, Egeon and Emilia raise them all. A shipwreck splinters the family: one twin, each, goes to Syracuse and Ephesus. To nudge the odds toward infinity, Shakespeare gives both sets the same names — two Antipholuses, double Dromios — and then begins his play.

Staging this absurd exposition's been as big a roadblock as getting an audience to buy it. For the Old Globe, director Darko Tresnjak solves the problem with parody: hand puppets tell and mock the frame tale — and set an appropriate, seriocomical tone for the three-ring circus of mistaken

identities that follows.

Nature or nurture? Most *Comedies of Errors* stress how alike the twins are, as if growing up in separate countries — nay, separate *cultures* — had no effect. Tresnjak shows how different a

similarity can be.
The play's set at Ephes

The play's set at Ephesus, on the Asia Minor coast and known, in the time of St. Paul, for sorcery and witchcraft. Antipholus of

Syracuse comes to the city, unaware his long-lost brother has thrived there for years. Since they dress exactly the same, both become Antipholus of Ephesus.

Éach suddenly finds himself in the actor's nightmare. Antipholus of Ephesus reacts like a petulant diva: somebody changed the script? Forget it. If he can't do it his way, he won't play. But instead of sulking in a dressing room, he spends most of his time at a nearby brothel.

Faced with an uncanny Abbott and Costello scenario — everyone knowing who's on first but him — Antipholus of Syracuse becomes a player. He jumps in. He'll "entertain the offered fallacy," discovering his character and situation as he goes along. In the process, the Syracusan ad libs his brother better than the original.

Tresnjak also complicates Andriana and Luciana. Antipholus of Ephesus's wife and her sister often get paired as twins. But here the Syracusans' presence unmoors them from the familiar: snappy Adriana gets to play a younger, more romantic version of herself (which reveals how unstable her marriage has become); bookish, be-



Evan Zes, J. Paul Boehmer, Katie MacNichol, Wynn Harmon, Deirdre Lovejoy in The Comedy of Errors

The Comedy of Errors, by William Shakespeare

Lowell Davies Festival Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Darko Tresnjak; cast: Charles Janasz, Bruce Turk, J. Paul Boehmer, Liam Craig, Evan Zes,
Deirdre Lovejoy, Katie MacNichol, Kandis Chappell, Michael A. Newcomer, Dan Hodge, Brian Bielawski, Blake
Longacre, Edelen McWilliams, Carolyn Stone, Ross Hellwig, Wynn Harmon, Matthew Gaydos, Zura Young, Leah
Zhang, David Villalobos, Jon A. Sampson, Melissa Condren; scenic design, Ralph Funicello; lighting, York Kennedy;
costumes, Laurie Churba; sound, Christopher Walker

Playing through October 2 (*Comedy of Errors* runs in repertory with *Macbeth* and *The Winter's Tale*). For specific days and times, call 619-239-2255.





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speckled Luciana, courted by that same Syracusan, comes of age. For a while, an actor's nightmare frees the women to play dream roles.

But in Tresniak's most interesting take, at the end, as "order" is restored, chaos returns as well. When Adriana realizes that the thoughtful, attentive young man she's spent time with isn't her husband and that she's stuck with the oaf she married — she flashes a look that frosts the stage.

In some ways, the frame of this Comedy of Errors is more arresting than the middle. The 90-minute version moves well. But most of the jokes — at least on an opening night in which much of the acting was technical, not fluid — came from sight gags, seemingly endless clobberings of the poor Dromios, and a tedious, upstaging spate between a Jew and

Albert Bermel writes that farce should instill "typical dream fears" in audiences. "As they recognize them, consciously or unconsciously, they laugh; they are relieved witnesses of somebody else's nightmare." The Globe actors had their lines down and the bits in place but needed to underline the human reactions confusion, frustration, anger that ground the farce in actuality and enable audiences to say, through their laughter, "Better vou than me, pal."

The set's a mite confusing as well. A three-bell white church façade; large wooden barrels, Persian rugs, nets and strange, Disney-colored fish; and walls covered with posters of Garbo and Dietrich movies - Ephesus, or the backlot potluck of a low-budget studio? Laurie Churba's costumes, Indiana Jones chic, help place the period in the mid-1930s. Christopher Walker's music ranges from classical to "Begin the Beguine" (and interrupts one romantic interlude with a phonograph needle zagging across the record). York Kennedy's supreme lighting bathes everything in East Mediterranean soft reds and ripe oranges.

The acting gave every indication that, given time, performances will grow. And since most of the repertory company opened three shows in five nights last week (if it's Sunday, it must be The Winter's Tale), the Errors team's in pretty good shape. Of course, having Charles Janasz (as old, bedraggled Egeon) and Kandis Chappell (the Lady Abbess as a force of nature) guarantees quality. As do Liam Craig and Evan Zes as the dual Dromios (of Syracuse and Ephesus). Played as a cross between Charlie Chaplin and the Cantinflas of Around the World in 80 Days, their slapstick antics guarantee laughs.

Then there's the conjuration dance. In his epistle to the Ephesians, St. Paul accuses the citizens of practicing "curious arts" — i.e., sorcery. Many of the Ephesians in Shakespeare's play also harbor this belief. That's why they bring in Dr. Pinch, schoolteacher and amateur exorcist. But instead of casting out demons, his conjuration makes everyone weirder. They flop into a snakey, ritualized dance that, while Pinch's spell lasts, is a total hoot.

THEATER LISTINGS

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Ask Dorothy: A Paper Doll Musical

Megill & Company presents Heather Megill's light comedy that includes "tap-toeing, barbershop, some sky-high notes, and mime. AVO THEATER, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THROUGH JULY 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Baby with the Bathwater

Formerly Nonsense Productions presents Christopher Durang's satire: "two insane parents, an unorthodox nanny, a boy named Daisy, and a German shepherd with a taste for children. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JULY 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-519-0986.

Cold Comfort Farm

Stella Gibbons wrote as if she always got a good night's sleep. Some call her *Cold Comfort Farm* the funniest book ever written (Rabelais's Gargantua's got it beat, but in no cakewalk). Comfort parodies the gloomy romance novels of agricultural life popular in the early 1930s. Convinced they were "sheer flapdoodle," Gibbons plunks Flora Post, a young (and controlling, and so self-controlled she's "a masterpiece of repressed passion") sophisticate in its midst, to tidy things up. Paul Doust's adaptation has problems — with rhythms and a need to tie, then re-tie loose ends. But he's transformed Gibbons's voice, and humor, to the stage. So has, with a severe exception, Lamb's Players Theatre, Employing a Gothic-Goofy style, hunkering around like simians, the rural Starkadder family gets played so over-the-top that mere silliness rules. The actors end up parodying themselves. This wears thin, Fast, But then Doren Elias dazzles as Mr. Neck, a Hollywood producer/blazing comet, and Sarah Zimmerman, usually given ensemble roles, stars as Flora. Dressed (by Jeanne Reith, costume master) in smart slacks, a silk blouse, and flowing scarf, Flora becomes a young Kate Hepburn: assured, urbane, cutting, funny, and reason enough to see the show. Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH IULY 17: THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-



NEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUN-DAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-6050.

The Comedy of Errors

Reviewed this issue OLD GLOBE THEATRE, LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CEN-TRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. THROUGH OCTOBER 2. (NOTE: COMEDY OF ERRORS RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH MACBETH AND THE WINTER'S TALE: FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES, CALL THE THEATER AT 619-239-2255.)

Confessions of a **Mormon Boy**

Diversionary presents Steven Fales's piece about his inability to overcome same-sex attraction through "reparative therapy," which resulted in a divorce and excommunication from the Mormon church.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THURSDAY, JULY 14, THROUGH AUGUST 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097

Eat Your Heart Out

Lamplighters Community Theatre celebrates its 68th anniversary season with Nick Hall's comedy about an out-of-work actor's adventures as a waiter.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE. 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, FRIDAY, JULY 15, THROUGH AUGUST 7: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

Evita

For eight performances only, Broadway*San Diego presents a touring production of the Tim

Rice/Andrew Lloyd Webber musical about the woman who "seduced a nation.'

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For Reasons That Remain Unclear

On 6th@Penn's set, the elegant interior of the Hassler Hotel in Rome, a white stone Cupid peers through a floor-length window, as if eavesdropping. What it would hear, if it could, is one of the ongo ing evils of our time. A recovering alcoholic (and "recovering Catholic"), Patrick writes for theater and movies, but an incident from long ago prevents him from writing a trenchant drama. His guest, a priest named Conrad, is also blocked, by an "unspeakable monstrosity" of long ago. Like Paula Vogel's How I Learned to Drive, Reasons takes a tough look at sexual abuse. And though the play has its flaws — including enough coincidences to make ours the dinkiest of small worlds - its importance, and a quality performance by Jeffrey Jones, overcome them. Jones gives Patrick a slow coil, incrementally tightening. As the intermissionless play unfolds, he becomes a famished lion, ready to pounce. Jerry Phalen keeps Conrad within too narrow limits (the play takes its time warming up; were Conrad to register some suspicions, Patrick's odd, antsy behavior would make more sense). The design work is a real plus: outside,

Rome's street sounds, a sleepy late afternoon; inside, a living hell. Worth a try.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JULY 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SE-LECTED WEDNESDAYS) AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210

42nd Street

"Julian Marsh is doing a SHOW!" 42nd Street is musical comedy's lottery fable. It proves that "raw beginners can be winners," especially if, like young Peggy Sawyer, they've got talent and are driven by grim-faced producer Julian Marsh, yelling, "Sawyer! Think of Broadway, damnit!" The first test of any 42nd Street production comes right off the bat. The show opens with a splashy tap-dance "Audition." If the chorus isn't clacking the floor as one, forget it. The Welk Theatre passes the test and the others as well. Director/choreographer Jon Engstrom has staged the musical many times. His expertise and some fine casting make for one of the Welk's better efforts in some time. Young Nicole Werner, from the MFA program at SDSU, brightens the stage as Peggy, in spite of a murky lighting design. Erika Amato makes Dorothy Brock a dour diva adept at torchy laments. Andrew Husmann does the impossible: he brings nuance, even some tongue-in-cheek humor, to musical theater's most one-note role: Julian Marsh. The strong-voiced Husmann even turns the producer's famous Gipper speech into a kind of music: 'Sawyer. You're going out there a youngster. But you've GOT to come back a star!'

Worth a try.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH AUGUST 28; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448

Christian Community Theater opens its 25th season with the 1972 musical about the early days of rock 'n' roll. Amy Cordileone directed a cast of 36 performers. MT. HELIX AMPHITHEATER, 49011/2 MT HELIX DRIVE, LA MESA, THROUGH JULY 23: WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUN-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-588-0206





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I Do, or Die: The Motherin-Law of All Weddings

For its summer show, onboard the sternwheeler William D. Evans, Mystery Cafe presents one of its most popular productions: the best array of credible suspects, and also the funniest of those I've seen at the Imperial House, Patricia "Patti" Peccarino (Emily Anne Smith), heir to the Peccarino cheese fortune ("The Cheese Stands Alone"), is about to marry Wilhelm "Willie" Schmeterlinck (Ben Gilbert), last of the Schmeterlincks (who, some allege, invented Cheez Whiz) and a groom given to quoting Shakespeare ("To wed, or not to wed") There's a death. Then another. Was the murderer "the Bavarian Battleaxe," Gretchen Schmeterlinck (Ellyn Hae)? Or Patti's mother, Theresa Rodham Peccarino (Bonnie Stone)? Both exude insidious intent. Or was it lactose-intolerant Patti, who lost 17 minutes of her life at age nine? Or one of several other candidates, each eager to make a hostile takeover — of any thing — and each living proof that "cousins shouldn't marry"? Authors James Pascarella and the late Will Roberson set the piece in the 1950s (yet are somehow able to make numerous topical references to today?). It's a consistently fun, good noggin-scratching evening of interactive theater.

Worth a try.

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Late-Nite Catechism

Back by popular demand: In most

interactive theater the audience needs time to warm up, get into the spirit of performance. Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's one-person show, by contrast, takes two seconds max. Sister, a nun substitute-teaching St. Bruno's adult catechism class, walks in, beams a pleasant smile, then orders latecomers to take their seats NOW. She's here because it's Father Murphy's poker night. And she's from the pre-Vatican II, don't-spare-therod school (when she taps a ruler on her palm, half the audience rubs its knuckles from suddenly unrepressed memories). Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her waist, she commands such a presence that eyes avert when she glares at them. And - whether threatening a gum chewer with eternal damnation, or delighting in church loopholes (St. Veronica probably had an eating disorder; St. Patrick was actually a Scot) — she's as strict as a drill sergeant and funny as a crack stand-up comic. Late-Nite Catechism, which began in 1993, has become a cult classic. It's The Rocky Horror Show for anyone who had an old-school, parochial education. And everyone else. Worth a try.

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Palomar College Performing Arts Department stages James McLure's "companion" one-acts set in a small Texas town. Sarah Gauthier and Stacy Michelle Walker directed.

HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE, PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD, SAN MARCOS, THROUGH JULY 17: FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-744-1150 X2453.

Macbeth

The Old Globe Theatre continues its Shakespeare Festival 2005 with the tragedy of an ambitious Thane and his enabling wife. Paul Mullins

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 2: MACRETH RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH COMEDY OF ER-RORS AND THE WINTER'S TALE; FOR SPE-CIFIC DAYS AND TIMES: 619-239-2255.

The Maids

NU Classic Theater, a female ensemble from Columbia University, performs Jean Genet's drama about domestic workers plotting to destroy their employer. Ulla Wolcz directed.

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE (AT IDAHO), NOR-MAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH JULY 21: TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-584-3593.

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

Julie dumped Bobby two weeks ago. Just split. His fiancée. Now he's so conflicted, so "out of balance," he can't even remember why. So Bobby decides to "find out what women want." He drinks Coronas and tries to discover, as well, his right-brain, "feminine" side. He's a dysfunctional mess, but to his credit, and thanks to Julie, he at least recognizes it (though he shouldn't blame the Y chromosome; that's an old-hat dodge). Male Intellect never dips beneath pop psychology stereotypes about gender but is a consistently funny 90-minute take on today's dating scene. Like Scrooge, Bobby is haunted by visitors: five male chauvinists ranging from a 123-year-old geezer still searching for the perfect woman to the Colonel, who deals with women by the book...his book. Ford Austin plays Bobby and the MCPs with an engaging audience rapport and an ability to disappear into another character. Robert Dubac wrote *Male Intel*lect, which, like Forever Plaid and Late-Nite Catechism, has become an international touring show (you can't help but hear the author, behind the jokes, patting himself on the back for being such a sensitive dude). Asked which character he identified with most, Dubac replied: "Separately they are individuals, but put together all one guy. Women who see the play say, 'I've been out with every one of those

Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 4; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if

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

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET. MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Oliver!

Starlight Theatre continues its summer season with Lionel Bart's musical adaptation of Charles Dickens's Oliver Twist. STARLIGHT BOWL, 2005 PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, JULY 14, THROUGH JULY 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Palm Beach: The Screwball Musical

"Millionaires are funny," Preston Sturges wrote in his autobiography. Along with inventing a kissproof lipstick, in the 1930s, Sturges directed hilarious French farces, labeled "screwball comedies," often about upper-class foibles. At the La Jolla Playhouse, the entire evening's a Sturges movie. We follow the tribulations of the Fitch family as they winter in Palm Beach and, in true farce fashion are a more extended family than meets the eye. Directed by Des McAnuff, the production's a master class in period style: look (you may never see more gleaming teeth on a stage), movement, attitude all straight from 1939. The threelevel set, which does a Kansas to Oz colorshift, is as fluid as the performances. David Gursky's music and Robert Carv's lyrics have some winners: especially "A Bad Man Is Easy to Find," belted by Erica Pic-

cininni and Amanda Watkins. The book has smart one-liners (as when servant Jimmy tells the superrich apple of his eye, "Forget our stations, Victoria") and enough twists and surprises for several farces. There's so much technical virtuos ity and sprint pacing, however, that the show's almost too slick. Neither the performers nor the audience have room to breathe. The result is a light, very well done, entertaining evening that feels hermetically sealed on the stage. Worth a try.

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The Pirates of Penzance

Moonlight Stage Productions presents the new Broadway version of Gilbert and Sullivan's swashbuckling musical romp. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE, BRENGLE TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE DRIVE, VISTA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 20. THROUGH JULY 31; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" - two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COL-LEGE AREA. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. ("RATED PG-13"). 619-465-7469

So Here's The Thing

Local production company P33, Inc., presents a world premiere musical about 11 different people who, in spite of differences, have one thing in common. Emily Cornelius directed. LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA. DOWNTOWN, SATURDAY, JULY 16, THROUGH JULY 31; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-

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Steel Magnolias

OnStage Playhouse stages Jack Heifner's "down-home comedy." Life happens to the regulars at a beauty parlor. Bruce Wilde directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, JULY 15. THROUGH AUGUST 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P M 619-422-7787.

Tomfoolery

Cameron Mackintosh and Robin Ray's 1980 tribute to the satirical songs of Tom Lehrer qualifies as a period piece, given that Lehrer's last album got produced in 1965, and many of the songs are very, very dated (the New Math, or Senator George Murphy anyone?). It's also a mite strange to see the math prof's greatest hits staged, since Lehrer performed with just a piano, his whole body pounding the keyboard, a manic glee behind his horn-rimmed glasses. What comes as no surprise — in the co-production of the North Coast Rep and Renaissance Theatre Company - is that his best songs ("Vatican Rag," "Wernher Von Braun," "When You Are Old and Grav") still barb and delight, thanks in part to his goofy rhyme schemes. The production doesn't overcome the limited range of Lehrer's melodies (many sounding exactly the same), or that he often

lambastes one stereotype with another. But thanks to Priscilla Allen, determined to squelch audience participation in "Irish Ballad," and Ed Hollingsworth in the creepy "I Hold Your Hand in Mine," David S. Humphrey, and especially a game (and talented) Kirsten Mengelkoch, the show has some rousing highlights. Marty Burnett's set recalls the all-brick basement nightclubs of the late '50s, early '60s. Jeanne Reith's costumes add telling accessories to basic black. Ole Kittleson's musical stagings and Chris O'Bryon's four-piece backup band prove useful (in particular, when O'Bryon solos, "The Elements" gives a glimpse of Lehrer on the prowl). The show should appeal to anyone qualified for AARP. For anyone younger remains to be seen.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH AUGUST 7; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Triple Espresso: A Highly **Caffeinated Comedy**

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffee house 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" -Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN: WEDNESDAY AND THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583

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The Winter's Tale

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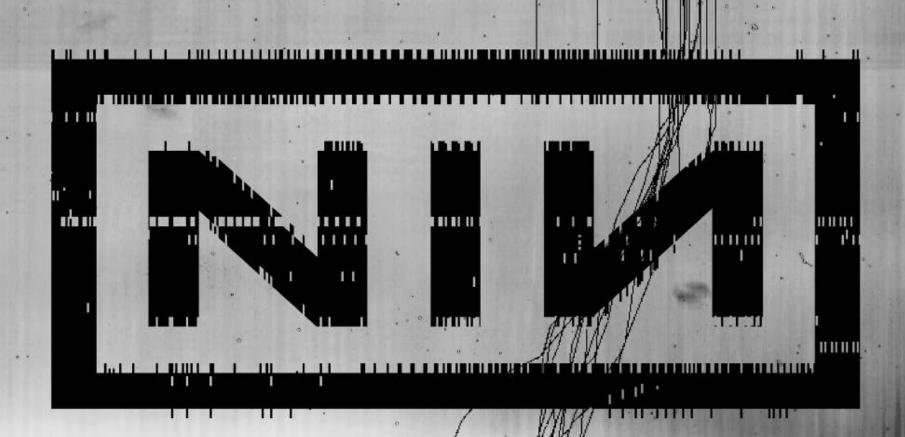
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Hot Snakes Cooldown

"The rather sad news to report is that Hot Snakes will be packing it in after our current tour plans,"

are into." The final San Diego show will be August 8 at the Casbah, and Reis promises the Husbands and the Heartaches will be on the bill.

Hot Snakes formed in 1999 with Rocket from the Crypt singer Reis (a.k.a. Speedo) and guitarist Rick Froberg (with whom Reis played in Drive Like Jehu).



according to a handwritten message posted July 1 by John Reis on swamirecords.com. "It was a complete thrill to be part of and I satisfied my insatiable hunger for sinister throbbing action. Thank you to all that urged us along and lent an ear for us to abuse.'

Reis says the band will play farewell shows in Los Angeles and San Diego "before we recede into our spider holes... your last chance to dance, or bob your head, or stare, whatever you

They released several records on Reis's Swami Records. Their latest release is Audit in Progress.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Punk Control While San Diego County Fair officials tried to prevent off-duty cops from showing up with concealed guns, promoter Willie Carter hired at least one pistol-packing guard for an all-age show at the El Cajon Masonic Lodge. The July 1 Lower Class Brats/Clit

45 show drew 400 people.

"A lot of places don't want to rent out to punk shows,'

says Carter. "We really didn't have a choice.'

Tim Ovies, owner of KMC Security, says his is the only company that is allowed to provide

security at the El Cajon Masonic Lodge. He says he was the only guard of his eight-man crew who carried a gun. He says the visibility of badges, mace canisters, nightsticks, handcuffs, and his gun served as deterrents.

This was the first punk event I ever attended," savs Ovies, who notes that he has handled security for Snoop Dogg's mother and brother and Cuba Gooding Jr. He says the Masonic Lodge event never got out of hand, but two moshing fans were ejected early in the show "for too-aggressive behavior. I wanted to set a tone before the national acts came on.'

Carter has set up an allage show July 24 at the Masonic Lodge in El Cajon



TIM OVIES

with the Partisans, the Skulls, Willie Psycho, American Made, and Subversive Uprising. Tickets are \$12 in advance (from Black Wax) or \$14 night of show.

– Ken Leighton

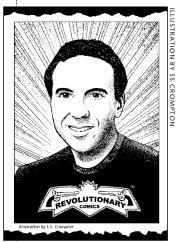
No Respect for Rock Comics? Revolutionary Comics, founded in San Diego by Todd Loren in 1989, published about 300 unauthorized rock-and-roll comic books based on Elvis, Pearl Jam, Led Zeppelin, and others. Some of the artists portrayed — such as Frank Zappa and Mojo Nixon approved; Guns 'n' Roses and Bon Jovi sued, claiming unlawful use of their image.

Someone killed Loren in his San Diego condo in June of 1992. He was 32.

Tomorrow, to coincide with the Comic-Con International convention, producer/director Ilko Davidov will be in town to host the world premiere of a 78-minute documentary he produced about Loren.

"I had to rent out my own room," says Davidov. "We tried to show [the film] as part of the convention.... They didn't want to show this film. Todd used to have fights with the people at Comic-Con. He would speak his mind, and people didn't like that." Davidov says he is showing the film free of charge because he has not vet obtained the rights to license the music used in the film. He says he uses footage of Alice Cooper, many of his fellow artists, and of Loren. One of Loren's colleagues interviewed in the film is Reader music writer Jay Allen Sanford.

'The FBI came and talked to Jay about it. He managed the company after Todd died. Jay says [in the film] that Todd was probably murdered by Andrew Cunanan." Cunanan, who murdered Italian fashion designer



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Gianni Versace, was not identified as a serial murderer until 1997. Davidov says there are similarities between Loren's death and the other Cunanan killings.

Revolutionary Comics: Unauthorized and Proud of It — The Todd Loren Story screens tomorrow, Friday, July 15, at 7 and 9 p.m. at the Radisson Harbor View Hotel, 1646 Front Street. Free admission.

- Ken Leighton



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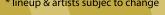
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Courtney Love lookalike contest. Actually, it's for the character she co-created and plays in a Japanese comic book: Princess Ai, the guitarwielding "royal princess of Ai-Land, a magical kingdom caught in the midst of a horrific revolution." Before hooking up with Kurt Cobain, Love lived in Japan and became a fan of their comics with big-eyed characters. The Princess Ai character designs are by manga artist Yazawa Ai. Love's co-creators are D.J. Milky and a female illustrator, Misaho Kujiradou. Princess Ai/Courtney Love dolls, already in production, have angel wings and a guitar

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(\$14.99). Contest rules and prize info can be found at www.begoths.com/princessai.

At this year's Comic-Con, Tenacious D (with Jack Black) will perform, and Rob Zombie presents a panel about his filmmaking projects.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Do It for the Kids The Donnas played at SDSU's Back Door on June 26. Tickets cost \$1395 a person (and included a week-long camp for kids 12-17). Bryan Joseph, founder and executive director of Power Chord Academy, said, "I had this business plan in college while studying entrepreneurship. There are a lot of kids playing in bands but no real guidance or information on how to get started. I thought it would be fun and

could make a big difference in the kids lives.

Joseph started PCA in San Diego. when he was living in North Park. Camps now take

place in Chicago and New York.

On June 26, the Donnas played a 45-minute set that included a brief blackout. Singer Brett Anderson said, "Is this a test for us? We've played in the dark before.' She told the kids at one point, "This isn't school. You can get loud and have fun." A small mosh pit then got

I had asked Anderson before the concert if she would tell the kids that 99 percent of them probably

won't be able to make it in a band the way the Donnas did. She seemed shocked and said, "No! These are kids, and if they have dreams, that's great. If they think they can make it, they should follow



THE DONNAS CAN PLAY IN THE DARK

their dreams. Why crush that? If they get older and have to decide whether to drop out of college to tour with a band that is struggling, they can make that decision

Another local Power Chord Academy session begins on July 17. See www.powerchordacademy.com

— Josh Board

"We Get 'er Done," says singer/guitarist Paul Shaffer of Private Domain. Shaffer and guitarist Jack Butler have played together locally for 27 years (first as Bratz). The two have outlasted every other band and most live venues. Only the Belly Up is still around from the '70s.

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"It's not a big deal," says

Shaffer. "People" now live until their 80s or 90s. If you're good at what you do. you're going to sustain. The sad thing about music is that success seems guaranteed for the youth, and that's kind of a shame because you improve as you get older. I'm a much better singer

now than I was in my 20s." Private Domain (as a duo

and a full band) plays covers and originals. Their fifth album, Politics, is due out this year. Once signed to Gold Mountain/A&M, their music has been on three different radio-station compilations of local artists (KGB, 91X, and KROQ).

Letterman's music director, had a pleasant financial scrape with his namesake. "I once sent Paul a check for his [ASCAP] royalties that were sent to me. He was very appreciative. He invited us to the Letterman show.

Shaffer, who spells his

name the same way as David



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– Ken Leighton

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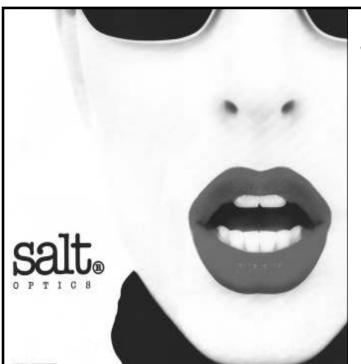
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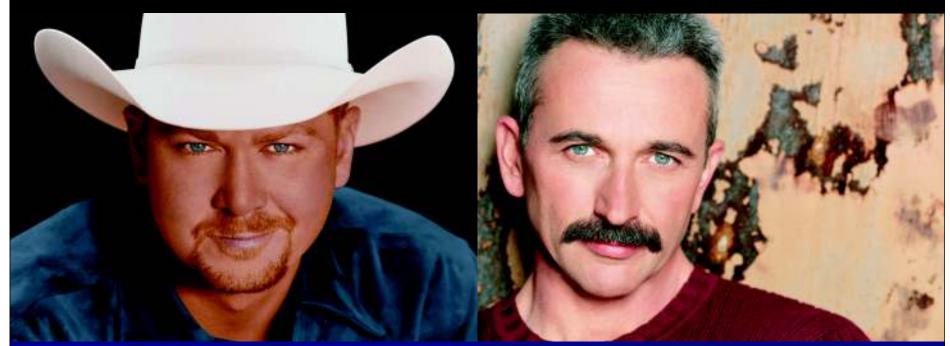
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"It's all about lifting the spirits up."

acqueline Gold is in her 30s and lives with her husband, a Navy doctor, in Normal Heights. She operates a studio in the art community on Kettner, near downtown. "I paint portraits," she says. "The Ubiquitous Bee is a space where I

hold open studio workshops and do all my artwork. I've been here for two and a half years... I started at Rhino Art, went to Naval Training Center, went to Arts College International."

Jacqueline describes herself as an artist and an instructor. "I teach life drawing, painting, and I also have my own agency where I book and train models for artists. Figure-drawing models. Models for art classes, art studios, animation studios, and sculptors. I have a background in modeling."

Jacqueline owns a 20-gig iPod. "I've had it about a year and a half. It's something that my husband had been interested in... and he actually got it for Christmas." She says they like some of the same music but have separate playlists. "There's some stuff he likes from the '80s," she says. "I just can't go there. He's got more eclectic stuff [on his playlist]. There's everything from Bach to the Who to Echo and the Bunnymen. There's thousands and thousands of songs on [the iPod]. We both listen to Pete Yorn, Lyle Lovett, Ray Charles. Recently we've been listening to the Who." I ask her who of the two of them is in charge of downloading the tunes. "He's going that way, but I throw in my CDs when I get

the chance."

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Do they also rip or download off the net? Her answer: "iTunes" (Apple's online music store). "I sometimes catch him [her husband] when he gets up in the middle of the night and goes in and

downloads [music]. He'll usually go to bed around 9:30, but sometimes around 11 o'clock when he has to get up and eat his protein bar — he sleep eats — I can see the

light streaming out [from under] the office door...I think, 'Oh no!'" she laughs. "'He's downloaded another CD.'

"I use the iPod when I paint. Sometimes I don't want to hear the airplanes that go overhead [her studio lies under the flight path]. If I'm in a group situation in my studio workshops, I play CDs. But [when I'm painting] at home, since I have all my CDs here I listen to my iPod. Depending on what my mood is, if $I\dot{}$ m in one of those moody, gloomy days, I'm gonna choose music that's gonna lift me up." Examples? "Oh man, I'm all about the Gap Band and the Commodores. Chaka Kahn. It's all about lifting the spirits up." When she wants to come down? "Then it's gonna switch to Chet Baker. The ones where he's singing. I like his voice. He's the dude." I ask which one of the many portraits she's painted that are on display in her studio is her favorite. She points to one of a young woman. What was she listening to when she made the painting? "Probably the soundtrack to Frida."



Jacqueline Gold

Jacqueline's Top Ten:

- 1. "Tell Me Something Good," Rufus, featuring Chaka Khan
- 2. "California," Joni Mitchell
- 3. "If You Want Me to Stay," Sly and the Family Stone
- 4. "Blue, Red, and Grey," the Who
- 5. "New Slang," the Shins
- 6. "Down Home Girl," Taj Mahal
- 7. "She's No Lady," Lyle Lovett
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Alanis Morissette [228]: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, July 15, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Heart: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, July 15, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Clay Walker: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 15, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Ronny Cox: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, July 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Alkaline Trio [345]: Soma, Saturday, July 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Ray Lamontagne: House of Blues. Saturday, July 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Ja Rule: House of Blues, Sunday, July 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Lila Downs [627]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Maldita Vecindad: House of Blues, Tuesday, July 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

The Circle Jerks: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Tears for Fears [576] and the limmy Chamberlin Complex: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Robert Plant [626]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Thursday, July 21, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bruce Hornsby [574]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island

Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Psychedelic Furs, Howard **Jones** [620], and the **Fixx**: House of Blues, Friday, July 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Eminem [303] and 50 Cent: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, July 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Stevie Nicks [477]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Colin Hay [509]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, July 23, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Le Tigre [164]: Soma, Sunday, July 24, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Mark Knopfler [625]: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, July 24, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Poco [573]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 24, 6 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Mos Def: House of Blues, Monday, July 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Ted Nugent [596]: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

LeAnn Rimes [774]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497. Rusted Root [279]: House of Blues,

Thursday, July 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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The Yellowjackets: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, July 29, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

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Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo [590]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 31, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Hank Williams Jr. [771]: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Tuesday, August 2, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Chaka Khan: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Michael McDonald [605]:

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Howie Day [607]: House of Blues, Saturday, August 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

System of a Down [599]: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, August 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

Geoff Muldaur: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, August 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [582]: House of Blues,
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Gladys Knight [970]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Air Supply [617]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 7, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Clint Black [778]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August

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Howe, Squire, and White: House of Blues, Monday, August 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Alpha Blondy [737]: House of Blues, Wednesday, August 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Temptations [938]:

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Bob Schneider [282] and Shelby Lynne: House of Blues, Thursday, August 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

John Hiatt [883]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Neil Sedaka: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, August 12, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Styx [591]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Toby Keith [780]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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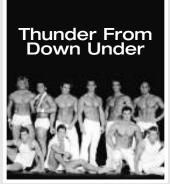
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"Hot Summer Nights" featuring Al Jarreau [558] and the Rippingtons: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay Monday, August 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Trio!" featuring Stanley Clarke **Béla Fleck**, and **Jean-Luc Ponty**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

lan Svenonius has a long and tangled history in the Washington, D.C., post-hardcore scene. But whether he's holding the microphone for Nation of Ulysses, the Make-Up. Weird War, or one of his many other projects, he has a modus operandi: He builds a compelling image for himself and his band and then he shrieks like Prince trying to pass a kidney stone. The result hasn't always made for great music, but it usually makes for great entertainment.

While politics often plays an important part in D.C. music, Svenonius understands that political rock 'n' roll is best when the politics are hopelessly vague. Half-baked revolutionary rhetoric can add to a band's

mystique, but explicit political statements can make a band look like a bunch of kids who are in over their heads. And so Svenonius issues screeds that never quite make sense.

The garage-punkish Nation of Ulysses was better known for its quasianarchist manifestos than its music. (They once earned Svenonius the title "Sassiest Boy in America" in the late Sassy magazine.) In the gospelish Make-Up, the psychobabble Svenonius spoke in between songs

was almost as entertaining as the songs themselves.

Now, with the psychedelic Weird War, Svenonius is more vague than ever. Also featuring former Make-Up bassist Michelle Mae (possessor of one of the greatest heads of hair in rock 'n' roll), Weird War dispenses with some of the politics in favor of the

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occult. And Svenonius ditches some of the shrieking in favor of actual singing. When it works, as in the song "Illuminated" from this year's Illuminated by the Light, this is the best music he's made.

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The Johnny Clegg Band and Taj Mahal [958]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 29, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

John Mellencamp [569] and John Fogerty [598]: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 31, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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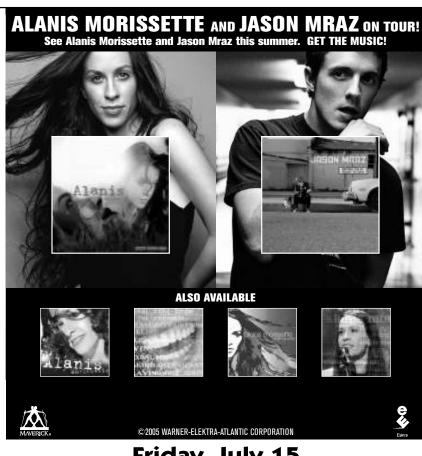
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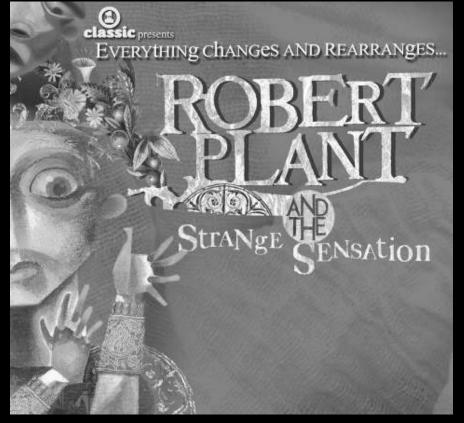
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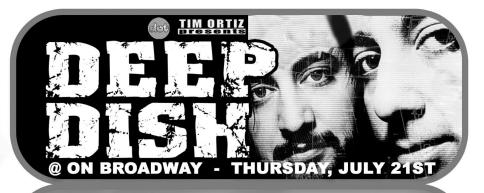
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JD Romance: Dreamstreet,

Liz James & Bunkv: Belly Up

Jane Likes Dick: The Jumping

Jumping to Conclusions: Epicentre

Junkies & Thieves: Martini Ranch

Malevolent Creation: Brick By

The Marches of May: The Jumping

Jeschno: Brick By Brick

The Life: The Casbah

The Mock Rock Robot:

(Encinitas)

G Tom Mac: Brick By Brick

Genial: The Jumping Turtle, 'Canes

The Glossines [134]: The Casbah

Ivyl Vinyl: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Operatic [163]: The Casbah Origin: Brick By Brick

Gregory Page [186]: Lestat's Paint by Numbers: Epicentre

Patient Zero: Blind Melons Plane without a Pilot: Epicentre

Plump: Belly Up Tavern

Pocket: Winstons The Politicians: 'Canes Release the Elephants: Winstons

Roadside Marie: Epicentre Same as Before: Epicentre

Seven Story World: Dreamstreet Seventimes: O'Connell's Pub and

Some Girls: Epicentre Spacehorse: Epicentre

Static for Zen: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Steam: The Cashah

Sufjan Stevens: Belly Up Tavern Straight Out of Junior High:

Summers Wasted: The Jumping

Sweet Tooth: Blind Melons Symbiote: Dreamstreet Tailgunner: Brick By Brick

Tea Leaf Green: Belly Up Tavern Tempernoi: Hard Rock Cafe (La

Tetany: 'Canes

That Mad Ahab: The Casbah 3D Arson: Dreamstreet

The Ups: Martini Ranch (Encinitas) Weird War: The Casbah

Wind-Up Tov: Dreamstreet

Your Favorite Something: 'Canes Yovee [122]: The Casbah

X: House of Blues

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Aerodrive: Blind Melons Agave: Blind Melons

The Big Sound: Surf N'Saddle Blind Date: The Manhattan Lounge Bottomline [597]: Woody's Sports

Buckley's Ghost [435]: Fannie's

The Buzzbombs: The Hidden Door

Carbine: Blind Melons The Circle Jerks: House of Blues The Citizen Band: Winstons

The Electric Waste Band: Belly Up

The Experiments [419]: Blind

The Fabulous Pelicans: Danky's Five Style Fist: The Jumping Turtle The Fryday Band: Hennessey's

Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports &

Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina Gecko: Blind Melons

The Gunshys: The Casbah The Arabella Harrison Band: The The Taylor Harvey Band:

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Liz James & Bunky: Belly Up

The Jefferson Jay Band:

The John Cougar Concentration Camp: The Kensington Club

Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero Laguna: Carvers

Red Lane: Patrick's II

Local Xposure: 4th & B The Love Handles: Fannie's

Low-Flying Moses: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Modessa [537]: Dreamstreet

Natural Seletion: Brick By Brick

The New Up: Winstons

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Coyote Bar and Grill

Not Since Reagan: O'Connell's Pub

OU812: The Jumping Turtle

The Percolators: Winstons, Tiki

Pickford's Party: Hennessey's

Pink Froyd: Winstons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

Dee Ray: The Casbah Reaganomics: Blind Melons The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar

Rise the Wake: Fannie's Nightclub

Rockola: Humphrey's

Rookie Card [539]: The Casbah Serious Guise: Second Wind

Sirens Wail [535]: Dreamstreet

6one9: Second Wind (San Carlos)

The Spots: The Casbah The Stampede Band: Etta's Place

Stars on the Water: Danky's The Stilettos: McP's Irish Pub and

Straight Six: Dick's Last Resort Nikki Sudden: The Casbah

Tainted Love: 'Canes 3 Against 1 [456]: Blind Melons Uptown Groove: Dirk's Niteclub

Maldita Vecindad: House of Blues The Cory Wilkins Band: Bub's

Patti Zlaket [485]: Humphrey's



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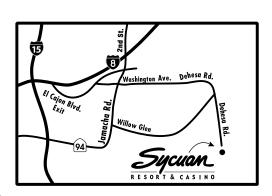
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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Humphrey's B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno

The Flock of '80s: Humphrey's Inside Out: Viejas Casino

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and

The Love Rangers: The Alley Rick Lyon: The Imperial House The Metro Band: Viejas Casino

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn Blue Largo [636]: Tio Leo's Lounge

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Amelia Browning [684]: Turquoise

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Bruce Cameron: Aurora Trattoria Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze Joey Carano: Turquoise Cafe

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze Jo Dark: The German-American

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

Dora Hall: Aurora Trattoria

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio

Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: Winston:

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del

Keith Jacobsen: Trisler's Wine Bar, St. Tropez Bistro & Bakery

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

Jazilla: Turquoise Cafe

The Ron Jermain Big Band: Viejas

Kem: 4th & B

Mike Keneally: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Masterpiece: Iimmy Love's Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho

Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)



BY DAVE GOOD

Mdletshe Mazibuko (he also goes by Albert) is on the phone from his hotel room in Canada. It does not occur to me until later that this is the day of Live 8, a series of rock concerts staged globally to generate aid for the starving African economy. Had I remembered, I might have asked Mazibuko for his take on the whole affair. Instead we talk about the politics that shaped his music. It has a name: Isicathamiya. Mazibuko approves my pronunciation. He tells me that the music itself is very old, a homespun tradition that men relived to fight off homesickness while they worked in far-off mines and factories. "In their homes," he says, "when they sung this kind of music, they sung with their women, girls, everybody...but when they are away from home...when they sing, they find out that there are some voices missing, like women's voices. They try to emulate the women's voices. The music — it sounds a little different."

Ladvsmith Black Mambazo was famous in South Africa long before Paul Simon hired them to sing backing vocals on Graceland. Simon loved their rhythms, their calland-answer style, the intense hush of their voices — compressed, a sound that glides through the air, seasoned with oral trilling and clicking and warbling.

Isicathamiya translates as "tip-toe men." "The most important thing," says Mazibuko, "is that [the miners] also do the dancing that they do at home. Now, if you do the dance, you stomp the floor very hard. When they do that, if there are any guards around, they say why are you making this noise? Are you fighting? So, to live peacefully with the other people, [we] do the dancing but not stomping anymore — just touch the floor." I tell him it looks as if he has an entire



nation with him on stage. "It is a big group," he laughs, "because when you count our feet," he says, "there are so many."

(To hear a sample of Ladysmith Black Mambazo, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4967.)

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The Second Avenue Jazz Band: The Metaphor Coffeehous

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Peter Sprague [643]: Coyote Bar

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon

Sweet Tea: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]:

Danny Weller: Turquoise Cafe Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

Carlton Livingston: Belly Up

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Common Sense [736]: The Blvd.

High Tide: The Metaphor

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Social Green: The Metaphor

The Tribe of Kings: Blind Melons

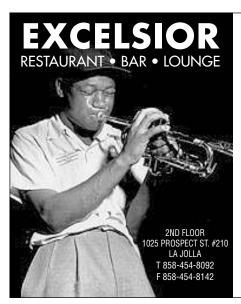
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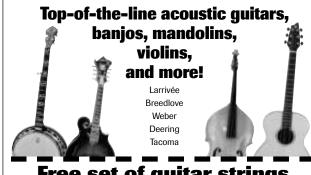
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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

An Carraig: The Ould Sod Araman: Lestat's Coffeehouse Banda Braza: Turquoise Cafe

Jeff Berkley: The Calypso Cafe **Berkley Hart** [857]: Lestat's Coffeehouse

John Bosley: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge, Crossroads Cafe & Coffeehouse

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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Backwater Blues Band: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

Bad Habit: The Bailey Barbecue Restaurant and Bar **The Blue Aces:** Redfields Lounge &

Blue Heat: The Kraken
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The Blues Brokers: The Kraken
The Charles Burton Blues Band

[931]: The Kraken

Chet Cannon & the Committee:

Patrick's II, Etta's Place

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Hancock Cafe, Chateau Orleans

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille Fred Heath & the Slidewinders:

Chris James & Blue Four: Patrick's II

Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak [952]: Patrick's II

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken, Coyote Bar and Grill

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues
Band: Tiki House, Winstons

The Oozie Blues: Patrick's II

Quino: Humphrey's

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Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones:

Tone-Loc: 'Canes

Soul Diego: Patrick's II

Billy Watson: The Calypso Cafe

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub & Grille

The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

Crash Carter [991]: The Calypso Cafe

Angelo D'Agostino: Westin Horton Plaza Ballroom

Joe Ely: Belly Up Tavern Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant

Fuerte: The Calvpso Cafe

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado
The Good Cooks: Coyote Bar and

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Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss

Ja Rule: House of Blues

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Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass and ungle music with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Midway. 619-224-4835.

Flying Bridge: Third Saturday of the month, house, breaks, and hip-hop with DJs SR-71, D-niall, and Dan Gorp. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1105 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside 760-722-1151.

Inferno Young Adult NightClub: Thursdays, college DJs spin party breaks, house, and club remixes, Fridays and Saturdays, DI Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggaeton. Sundays, Sunday night jam. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271

Liquid: Fridays, funk, downtempo, and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

MixLab: Thursdays, DI Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternational hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover.

Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DIs Blackstone and Atari The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins hip-hop, reggae, and Latin. Fridays, Club Fandango, DJs Tito G, Lucho, and Chilaquil spin hop-hop, reggaeton, and salsa. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, and retro. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

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The Bailey Barbecue Restaurant and Bar, corner of Main Street and A Street, Julian. 760-765-9957. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Bad Habit, blues

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Jack the Original, the Big Provider*, and *Wonka Bar*, alternative/rock. Friday, 9 p.m., Sufian Stevens and Liz James and Bunky. Saturday, 9 p.m., Tea Leaf Green, the Electric Waste Band, and Plump, alternative/rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., Joe Ely and Joe Guzman. Monday, 9 p.m., Beres Hammond and Marcia Griffiths. Tuesday, 8 p.m., The Fumez and Drop Joy. Wednesday, 9 p.m., Working Cowboy Band, country.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to

3:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Thursday, 9 p.m., hip-hop/R&B. Friday, on the patio, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Backwater Blues Band, 9 p.m., Common Sense and Skanic, reggae/ska. Saturday, rock. Wednesday, country.

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The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632 8252. Thursday, Crash Carter. Friday, Billy Watson, harmonica blues. Saturday, Fuerte, salsa. Sunday, Thomas Yearsley, steel guitar. Monday, Jeff Berkley, acoustic. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, John Scott & the Magnificents

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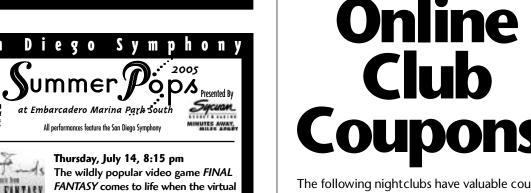
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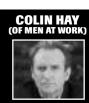
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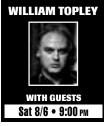
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Album name: Via Moderna (2004)

Artist: Day and Age Label: Lola Records

Songs: 1) Frontiers and Monuments 2) You Are Not U.S. 3) How Sweet Does Your Sugar Taste? 4) Let's Write a Story About

5) Eyeing the Line 6) Frame on Frame 7) Bones Blush Blue

Price/where available: dayandagemusic.com for \$10 Names of band members: Jared Wardle (vocals, bass, synth), Tariq Mills (drums, percussion, synth), Darrin Wardle (vocals, quitar, percussion)

Extra info: Originally called Altayoz, the band was christened Day and Age after the band says it discovered that there were too many local bands with "Alta" in their name. Vocalist Jared Wardle took the name from a history book for no other reason than it sounded cool

Website: dayandagemusic.com

Three-piece rock outfit Day and Age capture eight tracks of uninspired sound on their first full-length release.

Much of the album comes across as a gritty fusion of intonations. Production quality is low, with a large portion of the vocals drowned out by the instrumentals. Each track is marked by the same standard threechord guitar method, though augmented with random synthesizers and seemingly endless distortion. The component tying everything together is the percussion that remains placid throughout.

Melody lines are virtually nonexistent, and the band's schizophrenic approach to songwriting only exacerbates the disjointedness.

"Let's write a story about love and loudly crack open the sternum / plot device infections of the vena cava inferior / This left ventricle is weak. Do a triple bypass to sustain this facsimile / two trophy muscle on display...Old capillary encryption, words as palpitations, misdiagnosed as an intravenous scream." These lines from "Let's Write a Story About" are representative of the disc as a whole - ostentatious and gratingly obscure.

There are occasional high points in the melodies of the album's final two cuts, "Bones Blush Blue" and "The Day I Saw

the Ice" achieve somewhat of a groove as electric guitars take over and there is minimal hollering from lead vocalist Jared Wardle, who sounds as though he is in a constant struggle to be heard. If the threesome abandoned their preoccupation with various methods of distortion and feigning the macabre, their work might evolve into something.

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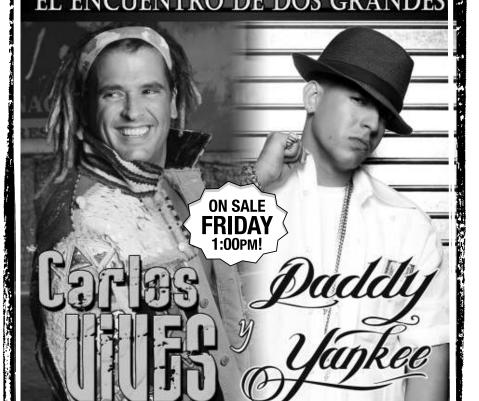
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appetizers (including escargot) average \$12, five soups and salads, and entrées average \$20; kitchen closes at 10:30 p.m.; other restaurants - expensive to inexpensive — within walking distance

ACCESS ➤ a few pay lots around, and parking can be found on side streets; bus stops in area

DRESS ➤ upscale, no sandals or shorts when there's dancing in nightclub, but acceptable in the dining room; one guy wore flip-flops and another in shorts; a few people wore suits, a few in slacks, and only two T-shirts ("Ducati" and "Amoeba Music")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ all hardwood floors, large areas to dance (during jazz night, there are more tables set up and less room to dance)

BATHROOMS ➤ men's had one urinal and one toilet (no separation), automatic flush: women's had one toilet, trash can: both had sinks with paper towels set on them, dark-blue

tiled, clean, and graffiti-free **CAPACITY** ➤ 60 outside 125

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ outdoor patio for smokers has a great view of the ocean and Prospect, and with allglass walls, you can see the band if they're playing inside (Sundays, the bands play outside); there's a bar

FURNISHINGS ➤ 8 couches in the back, 17 tables inside, 14 tables outside, 15 seats at the bar, white tablecloths with candles on each table, dimly lit, beautiful ambience

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 110 when Gilbert Castellanos and his band did "It's Easy to Remember"

QUOTABLE ➤ "I wonder if anyone's ever walked into the sliding-glass door going out onto

I had a friend in from out of town that wanted to go to the Hard Rock Cafe. When we walked across the street for a coffee at the Living Room, we saw a salsa band playing upstairs at Excelsior. I went back on a Wednesday night to check out the iazz band. It's not smooth iazz, but the real stuff, full of interesting sax,

piano, stand-up bass, and drum

When I was in college and a bunch of friends went down to the dance clubs in TJ, I always liked the upstairs places. There was something about having a beer and watching the nightlife walking around below. It's the same here, but you are watching all the beautiful people walking down Prospect.

I was talking to a manager here who looked and sounded like Selma Hayek. I asked her why they had so many Belgian beers. She said, "We used to serve Belgian cuisine, and the owner was from a brewery in Belgium. We changed [ownership] three years ago but still have the Belgian beers, which are very popular."

I asked her about a sign on the table that said there was a two-drink minimum. "We don't really enforce that. When there isn't a cover, if we saw people standing around without ordering, we might say something. Most of the people that come here are eating or drinking."

- Josh Board

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-5979. Thursday, La Preferida, salsa. Tuesday, Ritmo liente, salsa/Latin.

Westin Horton Plaza, 910 Broadway Circle, downtown. 619-232-4355. Schroeders Club: Friday, 8 p.m., Angelo D'Agostino and G. Scott Lacy, cabaret. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sam Harris and Todd Schroeder, cabaret.

SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO

Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Jesse*

Davis, variety. Saturday, the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet

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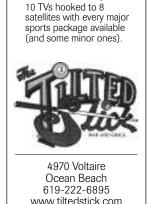
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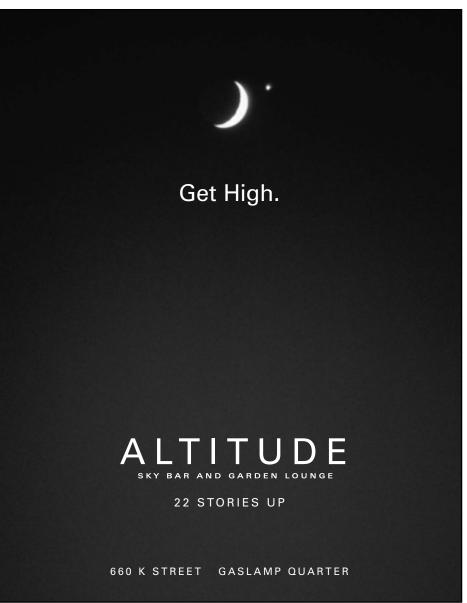
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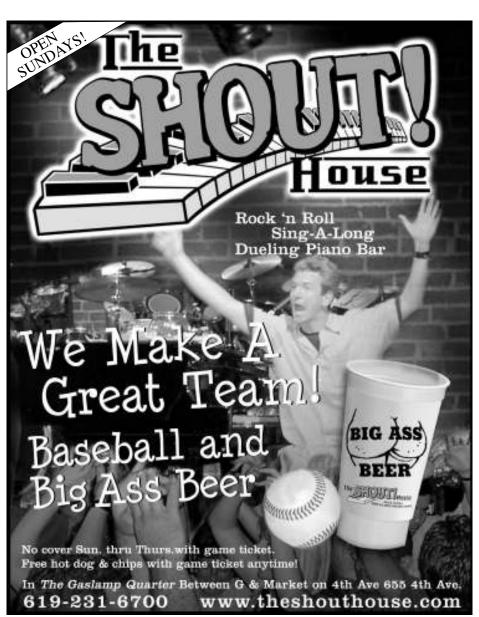
Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, Southbound Johnny, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Somewhere Else Coffeehouse, 330 North Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon. 619-441-0481. Friday, 5 p.m.









Unchained Links

"We don't take reservations, we're just a neighborhood bistro," said the voice on the telephone. "But if you tell us how many there are in your party, we'll make sure we have a table for you.' We were headed for dinner at the Linkery, North Park's newest eatery. A culinary near-wasteland just a year ago, the southern part of this neighborhood has begun sprouting restaurants faster than my lawn grows dandelions. "Five and a half," I said, and the guy on the phone immediately got the joke. (In addition to my partner and me, our group included our delightful next-door neighbors, Laurie and Francisco, and their eightyear-old son Frankie, who would devote the entire evening to vividly re-enacting The Revenge of the Sith.)

The Linkery is a hip café that features madefrom-scratch artisan cuisine just a tofu-cube short of organic. Costly certified-organic foods mean higher menu prices, so the chefs here use local, sustainably raised products whenever possible. According to what's fresh and seasonal from that day's market, you're likely to encounter variations in some dishes from the printed menu.

Befitting the restaurant's name, each day the chefs make three unique types of links, all fresh (uncured) and nitrate-free. The array typically includes two meat sausages and one chicken, plus chorizo on weekends, with spice levels running from mild to hot. Some are traditional ethnic recipes (e.g., weisswurst, linguiça), others are original creations. You can sample them four different ways, ranging from a single link added to another dish (\$4) to a picnic plate (\$13) with two links and two cheeses of choice, plus mustard, tomatillo salsa, and hearty peasant-style bread (from Bread on Market).

Check out the chalkboard to your left as you enter — it lists the day's sausages, the three farmstead cheeses, and the entrée special. The main dining room, around the corner from the entry, is trim and modern with a stone-tiled floor, pinepatterned plastic paneling, and terra cotta-colored walls hung with oil paintings. Conversations echo against the hard surfaces. There are blond-wood tables of various sizes and heights, with the tallest up against the front windows — the better to show off the buff young patrons who prefer those altitudes. The ambient music is cool and eclectic — Elvis, Fess Longhair,



REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Lady Day, Dino, and gringo Tex-Mex conjuntos sing in turn.

A roaring gas grill turns out dishes as flavorful and unfussy as at a fine cook's back-yard barbecue. The appetizers center on seasonal veg-

gies, grilled and dressed. Blistered green beans were so delicious in their ginger-soy sauce that Frankie the Kid fell on them like one of those starving children of

China our moms always cited to make us clean our plates. I particularly enjoyed the asparagus spears in a delicate rosemary-chili oil.

An exuberant "Herb Salad" featured rocket (arugula), spinach, mint, cilantro, and tangerine sections, topped with pine nuts, Cotija cheese, and balsamic vinaigrette. Piquant, sweet, nutty, and creamy, this complex of flavors is worthy of an entrée — it also wasn't lost on Frankie the Kid, who interrupted his movie re-enactment for several (blissfully silent) minutes to gobble it

The all-around favorite entrée was a thick "natural" pork chop (not precious Niman, but from a swine raised without hormones or antibiotics). It arrived charred, yet pinky-brown inside, topped with a grilled "apple salsa" of chewy-crisp, smoky chunks of caramelized fruit. Alongside were thin slices of yam and leaves of

grilled Belgian endive stuffed with blue cheese. (Boy, did I love that.) Its rival was an airline cut of chicken (a half-breast with attached wing drumette). "Wow!" my partner said at first bite. "Is this a free-range

chicken?" he asked the waitress. "No, it has no pedigree at all," she answered. "It's just plain chicken, but the chefs here know how to cook it." The bird came off the grill moist and tender, its crackling-crisp skin glazed with apricot. Its companions were arugula with a fierce, flavorful honey-mustard dressing, and a mound of coarsely mashed celeriac (celery root), which needed more peeling and would have benefited from a dab of butter and/or cream to fulfill its potential as an alternative to mashed potatoes. (Incidentally, vegetarians can substitute grilled tofu or portobellos for the flesh.)

The Linkery ★★★ (Very Good)

3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778, www.thelinkery.com.

HOURS: Monday–Friday noon–11:00 p.m. or later; weekends 9:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m. or later. Kitchen always open until 11:00 p.m., wine-bar open later by demand.

PRICES: Breakfast entrées \$4-\$13; lunches \$6-\$11; dinner appetizers and salads \$3.50-\$7.50, entrées \$8-\$23 (average is around \$14); desserts \$4-\$6.40.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Artisanal "slow food" cuisine featuring local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations, including daily fresh sausages and desserts. Fascinating international wine list at low markups, about ten choices by the glass, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola.

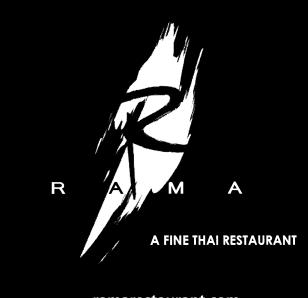
PICK HITS: Herb salad; grilled vegetable appetizers; apricot-glazed grilled chicken; natural pork chop; desserts. Best sausages: chicken curry, linguiça, Polynesian pork, spicy chicken, kasekramer.

NEED TO KNOW: Small parking lot shared with Zensei Sushi (enter by alley on Upas, just east of the lack in the Box lot). Noisy even when near-empty. Vegetarian-friendly menu. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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In "Surf and Turf, Linkery Style," the surf consists of tender shrimps swathed in a tingly chili-lime-cilantro foam that dances on the tongue. The turf is a charbroiled flatiron steak (a relatively tender cut of the shoulder chuck) from Omaha Meats — the famous butcher whose higher-end steaks have lost so many food-mag comparison tests due to their blandness. The flatiron tastes pretty flat, too, especially for a hunk o' chuck. The menu says that the meat comes topped with pineapple butter with a side of corn-



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mint purée, which might have helped. That evening, it was served with avocado slices and arugula.

"Link and Choucroute" proved a minimalist gesture in the direction of Alsatian *choucroute garni*, which usually includes cured meats and sausages arranged on winecooked sauerkraut. Here, the sauerkraut is cooked in Alsatian wine and garnished with sausage bites and bacon bits, plus one whole link of your choice. A nice touch is a topping of melted Gouda cheese, but close your eyes and you're still not in Strasbourg.

Before committing to a dinner, I'd scouted the restaurant at a couple of sausage-tasting lunches, and so for this dinner, we ordered the day's trio as side dishes. Oddly, up until a week ago, sausage seemed to be the kitchen's weakest link. Two out of three of the critters were typically dry or bland, with the third a lipsmacker — the only way to tell which was which was by tasting them all. The original inventions and the Latin-origin links fared better than the traditional German wursts. (Happily, at a later visit, the links scored 100 percent. The restaurant is still evolving, and that includes its sausage-making technique. See "Pick Hits" above for some successes.)

The beverage list at the Linkery is a joy. For the little and big Frankies of the world, there's Mexican Coca-Cola, made with real cane sugar instead of corn syrup. The flavor will take boomers back to babyhood — it has a cleaner

sweetness, and perhaps a higher proportion of cola syrup. The low end of the wine list is a casual drinker's "Little Iar o' Wine" for \$3.50, a six-ounce pour of boxed Cabernet. The serious wine list is great fun, offering some 40 bottles from all over, including local San Diego and Baja vineyards, with more reds than whites, as befits a sausage emporium. Bottles run \$20 to \$150, with plenty of under-\$30 choices; glasses are \$6 to \$12. Beer drinkers will find 13 brews from seven nations, plus a partridge in a pear cider (hold the bird).

All desserts are house made (except for a Bread on Market carrot cake), and the coffee is full-bodied French-press. The mango cheesecake is very Midwestern, smooth and cream-cheesy — neither too light nor too heavy. An order of grilled pineapple and strawberries arrives as a kebab on a rosemary-branch skewer, the pineapple chunks naked and the strawberries doused in sweet balsamic vinegar. This comes with creamy vanilla gelato (store-bought) drizzled with sexy balsamic syrup. Laurie chose orange-balsamic house-made ice cream, with an airy texture and subtle flavor a grown-up sweet. Frankie the Kid, exhausted by his epic Sith recitation, tasted of each but was too sleepy to react much.

My most recent meal at the Linkery was a weekend breakfast — indeed, weekends are the only times the restaurant serves breakfast. We began with fresh-squeezed orange juice, foamy and pulpy from the restaurant's new electric juice extractor. (You throw in whole peeled oranges and out comes this terrific liquid fuzz.)

Eggs Benedict were revisionist to the max, changing

everything but the eggs. The dish includes two cubes of weighty artisan bread, a sausage of your choice (cut lengthwise) in place of Canadian bacon, and a hollandaise that tastes vaguely like curry, with cilantro and ginger offering hints of Asia. The eggs were exquisite, each with a translucent membrane of cooked white coddling the liquid yolk. The bread monoliths were useless. (I suspect that the house-made biscuits might be an apter substitute for the traditional English muffins — lighter, anyway.) There were fingerling potatoes alongside, sliced avocados, and a flurry of arugula. A juicy chicken curry sausage, its interior moistened by yogurt, is a perfect match for this dish, every bit as "awesome" as the waitress described it.

My partner chose the breakfast burrito. It's dinosaur-sized, stuffed into a whole-wheat flour tortilla that's grilled on one side. The filling includes take a deep breath — avocado. queso fresco, salsa, house-made chorizo slices (full-flavored and grease-free), onions, red and green peppers, and three beautifully soft-scrambled eggs. And beneath all that, potatoes loads and loads of potatoes with more potatoes (the ubiquitous fingerlings) on the side. You also get a ramekin of sour cream plated yin/yang with excellent fresh tomato salsa. The combination is more than enough to stuff two eaters for a whole day, so long as both are spud lovers.

The final measure of a restaurant is: Would you go back? Laurie and Francisco said they would. My friend Sam—known to you from past reviews—discovered the Linkery on his own and enjoyed the neighborhood-bistro atmo-

sphere and the neighborhood prices. He'd go back, too. And my partner and I would be there right now, if I didn't have to sit here scribbling.

ABOUT THE STAFF

Jay Porter is the owner and founder of the Linkery. This is his first venture into the food business. "I wanted to start a neighborhood restaurant," he says. "Having lived in North Park for a while, I felt there was a need for something like this — a café with reasonably healthful food, not too expensive, with a good wine list. I knew how to make sausages that was my contribution when we first opened — and I had friends who knew how. My general manager, Mike McGuan, had worked in a sausage factory in Philadelphia." At first, links were the major part of the menu. "We wanted to feature handmade sausage as an expression of the kind of food we serve. We believe in handmade. artisan food. We make almost everything ourselves."

The menu began to expand when Mars Wasterval came on as chef. "She found us. She's from Houston, a graduate of Johnson and Wales [culinary school], and worked in a hotel in Mexico City. When she came back here, she moved in across the street. She came by one day and said, 'Hey, you're starting a restaurant? You should hire me.' She had the exact grasp of our kind of food — fresh produce, lightly marinated meats, spices that are appropriate for our latitude. That's how she likes to cook and how she thinks of food. We didn't want to get involved in a lot of sauces and sautéing. We're more like a back-yard grill.

"Our sous chef is Tara Pelletier. She came to us from Café

Cerise. She was eating here, and she told us she could make sausage — she'd been doing it at Cerise. She began working at both places and ended up here as our sous chef.

"When Tara came, we switched our kitchen around. Carrie Whealy, who was our sous chef, is now executive baker and breakfast chef. She went to CIA [Culinary Institute of America] and worked as garde-manger at Chez Panisse. She developed our breakfast menu, she's taken charge of our cheeses, and she does the baking — the cakes, éclairs, the desserts, the biscuits. (I like our biscuits and gravy breakfast the best because we make the biscuits, we make the gravy, and we make the sausage in the gravy.)

"The sausages now — we have some that established recipes, like the bratwurst, that Michael [McGuan] knew from his sausage-factory experience. Some recipes we researched, or we'd eaten them at other places and worked on them until we got them right. Some, we just make up. Right now we're running Tara's black current/pine nut/Parmesan, and I think that's gonna come back. We try to mix a group of standard recipes with more creative ones. We've run about 30 types of sausage since we began.

I asked whether the sausages were lower-than-normal fat. "They start out at the normal fat level," Jay said, "but because they're grilled over an open flame and they're fresh, the fat drains out a little. Some of them really lose a lot of fat. And when we first opened, it took us a few weeks to get the poaching down. The way we make them, after they've aged overnight, we poach them, and it's a delicate operation. You have to do it just

right, to get them cooked but still keep the moisture in there.

"In the last month or so, we've also really gotten going with the specials. The way the chefs decide on specials is, they call our produce company, our meat company, our seafood company, see what's out there — or the companies call us when they get in something unusual. We had some amazing Kurobata pork last week. The last special we had was a sea bass. We called up Catalina [a premium local seafood company], and they told us what they had fresh. Mars did a vanilla sauce on it, and it was awesome. With the specials, we can pay for a really high-end product and charge for it. You can still come in and get the regular dishes affordably, but the specials are something unusual, a treat. We can also make our own ice creams here in really small batches, which is nice, because we can do different ones every night.

"About 10–15 percent of our customers are vegetarians. We had a lot of struggle to come up with vegetarian items, since the grill is our main way of cooking. We've finally come up with some items that are really satisfying, complete entrées, rather than the kind of vegetable medleys we'd been doing. For a while we made our own tofu, but it turns out that you need a lot of specialized equipment to make it solid, and our kitchen is too small for that. We tried making 'cottage cheese' tofu, and it was tasty, but you couldn't grill it. We finally had to go back to buying it.

"The thing I really feel good about is the staff. They're all local, they all live nearby. The staff is great, and I think we're establishing a good relationship with the community."















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ıst so you know," says Hank. "It's changed." "Changed what? Address? Diapers?" "You'll see, *muchacho*, you'll see.'

We park on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, near Narragansett. I get out and step up through, like,

a hole in the bushes and — oh wow. All of a sudden you're in this little plank-floored garden room. Bushes and hanging plants hide the people yakking and chewing. It feels as if we've been transported. I'm thinking Acapulco. No, Ticul. Yucatán peninsula. It's the boards, the ferns, the creep-

ers, the hothouse feel, the Spanish conversation drifting out from the kitchen next door.

'Order the 99," says this gal Rhoda. She's sitting with her six buddies. "It was made in heaven. Honestly. Ask for the shiitake whole-wheat quesadilla.'

"No no!" says this other lady. Susan. "Pancakes to morir for! Multi-grano! Healthy? It's all healthy.'

Susan says she's been hearing about this place for eight years. "I spent \$1400 round-trip from Jersey, just to come for a \$7.00 meal and shut this bunch of leftist agitators up. It'd better be good."

That's when Hank's face pushes in through the bushes. "For crying out loud. There you are. You have to go through the main entrance."

I follow him out onto the sidewalk, then through a blue-rimmed door.

In here, it's completely different. A small space with a counter opens onto a large, lowceilinged barn. There are orange-washed walls

and a hanging forest of healthy greenery; Mexican blond-wood benches; leather-topped tables; those pigskin, wood-strut chairs that Cortez invented to honor his nobles — even tree branches suspended from the ceiling as art. What a trip.

"Remember when this was a tiny, one-room affair?" Hank says. "From the outside, dude. I've never been in before.'

"It's big," he says, "but it doesn't feel like an airplane hangar."

Luis, one of the waiters, sits us at a table. We're lucky — the place is packed. This part of the restau-

rant has more potted ferns, ceilings lined with stretched-out coffee sacks with names like "TU-LUNI SUPREMO" stamped across them.

'Make up your mind quickly, dude," Hank says, looking up from his menu. "You miss the chance, you wait for hours."

Damn. 'Cause this is where I like to mull. And with 230-plus items, mulling is a duty. "All natural rancho style," it says on the menu, right above a picture of a cantina Somewhere In Mexico. Items have all kinds of asterisks and code letters to indicate if dishes are vegan or vegetarian or can be adapted in that direction. Appetizers, combination plates, soup'n'salads, tortas, burritos, tacos, tostadas, enchiladas — all going for around 3 to 7 bucks, I'm happy to see — plus a bunch of "Rancho Substantials," which range from 6 to 15 bucks. But that 15-bucker is lobster fajitas. Seafood, like shrimp in garlic with rice, beans, guacamole, and tortillas, is nearer \$12.00.

It's not all veggie. Steak ranchero is \$9.25 (same sides), chicken enchiladas are \$3.25, beef or chicken or fish tacos are \$3.25, three tunarolled taquitos are \$4.25.

Oh man. So much to look at. I'm just flipping the page when Luis comes back. "Number 160 with shiitake," Hank says, immediately.

I flip back. He's ordered a large Ranchos dinner salad with "lettuce, spring mix, tomatoes, mushrooms, avocado, cheese, \$5.50. Shiitake or chicken, add \$1.50." So he's spent seven clams. Plus a limonada (\$1.45, same price as iced tea), horchata (the rice drink), or jamaica (made from hibiscus flowers).

I'm tempted. I know Hank's on to something good. But my stupid gut is still crying out for breakfast. I remember Susan's multi-granos. Fresh-toasted, they'd smell great. I flip to the final page. "All-Day Breakfast," it says. Then a bunch of Mexican and not-so-Mexican choices like Buenos Días burrito, \$4.25, Buenos Días torta, same. Eggs any style with potatoes, turkey sausage, and toast or tortillas, \$4.95.

In the Breakfast Combinations, I see a shrimp-and-mushroom omelet with cheese, rice or potatoes, beans, and tortillas, \$8.50. Not bad.

But — sigh. There's Number 207 "Organic Multigrain or Buttermilk Flapjacks," \$4.95. With three turkey sausages, add \$1.95. With egg, add

That's what I go for.

And they're good. Substantial, great with the syrup and butter and sausages and scrambled egg. Except, they're outclassed by those shiitake mushrooms Hank has in his salad. They look — and heck, when he forks one over — they taste, even *feel* like meat. It's just a darned good salad. And it'd go so well with the Negra Modelo beer they stock (\$3.25), dammit. But no. I got me an organic coffee with cinnamon on top (\$1.45). It's better suited to my multigrains.

At the end of the meal, I take a gander around the walls. One whole side is filled with Frida Kahlo images. Another has the Mexican Revolution in black-and-white pix. In one, pistoleros stand on the cowcatcher of a steaming loco. Someone has inked in a caption: "Tierra Blanca Battle, 1913."

And then, on the back wall, César Chávez's Farm Workers' Union prayer:

"Show me suffering most miserable So I will know my people's plight... Help us love even those who hate us So we can change the world." Wow.

Hank comes up.

"Dude," I say, "what are we doing with our pathetic lives?"

"Don't worry about it," says Hank. "A few breaths of fresh air, and you'll forget these romantic notions. Follow me."

I do. But I can't help noticing all those Fridas looking down. With pity, I swear. ■

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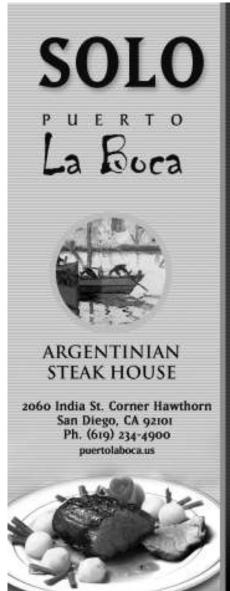
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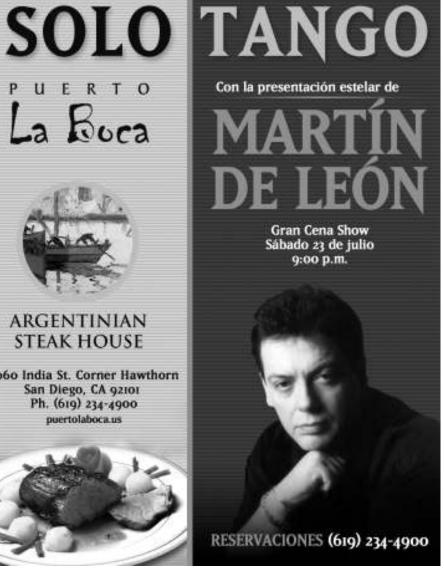
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left MIT in 1971," says Clark Smith, founder and co-owner of Vinovation. "It was partly due to my own blindness, but I didn't really see an opportunity to do something artistic with the technical stuff I was learning there. I wanted to try

to put the two together and do some kind of inquiry into the nature of what it was to be a human being." So, naturally, he wandered out west and got a job in a liquor store in California. "It took me nine years to figure out that wine was a place where you could do that kind of combination" — a joint effort

between art and science. Retail led to winery work led to UC Davis; then it was back to winemaking until 1991, when he started consulting.

Research for Benziger led to his getting a patent on the process of using a super-tight filter to separate alcohol, water, and acetic acid from flavor, color, and tannin in wine. That meant you could let your grapes hang until they achieved physiological ripeness - softened, complex tannins, esters, phenolics, etc. — and not worry about skyrocketing sugars and the resultant spike in alcohol levels post-fermentation. You just distilled off your extra alcohol and then recombined the two elements.

That recombination is what separates Smith's filtration from the filtration railed against by wine importer/writer/crusader Kermit Lynch. In his book Adventures on the Wine Route, Lynch gets a chance to compare filtered and unfiltered versions

of the '83 Vieux Telegraphe. Everybody agrees the unfiltered is better. "The filtered was a limpid, onedimensional ruby color, boring to the eye. The unfiltered was deeper-colored, shimmering with glints of purple and black. The filtered smelled as

clean as it looked, but what little nose it had seemed superficial compared to the unfiltered. The unfiltered had a deep, healthy aroma. One might say that its aroma had texture; it smelled dense and full of nuances of spice and fruit.... On the palate, too, the filtered bottle lacked texture. It had

body, but it didn't coat the taste buds with flavor like the unfiltered, which was chewy and substantial." The overall conclusion about the unfiltered: "There was more wine in the wine!"

The difference is that the filtration Lynch rails against removes something more than alcohol and that something never gets added back. His conclusion is literally true: a filtered wine contains less of the stuff that makes wine wine. It's been brought just a little bit closer to being an ideal solution pure liquid, no bits floating about. That isn't necessarily a problem for white wines, says Smith. But when you start dealing with red wines, you start dealing with tannin/anthocyanin-based colloids that contribute to flavor, texture, color — all the things Lynch found in his unfiltered Vieux Telegraphe. Wine, says Smith, "is not like Kool-Aid; it's like chocolate milk. It has a structure. Make a list — what

are the foods that you - just momentarily — think of killing your grandmother to get? Nobody kills their grandmother for consommé. It's béarnaise sauce, lobster bisque, chocolate. It's the structure of food that makes it visceral. The reason is that you have a fatty part and a watery part in those foods, so any flavor element can find a home — they're either soluble in fat or in water. If you have a very fine structure, then you get an intimate association between those two different kinds of flavors." In food, it's fat; in wine, it's colloids.

Smith goes so far as to say that for red wine, "The deviation from the old German 'ideal chemistry' model is a pretty good working definition of quality. The more we

can retain and refine the texture of wine, the more that wine seems to have this visceral quality — this proof that God loves us, capable of creating the desire to spend multiple twenties on a bottle. When you have a winemaker looking at red wine, if he's using the German model and he sees a defect" say, an excess of harsh tannin — "he wants to take it out. You can add gelatin or milk protein or isinglass, and they will absorb the tannins, strip them out. We're more like chocolate makers. We want that tannin; we want to turn it into something positive. I don't think it's evil to use fining agents; I just think it's unnecessary and kind of naïve." But if you don't want to fine those rough tannins, you have to do something else with them. Letting your grapes hang longer on the vine is just one option, but whatever you do, odds are you're going to need tools. And some tools (reverse-osmosis filters) seem more techie than others (refrigerated tanks). What

Smith, the MIT dropout who wanted to combine art and technology to investigate the human, says art is what he's after. "I do think there is a rea-



son why science needs to be quite humble around the arts, but I don't think it has anything to do with weird-sounding tools. The tools aren't the problem. The problem is the aesthetics. I think it's a travesty that UC Davis refuses to teach aesthetics. If you went to Juilliard to be a musician, or if you went to the Culinary Institute of America to be a cook, and all they ever talked about was scientific principles, you'd say, 'Why the hell did I just waste my money?' Winemaking is not research. It's just a form of cooking. There's really no difference between the wine and the sauce — in both cases, you're trying to make something delicious. So you need to tap into the idea of 'What is delicious? What moves people?' Trying to do that with statistics and the aroma wheel without talking about why people love things is silly. The experience of deliciousness is not reducible. You wouldn't go to a Pavarotti concert and say, 'He hit a lot of A flats in this piece; that must be what people are looking for.' You can't pull it to pieces. What makes it work is the whole thing; you have to look at it holistically. You have to look at wine like chocolate milk."

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NORTH COASTAL

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is 101, Oceanside, 760-722-320. 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 every one 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)

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbeanstyle 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 Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast High way 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish'n'chips — but the Brit bat-ter now gets its lift from Jamaica's Red Stripe beer, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are downtuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan some weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open six

days until 8 p.m. weeknights, 9 p.m. weekends. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive - N W (4/05)

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 18 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 in-volve 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)

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 irresistable lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobstershrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them salmon served with peas and mush-rooms on one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. 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. Wideranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on

Tuesdays; Mondays and Wednesdays most bottles half price. Reservations advisable Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palomar Airport Care 2162 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9665. *Top Gun*, anyone? Chow down and choose views of planes like the 1935 Harvard, "The Texan," or the Life Flight choppers scrambling. Expect to see greats like Chuck Yeager or his buddy Lowell Williams, who still trains stunt pilots here. It's not gourmet, but it's down-to-earth solid nosh, with plenty of beer and spirits flowing. The café's sexy waitresses serve generous plateloads of everything from breakfast burritos (scrambled eggs, onions, bell pepper, potatoes, cheese) to corned beef hash with eggs and spuds. Or lunchwiches with quirky plane names like Almost Famous Mustang Burger (openfaced with chili) or the B-29 (turkey, Swiss cheese, Ortega chilies "melted to-gether on grilled sourdough"). Delish. Breakfast, lunch daily. Inexpensive. -E.B. (8/03)

Sakura Bana 1031 South Coast Highway 101 (Suite A), Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to

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whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a nev bie, keep an eye out for what your neigh bors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get two orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you've consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the pret tiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eyeful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (mussels with frites, crumb-coated rack of lamb, etc.) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventur ous 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)

Dicrescenzo's 11627 Duenda Road (off W. Bernardo Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. This is a standin-line, order-at-the-counter, grab-atable, listen-for-vour-order-number kind of a place. If you're looking for pampering and atmosphere, this isn't gonna cut it. If you're wanting yummy Italian comfort food to eat in or take out. this the spot. The bread alone is worth a trip. Real, flaky, honest-to goodness French rolls complement pastas and salads or encase meatballs, eggplant parme san, or deli meats. The meatballs, a Di-Crescenzo family recipe, are unusually moist and tender, perfectly seasoned. The subs — especially Rocco's Imperial Sub — are packed with deli goodies and just enough Italian dressing. Thin crust pizzas are a popular treat. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (10/03)

The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft light-ing, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French Continental — think duck à l'orange, tournedos rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods Steaks and roast beef are juicy USDA Choice cooked to your preference. The simpler appetizers and side dishes are mainly more successful than the fancy choices. Dinners include house-made soup or salad. Bargains include weeknight twilight dinners, weeknight prix fixe dinner for two, and à la carte sides for just a pittance. Good handicap access. Casual-dressy atmosphere; full

bar. Lunch and dinner seven days. Moderate. — N.W. (9/03)

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic es-tablishment 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 over-cooked 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 mar garita 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 underseasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "tamale pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturdays and Sundays brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (7/04)

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle, Order at will - everything's flawless. The menu's most excit-ing on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

GOLD COAST

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront 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, et al) 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. Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Re-

serve 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 11 p.m. nightly; "early bird" cutprice dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South 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 ovsters 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 af-fordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot or champagne. (Finit: Vetive Chicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Open daily, lunch or brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the por-tions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, softshelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and char-broiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday: closed

Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. *E.W.*

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 lob-ster-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 \$3 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesdays. Crowded during racing season. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

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bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — S.M. (2/04)

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interest-ing whites." Dinner reservations a must. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world - influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restau rant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic - tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, al-monds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. - N.W. (4/01)

Nathan's at Michele Coulon's 7556 Fav Avenue, Suite D, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Fans of The Belgian Lion, a San Diego institution for over 20 years that closed in 2001, can rejoice. Nathan Coulon, grandson of Belgian Lion founders Don and Arlene Coulon, has stepped into his mother Michele's kitchen to resurrect many of the Lion's signature dishes: cassoulet, steak au vivre, poulet Normande. He's also added a few of Grandpa's that never made it onto the menu — try the baby spinach gratin — and now and then slips in something of his own. Ingredients are often first rate and sourced from good lo-cal growers. Growing up in the old restaurant's kitchen has taught him well; the *poulet Normande* is one of those deceptively simple dishes that surprises you with its perfection. Thoughtful and af-fordable wine list. Dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Expensive to very expensive. — A.M. (6/04)

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces, including *penne agnello*, a treat for lamb aficionados. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal picatta, and bistecca (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturdays and Sundays. Moderate. — S.M. (7/04)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's post of top Hawaii cher Koy 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



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dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) 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" *shutome* (swordfish), 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. 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)

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local uni (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *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 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain, I suggest, how ever, 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, in-cluding a somewhat Americanized ver-sion 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, welltreated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are ex-uberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many af-fordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays, din ner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters in-clude the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and veasty, fresh-baked rosemarygarlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust) Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are nearly perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish. Service is warm and well informed. Lunch week days, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant

HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spin-ning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

Sheila's Cafe & Bakery 4577 Claire-

mont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher." a nondairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Sat-urday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.B. (11/01)

THE BEACHES

Alfiere Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Har bor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, viewendowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Franciscoborn Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask be-fore you buy. The menu features highquality 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. -

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork (but not beef) 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. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m.weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet weekends. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk). Pacific boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted

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Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in minimall 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. Breakfasts tend 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, includ-ing New York steak or potato-crusted Pacific red snapper. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (6/04)

Olive Cafe 805 Santa Clara Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224. What else can you say but "charming"? This Turkish run alley bungalow-turned-café has an outside deck where nearly everybody eats and lingers over Turkish coffee. Weekends, the Turkish community comes and makes the place feel like a Mediterranear outpost. There's plenty of surfer food (surf's a block away), but the most in-teresting breakfast is the one the Turks eat: Mediterranean Breakfast, with kasseri and feta cheeses, olives, tomatoes, cucumber, Turkish rose jam, and a French roll. For lunch, there's the usual spread of burritos, burgers, and melts, but see specials like kofte. Turkish miniburgers in a baguette, or *lahmajun*, thin Turkish-style pizzas. Can you find the Blue Eye, guarding patrons from evil

spirits? Breakfast and lunch. Open daily except in winter, when it's closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

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* no dle 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. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

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



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grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: bamee (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and lard nar (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — F.B. (10/01)

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1100)

Nate's Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers' Nursery, the one with sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or "Kishka," a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are "it" here, and huge, and you can choose your cheeses, breads, and

condiments as the sandwich-making proceeds. Go for, say, beef bologna, pastrami, liverwurst, salami, or vegetarian, then take it out to the eatin' deck, and check out the wild life. Town's a block and a world away. Breakfast to early dinner six days; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/03)

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that run 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 caffish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery galanga, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, som yum (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called larb—closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt 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, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Ana Maria's 8680 Navajo Road (northwest corner at Lake Murray Boulevard), San Carlos, 619-337-3674. In this homey little restaurant, the food is regional Peruvian, specializing in the coastal area from Callao on north, plus some recently adopted Caribbean influences from Colombia. Highlights include the elaborate "Ana Maria's Ceviche," an array of citrus-marinated seafood with sweet potatoes and cancha, smoked hominy corn kernels. The *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) boast a zesty marinade, and the lomo saltado (sautéed beef loin strips with tomatoes, peppers, and French fries cooked right in with the liquid) is an outstanding version — it's made with tender steak, not the typical chewy carne asada meat. Beer and wine. Early dinner Tuesday through Thurs-day; lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday; dinner Sunday afternoon to early evening. Inexpensive to low moderate.

— N.W. (10/04)

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. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-

out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B.* (12/01)

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.*

European Bistro Lake Murray Square, 6062 Lake Murray Boulevard (at El Paso), La Mesa, 619-698-5555. Here at the center of a Russian new-immigrant community, in a strip-mall just south of Ross and Big Lots, you'll find an array of savory Eastern European dishes. They're nowhere as heavy as Nonna's— here they're done with the lightness of the Russian-French chef tradition, applied to specialties from Russia, Poland, and the Ukraine. Following classic Russian custom, there's a splendid choice of small, savory, and substantial salads (try the sensual Stolichny chicken-potato salad) and delightful appetizers, includ-ing airy crêpes with juicy (and affordable) red or black caviar. The outstanding main course is lamb shish kebab featuring tender marinated ribs cut from a rack. But don't look for borscht; it's not on the menu. Entrées come with a choice of starches; trust me, you want fries with that. Open daily, lunch and dinner (early dinner Sundays). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/03)

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 Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate fingerfood) offered both by cart and by menu. At night a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs

step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m. weeknights, 9:30 weekends). 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. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. 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 (Rte. 73) (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5523. 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-

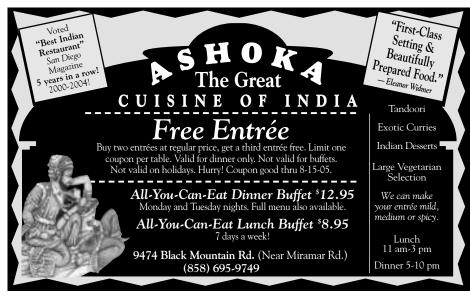
sen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Collared shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in theory) from breakfast through dinner. Reserve for weekend evenings. 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 is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. 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 *Moon-struck* — 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 garlicy 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 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean pastel de choclo (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle seco de cordero (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan chilemal (cilantroladen pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous vatapa (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's





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Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985 Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours; open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Fifth and Hawthorn 515 Hawthorn Street (at Fifth Avenue), Banker's Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost inhumanly flawless. It's a little like an ideal airplane dinner — on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a "wine dinner" that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine — a great bargain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your curtain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (2/03)

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffeeshop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

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 nabevaki 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 daily. to moderate.

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *F.W.* (10/99)

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served









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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. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. -N.W. (6/01)

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery &

Adams Avenue), University Heights 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. Ghourmeh sabzi is a lamb stew. Koufteh-Berenji is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darieeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder, Breakfast through early-ish din ner Tuesday to Saturday; breakfast and

lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. - E.B. (10/02)

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better and faster — than any vegetarian restau rant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their farofa salad, like American stuffing but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aro matic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain, Moderate (pasta) to expensive. - N.W. (11/00)

Bangkok BBQ 936 Broadway Circle,

ies," says the owner of this chicken-only Thai eatery. "We're taking Thai food back to its true tastes." The place may look modern, but much seems to be prepared traditionally on the spot, from tamarind sauce to bean curd. The "BBQ" part comes from the open grill upfront where they sizzle chicken, marinated in coconut milk and wine, for the satés, salads, and the basic chicken with rice dish. The chicken mussamun is nice and rich with its curry coconut sauce, and you've got to try the dish the owner invented to honor the city: the San Diego Wrap, with chicken *saté*, avocado, raw veggies, and peanut sauce. Lunch, dinner, daily. In-

The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This hand-some establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smoth-ered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

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 cousinrestaurant 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 hardcentered 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 is 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, shark tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest 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

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's.

waterfront. — N.W. (7/03)

The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Deco's 731 Fifth Avenue (between G

and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-DECO. When the disco is not in session here, there's surpisingly fine food in this vast, multi-room glamorama, stunningly done up like a Fred-and-Ginger 1930s ballroom. The eats are in a lightly adventurous California-Asian-Mediterranean mode featuring quality seafood handled with care and creativity; don't miss the ethereal bread pudding for dessert. (The requisite sushi "party rolls" are merely okay.) Service is hip, smart, and kind. Best dining nights: disco-less Tuesday and Wednesday. Call ahead if you want to book an off-menu meal. No cover charge on disco nights for patrons who order dinner before 9 p.m.; no sneaks, shorts, or Ts if you're clubbing. Serious wine list runs high; full bar. Happy hour Friday; dinner 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Very expensive, but somewhat affordable if you graze on appetizers. — N.W. (7/03)

El Carrito 2154 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-702-4806. It's called "El Carrito" — "The Streetcar" — for a reason. This gem was one of San Diego's fleet of trolleys that trundled around the city for 60 years from 1889. When the city opted to tarmac over the rails in 1948, a local family rescued this car and turned it into an eatery. Today it is little changed. The menu is old-fashioned Mexican, with breakfasts like ranchero-style eggs, rice, and beans; *bistek a la plancha con huevos* (grilled steak with fried eggs, rice, and frijoles); good pork chops; and the Big Three: caldo de rez (beef soup), pozole (meat and hominy), and menudo, the famous tripe soup hangover reliever. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/04)

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful sa loon, physically transported whole-hog

from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew. or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Manales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

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, cucum-ber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, ot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — F.B. (3/04)



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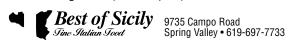
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Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Avenue). 619-522-0612. This little round-the-cor-

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. Three meals weekdays: closes earlier on weekends —

Ra Sushi 1014 Fifth Avenue (at Broadway), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restauatmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the de-licious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Reservations accepted, even for sushi bar. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/04)

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach horani. sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweetsour fesenjan (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry ke-babs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or bamieh, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. - N.W. (12/00)

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — N.W. (7/04)

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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ner 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 daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Bob's on the Bay 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista Harbor, 619-476-0400. Big, breezy Bob's, with its beautiful Bay view, seems to be the unofficial community center of Chula Vista, It's a rambling building overlooking the Yacht Harbor where all sorts of folks pop in for a night off or a fun lunch. The food is serviceable American cuisine centered on steaks and seafood, but on Fridays and Saturdays the scene turns into a pretend-luau complete with Hawaiian band, hula dancers, a party atmosphere, and a few vaguely Polynesian dishes amid the standard mid-American buffet items. Full bar. Reservations advisable for luau nights and Sunday champagne brunch, Casual, family-friendly to the max. Breakfast and lunch buffets inexpensive; Sunday and dinner buffets moderate; à la carte expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Cafe 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

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 speedboatracing 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: try a 1/2-pound steerburger 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. -EB (11/00)

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866 You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken adobo, or longaniza sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. Kare-kare (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is dinuguan, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's monggo (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish - daing na bangus, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood ressure. Lunch, dinner seven days: breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. In expensive. — E.B. (8/03)

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 appe-tizer 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. Reserva-tions advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive - N.W. (7/01)

Zorbas 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, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

BAJA

From the United States use the pre-fix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf n' turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food
—like marinated grilled quail, shrimp al ajillo (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature cabrería steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, 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, chicharrón (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course carne asada, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. All-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. -

Loncheria 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 vou reach Loncheria La Poca Lucha The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for carne de puerco (pork), chiles rellenos, bisteck 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 Locochon 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 Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fisher-men 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)

Salon Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old otel'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. Sundays only, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W. (4/03)

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterra**neo** Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tiiuana, 686-6442. When Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restau-

rant, he went all the way. He built a com plete 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 octo pus, 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 1810 4th Street (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, vou'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

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 bricky 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 (Wednesdays only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain, or the grilled marinated egg-plant sandwich on focaccia. Beer influ-ence 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

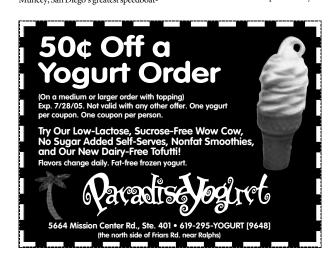
at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. E.B. (11/03)

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deepdraft 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 in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and

La Jolla. — E.B. (10/00)

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batterfilled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden minisuperdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmos-phere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. Allday breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. -E.B. (4/02)

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, palak paneer. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)



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Bad Dad, Better Mother

The film would be sufficiently horrific even without the ghost.

he first storm that must be weathered in Steven Spielberg's War of the Worlds is not the misdiagnosed electrical storm that rolls in over a blue-collar New Jersey

neighborhood, and disobeys a couple of basic laws of nature: "That is so weird. The wind is blowing *toward*

the storm." And: "Where's the thunder?" That storm is easy and fun to get through ("Rachel, want to see something cool?"), all the way to the little pothole in the middle of the intersection where lightning has struck more than twice, and then to the heaving and cracking of the pavement around it, the breaking up of the church on the corner, the blink-of-an-eye materialization of a craterlike sinkhole and the rising out of it of a towering tripod possessed of a disintegrating death ray. If the publicists want us to abbreviate the title as WOW, they have their justification.

An earlier and tougher storm to weather, though, is the omniscient opening narration (in the mellow tones of Morgan Freeman, our Narrator Supremo, after Million Dollar Baby, March of the Penguins, et al.), which revises only slightly the opening of the original H.G. Wells novel: "No one would have believed in the

early years of the 21st Century...." Oh, really? No one today would have believed that aliens were watching us? Did

our narrator sleep through the 20th Century? Was he born yesterday? This is unmistakably a pre-science-fiction preamble (the term did not come into use for decades after the publication of Wells's novel in 1898), and it raises the specter of that familiar Spielberg arrogance — more frightening than any space alien — that presumes no subject has been done on screen until Spielberg does it: the Holocaust, WWII, slavery, whatever.

The alien-invasion subgenre, as everyone now knows, blossomed during the Cold War, fertilized by fears of Communist takeover; and it's quite reasonable, quite knowledgeable, to deduce that 9/11 and its aftermath could dump some fresh manure in the



Dark Water

field. Spielberg makes damn good and sure that no one will miss the relevance: the "sleeper cells" hidden beneath American streets; the hero's coat of ashes fabricated from his incinerated fellow citizens; the shower of clothes from the sky; the bulletin board of the "missing"; and of course the natural question in the first confusion, "Is it

the terrorists?"

All of that seems legitimate enough. This is a serious film in a way that *Independence Day*, merrily blowing up the White House so few years ago, didn't need to be, want to be, or pretend to be. There's something of an air of penitence in Spielberg's choice at this time to do an anti-*Close Encounters*,

an anti-*E.T.* Or if not quite penitence, then a reappraisal, a caveat. He would appear to have seen a new light. And if his conversion falls short of total renunciation, it at least infuses him with a new zeal. (From *A.I.* to *The Terminal*, he has really been dragging.) The narrow focus of the action — a divorced dad of limited parenting skills, stuck



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with his two pouty children for the weekend — is hardly the cost-cutting tactic it would have been in the Fifties (an unprecedented price tag of \$185 million has been mentioned), but it nonetheless imposes a measure of modesty, a concentration of forces. And a number of the events and sights on their trek back to Mom are conceived and realized with imagination and power: the riot over their car among fellow refugees on foot; the capsizing of the ferry; the flaming train roaring through a railroad crossing; the bodies floating down the river like logs to the lumber mill; the mist of blood emanating from the "processed" humans. And a running-scared Tom Cruise, deglamorized as a dock worker, proves conclusively what we all suspected, that he's better off when sticking to a script than when winging it on a talk show.

Still, the decision to re-do the seminal alien-invasion story, rather than to do a new one, tends to keep aloft the specter of Spielbergian arrogance. In spite of the gracious gran-and-gramps cameos for Gene Barry and Ann Robinson, the two stars of the commendable 1953 treatment of the novel, there is the inescapable implication that that version didn't have the wherewithal to do the job right. Surely the job needn't have been re-done in order for the story to acquire a new, a post-9/11 resonance. The old movie, the old novel, will already have acquired that resonance. But Spielberg has always been bound by literal-mindedness. For him, a story can't speak of terrorists unless someone in it speaks of terrorists. And it can't speak to the millions without spending the millions. No matter how eye-popping his special effects may be, no matter how much

"improved" over those of a half-century ago, we are at every turn confronted by his belief in the almighty dollar, his infatuation with size, his complacent certainty that bigger is always better, and his dependence on mere loudness and suddenness to elicit a response from his audience. And his trusty old device of the temporary death, the takesy-backsy death, the just-fooling death, would indicate that his penitence for *E.T.* lacks a little something in sincerity.

Dark Water bears a certain similarity to War of the Worlds, a rhetorical, a metaphorical similarity. It is difficult enough being a divorced parent, in this case the mother, finding an apartment she can afford, taking a nearby job she doesn't want, coping with migraines, plumbing problems, an evasive landlord, a creepy concierge, a custody suit, and so forth - without also being haunted by an unquiet ghost. That last, like an alien invasion, may be one difficulty too many. Dark Water arrives as yet another remake of a Japanese horror film, but not, please, "just another." It is more coherent, more cohesive, more cogent, than any others I've seen, any Ring, any Grudge, any at all. It has a palpable theme, motherhood, and an evocative visual motif, water, and these have been worked out meticulously and efficiently in the screenplay of Rafael Yglesias. And the action is firmly ensconced in a specific locale, Roosevelt Island, formerly Welfare Island, a tram ride from the bright lights of Manhattan, but a world apart, a world enclosed, with its ugly, utilitarian highrise apartments "in the Brutalist Style," exuding all the warmth and charm of the postwar Communist Bloc. So firmly and so specific, in fact, that the film decisively cuts itself free from its source. (Which I confess I haven't seen.) The recent rush to plunder Japanese horrors, born of Hollywood's creative indolence and timidity, seems to me to have been a good thing insofar as it has shifted the focus of horror away from special-effects "thrill rides" and more toward mood and atmosphere. There is here a kind of Barton Fink feeling, practically a feeling of Repulsion, in the sheer physical oppression (the persistent rain, the low-watt lights, the balky elevator, the stain on the ceiling, the drip of oil-black water, the clump of hair coughed out of the bathroom faucet); and the cinematography of Affonso Beato (an Almodóvar man, plus Ghost World, most notably) admits as little color as possible, preferably gloomy, gray, greeny, yellowy, sickly color. The film would be sufficiently horrific even without the ghost, though it would then be missing two or three delectable frissons.

Jennifer Connelly, pale, thin, fragile, a bit wraithlike herself, just the sort of person an actual ghost might choose to reach out to, plays the unidealized mother who is trying very hard to surpass the very low standard set by her own mother, and not having an easy time of it. This actress long ago had no trouble establishing herself as one of our most beautiful; she has only lately been establishing herself as one of our best. And she gets good support from John C. Reilly as the smarmy but not actively malevolent landlord, the granite-faced Pete Postlethwaite as the put-upon handyman, Tim Roth as the competent if not fully committed family lawyer with a phantom family of his own, Camryn Manheim as the cushiony grade-school teacher, and Ariel Gade as the imperilled little six-year-old with the chocolate-drop eyes. Dougray Scott, already dislikable in the part of the troublemaking ex-husband, comes across as a bit ruthless and clumsy in his suppression of his native Scots accent, shouting himself down with American brass. Nothing in the career of Brazilian filmmaker Walter Salles (The Motorcycle Diaries, Central Station, neither of which I went for in a big way) prepared us for this turn of events, this twist of fate. He does not, or not yet, go on the growing list of art-house directors who have eagerly sold out to Hollywood. The surprise is not that he would lower himself to do such a massmarket genre piece (his straight-to-video first film, *Exposure*, was a sleazy crime thriller with Peter Coyote); the surprise is that he could, in these circumstances, summon up such confident expertise and complete integrity. I would have to go back to *Mimic* to come up with something comparable. And the director of that one, Guillermo del Toro, has since sold out.

Me and You and Everyone We Know can fairly be called quirky, but quirkiness these days is no scarcer than shark's teeth, and it becomes necessary to distinguish between the pointlessly quirky and the pointedly. The issue still teeters in the balance when, for instance, a scraggly, trashy-looking white male, kicked out of the house by his black wife, says goodbye to his two café-au-lait children by setting his hand on fire outside their bedroom window. It has irreversibly tipped to the good, however, by the time a female driver of an Elder Cab, squiring a shut-in oldster to the shoe store to purchase a pair of neon blue Nikes, spies a goldfish in a plastic bag forgotten atop the car in front of her, is thereupon overcome by sentiments of sadness and helplessness over the fish's inevitable fate, vet feels honor-bound to accompany it to the end. You know right then that you're in the presence of a hypersensitive, a highly individual, and yes, a quirky vision, at once acute and tender. The vision would be that of the multimedia performance artist and first-time feature filmmaker Miranda July, who is an object of vision, herself, in the pivotal role of the moonlighting cab driver and, incidentally, aspiring multimedia performance artist, a figure redolent of insecurity and determination, pain and perseverance. No beauty ("but hey," as Bruce Springsteen sang it, she's "all right"), she makes an unlikely romantic heroine, though no less likely than the man she has set her cap for,

the scraggly hand-burner, a sadsack shoe salesman, who offers her little encouragement. What she sees in him is her own deep secret.

Character interest is spread democratically among an assortment of oddballs: an inseparable pair of sexually precocious and morally stunted teenage girls; the phlegmatic boy selected to evaluate their fellatio technique; the grown man who should know better than to lead them on with obscene messages posted in his front window; the little girl methodically accumulating a "dowry" for her future marriage (towels, a blender, etc.); the littler boy, foggy on the facts of life, who initiates a coprophiliac relationship with an anonymous correspondent in an Internet chat room. (The vision, needless to add, is not just quirky but kinky too.) A chillingly and hilariously jaded museum curator ("Didn't we already show a local artist this year?") would appear to be the filmmaker's revenge on someone from life, and the revenge, if that's what it is, is taken a bit far in the final revelation about her, vet even she is left with a shred of dignity. The separateness, the strangeness, the unknownness of people are subjects close to the crosshairs of this filmmaker's vision. Even closer to dead-center are the fundamental elements of hope and improbability in any romantic overture. The quirkiness of the thing, though it feels as if drawn from reality and not imposed by force, is nevertheless a kind of tunnel vision. ■

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Après Vous — A French gâteau of cloying overelaboration, relying on its characters' inexplicable behavior to prolong its plot's instantaneous tedium. A hurrying passer-by, after hours in a public park, stops to save a would-be suicide and there after goes to infinite lengths to help him out, giving him a place to stay even if it means displacing his own girlfriend, driving him through the night to intercept a posted suicide note, getting him an unsuitable job as a sommelier, and conspiring to reunite him with his inamorata (one of the legion of unusual-looking French leading ladies, the vaguely goosey Sandrine Kiberlain). The direction of Pierre Salvadori is not without its felicities, as witness the welltimed episode, with shrewd use of offscreen space, in which our meddlesome Samaritan tips the inamorata to the infidelity of her current fiancé. And Daniel Auteuil is an actor of prodigious range: his semi-paralytic drunk scene is so out-ofcharacter that it almost appears to have been appropriated from his co-star, José Garcia. Interesting though it is to watch this fastidious virtuoso throw himself into slopwork, you wouldn't want him to make a

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 7/14)

Batman Begins — With a new director (Christopher Nolan) and a new star (Christian Bale), the fifth entry in the Batman series, true to its title, returns to square one: how and why Bruce Wavne came to be Batman; the psychological root of his fixation on flying mammals; the part this played in his guilt over his parents' murder; in short, the logic, the reasoning, behind the selection of his chiropteran crime-fighting persona. Think of it, more exactly, as Batman Starts Over or Batman Backs Up. Think of it, in other words, as a prequel. The starting-over will naturally mean that the story telling takes a good long time to get to the Batsuit, the Batcave, the Batmobile, and all the appurtenances. But the starting-over





The Beautiful Country

also means, not so naturally, a new intensity, a new purpose, a new attitude, a straighter face. All this intensity, etc., cuts two ways: it lends a degree of conviction to the goings-on, and yet it risks looking ridiculous once it runs into the Batsuit, the Batcave, etc. Can an air of seriousness feasibly be sustained? (For all his lack of superowers, the hero floats through the air with the ease of Spider-Man if not Superman.) To help sustain that air a bit further, there is no jokey villain this time (notwithstanding a forward-looking nod to the Joker at the fadeout), but rather an apocalyptic criminal plot, fully worthy of a Fu Manchu, to do to Gotham what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah, and for similar reasons. And the nightmarish visions evoked by a "weaponized hallucinogen" (a sign of the times, a salute to Al Qaeda) are genuinely scary. On balance, the two-way cutting goes deeper in the direction of conviction than in that of ridiculousness. With Katie Holmes, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman, Liam Neeson, Cillian Murphy, Tom Wilkinson, Rutger Hauer, 2005. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Beautiful Country — Pretty, for sure, in Stuart Dryburgh's glossy photography. A parentless Vietnamese peasant, shunned in his picturesque village as "bui doi" ("less than dust," the term reserved for children of American fathers), tracks down his mother in the big city, where she works as a housemaid for an old crab who soon slips on a puddle of water in slow-motion and cracks open her head, and then the hero's odyssey begins in earnest: to America the Beautiful in search of his father, through a Malaysian refugee camp, onto a slave ship bound for Manhattan, and finally hitchhiking on the road to Texas. Slow, quiet, pious, and a bit soppy. With Damien Nguyen, Bai Ling, Tim Roth, and Nick Nolte; directed by Hans Petter Moland. 2005.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 7/15)

Bewitched — The enlistment of Nora Ephron, director and (with her sister Delia) co-writer, assures a level of smartness unexpected in a transplant from the small screen to the big. Not at all a reasonable facsimile of the Sixties sitcom about the witchy

housewife with the twitchy nose, it is rather a backlot Hollywood satire about an attempted revival of said sitcom. This angle of entry affords the critic an occasion to trot out an adjective such as "self-reflexive

or a prefix such as "meta-," if he feels comfortable with such terms; and it affords Ephron, a woman with her nose to the wind and her ear to the ground, an occasion to take jabs at the barrel-scraping cre-



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ative poverty in modern Hollywood and at its needy stars and their currying handlers. (Inasmuch as this nonremake, or meta-remake, is at the same time a kind of remake after all, the actress cast in the part of the television witch happens to be a bona fide witch: "She's incredibly dialled in," exclaims one of the producers at the audition.) Brightly photographed by John Lindley, leavened with judicious special effects, cleverly constructed for changes of pace and changes of course, the film truly does correct the imbalance in the old TV show, giving the male character equal weight, or at any rate equal attention, with the female. But the cost of making him an object of ridicule - and of casting Will Ferrell, that master of overstatement, in the part — is to diminish him as a subsequent object of romance. And bit by bit, as the film shifts from jabs to clinches, it loses some of its distance - some of its difference - from the TV series. In the final tally, the film can be said to have delivered everything it promised: glib, flip, hip observations on power, illusion, loss of self, and other common ingredients in romantic relations. Everything it promised, and more. Not as much, let's say, as the witchcraft comedy nonpareil, Bell, Book, and Candle. But a lot more, certainly, than the wisp-of-smoke sitcom from which it takes its name. With Nicole Kidman, Michael Caine, Shirley

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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory —

Tim Burton's retelling of the Roald Dahl children's story, starring Johnny Depp. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/15)

Cinderella Man — The story of heavyweight boxer James J. Braddock, the Bulldog of Bergen, the Pride of New Jersey, a working-class hero for real. It's something of a puzzle why his story had not been told on screen before, seeing as how we have it on the authority of Damon Runyon, who conferred on him the titular nickname, that no human-interest story in the entire history of boxing can compare with it. Runyon, to be sure, passed from the scene in





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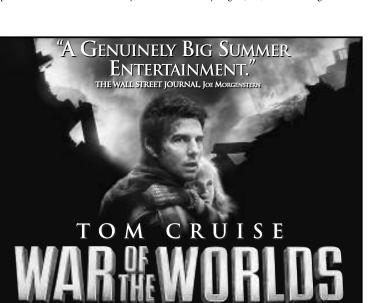
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the mid-Forties, or well before the story of, say, Sonny Liston; but the latter's shadowy tale is not the type to interest Damon Runvon, or for that matter humans in general. Braddock's, on the other hand, is the "inspirational" one of a real-life Rocky, a

Seabiscuit on two legs, who, after challenging for the light-heavyweight crown in his early career, broke his hand in the ring, piled up the losses, lost his license, lived with his family in abject poverty through the first half of the Depression, took work on the docks when he could get it, got a second chance in the ring as the last-minute substitute for an injured fighter, then a third chance, and a fourth, and finally a shot at the title against the glamorous heavyweight (and, unacknowledged in the



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film, sometime Hollywood actor) Max Baer, an 8-1 favorite with two dead men on his record. You ask yourself what sort of human would be interested in telling such a story, or what sort would be interested in watching it (cheering for the foreknown outcome), and you come up with a simple answer: a simp. More specifically, Ron Howard. Not for nothing is Howard a trusted name in the popular mind. He makes the "right" choices, meaning the expected ones, the proven ones: grainy-photography clichés for gritty authenticity, desaturated-color clichés for bleakness of mood, golden-light clichés for domestic warmth, slow-motion clichés for the fights. He is fortunate, though, to have in the lead role one of our more sympathetic, more soulful leading men, Russell Crowe, with jug ears and a haircut to show them off, looking as if he could have stepped out of a Lewis Hine photo, walking a steady tightrope between dignity and degradation. Renée Zellweger, Paul Giamatti, Bruce McGill, Craig Bierko. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Crash — Multicharacter tapestry of the seething melting pot of L.A., an object lesson on racial and ethnic stereotypes, attitudes, biases, tensions. The didactic impulse overrules good sense: a bigoted cop, for just one example, gives a hard time to a respectable black couple at the side of the road, and then both he and his bleedingheart partner have separate, life-and-death encounters with the wife and husband the very next day. Matt Dillon, Don Cheadle,



Me and You and Everyone We Know

and Jennifer Esposito stand out, among Sandra Bullock, Brendan Fraser, Terrence Howard, Thandie Newton, Ryan Phillippe, Larenz Tate, and Lucacris. Written and directed by Paul Haggis. 2005.

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Dark Water — Reviewed this issue. With Jennifer Connelly, John C. Reilly, Pete

Postlethwaite, Tim Roth, and Ariel Gade; directed by Walter Salles.

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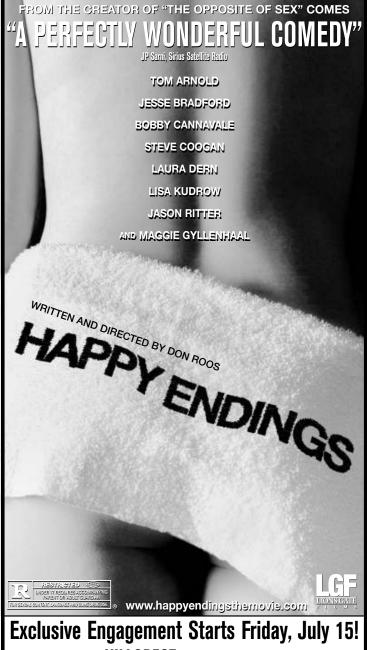
Fantastic Four — Namely, Mr. Fantastic (a sort of Plastic Man), the Human Torch (more like a Human Comet), the Invisible Woman (plain enough), and the Thing (a cross between the Incredible Hulk and the Golem). The slender storyline explains how they got to be so fantastic, and it then gives them little scope to explore their powers. Commonplace comic-book adaptation, campy and tacky. With Ioan Gruffudd, Chris Evans, Jessica Alba, and Michael Chiklis; directed by Tim Story. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-

ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO[T1]16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; 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: SANTEE DRIVE IN: SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA

Happy Endings — Interwoven storylines from writer-director Don Roos, with Maggie Gyllenhaal, Lisa Kudrow, Steve Coogan, and Jesse Bradford. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 7/15)

Heights — The directorial debut of Chris Terrio offers a small-world view of New York, where everyone is separated not by the proverbial six degrees but by more like two. A male ex-lover of a bisexual photographer called Benjamin Stone ("Richard Avedon, Annie Leibovitz, Benjamin Stone — the Holy Trinity") has arrived from London to research a Vanity Fair piece on the photographer's ex-lovers; one of these is the closeted fiancé of a neophyte photographer who happens to be the daughter of another of those rumored exes a Broadway diva; the diva, currently teaching and rehearsing Macbeth, is also auditioning and flirting with an aspiring young actor who lives in the same building as the daughter and who (this would spoil the surprise if it actually came as a surprise) is having a clandestine affair with the fiancé. Were the tight weave not sufficiently suffo cating already, the film retains the sound, if not the space limitations, of the stage. (Amy Fox, in collaboration with Terrio adapted her own play.) It is perhaps fitting,





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then, that the ensemble cast should be dominated by the prima-donna persona of Glenn Close, a character so consumed by acting that no emotion, however honest, can escape her art. (You can't tell where the fictional actress leaves off and the real one takes over. Or to say it another way, you can't tell where the real one overacts.)

Then, too, a cast of Elizabeth Banks, James Marsden, Jesse Bradford, John Light, et al., is easily dominated. George Segal, safely out of range of Close, has a funny bit as a rabbi doing his duty in the line of premarital counseling. 2005.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 7/14)

Herbie: Fully Loaded — The '63 Volkswagen Bug with a mind of its — er, his — own (also a libido of his own: antenna coming to full alert at the sight of a latemodel cab-yellow Beetle) is reclaimed from Crazy Dave's Scrap and Salvage and spruced up for the NASCAR circuit. Insipid kiddie film, though Matt Dillon is a good sport as the straw-man antagonist. With Lindsay Lohan, Michael Keaton, Justin Long, and Breckin Meyer; directed by Angela Robinson. 2005.

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COS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VOGUE) Howl's Moving Castle — Hayao Miyazaki, the doven of anime, creates here a dreamworld that doesn't so much pull the spectator into it as push him towards his own: more snore than howl. It certainly doesn't lack for imaginative detail. On the contrary, it could have made do with a little less. The titular castle, for the prime example, is an amalgam that might symbolize the entire project: a fused junkpile of architectural odds and ends lifted from Medieval fortresses, 19th-century factories, Spanish galleons, WWII battleships, countryside cottages, boiler rooms, God knows what all, walking around on giant chicken's feet and dragging a dinosaur's tail, the residence of a glam-rock wizard called Howl (voiced, in the English-dubbed version, by Christian Bale) and a Casper-the-Friendly-Ghost fire demon called Calcifer (expressing himself with the Borsht Belt shtick of Billy Crystal), and the refuge of the demure heroine, a young milliner transmogrified into a hunchbacked crone by the multiplechinned Witch of the Waste. It looks and this is not meant as a compliment like something you might encounter in a live-action Terry Gilliam film, right down to the computer animation that so contaminates Mivazaki's hand-drawn purism. What the film most definitely does lack, on the other hand, is adequate mundanity to ground the runaway whimsy (the breakfast of bacon and eggs stands out as an exception), and, more importantly, adequate narrative drive - an adequate narrative motor — to propel the viewer through the long, slow couple of hours (the very vague Orwellian war in the distance never acquires any clarity or urgency). There is nevertheless a lot to like: the pogo-sticking scarecrow, the wheezy little pooch, the authentically dreamlike bit of the hero and heroine walking on air to escape a mob of faceless tar-blob creatures, the comical bit of a snail-paced race up a mountain of stairs between the corpulent witch and the hunchbacked crone, the temporary smoothing-out of the crone's wrinkles at

Blythe Danner. 2005. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Kingdom of Heaven — Or, One More Reason Why the Middle East Hates the West. Back, back, back to the 12th Century, back to before the Third Crusade ("To kill an infidel is not murder, it is the path to heaven"), equipped with cultural relativism, vats of blood, miles of slow-motion, and wave after wave of lung-filling atmosphere, until you're apt to require artificial respiration. Orlando Bloom, as the village

moments when she recaptures her youthful

ardor. Miyazaki maniacs, of which there are more than a few, will doubtless find much

else to like, besides. With the voices of Jean

Simmons, Emily Mortimer, Lauren Bacall,

blacksmith converted overnight into a knight-errant, and eventually into a protohumanist, lacks a little something in heroic stature. So we're sorry, early on, to lose the battle-tested Liam Neeson ("I once fought two days with an arrow in my testicle"), and a little later, the metal-masked leper king. The climactic battle for Jerusalem, a three-rounder, is big, long, and inglorious. With Eva Green, Jeremy Irons, David Thewlis, Brendan Gleeson, Marton Csokas; directed by Ridley Scott. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Ladies in Lavender — The stranger who, in the nervous days before WWII, washes up on the Cornish shore, and into the lives of two elderly sisters, proves to be a Polish violin prodigy, whose sweet sounds catch the ear of a neighboring beauty on holiday, the sister of a world-famous maestro. A not very likely story. Nuanced performances from Judi Dench and Maggie Smith — and the former's impossible crush on their young guest creates plenty of space for nuance. But the whole is unswallowable. With Daniel Brühl, Natascha McElhone, Miriam Margolyes, and David Warner; written and directed by Charles Dance. 2005.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 7/14)

Land of the Dead — George A. Romero's zombie trilogy turns into a tetralogy. Four zombie films seem more than enough for a single filmmaking career, even one that extends almost four decades. and even with an interval of twenty years between the third and the fourth. Zombies, at least as envisioned in his Night of the Living Dead, are inherently less interesting, less multifaceted, less malleable than vampires, for example, or ghosts. Romero pretty much said what he had to say about them in that first film, and then he said it again, more fluently, at greater length, with more humor, and in glorious gory color, in the second, Dawn of the Dead. The third, Day of the Dead, was already redundant, although the missile-silo setting might have made it plainer, if the metaphors of cannibalism and consumerism hadn't made it plain by then, that what he was talking about was the end of civilization as we know it, the end of the world. It is to Romero's credit that he hasn't injected his zombies with the steroidal strength and speed of their bastard offspring in the remake of Dawn ...; again to his credit that he hasn't accompanied them with the headbanging heavy metal that seems, every where else, to have become their obligatory musical motif (Romero isn't a teenager, he's in his mid-sixties); again to his credit that he has rejected any trendy razzle-dazzle technique in favor of solid old-fashioned craftsmanship; and finally to his credit that, notwithstanding the zombie cameos offered good-naturedly to the makers of Shaun of the Dead, Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright, he hasn't caved in to selfmockery. He is still, let's remember, talking about the end of the world. He is, in his own way, serious. He doesn't seek here to 'top" himself, only to maintain. (The quick-hitting gore is indisputably extreme and yet somehow blasé.) And if the evolution of his idea - the evolution of his zombies — is not particularly inspired, neither has it been in any way perverted. With Si-

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16)

mon Baker, John Leguizamo, Asia Argento,

and Dennis Hopper. 2005.

The Longest Yard — Dumbing-down of Robert Aldrich's 1974 prison-cum-football film, the Sadistic Guards versus the Avenging Convicts, not one of Aldrich's smarter ideas to begin with. (It's now the ESPN era, and the game is broadcast on national television.) Burt Reynolds, the star of the original, is given a token role and his old jersey number (22) as an incarcerated former coach and, for one play, a geriatric tailback. (Ed Lauter, the chief sadistic guard of the original, is given a mere walk-on.) Runty Adam Sandler, while he passes muster in a game of one-on-one basketball, is not up to the action on the gridiron, much less to the moments of heavier drama: the receiving end of the sadism, the grieving over a fallen comrade, the inspirational speeches. With Chris Rock, William Fichtner, James



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David Cronenberg's Naked Lunch, based on William Burroughs's book, depicts the hardship of a drug-induced reality by a writer in search of answers. The production design is wonderful. The DVD has some great features, but not enough!

With his fourth film, The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, Wes Anderson reaffirms his genius and vision for audiences. The DVD has great extras including behind-the-scenes and pre-through post-production features. It's a great way to see Bill Murray being Bill Murray.

Punch-Drunk Love is the best film to date from Magnolia's P.T. Anderson. The pacing of the film is wonderful.

NAKED LUNCH (Canada) 1991, Criterion List price: \$39.95 THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU (USA) 2004, Criterion List price: \$32.99 PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE (USA) 2002, Columbia TriStar

CATHY ALBERICH

Independent Tijuana filmmaker and director of *Color Drip*

In Scarlet Diva, filmmaker Asia Argento shows her good, bad, and chaotic life. This true portrait shows how an artist confronts reality and grows in the crazy world around her.

Shinya Tsukamoto's A Snake of June takes us into an erotic world where fear, shame, privacy, sex, and water are vital elements. With great vision, he shows an encounter between strangers who end up baring each other's souls.

A paralyzed man struggles with life while a mysterious boy from his past comes to make him pay his dues in the brilliant drama *In a Glass Cage*. All set in a mysterious mansion where fear and pain adorn its beauty.

SCARLET DIVA (Italy) 2000, Media Blasters List price: \$19.95 A SNAKE OF JUNE (Japan) 2002, TLA Releasing List price: \$24.99 IN A GLASS CAGE (Spain) 1987, C.A.V. Distribution List price: \$17.99

AARON SOTO

Award-winning Tijuana filmmaker and director of Omega Shell (http://escandalosfilms.blogspot.com/)

Nacho Cerda is the new king of gore. It's great to have his cult classic shorts *Aftermath/Genesis* finally available in America.

The Manson Family — I love it — this is definitely an underground masterpiece. Director Jim Van Bebber captures, in an insane way, the real horror of the Sixties home.

Tetsuo is probably the most innovative sci-fi movie of the last twenty years. Shinya Tsukamoto defines cyberpunk cinema in the film that opened the door to The Matrix and Pi.

Satanico Pandemonium is a fabulous Mexican nunexploitation film with amazing cinematography and an erotic sense of good and evil.

AFTERMATH/GENESIS (Spain) 1994/1998, Ventura Select/Unearthed Films List price: \$29.99 THE MANSON FAMILY (USA) 2003, MPI Home Video List price: \$24.98

TETSUO (Japan) 1988, Image Entertainment List price: \$29.99

SATANICO PANDEMONIUM (Mexico) 1975, Mondo Macabro List price: \$19.95

Cromwell, Cloris Leachman; directed by Peter Segal. 2005.

List price: \$28.96

● (ESCONDIDO 16; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15;

Machuca — Chilean director Andrés Wood deals with his country's Subject A — Allende - but he deals with it from the fresh, the naive, the novel perspective of a freckle-faced little redhead (an autobiographical approximation, slightly more aged, of the filmmaker himself) who befriends a lower-class charity case at his exclusive Catholic boys' school, and who experiences a broad range of coming-of-age emotions: the stirrings of liberalism (the fall of Allende will be felt as the disruption of the dream of oneness), the stirrings of sexuality (a session of three-way kissing practice with a savvy girl of the streets and a can of condensed milk is a Freudian gold mine), the stirrings of morality (disapproval of his mother's extramarital liaison, compromised by his acceptance of hardback Lone Ranger comics as a bribe from his mother's lover). These emotions are explored with complexity and courage, an ample penance for the climactic act of childhood weakness. If the total package the autobiography, the Catholic school, the idealistic priest, the outsiders taken in, the traumatic finale — brings to mind Louis Malle's Au Revoir, les Enfants, it needn't shrink from comparison. True, some of Wood's arbitrary desaturation of the color, even desiccation of it, seems a tad heavyhanded, but that's just to say that additional force was uncalled-for. The film possesses power to spare. With Matías Quer,

Ariel Mateluna, Manuela Martelli, Aline Kuppenheim, Federico Luppi. 2004.

★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 7/14)

Madagascar — Four escapees from the Central Park Zoo — a lion, a zebra, a hippo, and a giraffe — are packed up and, in fulfillment of the tenth-birthday wish of





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the zebra, shipped back to the wild: "the live-in-a-mudhut-wipe-yourself-with-a-leaf wild," in the less sanguine view of the lion. ("They are just a bunch of pansies," observes the resident Lord of the Lemurs, even before the lion gets caught biting the zebra in the butt.) Palatable computer cartoon in the contemporary style of aggressive, hard-edged hipness. The lion's discovery of his innate catness is worked out predictably but adeptly. With the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett Smith, and David Schwimmer; directed by Eric Darnell and Tom McGrath. 2005. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Mad Hot Ballroom — Marilyn Agrelo's documentary on New York City fifthgraders who've been channeled into the stay-off-the-streets-and-stay-out-of-trouble activity of competitive ballroom dancing: "I see them turning into these ladies and gentlemen," one teacher manages to say while fighting back tears. We follow three disparate classes (only one of which will make it through to the citywide finals: "I still really don't understand what happened," a dejected curly top buttonholes the emcee at the quarterfinals, after his team falls three points short), and we follow them with an almost parental tunnel vision: we cannot really judge the competition; we have eyes only for "ours." Kids being kids, however, with no pumped-up heroes or villains (beyond a troublesome student named Jonathan, whose troubles go uninvestigated), this is an easy-to-like film with an easy-to-overlook fuzzy video image. 2005. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Major Dundee — Sam Peckinpah's first big-budget production, a Civil War-period Western of knotty complexity, to do with a mixed-nuts posse of Union regulars, Confederate POWs, a handful of custodial "coloreds," Indians, and ragtag civilian volunteers in pursuit of an Apache raiding party south of the border, and pursued in turn by a platoon of the French occupation army. It sounds almost farcical in so brief a summary. It plays remarkably well, despite the purported butchery of it by the studio. In retrospect, after the director's numerous other battles with the brass and after the degeneration of his career into self-parody and impersonal potboilers (The Killer Elite, The Osterman Weekend), it becomes more apparent that the true subject of the film is not so much, in a line lifted from the dailydiary narration, "a command divided against itself," not even so much a nation divided, as it is a man divided, a man conflicted. The true subject, to come right out with it, is Peckinpah himself. The two prin cipal antagonists — Maj. Dundee (Charlton Heston at his sculptural best), the Union officer fallen out of favor with his superiors and relegated to the role of jailkeeper at a remote New Mexico outpost, and Capt. Tyreen (Richard Harris at his Brando-est), the Confederate turncoat cashiered out of the U.S. Army and now fallen into captivity — represent two sides of the same coin, former comrades at war with each other in more ways than one. linked by their common Southern backgrounds, by their military demotions, and by the double-E in their surnames. Dundee: the glory-seeker, the self-doubter, the guilty boozer, the headstrong hardliner who can't help but stray from the course, the damn fool. Tyreen: the self-romanticizing rebel, a sophist, a gallant, a dress-up dandy of hum ble origins, "a fanciful man" who, above all else, "has style." Together they describe their creator to a T, and there's something quite prophetic in the filmmaker's selfanalysis through these two grapplers. Not just prophetic, to be sure, but diaristic, a direct reflection of his daily reality on the project, roaming the wilds of Mexico on a mission of doubtful outcome, with inadequate support or approval, an uncertain reception awaiting back home. To the extent that this is prophecy, it's the self-fulfilling kind. One of the men says a mouthful when, talking as the pot to the kettle, he says to the other, "When are you going to learn you made all your own troubles?' With Jim Hutton, James Coburn, Michael Anderson, Jr., and Senta Berger. 1965.

★★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 7/14)

March of the Penguins — Nature documentary on the reproductive ritual of the emperor penguin, the back-and-forth walk of around seventy miles, the mating dance, the harsh winter, the interminable night, the months of starvation, the high mortality rate. It's a hard life, and fascinating. The cuteness of the creatures makes up for much of the hardness, although it also makes the hardness harder to bear. Narrated by Morgan Freeman; directed by Luc Jacquet, 2004.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Me and You and Everyone We **Know** — Reviewed this issue. With Miranda July, John Hawkes, Brad Henke, and Tracy Wright; written and directed by July. ★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 7/15; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Monster-in-Law — After an absence of fifteen years, Jane Fonda returns to an altered Hollywood landscape (no Julia, no Comes a Horseman, no They Shoot Horses, Don't They?, anywhere in sight) for a frivolous star vehicle, teamed with, or rather pitted against, Jennifer Lopez in what amounts to an extended catfight: an over-the-hill TV interviewer determined to save her doctor son from marriage to a mere "temp." (It falls to the wizened Elaine Stritch to deliver the brutal truth: "My God, you look old.") These are two actresses, Fonda and Lopez, who know perfectly well what they're doing, and they're doing quite a lot. Watching their head-tohead competition is sort of fun in a wallowing, wriggling, belly-crawling kind of way. But the magic word that helped to win Oscars for the lead actresses in Monster's Ball and Monster is of no avail here. Director Robert Luketic, employing the buoyant colors and bright tone he favors, pays homage to his own Legally Blonde when a Britney Spears-esque airhead cites it as one of her favorite "old movies," a sufficiently selfdeprecating homage. With Michael Vartan and Wanda Sykes. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Mr. and Mrs. Smith — A stargazer's delight, if, anyway — and it's a big if — you can take delight in gazing at Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (lips and more lips), worshipfully photographed by Bojan Bazelli, and pamperingly enshrined in an ambience of pristine showroom opulence. There is space in this firmament for no one else, apart from a small corner for Vince Vaughn and his dimming persona of socio-

pathic glibness. The two stars play a husband and wife whose passion has gone out of their marriage after "five or six years," depending on which one you ask. Unbeknownst to either of them, they both happen to be top-level, high-tech assassins for rival espionage agencies, and once this fact becomes known to them they are obliged to turn their sights on each other. If — another big if — the situation may shape up for a while as a darkly comic metaphor on the slow death inherent in the conjugal life, this impression, this hope, cannot survive their mutual revelation, after several sincere attempts at pre-emptive annihilation, that their love remains strong, that their passion can be rekindled by means of a common enemy, that their romance after all is not darkly comic, but brightly. And if - a final big if — filmmaker Doug Liman (Swingers, Go, to start with) can be seen to have come through The Bourne Identity with his "promise" unbroken — the promise of a filmmaker with, or on, an edge — he here undergoes a harder whack on the chisel.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINI-TAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RAN-CHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

The Philadelphia Story — Philip Barry's dose of Thirties highlife (it tickles the nose and makes the head light) is brought from stage to screen by George Cukor and Company, with as much reverence and care and deliberateness as if they all thought they were handling a play by Molière. Cary Grant and James Stewart are, respectively, Cary Grant and James Stewart,

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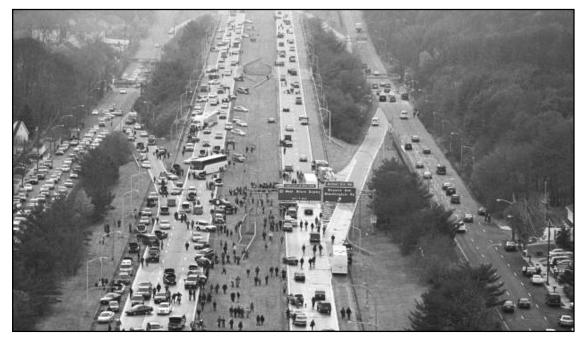
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Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15) 4:35, 7:35, 10:35; Sat. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 10:35; Sun. (1:15) 4:35, 7:40, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:35) 7:40, 10:40; Bewitched (PG-13) Fri. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:20; Sat. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 7:05, 9:20; Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 7:05, 9:25; Mon. (11:15, 1:45, 4:15) 7:05, 9:25; Tue -Thu (1:30, (11:15, 1:45, 4:15) 7:05, 9:25; Tue.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:05, 9:25; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri. (1:45) 4:40, 7:25, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:25, 10:15; Mon. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:25, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:25, 10:15; Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:40) 6:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (12:15, 3:40) 6:45, 9:50; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:55) 5:30, 8:10, 10:40; Sat. (12:10, 2:55) 5:25, 8:10, 10:40; Sun. (12:10, 2:55) 5:30, 8:05, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:55, 5:30) 8:05, 10:35; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:45) 5:25, 8:20, 10:55; Sat. (11:30, 2:35) 5:35. 8:20, 10:55; Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:25, 8:05, 10:35; Mon. (11:30, 2:30, 5:25) 8:05, 10:35; Tue. (12:00, 2:45) 10:35; Wed.-Thu. (12:00, 2:45) 5:25) 8:05, 10:35; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 5:05, 8:00, 10:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 8:00, 10:40; Mon. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 8:00, 10:40; Tue.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 8:00, 10:40; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:45, 7:55, 10:25; Sat. (12:05, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 3:50) 7:00, 7:50, 9:40, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 3:50) 7:00, 7:50, 9:40, 10:30

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 6:50, 9:50; Mon.-Thu, (12:50, 3:50) 6:50; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 6:30, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:45) 6:30: Dark Water (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu (1:25, 4:30) 7:10; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:35) 7:15; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 6:35, 9:10; Mon.-Thu (1:35, 4:15) 6:35; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun

★★ (GARDEN CABARET, 7/14 THROUGH 17, 8:30 P.M.)

The Princess Bride — Rob Reiner, who's said to have been wanting to make a movie of the William Goldman novel for many more years than he'd actually been a moviemaker, is not at this point a good enough director to cover up for a not good enough idea: he's still tied too tightly to the TV sitcom sensibility (acquired no doubt in his years as an actor on All in the Family), all the way down to the clunking closeup of whoever happens to be talking at the moment. In fairness he does seem to keep on trying to do something a little different, only he is doing something less different here than he seems to think. The possibilities of the tongue-in-cheek swashbuckling adventure have been pretty thoroughly mapped out in such things as, coming forwards in time, *The Great Race*, Richard Lester's The Three (and Four) Musketeers, Richard Quine's The Prisoner of Zenda, Flash Gordon, and the Indiana Jones films. And the Errol Flynn-Douglas Fairbanks prototypes never had their tongues far from their cheeks in the first place. But forget all that now, if you possibly can, as you are guided again to The Shrieking Eels and The Cliffs of Insanity and The Fire Swamp, with its St. Bernard-sized rats, and The Pit of Despair and so on (only the names are different), to be regaled not so much by the actual spectacle of any of these sights as by the choking facetiousness of your tourguide. This attitude of indulgent superiority is evidently supposed to coat the thing with a layer of "adultness." And for a second coat into the bargain, there is a present-day framing device whereby a horribly made-up



War of the Worlds

and costumed grand-dad (Peter Falk) "reads" the story we are seeing to a precocious sitcom kid in his sickbed: a soft-sell pitch for literature (the television of yore) that had been done before, and better, in The Neverending Story. Winks and eye-rolls notwithstanding, however, The Princess *Bride* remains obstinately a movie for children. There is no harm in that. But there is not a lot else in it either. With Cary Elwes, Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon. 1987.

★ (KEN, 7/16 MIDNIGHT)

Rebound — Unskilled basketball comedy in which a banned college coach turns around the Mount Vernon Junior High Smelters, winless in twelve years, pointless in the last three games. A few miles over-stated, in spite of a sleepy performance from Martin Lawrence. Directed by Steve Carr. 2005.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron — ${\bf A}$

DreamWorks animated feature in the old hand-drawn style: a horse odyssey after the fashion of the thrice-filmed Will James novel, Smoky, with the four-legged hero falling into many hands on his roundabout way home (which looks to be in the vicinity of Monument Valley, nowhere near the vicinity of the Cimarron River), but with the main difference that in this case the only good master is no master. Even the

the horse reaches a mutually beneficial rap-prochement, is not granted the privileges of ownership. (The horse is called Spirit because, among other reasons, he can't be broken.) But this is a precociously PC horse: the Indian is good, the white-eye is bad, the railroad is the snake in the Garden of Eden. He is also a thoughtful, if naggingly single-minded, horse: his interior speaking voice is the tranquilized one of Matt Damon ("They say the mustang is the spirit of the West"), and his interior singing voice is the constipated one of Bryan Adams ("Here I am, so young and strong, Right here in the place where I belong"). Thankfully, there are no cute animal sidekicks, voiced by stand-up comics, on whom to press his views. He keeps himself, as they say, to himself. Some of the images of equine speed and grace - the horse outpacing the shadow of an eagle, for instance — are nicely done. And the drummed-on theme of freedom is irremovably germane to the Western genre. And Hans Zimmer's epic score, with its echoes of Lonesome Dove and Silverado, is doubtless idiomatic. Yet, in its fierce denial of the melancholy complexity of the genre, this is a Western strictly for kids. Of all ages. Directed by Kelly Asbury and Lorna Cook. ★ (ESCONDIDO 16; MIRA MESA 18;

puckish, Peter Pannish Indian, with whom

OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; 7/19 AND 20, 10 A.M.)

Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith — George Lucas closes the circle: the last of the three prequels, evenly spaced out at three-year intervals. (The filmmaker's latter-day visual style comes back to us in a twinkling: the flatness of the humans and the overfertilized fluorescence of

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

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10:15, 10:55

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Call theater for program information

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:00) 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30; Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **War of the** Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Wedding Crashers; Fantastic Four; Dark Water; War of the Worlds; Bewitched; Herbie: Fully Loaded; Batman Begins; Mr. and Mrs. Smith; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith

Vogue

3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Batman Begins; The Longest Yard; Bewitched

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 1:10; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:05; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:40; **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:40

NORTH INLAND CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:25, 10:20; Bewitched (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 4:55) 7:25, 9:50; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri. (10:30, 11:40, 1:15, 2:15, 3:55) 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 3:55) 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 3:55, 5:05) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:05, 5:35) 8:05, 10:30; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 1:55, 2:55) 4:35, 5:35, 7:15, 8:15, 9:55, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 12:15, 1:55, 2:55, 4:35, 5:35) 7:15, 8:15, 9:55; Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 2:45) 5.05) 7.35, 10:05; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5.40, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35, 5:40) 7:45, 9:50; **Mr. & Mrs.** Smith (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (10:45, 1:35, 4:15) 7:10, 10:00: War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:25) 7:20, 10:05; **Wedding** Crashers (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:55, 7:45,

10:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 4:55) 7:45,

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Charlie and the** Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Dark Water (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri -Thu 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Bewitched (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:15, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Tue. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Wed.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:00) 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15)

RAMONA

Ramona Twin 626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 4:25) 7:55, 10:55; Bewitched (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:45, 4:10) 6:50, 9:50; Charlie and the **Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 12:15, 1:30, 2:00, 3:10, 4:35, 5:00) 6:05, 7:30, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:58; Sun.-Thu. (11:00, 12:15, 1:30, 2:00, 3:10, 4:35, 5:00) 6:05, 7:30, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30, 11:00; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 4:20) 7:25, 10:35;

Dark Water (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:50, 10:25, 10:40; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:20, 4:00, 5:00) 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:10, 10:00, 11:00, 11:57; Sun.-Thu. (11:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:20, 4:00, 5:00) 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:10, 10:00, 11:00; Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:50, 4:40) 7:20, 9:45; Madagascar (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 1:35, 3:45) 6:00, 8:05, 10:10; Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, Nr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13) Fri.-1hu. (11:15, 2:05, 5:05) 8:15, 11:05; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:25) 7:05, 10:15; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:55, 2:40, 4:50) 5:35, 7:45, 8:10, 10:50; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 1:40, 3:15, 4:30) 6:10, 7:15, 9:05, 9:55, 11:59; Sun.-Thu. (12:20, 1:40, 3:15, 4:30) 6:10, 7:15, 9:05, 9:55

Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Call theater for program information

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 6:45, 9:10; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:55, 2:25, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:05, 4:40,

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

nino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

(836-947-9420) **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 10:15
(1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15)
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Flower Hill 4 2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; March of the Penguins (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45,

8:00, 10:15; Me and You and Everyone We Know (R) Fri -Thu 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00. 8:15, 10:45; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

20 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Call theater for program information

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Crash

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

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Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15
(1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Charlie and the

Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00
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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenua (760-806-1790)

Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 3:00, 6:30, 9:30; **Charlie and the Chocolate Fac**tory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:05, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:45, 10:10; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20; Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:35, 9:45; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:20, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:05, 10:35, 1:05, 1:35, 4:05, 4:35, 7:05, 7:35, 9:55, 10:25; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:10, 10:40, 1:10, 1:40, 4:10, 4:40, 7:05, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Call theater for program information

Calendar MOVIES

their computer-generated surroundings, something like sticks of wood in a stop-motion tomato patch.) Anakin Skywalker, as we all are aware ahead of time, is on course to explore the Dark Side of the Force, his personal Darth side, "motivated" by his impalpable passion for Padmé, the Senator formerly known as Queen, and by his pre-

monitions of her death in childbirth. Looking more and more like Uma Thurman (pupils floating upwards) and talking more and more like Ryan Phillippe (pouty lips over tight jaw), the leading man, Hayden Christensen, appears to plumb the depths of darkness about as far as a college sophomore facing a term-paper deadline when he'd really rather be chugalugging beer. It's true that he has a hand in a lot of carnage (personally dispatching a roomful of "younglings," sentimental overkill reminiscent of the slaughter of Macduff's family in Macbeth), yet the dire warnings of the film's

unsuitability for children seem a bit off base. Surely it's more suitable for them than it is for adults. Lucas's obsessive castration symbolism (a fear bordering on hysteria) may be over their heads, but on the other hand they will be less likely to carp at the murky exposition of the *faux*-Shake-spearean political skulduggery, more likely to sit there in contented incomprehension, inasmuch as the murkiness, thick though it is, fails in the slightest to obscure the goodness of the good guys and the badness of the bad. So clear is this separation that Anakin's change of allegiance — Jedi self-

lessness for Sithian selfhood — reduces him to a dupe at best and a loon at worst. And, in the midst of what looks to be an erupting volcano, his climactic lightsaber duel with his mentor leaves him quite literally diminished in stature (or symbolically, once again, castrated). Though he gets propped up afterwards in the operating room, he comes out of it as a sort of Wizard of Oz with the curtain thrown back. Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Ian McDiarmid, Samuel L. Jackson. 2005.

• (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA
MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL
REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Undead — Zombies in Australia, not too different from zombies in Pennsylvania, but spoofier. Low-low-budget and low-low-brow. Photographed all in blue, violet, lavender. With Felicity Mason, Mungo McKay, Rob Jenkins, and Lisa Cunning-ham; written, directed, produced, and edited by the Spierig brothers, Peter and Michael. 2003.

● (KEN, 7/15 THROUGH 21)

War of the Worlds — Reviewed this issue. With Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Tim Robbins, and Miranda Otto; directed by Steven Spielberg.

by Steven Spielberg.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Wedding Crashers — Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn as unscrupulous skirt-chasers, directed by David Dobkin.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6;

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; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/15)

The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill —

Human-interest documentary, and avianinterest, about an unemployed San Francisco musician, Mark Bittner, who tends a flock of cherry-headed conures, plus one outcast blue-crown conure by the name of Connor (they all have names), who is quite a character. Lightly engaging most of the way, with all of the wrenching saved for the end. Directed, edited, and shot ("no digital special effects") by Judy Irving. 2005.

★★ (LA PALOMA, 7/16 AND 17, 4 P.M.)

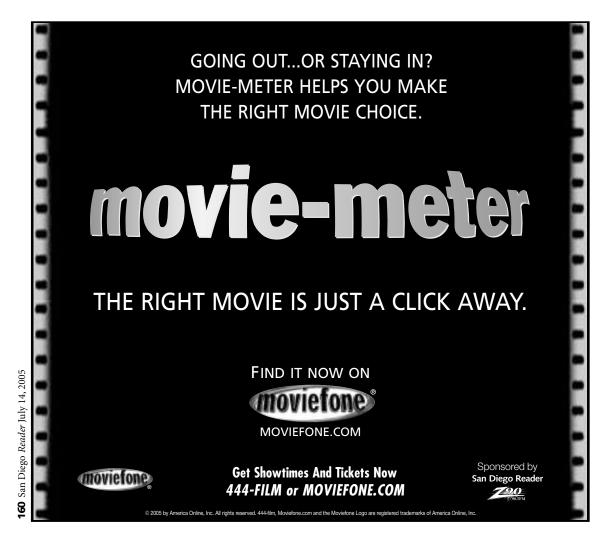
Yes - No. (That would be the one-word review.) No, in specific, to the formulation of modern-day dialogue in rhyme (yes, rhyme, as in "So many lies" answered by "I guess that's what happens when love dies" or "I can't go on like this" answered by "Why? What did I say, what did I miss?" as well as uncollaborative rhymes such as "Is it me you're talking to? What do you know of my point of view, and come to that, of what I do?" and "I'm not the lying kind. What can I do to purify your mind?"), as if to elevate, to Shakespearean heights, the earnest talk about the battle of the sexes, the clash of cultures, the conflict of religions, Mideast vs. West, etc., but having the effect instead of getting the viewer to listen more for sound than for sense. No, too, to the insistence of "invisible" working women on inserting themselves in front of the camera, looking directly into it, and addressing it aloud in catty, confidential, conspiratorial tones. No to blown-up digital video which, while worrying the viewer that he is going blind, will no doubt look better in the DVD release, and which, in the meantime, reduces the big-screen theater to a mere way station en route to the store shelf. No to a postmodern patchwork of visual styles and textures. No to outsized ambition outrun by pretension. No to Sally Potter, the writer-director (and sympathy to Joan Allen, Simon Abkarian, Sam Neill). No, no,

• (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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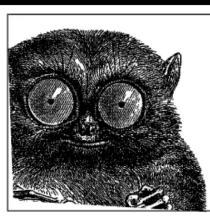
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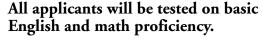


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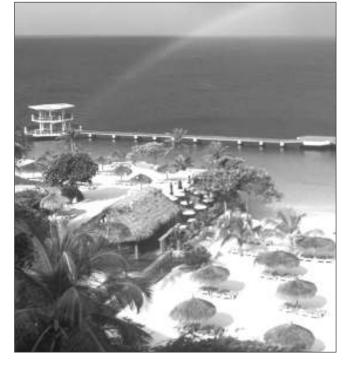
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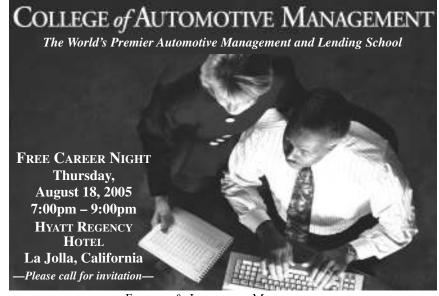
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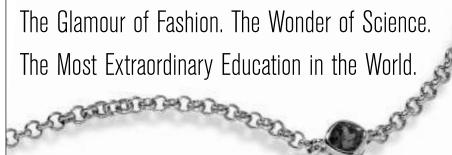
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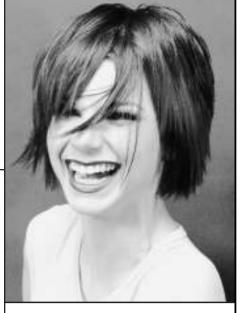
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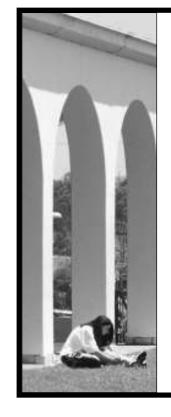






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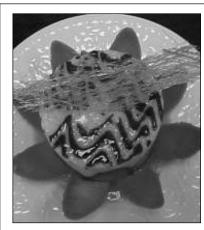
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- 15. 10th-12th Century Chinese dynasty
- 16. Head light?
- 17. Rolled two sixes while on Water Works?
- 19. Property lawyer's concern
- 20. Singer Sumac 21. Barbell units: Abbr.
- 22. "Any ____?"
 24. Punch served with paella
- 27. Novel ending?28. Singer Dylan doesn't use IBMs?
- 34. They're bowed
- 37. Grab hold of
- 38. Like some vaccines
- 39. Stein contents
- 41. "Come Fly With Me" lyricist
- 42. Kind of patch 44. Tackled moguls
- 45. Doesn't throw away a skull, in
- case "Hamlet" is staged again?
- 48. Two-time loser to DDE 49. Making louder, in a way
- 53. Actress Hedy 57. Tom's "Sleepless in Seattle" costar
- 58. Cutie _
- 59. It gives you the big picture 60. Like pro bono work?
- 64. Lounge about
- 65. Kind of bean
- 66. Dismayed cry
- 67. Change for a fin
- 68. Common newspaper nickname 69. 19th President

Down

- 1. Fast food chain since 1964
- 2. "Sunset Boulevard" heroine Desmond
- 3. New York's -Kettering hospital
- 4. Caribou cousin
- 5. Peggy or Spike
- 6. ____ warming
 7. Broadcasts
- 8. Joplin work
- 9. Supports openly 10. Vitamin D source
- 11. Drooling dog of comics
- 12. Salacious glance 13. Gets some color
- 18. Go crazy (over)
- 23. Scintilla
- 25. Quick gait
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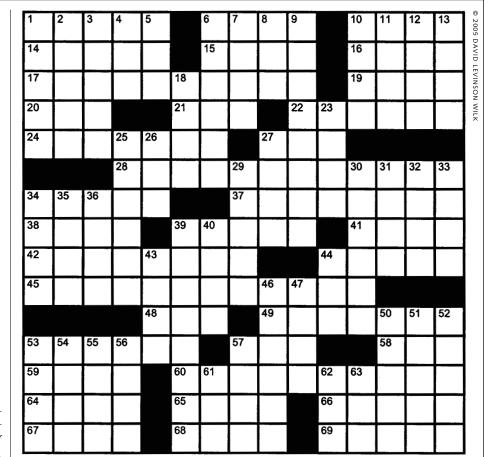
27. Spot on the sea

- 29. Vandalizer on Halloween
- 30. 1990 Stallone movie Sons of, in Hebrew
- 32. Prince's "Sign ____ Times"
- 33. 007
- 34. Go pffft, with "out" 35. Shallowest Great Lake
- 36. Add liquor to 39. What to board when abandoning ship
- 40. Years in Spain 43. Kremlin VIP, once
- 44. Part of some discount store names
 46. Home built in a day?
- 47. Kind of block
- 50. Supplication starter
- 51. Barbara or Jenna, to Jeb 52. Friends of nerds
- 53. Stitch's cartoon pal
- 54. "____ for All Seasons"
 55. Windy area?
- 56. Perpendicular lines
- 57. Year in Edward the Confessor's reign
- 61. Choreographer Lubovitch 62. Fan's belt
- 63. Key locale: Abbr.

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803).
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- we'll have a lottery.

 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.





Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 7/7/05.

Of the 196 entrants, 191 were correct.

- 1. Steven Hauser, San Diego
- 2. Erin Barclay, Chula Vista3. Jim Jones, El Cajon
- 4. Rachel Thomas, San Diego 5. Sharon Welp, Escondido

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BLONDISH BLUE SURFER TYPE, 57 5'11", 160lbs., good health, liberal, Tao nostalgic. Like jazz, Hawaiian beach beer, wine, gardening, bicycles, hone and my Leucadia trailer house. Seeki similar type female. (7/27) 🕿 48509

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hen you're, like, 14 and you When you're, like, 14 and you first start dating, you want to stay with people your own age, maybe a couple years older at most. Once you hit, like, 20 or you're in your 30s, age isn't as big of a deal. You can't base age differences on what famous people do; they don't count. Some of that's just for publicity and fake. Guys in their 40s dating women in their 20s is weird. I wouldn't want to date somebody my dad's age. You look at those relationships and think that there's something strange going on there. It's all relative. When I'm in college, you won't see me dating a high school guy. If I'm 40 and unmarried, the youngest I'll date is 30. You have to logical, would a guy in his 20s really want to date a 40-year-old



Jill Jameson Bartender Ocean Beach

Well, my boyfriend is six years younger than me, but he's very mature. I've also dated older guys before. It can be easier dating an older guy; you have more common interests. Nowadays it's harder to say what's acceptable; look at Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher. It's all about how you get along. If I had a daughter, I would never recommend that she date guys too much older than her. If you're in your 20s or your 30s, that's one thing. When my boyfriend was in the seventh grade, I was graduating from high school. If you look at it that way, [a relationship] isn't right. Now that we're both in our 20s, it's more acceptable. We don't hang out with his friends though."



Gwen Diamonte Clothing Retail Mission Valley

think there is no limit for accept-Table age differences for people dating. After you turn 18, you should date whoever you want to, I'm 20 and I'd date a 45-year-old man. The oldest guy I dated was 31. Of course we had different states of mind, but if there's a real connection then there shouldn't be any issue. It really might have just been sexual. Older men definitely know how to take care of a woman; they're better in bed Younger guys are looking to hook-up with everything they can and older men appreciate what they have in front of them. Older men usually like the fact that I'm younger and respond well to that. When I'm in my 40s, I would totally date a guy in his 20s. I like men my age now, I don't know any reason I would stop liking them. It'd be weird if I had a daughter and she dated somebody my age. My mom probably wouldn't approve of me bringing home a 45year-old, but she wouldn't give me



Justin Garrison

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he oldest I would date is a 25-The oldest I would date is a 25-year-old. Any older than that and the woman starts to tell you what to do. The guy has to be the one in charge. Older women can be too protective, acting sometimes like older sisters. The oldest woman I dated was 31; she's the reason I made up the rule about not dating anyone over 25. She looked younger. Her mom dated a younger guy too, so it wasn't that weird when I met her mom. I wouldn't date a girl too much younger than me. You want her old enough to get into a bar. When I'm older, I'll still date 21-year-olds. You don't want to date 18-year-old girls fresh out of high school because they're too immature. If it's a one nightstand, then it's allowed.



Chris Brown

Military

Mission Valley

'm 20, but I'm not your average guy I've never dated an older chick. Younger girls are actually whineier than women my own age. I don't want to always date younger girls than me, but they're the only ones that like me. The older chicks have more expecta-tions and shit. Seventeen is an okay age; it doesn't even matter if she's close to turning 18, I don't care. As long as her parents don't know...I'll tell them, "My name's Fred." By the time I'm 40, maybe I'll finally be able to date girls in their 20s. Luckily I still look young, so I haven't had too many problems with parents. My friends and their girlfriends give me shit about dating younger girls. They're like, "I'm not buying your girlfriend cigarettes anymore.



Joe Kaiser

Doctor

Sacremento

'm from the old school, so I'd say five Lyears is about the largest age difference that's acceptable. I'm 73, so if I weren't married, I could imagine dating someone in their 60s. If I were a 20-something guy, the chances are I wouldn't date anyone too much older or younger than me. Situations where men my age date women in their 30s shouldn't happen. I've been married for 52 years, but I have quite a few friends who've married someone much younger than them. I think they're worried about getting old; they think that [marrying someone much younger] is going to rejuvenate them. Younger women usually want to get out and do more things, so maybe that makes them feel younger. I would think that trying to keep up with a younger woman would tire them out. My wife frowns on my friends who do that and I get the lecture about their irresponsibility. My children are 48, 46, and 43, and they would really frown on me dating someone younger.

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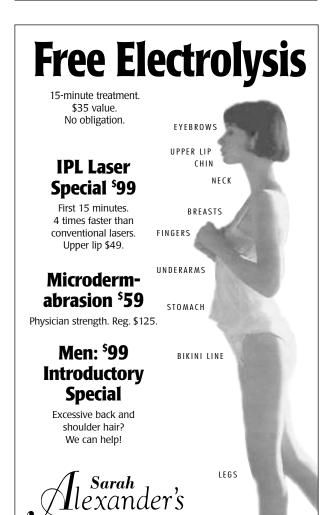
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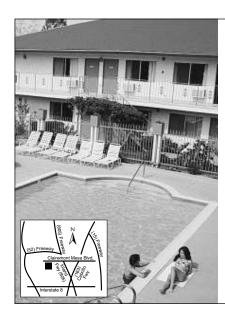
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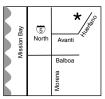
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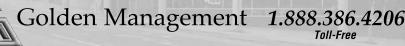
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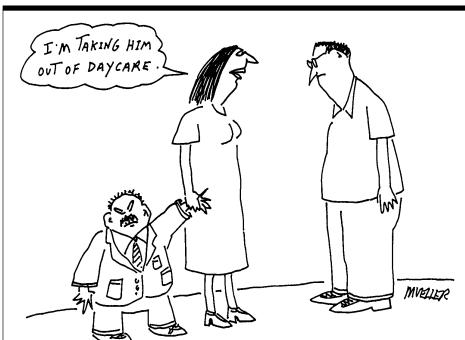
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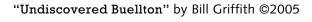
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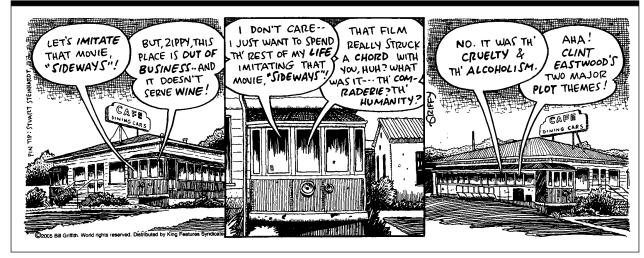
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Signs of the Times

 Dog owners trying to place their pooches with a day care service are encountering screening processes that resemble those for child admissions at elite preschools, according to a May Wall Street Journal report. Urban Tails, in Houston, requires a four-page "dog personality profile" and an evaluative "peer session" with other dogs.

Dog Day Afternoons Country Day Prep in Boston requires two letters of reference, a seven-page application, and an "interview." After her "Ghillie' was turned down by one service, a woman acknowledged to the reporter that maybe her dog is "not gifted." Methamphetamine Blues: Dentists interviewed for a June New York Times story said they are increasingly seeing patients who are addicted to the caustic methamphetamine chemicals and who demonstrate "meth mouth" in which healthy teeth turn grayish-brown and (according to the Times) "begin to fall out, and take on a peculiar texture less like that of hard enamel and more like that of a piece of ripened fruit." (And in March in Carthage, Tenn., Scott Stewart was sentenced to eight years in prison for running a home meth lab, despite his insistence that his goal was mainly to ensure that his meth was 'safe" from the harmful chemicals other makers were putting into their products.)

 Among the accusations against Glenn Marcus, 52, arrested in New York City in May for allegedly detaining women and torturing them as sex slaves, are that he forced one of his victims to also create a Web site for him to market his sex photos and another victim to operate the Web site for up to 10 hours a day.

Cultural Diversity

 Chinese men smoke cigarettes at twice the rate U.S. men do, according to a June dispatch from Guiyang by Toronto's Globe and Mail, and that includes an estimated 60 percent of male Chinese doctors, with about 90 percent of the men believing that smoking is either not harmful or actually healthful. Implicated in these beliefs is the government, whose cigarette monopoly sells 1.8 trillion units a year (at the equivalent of about 25 cents [U.S.] a pack) and apparently disseminates its own feel-good messages about smoking (e.g., that it enhances brain function, relieves schizophrenia, reduces the risk of Parkinson's disease), despite also requiring small health warnings on the package. — The Continuing Campaign to Make Sure No One Is Ever Offended: Organizers of the June 28

re-enactment of the 1805 Battle of Trafalgar, near Portsmouth, England (in which Britain's Admiral Nelson soundly defeated French and Spanish ships), have decided to remove all references to the defeated nations, calling the mock battle one between the "red" and the "blue," so as not to offend visiting dignitaries.

Ironies

(1) The South Carolina House's Judiciary Committee, voting in mid-April on two bills to upgrade the crimes of, respectively, gamecock fighting and spousal abuse, from misdemeanors to felonies, passed the former but tabled the latter for the remainder of 2005. (2) Jerry Adams, deputy finance commissioner of Tennessee, was stranded for 13 hours in an elevator in the state Capitol in May without the use of the emergency telephone because the phone's line had been disconnected over the state's nonpayment of the bill.

Creme De La Weird

 Adventures in Foil: Anthony Hudson, 43, former city council candidate and host of a cable TV program, was arrested in a disturbance in Akron, Ohio, in April; he was covered in silver Mylar foil, wearing an athletic supporter over his trousers, and calling himself the "King of Egypt."... Housing authorities in Sacramento, Calif., ordered the D'Souzas on Timberwood Court to take down the sheets of aluminum they had placed around their home to stop the neighbors from allegedly bombarding them with radio waves, which they say had given them headaches, lupus and other illnesses. A Code Enforcement spokesman said there was also foil aplenty covering the inside of the house.

Least Competent Criminals

In May, sheriff's deputies in Albuquerque arrested four men on drug-trafficking charges with the inadvertent help of the 2-year-old son of one of the men, according to an Albuquerque Journal story. The father had accidentally locked his keys and his son inside his Cadillac SUV, and the

boy had used the OnStar emergency button, which generated a phone call to the sheriff; deputies arrived to find the father still pleading for his son to unlock the door (which OnStar eventually opened electronically). Deputies became suspicious at all the late-night hubbub and in a consensual search of a nearby trailer, belonging to another of the men, found 1,700 pounds of marijuana.

Recurring Themes

- Latest Toilet Litigation: Scott A. Keller filed a lawsuit in March against the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, claiming he was seriously injured when a wall-mounted toilet at a rest stop collapsed, sending him to the floor, causing whiplash and other injuries to his neck and back. And John Jenkins, 53, filed a lawsuit in Morgantown, W.Va., in June against the general contractor Chisler Inc. and another company, claiming that a portable toilet at a construction site exploded while he was using it (due to leaking methane gas underneath, which his cigarette ignited). Jenkins said he suffered severe burns to his face, neck, arms, torso and legs.

Patience

 Michelle Alabaster, 36, of Bexlevheath, England, finally prevailed in May, nine years after filing her lawsuit against her then-employer for having (illegally, she contended) awarded her vacation pay at the rate she was making on the date of her application for vacation instead of the rate she was making on the last day before vacation. Her total winnings: the equivalent of about \$495, including interest.... More money was at stake in the battle in New York between Nicholas Purpura, 62, and his ex-wife, Barbara, who married in 1983 and have been fighting over millions of dollars since their 1988 divorce. The New York Post reported in March that the case is "lurching to an end." Four of the judges who heard earlier parts of the case have since died.

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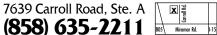
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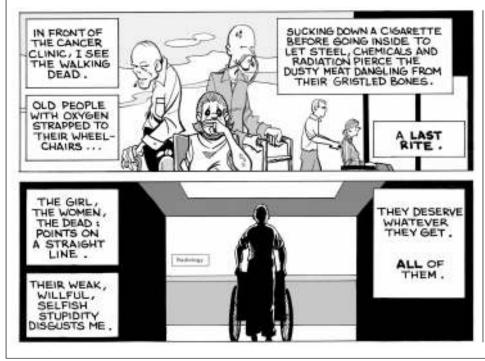
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I am watching a program showcasing movies that will premier in France this week. There's one called La Moustache that seems particularly interesting. From what I gather, a man shaves his mustache, then goes crazy because his wife and friends do not notice that he shaved his mustache. They, in fact, claim he never had a mustache. Everything is seen from his (unreliable?) point of view. In the trailer, there's this haunting bit: the man is broken, crouched in the shower, clutching a fistful of hair, then letting it slip down the drain. Intense. I die laughing.

The mustache thing is supposed to be a trope, I get that. By loss of mustache the director looks to convey loss of sanity. But is he also looking to convey Tom Selleck? Porn stars? They keep replaying one somber line, "What would you say if I were to shave the mustache?" Oh, this movie is going to be good.

Confession: I just started showering at the gym last week after more than a year as a non-showerer. Lugging my cleansing gear is definitely annoying, but I was scaring too many Parisians before, tromping to and fro in my nylon shorts and sweaty ponytail. I needed to change. Literally. It's not something I'm particularily proud of, my non-showering ways, but there you have it.

A French girl sauces onto the bike in front of me at the gym today. She is very svelte and alluring, but I am worried about her outfit. Striped brown socks, Petit Bateau camisole, droopy cotton shorts. It kills me how these French girls will arrive in something perfect, like ballet flats and a trench coat, and then change into this. She looks like she is going to a twelve-year-old's slumber party.

Later, a man gets onto the treadmill in a polo shirt and

shorts with...belt loops? He looks eerily like my father. Similar sartorial philosophies, for sportswear at least — untroubled by the advancements in moisturewicking technology or elastic, but preferring to remain very 1970s tennis player. He's adorable. You just want to slip on some aviators and roller-skate with him to Simon and Garfunkel.

I am done working out. I enter the stretching room. You must say bonjour to everyone there. The French are way into the salutations. But the room feels like a sauna, which makes me wish they were a little more into air conditioning.

When I enter the locker room later, I see a sign saying traveaux (construction) from June 31-August 15. During which, there are "provisionale" showers. Umm, there they are. Simply freestanding boxes of glass, erected smack in the center of the room. It's like showering in a snow globe. Modesty? I am ruined.

"I can't believe this," I say, to no one in particular. "Oh, me neither!" says an older woman beside me. Then, she shrugs and throws off her towel. Gah! That was more than a little alarming.

I enter the shower. Apocalypse. Everyone can see me through this glass and I am going to die. Once an American prude, always an American prude! I think about the sad, crazy mustache man, so alone and misunderstood. I keep my bare backside pointed at the locker room, but focus on not brushing it against the glass.

Later, as I'm getting



dressed, a girl who is entering the shower inquires as to the water. "Glaciale," I say. It is true; it was freezing. "Good for the circulation! Keeps you young!" the older lady butts in. Then she swings her gym bag onto her shoulder, flips open a packet of cigarettes and pulls out her lighter.

I say *au revoir* to each person at the front desk (see above: the importance of salutations) and head onto

the sunny street in a Cacharel summery top and linen pants, feeling better. Fashion never hurts. I was hoping to get some sort of reaction from the gym staff, the first time they saw me in real clothes. In my fantasy, they would have been blinded by my unassuming sophistication. Maybe they wouldn't recognize me. No one said a word. At the bus

> stop, there's an advertisement for La Moustache. I feel more sympathy for this guy by the minute.

Mustaches are like babies, once you have them on the brain, you start seeing them everywhere. On the bus ride home, a man climbs on with...actually,

he's just generally unshaven. But if you squint, he sort of looks like Johnny Depp, incidentally, one of the rare modern-day men who can naturally rock the mustache look. Depp is also (double incidentally!) a Parisian. Coincidence? As this doppelganger heads to the back of the bus, all I know is, I'm happy not to be wearing my gym clothes.

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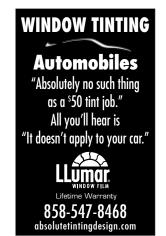
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Location: 935 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach

Time/Date: 10:15 a.m. on 7/1/05

Investigation: Mission Federal Credit Union was robbed at gunpoint. A lone subject described as a white



male adult in his 30s entered the bank. He walked up to the teller window with his hand inside a

plastic grocery bag, holding onto an object that he represented as a firearm.

The suspect told the clerk: "Give me the money or I will shoot you." The suspect was wearing a full-brim straw hat, a fake curly dark beard and sunglasses. He was dressed in a dark-colored blazer and what have been described as light blue or gray pants.

The suspect left the bank on foot eastbound. No vehicle was seen. It is unknown at this time if this robbery is related to any other series of bank robberies.

VEHICLE BURGLARY

Location: 400 Oak Avenue, Carlsbad **Time/Date:** 10:11 a.m. on 7/1/05

Investigation: Carlsbad Police were dispatched on the report of a vehicle burglary in progress. Arriving offi-



cers contacted the victim, a city of Carlsbad employee, who reported that he had just interrupted a

burglary to his vehicle.

The victim said he exited the City Facilities and Maintenance building when he observed a male subject, later identified as M., lying across the front seat of his truck. The victim pulled M. out of the truck, at which time M. tried to stab the victim with a pair of needlenose pliers. M. then ran from the scene.

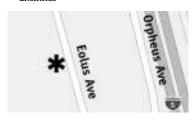
Officers set up a perimeter...25 minutes later, Officer Scott Stallman saw M. on the beach near the Army Navy Academy. A foot pursuit ensued, with Officer Stallman chasing M. north along the beach and then east into the Buena Vista Lagoon. M. was taken into custody in waist-deep water after fighting with the officers.

Further investigation revealed that M. had entered the victim's locked vehicle by cutting out the rubber molding of the rear side window. The dashboard was partially removed and the vehicle stereo was hanging down. The victim positively identified M. as the suspect who tried to stab him. The victim was not injured. A Leatherman tool belonging to the victim was found on M.'s person, as was some methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. In a subsequent interview, M. also admitted to committing another vehicle burglary in Carlsbad approximately three weeks earlier.

M. was booked into Vista Jail on charges of armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, vehicle burglary, possession of a controlled substance, possession of stolen property, possession of paraphernalia, and resisting arrest.

HOMICIDE

Location: [1100] Eolus Avenue, Encinitas



Time/Date: 7:46 p.m. on 7/1/05 **Report:** Sheriff's deputies responded to the report of a found wallet. Deputies determined the wallet belonged to a reported missing person from the Los Angeles area. The investigation led to a vehicle nearby, which contained a dead body in the trunk.

Preliminary investigation has determined this case to be a homicide. San Diego Sheriff's Homicide detectives responded to the scene, as well as detectives from LAPD.

DUI/FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Location: 1400 Leucadia Boulevard, Encinitas



Time/Date: 10:12 p.m. on 7/1/05
Incident and Investigation:

A reserve sheriff's deputy was westbound on Leucadia Boulevard when a white Porsche drove by, eastbound, at a high rate of speed. The deputy heard the vehicle losing control and impacting a light pole and a fire hydrant. The deputy immediately called for emergency medical personnel and returned to the scene of the collision. The deputy found the driver, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, ejected out onto the ground. He initiated CPR, but the lifesaving efforts of the deputy and the emergency medical personnel were futile. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

Preliminary information from the girlfriend that she had been with that evening was that they had gone to four different bars. The driver had become quite intoxicated and the girlfriend tried to take the keys from her. The driver insisted on driving and drove away from the last bar that they had been at. The girlfriend then called the driver's husband who went searching for her. The driver's husband drove by the collision scene and recognized his wife's car. After meeting with the

deputy medical examiner, the husband returned home to break the news to her five children.

VANDALISM

Location: [600] Santa Rosita,

Solana Beach

Time/Date: 11:30 p.m.-2:00 a.m. on

7/4/05-7/5/05



Reported Incident: Several res-

idents reported vandalism to their houses and cars. When deputies responded to the scene, they discovered at least six homes and as many vehicles had been spray-painted with both black and white spray paint. There were at least two drawings of the Nazi swastika symbol. There were angry, misspelled references made about America, the rich, Jesus, and Christians. There were several crude drawings and obscene references to male genitalia. Additionally, one of the houses had been hit with a carton of eggs and a can of beer.

Several of the victims volunteered their race, nationality, and religious affiliation for investigative purposes. These residents, while all American citizens, were from various backgrounds, nationalities, and religions. While some of the spraypainted statements contained hateful messages, based on the totality of the evidence, these incidents do not appear to be hate crimes. They are more likely random acts of juvenile delinquency.

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Michael Emerson, the optician at Hart Optical, rides a big Suzuki. He tells me, "It's a Cavalcade 1400 cc. Suzuki gave up on them in '88 and built the last generation in '89 from parts they had in stock. Mine is one of those

"The first owner was a dentist. He had short legs, and he kept falling over on the bike. He would be on his tippy toes, because it's a huge bike, four inches longer than the new Honda Gold Wings. He kept falling over and breaking the plastic. So he set it in his garage, and he sold it to a lawyer who also set it in his garage for a couple years.

"I saw an ad and phoned. I told the lawyer, 'If you ride the motorcycle to my office, I'll buy it from you.' He said, 'Without even riding it?' I said, 'I know these Cavalcades, and if you can ride it here, it runs. So bring it over.' I had the cash sitting on the

"It's only got 50,000 miles on it. I'm hooked up with about 700 Cavalcade owners worldwide, and according to some of the stories I read, people are still riding Cavalcades with over 100,000 miles on them. They were engineered like no other bike, because Suzuki was trying to gain a market share against the Honda Gold Wing. The Cavalcade was built to last and to break Honda's grip on that touring market. But Honda had a firm hold on the market and bigger money. They squeezed Suzuki out.

"Besides putting quality into it, Suzuki put everything on the motorcycle. It has an air compressor, and air shocks that can be aired up when the load gets heavy, and air bladders for the driver and the passenger, so the lower lumbar can be adjusted."

"The Lincoln Town Car of motor-

cycles," I say.

"It is. It rides smooth, and 1400 cc gives it a lot of pep. Four cylinders, four carburetors. And it's rated for 1600 pounds. Which is about two passengers and full saddlebags and pulling a trailer. That's powerful.

"Considering the fun-per-dollar ratio, there's nothing like a motorcycle. So I try to save mine for fun. For trips. I enjoy riding by myself, because the solitude is what I like best, and the scenery. The way the Cavalcade is built allows you to see without the wind beating you up.

"We call riding alone 'one up.' I usually ride one up and go three days. What I'm after on the trips is a different look at things, a different angle to look at the world through.

"When I have time, I close my store for a week or so, put myself on a longer leash, and take some longer trips. I've gone across the Rockies twice, all the way from here to Denver and back, zig-zagging across

MICHAEL EMERSON

MOTORCYCLE: SUZUKI CAVALCADE

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the Continental Divide. This September, I'm riding from here to Yellowstone. That'll be 12 days.

"I'm a minimalist when I'm on the motorcycle. Taking trips like I do makes you want to see how far you can go on the least amount of money.

"The best time to ride is sunup and sundown. After sundown, you stop. You eat. You sleep. You get up and go, all day, six to six."

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IF THIS WAS ON TELEVISION, the scene would show me sitting across from a girl. When she talks you can see her mouth move, but only hear The Dukes of Hazzard theme playing from the jukebox in my mind. She's going on and on about taking tap dance lessons when she was a kid, and a close-up of my face would reveal that I'm motionless, registering no expression, but the soundtrack would be filled with thrumming guitars and Waylon Jennings's voice.

Just the good ol' boys Never meanin' no harm

I'm staring at her mouth and rocking my head to the beat. Which to her, looks like I'm enthralled by every word. She thinks each time her lips part my prehensile mind is pulling in her thoughts and ideas hand-over-hand, syllable-by-syllable.

Beats all you've ever saw. been in trouble with the law since the day they was born.

A fresh martini lands in front of me. The girl takes the skewer from out of the glass and eats one of the green olives. She slides the other olive off and leans forward to feed it to me. She's being nurturing. Her instinct tells her to care for me and feed me. She swallows her olive and smiles and says, "Then, Rochelle and Michelle from my dance company went to Star Search." And, the music in my head roars back on.

Straight'nin' the curve. Flat'nin' the hills.

She smiles, stares into my eyes and continues with the conversation I'm not listening to. She reaches across the sticky-wet barroom table, grabs my hand and throws her head of blonde hair back in laughter. That's my cue to laugh. Squeeze her hand. Lean in toward her.

Someday the mountain might get 'em, but the law never will.

Screeaatch! The needle jumps from the record because she's looking at me expectedly. Am I supposed to say something? Did she ask me a question? After a few awkward moments she smiles and shakes her head and says, "No, no, no. I'm only joking. Don't worry. So, then when I was in 'Taptastic' we had these purple sequin leotards..."

Makin' their waaaAAAAaayy! The only way they know how That's just a little bit more than the law will allow

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 14

THE AL FRANKEN SHOW

SUNDANCE, 7:00 A.M.

I am of the most annoying one percent of the population who are considered "morning people." Even though my job requires that I wake up to watch prime time TV, I still blow out of bed at 6:30 a.m. and do cartwheels to the coffee shop. Also, of bleeding heart liberals I am the bleedingest heartiest of all left-wingers. The Al Franken Show at 7:00 a.m. is mother's milk to me.

BIGBROTHER

CBS. 8:00 P.M.

Exciting stuff here. People live together. Compete for food and prizes and stuff. Fresh and innovative. You like this. It was popular in Europe for a while, and we're telling you it's cool.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

VISITOR Q (2001)

If coprophilia, necrophilia, heroin addiction, prostitution, and sexual lactation aren't your thing, skip this movie. If you're looking for a checklist of the most deprayed acts one family can perform on each other, then this is sure to be an instant favorite of your DVD library. Until I can screen an actual Philippine snuff film, this is going to live at number one on the sickest films list.

SECRETS OF THE DEAD

PBS, 10:30 P.M.

It's been a banner year for zombies. Although, I don't suppose this is a zombie movie. PBS isn't much in the business of living-dead cinema. It'd be cool if they were though.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

CHEATERS

FOX, 11:00 P.M.

People call this guy, like a private investigator, when they think their boyfriend or girlfriend is cheating. Which, I don't really have a problem with. If someone's cheating they have to accept responsibility for getting caught. BUT! This guy has a camera crew with him, and he makes these pompous moral pronouncements when he catches someone. One of my new favorite TV moments is when this guy got stabbed in the gut.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

ON THE STORY

CNN, 7:00 A.M.

My friend, Kat, is a notorious story killer. But, she works with a net. If she sees her audience start to drift off, or if she can feel the narrative start to trainwreck, then she wraps her tale up as quick as she can and finishes with, "Then I found five dollars!" This always pleases the crowd.

IRON CHEF AMERICA

FOOD CHANNEL, 9:00 P.M.

If anyone works at the new Subway in O.B. can you drop a key off for me at the Reader office? My roommates and I want to make sandwiches in the middle of the night when we're drunkenly stumbling home from the bar.

PARTY MONSTER (2003) SHOWTIME, 3:00 A.M.

It's a good thing you didn't see me on 4th of July weekend. I got down to the lizard part of my brain. On the 2nd of July I killed 2 E pills, a G of cola and a bottle of bour-



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bon — not the good stuff, but not trash. By the morning of the 3rd I was bare-chested wrestling my houseguests until a lava lamp knocked me unconscious. I slept from 10a.m. to 2 p.m., got up, and started myself back on the chemical regimen described above until I "woke up" from a blackout and noticed I was on the sidewalk in front of my apartment making out with some strange woman. The only thing I could think was, "What is this girl's name?" It's good you missed all that.

MONDAY, JULY 18

ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MEET FRANKENSTEIN (1948) TCM, 5:00 P.M.

A month of minor injuries and major partying has left me inactive. Last Saturday I woke up sans shoulder pain and hangover-free so I caught my first Jiu Jitsu class in weeks and the next day I rode bikes with Kip to Mission Beach, Monday, muscle soreness set in and I walked with every joint rigid from my knees to my neck. My arms shot out from my body. I groaned from the dull ache and my erratic muscle spasms made me knock over a candy rack in the local mini-mart. Not my finest moment.

TUESDAY, JULY 19

CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG

KPBS, 6:30 A.M.

Rachel and I noticed that in her neighborhood there are several lesbian couples walking their dogs first thing in the morning. "What do they do, hand you a puppy at the DMV when you come out of the closet?" I asked. "Every gay woman up here has a mutt."

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Monkey Business Indeed

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

The audience was restless, themeless, and meandering. One female, seated with family members, was trapped in her collapsible, cushioned theater seat. Her legs, it would appear, were not sufficiently muscled to force the seat downward to a horizontal position. She peered upward at me, her legs, as they say, akimbo, her knees at her ears, thin white socks and shiny dress shoes flailing in the air. "Help! Help!" she called in mock distress. I sniffed, looking down at her chocolate-smeared face, "Indeed," I said. One would think a woman of her age would conduct herself with some semblance of dignity. She was three years old if she was a day.

An usher, his shirt carelessly untucked, skipped down the aisle showing adult patrons their seats. Children climbed over those seats, wandered in the aisles, called to each other, and made paper aircraft from programs. "Well," someone next to me might have heard me exclaim under my breath, "I never...!'

I was attending a performance of Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business at San Diego Junior Theatre in Balboa Park on a Friday in July. This was a presentation by director Desha Crownover and dramaturge Joan Cushing and based on the original material, a novel by Barbara Park. To adapt this work of questionable sensibilities by Park is ambitious indeed. The critical reception in the literary community to Park's previous entries in the Jones

oeuvre: Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus for example, and, of course, Junie B. Jones and the Yucky Blucky Fruitcake, were problematic at best, as cries of genius! or enfant terrible! are nearly always premature. In the case at hand, Cushing at least grasped the seditious, political underpinning of the characterization and the neo-anarchistic and theological subtext at work against fundamentalist creationism and yet clearly anti-Darwin sensibilities. Monkey business indeed. Here we have a blatant exposure of issues unresolved since the Scopes trial.

Lapses in political sensitivity and correctness in the novel's text (the ageism of such passages as "Babies smell like P.U." or "P.U. WHAT A STINK BOMB!" in reference to those who are chronologically challenged) are inappropriate, in poor taste, and not very nice. Unfortunately these aspersions on the future and flower of our great country have survived in the adaptation to the stage.

Fortunately, the performance of Kayla Solsbak as Junie B. Jones as well as her supporting cast (with exceptions such as Grandpa Frank Miller, played by Josh Herren, who may have been unclear on his motivation and the moral ambiguity implicit in the role) were exemplary. The Lucille role portrayed by Kara Keyes, like Solsbak's, were examples of the mature choices actors need to make in pivotal career moves such as these. The use Keves made of her instrument — her voice and body, of course — spoke of, unless I very much miss my guess, an extensive background in the disciplines of the Yiddish Theatre and much influence by Bartók and the works of Ouspensky.

Solsbak carried Herren during the number "Fixing Things with You!" in which Grandfather and daughter repair a household plumbing fixture, a heartbreakingly poignant scene during which, I don't mind saying, I wept copious tears. In early Act 2, the multiple performances by Junie B. and cast might be described as celebrative, life-affirming, even raucous in the best sense of the word. I say "might be described," as I did not hear or witness the number; I was in the men's room addressing a digestive difficulty brought on by indulging in a "swirly cone" after a late-morning frankfurter.

Other cast members are to be congratulated as well: Ayanna Florence played That Grace with puckish verve. Garrett Poladian and Jonathan Edzant as, respectively, Meanie Jim and Crybaby William played with compassion and verisimilitude. The school faculty, economically represented by Maddy Barker and Brittany Liebman, were searing indictments of a society that overpays teachers when role models such as professional athletes often must seek out drugs to ameliorate the hopelessness of their cultural poverty.

All in all, Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business provided a laff riot

of a romp on a summer Friday. The plot synopsis in both Cliff and Monarch Notes (which I may have glanced at during graduate studies) barely do credit to the complexity of the work: "It's pooey on B-A-B-I-E-S until...Junie B. finds out that her new dumb old baby brother is a big fat deal. Her two bestest friends are giving her everything they own just to see him. And guess what else? Maybe she can bring him to school on Pet Day.'

Which brings to mind an issue that may have been given short shrift in this drama. In both



the stage production and the novel text, the passage appears: "A crib is a bed with bars on the side of it. It's kind of like a cage at the zoo. Except with a crib, you can put your hand through the bars. And the baby won't pull you in and kill you." While PETA may have something to say about this disrespect regarding incarcerated wildlife, the element of fear this may instill in a callow audience on the one hand is questionable. On the other hand, it may be helpful in clearing public zoos of a litterbuggy youthful public who are wont to place chewing gum under guardrails and such. It might also serve to make these public institutions a quieter place for mature drama critics to ponder weighty and thoughtful pronouncements — so important to evaluating a vital art form for an increasingly benighted public.

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