

Zoo Psychosis

In response to this week's article about the panther in the "enclosure" ("Our Panther," July 14):

These poor, unfortunate animals do not belong in zoos or any type of "enclosure/cage" for the benefit of these so-called wildlife preservation projects that are in this purely for the monetary gain. The sooner supporters of zoos realize this, the better. These animals are not "happy," as Ms. Haddad proposed. Let's put *her* in an "enclosure" and see how happy *she* would feel.

The pacing back and forth of animals (as seen frequently by bears and other animals in enclosures) has become psychotic — period. Their spirit has been broken.

What we as people need to be focusing on here is putting all our resources and energy into animal conservation in their natural environment. We *owe* this to them. We should not be supporting zoos in their profit-making schemes.

Pauline Wright via e-mail

Ubiquitous Panther

In your front-page story in the July 14 Reader, "Our Panther," the author makes a technically inaccurate statement when he says there is no such animal as a panther. Actually, the animal that lives in our backcountry in California, which is called a mountain lion or cougar, was at one time widespread across the United States and had many names, and the name it was most commonly known by, all the way from Florida up through New England and west to Illinois and Missouri, was panther. They didn't call them mountain lions; they called them panthers. It was known by that name probably everywhere east of the Mississippi. I think it's still known as

that in Florida, but it's become extinct in most other places east of the Mississippi. Name Withheld

Bersin's Moles

Congratulations to Jim Holman, Matt Potter, and Don Bauder. The three of you seem to be the only San Diego political journalists who still understand the concept of investigative reporting. Certainly the political local news editors of the *U-T* don't, especially when it comes to good-ol'-boy favorites such as Bill Kolender, Bill Horn, Jerry Sanders, Tom Shepard, and especially their new rising star — the great and wonderful Alan Bersin.

Now that Mr. Bersin has finally left for Sacramento (after six months of endless *U-T* revisionist articles and editorials about what a really courageous reformer and educator he was/is), taking with him many of those who would be in a position to tell the truth of his misdeeds as superintendent of San Diego City Schools (SDCS), doesn't it strike anyone else as strange that Matt Potter is the first reporter to expose the truth of how San Diego READS was and remains a total sham and rip-off of the American taxpayer ("City Lights," July 14)?

Why do you suppose it is that the county grand jury has never seen fit (despite repeated pleas) to conduct a serious in-depth audit of SDCS, Prop MM, its endless array of foundation funds, and the soft money accounts controlled by Mr. Bersin?

And doesn't it seem unhealthy for SDCS (and the pursuit of truth) that Mr. Bersin has left behind in San Diego a pack of highly placed moles who continue to make sure none of the truth of Mr. Bersin's administration ever comes to light, i.e., Leslie Fausset, Luis Acle, Katherine Nakamura, and Mary Hopper, to name but a few? Is there only one whistleblower in all of San Diego with the courage of her/his convictions? Was the New York Times right? Are the people of San Diego so comfortable with the status quo that we have, in fact, become Enron by the Sea?

My answer is an emphatic *no!* I believe there are still many brave souls who are sick and tired of Mr. Bersin

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Duke What is it with local pols and their affinity for baseball? First it was **Bonnie Dumanis**, who



Dan McAllister

called her April fund-raiser "Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and...Bonnie Dumanis for District Attorney." Now comes county treasurer Dan McAllister with a "Tailgate in the Sky." No, he's not dead yet. In fact, McAllister's career may take a major new turn. Next week his backers are gathering for his 54th

birthday party at the Gaslamp Marriott's Altitude Sky Bar, overlooking the baseball stadium. It's billed as a fund-raiser for his reelection campaign. But many of the sponsors listed on the invitation are sure to be financial players in the race to replace GOP congressman Randy"Duke"Cunningham, who announced his retirement last week after being pummeled by federal investigations and media exposés regarding his dealings with defense contractors. The district's heavy Republican registration makes it unlikely that any Democrat could take the seat, so behind-the-scenes action centers around the GOP. Downtown San Diego business types are said to be interested in replacing Duke, a genuine Vietnam War hero, with someone amenable to "privatizing" the county's military bases, which occupy land worth potentially billions of dollars to the right developer.

Cunningham and his colleagues have opposed efforts by the local chamber of commerce and others to close the Marine base at Miramar to make way for a new regional airport, a cause dear to the hearts of business boosters and the Union-Tribune. Without Miramar, their efforts to move the airport away from Lindbergh Field are doomed. Enter McAllister, a onetime GOP political consultant with ties to ex-San Diego mayor Susan Golding. Though McAllister professes no interest in jumping to Congress, he's a resident of Solana Beach, in the middle of the 50th District. Backers of his reelection campaign include property mogul Malin Burnham; county supervisor Greg Cox; District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis; political consultants Jack Orr and Tom Shepard; airport commissioner Bill Lynch; ex-San Diego city manager and Sol Price intimate Jack McGrory; convention center architect Hal Sadler; lobbyist Mike Madigan; and ex-Padres honcho Larry Lucchino, who now runs the Boston Red Sox. Whether they would stick with McAllister if he came up against the likes of state senator Bill Morrow, ex-assemblyman Howard Kaloogian, or any others said to be mulling a primary run, is the current guessing game.

Cash cows Millionaire candidate Steve **Francis**, who so far has pumped more than



\$1.66 million of his money into his bid for San Diego mayor, is not above taking cash from some of the city's biggest developers. Topping the list are employees of Corky McMillin, the controversial builder of Liberty Station. Critics have at-Corky McMillin tacked it as a tacky condo

development that McMillin used political connections to build. The project replaced the abandoned Naval Training Center in Point Loma. According to recent campaign disclosures filed by Francis, no fewer than 37 McMillin executives, functionaries, and spouses coughed up \$300 apiece, the majority on the same date, June 29. In addition, as of July 9, the close of reporting, the campaign owed the McMillin company \$3056 in fund-raising ex-



Liberty Station housing

penses. ... Though members of the state assembly denied it, pundits who predicted that Chula Vista mayor Steve Padilla was the inside choice to replace San Diego city councilman Scott Peters on the California Coastal Commission were proven right last week. He was backed by influential members of two local environmental groups, the Environmental Health Coalition and Baykeeper. Padilla has also enjoyed the support of the San Diego Democratic

High rollers If anyone thought the convictions of Ralph Inzunza and Michael Zucchet would cause interest in campaign fund-raising to dry up, he should think again. The very week of the verdict, invitations went out for two of the biggest events ever. Next Wednesday at noon, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's "California Recovery Team" is set to throw a "private luncheon" costing \$5000 per person or \$10,000 for "a seat at the Head Table" at the Four Seasons Resort Aviara. Hosts include contractor



Doug Barnhart; fallen Home Federal Savings and Loan honcho Kim Fletcher; and Rancho Santa Fe anesthesiologist Bob Hertzka and wife Roxana Foxx. Admission includes a photograph with the governor. Then on August 25, Democratic senator Dianne Feinstein

rolls into town for a fund-raiser at the Rancho Santa Fe manse of Padres owner **John Moores**. The tab: \$10,000 for hosts, \$5000 for cohosts, and \$1000 for "participants." Various hosts and cohosts include banker Murray Galinson, SAIC exec Ben Haddad, Indian gambling chieftain Anthony Pico, and ex-state senator Steve Peace.

- Matt Potter

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Mr. Irony

By Don Bauder

une was nirvana for both lovers and haters of securities-fraud attorney Bill Lerach. Admirers exulted that super-banks

J.P. Morgan and Citigroup agreed to shell out a combined \$4.2 billion for their roles in the Enron scam; Lerach is head lawyer in the cases. His detractors gloated that Lerach and his former law firm are unstated targets in a federal indictment of Seymour Lazar, a retired

New York law firm with principal offices in New York and California." The firm, now named Milberg Weiss Bershad & Schulman, left no doubt it was cited when it complained that it was "unfairly implicated" and was "outraged" to be connected with "baseless"



Bill Clinton and Bill Lerach

Palm Springs lawyer. Lazar is charged with taking illegal kickbacks for being a plaintiff, or aggrieved investor going to court, in more than 50 securities lawsuits over two decades.

The suit says that Lazar took the kickbacks from "a charges.

Lerach's name used to be on the tail end of that firm. There was a breakup last year, and Lerach now is chairman of Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins. Lerach, considered the most feared

lawyer in the United States, admits the government is chasing him. His high-powered San Francisco-based lawyer, John Keker, said that the Lazar transactions were "common and legal" and that Lerach has done more to protect shareholders than the Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Justice combined."The non-existent facts in this case raise the troubling question as to why the Bush Justice Department is focusing attention on the firms who fight on behalf of shareholders and pension funds," said Keker in a statement.

And that goes to the essence of the matter — what the lawyers call the gravamen. Have Bill Lerach and his colleagues gone too far in pursuing corporate fraud? Or is the federal bureaucracy, which won't police securities abuses sufficiently, working with corrupt corporations to thwart Lerach and his fraud busters?

The unequivocal answer: yes and no. Lerach has used abusive techniques to thwart abusive practices that are unethical but may be technically legal. At the same time, the structure and enforcement of securities laws favor the plutocrats, who control the weakkneed regulators by lining the pockets of their bosses, the continued on page 6

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Trot Law

By Ernie Grimm

t's clear that Catarino Valdéz, chief of the ■ Tijuana Police Department's newly formed mounted police, is a bigwig by the way he arrives

at the stables: in an off-road pickup driven by a bodyguard, while a second bodyguard, toting an automatic weapon, stands in a kind of cage in the bed of the truck. When the wheels stop, the gun-wielding man hops down, runs around to Chief Valdéz's door, and, his back to the door,

at the visitor. His answers are short and direct. Examples:

Who conceived the idea of having mounted police in Tijuana?

"I did."

Why?

"In order to cover security in areas where cars and motorcycles can't go."



Catarino Valdéz

scans the area. Convinced that it's secure, he stands away and lets Valdéz step out of the truck.

Chief Valdéz is a muscular man in his mid-40s, about five foot nine, with a commanding presence that's similar to an American cop's but mixed with a Latin machismo. Dressed in a navy blue police uniform topped with a baseball cap of the same color, he stands with feet planted widely, shoulders squared in front of a visitor here to tour the stables. He stares through mirrored aviator glasses straight

Where, for instance? "Rural areas like La Presa and Rodríguez Dam."

Anywhere else?

"Tourist areas like Avenida Revolución."

Loosening up (slightly), Valdéz explains that a force of mounted officers is something he and others have wanted for years. The idea was tried in 1994, "but it wasn't as organized as the current effort, and it didn't last long."

The department has wanted a equine force "because," Valdez says, "there are areas where vehicles can't go even in the middle of the city. The river channel, for example. Also, when you have large gatherings, events, meetings, and rallies, the mounted police have a much better ability to go among the people and within the crowds and to control the crowds than officers in cars or on motorcycles. The height of the horse is a great advantage too. You have better visual coverage of an area, and the delinquents can easily see you, which is a deterrent."

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The city of Tijuana is paying for the care of the horses-Valdéz couldn't give an exact figure for the cost. But the city didn't buy the 40 steeds. They were donated by the new mayor, Jorge Hank Rhon, the millionaire who owns the Agua Caliente Racetrack and a menagerie that includes peacocks, llamas, turkeys, and a collection of dogs.

The police horses are housed in stables behind the track. At 10:00 a.m. on a Tuesday in late June, the stables buzz with activity. Fifteen or 20 mounted police officersin-training walk, wash, brush, and saddle their horses. A few officers are already mounted and trotting their horses back and forth in the 20-foot-wide dusty alley between a stable barn and concrete washing pens. Seven or eight fighting cocks, caged behind the pens, provide a soundtrack for the equestrian parade.

It's difficult to imagine a nicer day for horseback riding. It's crystal clear. A sea breeze bearing a salty tang cools both horse and rider in the midday sun. But one tall gray horse doesn't seem to be enjoying the experience. He

stamps sideways along the alley before rearing up. ";Cuidado! ;Cuidado!"

ful! Careful!" The horse rears again. His rider, in an effort to control him, punches him hard in the side of the neck. The result is an even more vigorous effort

Valdéz calls to the rider. "Care-

to throw the rider. "Zamora," Valdéz yells, "dismount and walk him for a while."

Though the large gray horse trying to throw Officer Zamora is a thoroughbred, the other 39 horses are mostly Spanish and Portuguese. "Those are the breeds," Valdéz explains, "not where they come from. They are from farms around Mexico." (A July 12 Union-Tribune story researched later indicated that the Spanish and Portuguese horses have been replaced by thoroughbreds and quarter horses.)

Are they police horses? "No," Valdéz answers, "we're training both man and horse for the mounted police."

Valdéz walks toward a golden brown horse. Though not as tall as some of the other horses, the animal is shiny and muscular. Patting its flank, Valdéz says, "This is Sepijal. He's a Portuguese, nine years old. The breed is used for showing, dressage, and charro riding competitions."

Near Sepijal is a white horse tied to a barn post while his master saddles him. "This is a Spanish horse," Valdéz says. "He's ten years old, and his name is Lagunero. The Spanish horses are a happy breed. They are livelier than the Portuguese. And they were bred specifically for exhibition, for showing, so they like being around people."

Across the alley from Sepijal, a dark brown horse is tied to the corner post of the washing pens. "His name is Matador," Valdéz explains. "He's a quarter horse, seven years old. Quarter horses, of course, are

bred for racing. The Spanish, Portuguese, and quarter horses are very intelligent, trainable breeds, and they learn easily the routines and tasks they need to perform for their specific job. With good care, they should be able to work until they are 15 years

Though intelligent, the horses' work ethics weren't up to police standards when they arrived in April. "They are accustomed to working one or two hours and then just kind of loafing the rest of the day," Valdéz explains. "Now, with the job that they are going to be doing, they are going to be working up to four hours a day, so they need to get accustomed to that too."

For six days a week, for the past two and a half months, $\stackrel{\circ}{\circ}$ the mounted officers have been training. "They do some warm-ups; also, they do some walking with the horse, and then they do situations where





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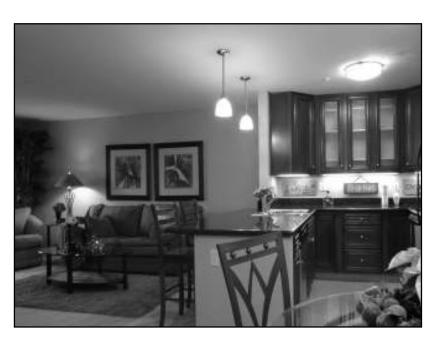
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The case against Lerach was laid out September 4, 2000, by *Fortune* magazine. Calling Lerach a "belligerent, vengeful, foul-mouthed bully," the magazine described how the San Diego lawyer focuses on a company whose stock has dropped. He sues it for securities fraud, noting that insiders touted expected good news and sold their stock. Then came bad news and the stock's plunge. Companies usually settle.

In my opinion, Lerach has been zeroing in on an ethical problem: companies go public with insiders getting their shares for pennies; they tout the stock and dump it for huge profits; when the company flops and the stock drops, outside investors hold the bag. Corporate securities lawyers say that if the company files the right forms — that is, warns investors in convoluted legalese that they will get screwed — then the lawsuits are frivolous. I suspect that the moral malodor of this strategy causes the companies

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to settle.

The Fortune article said Alan Schulman, a then—Milberg Weiss partner who now practices in San Diego with another firm, believed Lerach was "reckless," "vindictive," and "dangerous" and would ultimately ruin the firm. But Milberg's head, New York's Melvyn Weiss, wouldn't rock the boat at that time, and Schulman departed. (Lerach, Schulman, and an official of Lerach Coughlin would not return calls for interviews.)

From the 1970s to the mid-1990s, the plaintiff law firm that filed the first case in a securities-fraud suit usually got to be lead counsel — an enormous advantage. "All the impetus was to file first and ask questions later," says San Diego attorney James Krause. "They [Milberg Weiss] filed a lot of suits the day after a stock went down, according to congressional testimony."

In this environment, there would have been motivation to have a cozy relationship with a plaintiff who owned a few shares of a lot of stocks and could file suits quickly. "It's very possible their [Mil-

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berg Weiss's] people were doing it, but I doubt Bill Lerach had knowledge of what was going on," says San Diego attorney Jeffrey Krinsk. "It's going to be an enormous struggle for the Milberg and Lerach firms to survive this."

In 1995, purported federal tort reform legislation changed the rules: now the role of lead counsel doesn't go to the firm filing first but to the firm representing the client with the biggest losses. Therefore, the federal government in the Lazar suit is beating a dead horse. "The practice of rushing to be the first to the courthouse ended a decade ago," says Frank Partnoy, law professor at the University of San Diego. "The media and people should be careful not to rush to judgment about Lerach. He has done some great things. Before Enron, the federal government did very little to prosecute financial fraud." Private litigation lawyers like Lerach "stepped up when the government was not there." Lerach did an excellent job on the complex Enron case, says

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San Diego lawyer Frederic J. Milberg, whose father cofounded Milberg Weiss, worked under Lerach at the firm from 1976 to 1981. "I don't know what the government's intentions are, but to me this is a vendetta by the

government, because the Republicans ran on a platform in favor of corporations," says Milberg. During his years at the firm, "I was certainly not aware of any improper payments, nor did my father mention anything like that to me." Even if such payments were made, it should really be

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an ethical matter for the state bar, not for a criminal grand jury, Milberg says.

"Bill Lerach is a brilliant man who works harder than any man I have ever met," says Marisa Janine-Page, a former lawyer at Milberg Weiss. "He doesn't just jump in and file a case. He does his due diligence before filing."

Because of his coarse and abrasive style, as well as the money he amassed chasing corporations, Lerach became the dartboard as Congress pursued 1995's Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. Krause remembers reading cartons of congressional testimony pointing to so-called abuses by Milberg Weiss and Lerach. The 1995 act "was a bill of attainder against Bill Lerach. He really pissed off too many people," a Silicon Valley lawyer told Fortune.

But Lerach and Milberg Weiss eventually prospered, because they had the manpower and reputation to get the large clients. "The so-called reform act was actually a wholesale assault on investor rights," says city attorney Mike Aguirre, who specialized in securities fraud before getting elected to his current post. "The attorneys alleged to have engaged in the worst abuses have prospered and grown wealthier after the reform act."

Ironies abound. Janine-Page points out that largely because of the 1995 reform act, John Moores, who sold off almost half a billion dollars' worth of Peregrine Systems stock during a period in which the books were cooked, has thus far flown under the regulators' radar. Moores is a friend of Lerach's. The act has permitted judges to let Moores

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and other purported outside directors skate in civil litigation, despite overwhelming evidence of negligence and insider trading. However, the news may

be improving. This spring, a superior court judge made an astonishing ruling that a case against former Peregrine directors would have to be tried under Delaware law because the corporation was based there. The plaintiffs filed a writ with the appellate court to reverse the decision. The California attorney general's office told the appellate panel that it strongly protested the judge's ruling. Recently, the appellate court ruled that the judge will have to show cause why she made the decision. It's a step in the right direction, although Aguirre says "we will need a miracle" to swing the nation back to the societal insight that engendered the tough antifraud securities laws that were enacted in the early 1930s. ■

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they jump off the horse, then jump back on it. They do mock-ups of crowd control, and then they also do police arrests or detentions. We try to simulate those situations. The horses are doing very well, but they need more work. They need more and more identification with the rider."

The riders in Tijuana's mounted police are officers from the Tijuana police force who have had prior experience with horsemanship. In the future, their ranks will be supplemented by new officers trained for the mounted force in the police academy. Valdéz, a former member of the Mexican Army's cavalry, handles the training himself.

Six riders direct their mounts around the corner of the stables to a ring. One hundred feet in diameter and partially surrounded by grandstands, it's called a lienzo. It's a show ring for traditional Mexican charro riding. Under the watch of Valdéz, who stands on a raised platform just outside the ring, the officers walk their horses in slow circles. On a word from their chief, they form into a single file and nudge their mounts to a trot, then a canter. Valdéz orders the group to cluster on one side of the ring. From the opposite side, two of the younger officers walk into the ring. After 20 steps or so, one of the riders shouts at the men to halt. When they don't, the passel of riders gallops forward, surrounds the two men, shouting at them to get down on the ground. Four of the horsemen stay in the saddle, surrounding the two men on their knees, while two riders dismount and handcuff them.

Next, they perform the exercise with the two "delinquents" running across the ring toward the platform Valdéz is on. The sight of six horses galloping up behind the running men is impressive to his visitor, but Valdéz is not happy. He yells at one of the officers, "Don't wrap the reins around your hand like that when you dismount." To a mounted officer he vells. "Get around to the other side and cover the whole area."

The riders repeat the drill, this time covering all four quarters around the delinquents. The dismounted officer, instead of wrapping the reins around his hand, drapes them over his chest and shoulder like a Miss America sash. This allows the horse to move freely but not walk away while the cuffing is going on, Valdéz explains. "Much better," he calls to his officers.

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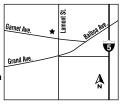
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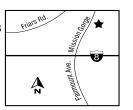
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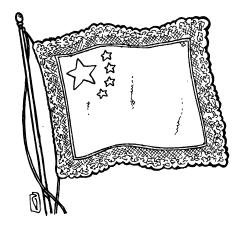
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Hev Matt:

I was recently given some lovely lace handkerchiefs from my grandmother. Several of them have a gold sticker on them that proclaims "Genuine Irish Lace Made In China." How can it be "Genuine Irish Lace" if it is "Made In China?" My auntie suggested that perhaps "Irish" referred to the pattern of the lace rather than the location of its creation or the citizenship of its creator. If that is the case, then what do they mean by "Genuine?" Thanks for clearing this up. It's been wrinkling my brow for a week.

— Unsigned, the ne

Grandma Alice organized a scavenger hunt for the elves. Challenged them to find something in the house that wasn't made in China. Tougher than it sounds. They've already eliminated anything made of plastic or fabric and anything electrical. While they're rummaging in the attic, I'll shed what light I can on genuine Chinese Irish lace.

Let's start with the lace part. Traditional laces have been made in Europe for centuries. Local lace makers, say, in some burg in Belgium or shanty in France used weaving or needlework techniques and patterns that became associated with those regions and the lace acquired the regional names by tradition, not by law. So legally speaking, Irish lace doesn't really exist. The Chinese can make Irish lace and the Big Bopper can make Chantilly lace without being arrested.

So why do we think there's such a thing as Irish lace? Lace making as a cottage industry came to Ireland during the potato famine in the mid-1800s. Local nuns taught Irish women the art of lace making to help them produce some income for their starving families. Nuns had learned the techniques in France, Belgium, Italy, and other European countries already well known for lace making. When the huge floods of Irish immigrants came to the U.S. to escape starvation, they brought lace-making skills with them, and "Irish lace" became pretty much a cliché here. There isn't necessarily a common set of patterns or techniques that distinguish Irish lace, mostly because there isn't really any such thing. Lace made in Ireland or lace made by an Irishman would qualify. But so would any lace that any huckster wanted to call "Irish." (Ditto for Irish linen. If you don't get a DNA report with your bill of sale, the linen might have been made in China

But don't think I'm making rude comments about your granny. China actually does figure into the story. The same missionary nuns who taught the Irish to make lace taught those skills in rural villages in China beginning in the 1880s. So there has been a tradition of lace making there for quite a while. I couldn't confirm it, but I have read that some of the nun's original lace-making centers are still active.

As for the "Genuine" part, well, I'm sure your lace was genuinely made in China. And there's some slim chance that it came from one of those old lace-making centers with a vague spiritual connection to Ireland. But it's no more genuine Irish lace than any other stuff called Irish lace. China has pretty much taken over the world's production of ribbons, laces, buttons, and other clothing trims. So lace from China is common. That's the best I could do to untangle the strange hanky label. And the elves are back with Eugene the dog. That's about the only thing they could guarantee wasn't made in China. Eugene was made in the back yard one night when the neighbor's mutt got loose.

Dear Mr. Alice:

Our first grandchild will be born in France in December. The parents are our son, an American citizen, and our daughter-in-law, a French citizen. My friend tells me that the child will be an automatic American citizen due to our son being an American citizen. I disputed this, so my friend told me to find out. So here I am, trying to find out!

— Gloria J. Azarian, the net

Judging from my mail, there's a whole lot of foreign birthin' going on these days. Americans fleeing our shores to suffer contractions in exotic places. In our last query, we were asked about a foreign-born kid of two American parents. But Gloria's put a whole new spin on things. And Glo, your instincts are good. Impending grandbabe will qualify for American citizenship through your son's passport, but don't put those Old Glory diapers on him quite yet. According to the Child Citizenship Act of 2000, bambino can be naturalized as a U.S. citizen by continuing to live with your son and traveling back to the U.S. before age 18 and applying to live here as a "lawful permanent resident." Well, that's the shorthand version. There are many more ins and outs, of course, especially if the kids continue to live in France. Citizenship is certainly doable, but be prepared for the paperwork. The Department of Homeland Security has its mitts on this stuff now, and no subversive infants are going to sneak past them. Good luck, Grandma.

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Bicycles Ain't For Sissies

ontinuing with Michael Bogey, who spends his time in the company of things that go fast. Bogey competes or has competed in luge, go-karts, motorcycles, and race cars. Boats, airplanes, skis, skates, bicycles, and rent-a-cars he merely drives them faster than normal people can comprehend. He is also the only person I can invite over to watch a bicycle race at 5:30 in the morning and be certain he'll show up.

I invited Michael for breakfast and race because he's cycled in Europe on several-to-many occasions, has, in fact, cycled over the same road this morning's *Tour de France* will travel. And he rides high-end, custom-made bikes, somewhat similar to what the fellas on the Tour ride. His last bike, bought three years ago, cost on the ugly side of \$6,000. He got a deal he said, and started to recite, "OCLV 120 Carbon frame" this, and "Oversized ICON Air Rail OD Carbon Fork" that. Three paragraphs later I still had not recognized the name of one alloy or one part. "STOP vomiting bicycle drivel!" I screamed.

I should note that this regrettable outburst occurred back in the days when I was living in darkness, before I became a bicycle fan. Now, I am eager for bicycle parts commentary, in fact, I shall insist upon it as the morning goes along.

Right now we are watching Lance Armstrong roar downhill from Cormet de Roselend. I remark, somewhat off topic, "I've read you get a 30 percent boost by riding in the tailwind of another

"Yes. Drafting. It's big. Huge. It's one or two gears." Silence. Michael, eyes locked onto TV screen, quietly says, "I was in Saint-Béat in 1995."

More silence. This is one of those silences that asks for a respectful acknowledgement that something big has occurred. Trouble is, I don't know what I'm supposed to acknowledge. I have no idea where Saint-Béat is or why it's important to my guest. When something like this happens I usually repeat the speaker's last few words. "You were in Saint-Béat in 1995?"

Michael says, "Fabio Casartelli was killed. He was on the Motorola team. Lance Armstrong was his teammate. Fabio was the star then, he was the 1992 Olympic road race champion.'

"What do you mean killed?"

"It was the 15th stage of the Tour. Fabio crashed during the Col de Portet d'Aspet decent. Rhea (Michael's 1995 girlfriend) and I were staying in the village of Saint-Béat. We'd bicycled in the day before. We planned to watch the Tour

"What do you mean crashed?" You can tell there's a problem with repeating the speaker's last few words. It quickly becomes as annoying as your spouse's favorite nag.

"The descent is more than 4,000 feet," Michael says. "A professional bike rider will be going 50, 60 mph on a descent like that. Fabio was in the peloton and entered a sharp curve. There were large concrete barriers placed alongside the road to keep automobiles from making a 1,000-foot vertical detour. The accident wasn't his doing, two riders in front of him fell. Fabio had no time to avoid the pair, his bike slammed into their pile-up, he was thrown forward at 50 miles-an-hour and smashed into the cement barrier head first."

I wince. "Damn, didn't realize a bicycle race could kill you."

"Yours is consummate ignorance," Michael says, shaking his head and staring at me as one would stare at a dead rat. "The Tour is littered with broken backs, arms, and legs.'

Of course, had I stopped and thought for a moment, I could have gotten here on my own. Racing bikes are made of the lightest possible materials. Fabio wasn't wearing a helmet. Add 50 mph and bingo, you have a one-way ticket off planet. Got it. "How did you find out he was

"When the riders came through we saw that many wore inappropriate expressions. This caused us to ask around. No one spoke English, so it took awhile, but you could sense something horrendous happened."

Suddenly, the annoyance I feel when bike riders get in my way while I'm driving shows a new angle. I mention this to Michael who says, "In Europe, everybody is respectful and you operate your bike as if it were any other vehicle. You're treated respectfully within the context of your space. After that trip, Rhea and I got back to Anchorage. We put our bikes together at the airport and bicycled into town just like we were in England or France or Italy. Some guy in a pickup truck tried to kill us on the way in.

"Americans consider bikes as impediments to their progress. They don't understand that a bicycle is the primary means of transportation in a lot of countries and uses the same roadway as motor vehicles. They don't see bikes as having a right to that space."

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"One-third of my generation is dead because of abortion. Forty-five million babies have been murdered," said Edgar Savage Brown III, 25-yearold founder of the local Bound4Life chapter. Bound4Life's website claims they are "a nonviolent revolutionary movement of righteousness that will sweep through America and establish a culture of LIFE."

"This grassroots movement is composed of teens and 20-yearolds," said Brown, "At the events, kids in flip-flops and jeans show up to participate. The movement is inspiring a new generation of young people." The goal of the movement is to gather ten million people to covenant to pray, vote for pro-life candidates, and obey God. Members commit to praying a 22-word prayer at least five times a day: "Jesus, I plead your blood over my sins and the sins of my nation. God, end abortion and

send revival to America." "This movement is not a protest but a prayer. Everything we do is birthed out of an intimacy with God," said Brown. "The people who protested by blowing up abortion clinics lost their first love." Bound4Life members protest with red tape over their mouths with the word LIFE written in black ink. This form of protest came from the dream of one of

the movement's leaders, Brian Kim. "In the dream, the young man saw there were thousands of young people walking around the Supreme Court with duct tape on their mouths with the word LIFE written on it. This vision was confirmed over and over again," said Edgar Brown. Members of Bound4Life call these silent protests 'sieges.' In the past three months, Bound4Life has sieged the Planned Parenthood in Mission Valley. "This location is the head of the region," said Brown.

John "JJ" Arnzen has participated in several sieges. "It feels like we are on the front lines as soldiers in a war. What we are doing is waging battle for the Lord. God is on our side and so we know we will triumph," said Arnzen. "People drive by and they'll yell, 'Satan rules,' 'There's no god,' or honk and scream. When the tape is over my mouth, I no longer have a voice. I identify with the babies who are aborted who don't have a say." Arnzen said most of his friends are supportive of his involvement with Bound4Life. "I have spoken to a couple of Christians who are pro-choice." Arnzen does not believe a Christian can be pro-

"A lot of Christians say we don't want abortions, but are we willing to take in 16-year-old girls, buy them groceries, and take them to their pregnancy appointments? The church needs to adopt these babies, offer foster care and other resources for these women," said April Moore, who participated in her first siege. "What we are doing is making such a statement of love and a stand for truth. The whole nation needs to stand in account for these abortions."

On the Bound4Life website, an article states, "During [Bush's] past term, and even in the years before Bush announced his candidacy in the 2000 elections, numerous prophetic voices around our nation have spoken of a burning bush from Texas. One word in particular indicated that in his second term this 'burning Bush' would begin to break the power of abortion in America." Brown told me, "We are in a critical time as America is being called by God to wake up and choose. What we decide in the next eight to ten years will shape our future. We are on the brink of wild and amaz-

ing things. A battle is being waged for the nation. This is not just a battle over religion but over righteousness. There is a separation in our country in the courtrooms, between the right and left, the righteous and unrighteous, and the just and unjust. I'm not just talking about Republicans and Democrats. I'm talking about the righteous and just.

"I believe we do not just struggle against the flesh and blood but against spirits and principalities. Our Holy Jihad is a mandate to take authority in this spiritual realm. We are called to take dominion, to take back territory. To date, the church has been hiding in caves. If the church doesn't take a stand, it will become a moral social club. We have been and will be irrelevant. The church needs to rise up and take these babies. The reality is that the church doesn't want these babies any more than the culture wants these

babies. We want to raise up a culture of life, to go against the culture of death." Brown said he believes there is a new generation of prophetic people rising up. Brown defined prophetic people as people who hear God's word and speak the truth of

Brown gave a message for anyone who would consider abortion. "Life does not end when the breath stops, it ends when the heart stops beating. Life is not in the breath, it is in the blood at conception. A life is inside of you that is crying out for a chance to live. There are other options than having an abortion," said Brown. "I've never met an aborted baby that was glad to be aborted. But I've met many, many people who were supposed to be aborted, but every single one of them I have met thanks God that they are alive."

I asked Edgar Brown where babies go after they are aborted. "Thank God I'm not the judge of what happens to them. All I can say is God is a just God," replied Brown.

– Drew E. Goodmanson

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Dear Saffron,

My lovely brother passed away in June after a long illness. Last week, when I was visiting his wife, she handed me a big envelope full of photos of my brother. "These are for you," she said. I was surprised, and when I asked why she didn't want to keep them, she said, "I have him in my heart. I don't need all these photos of him and it makes me too sad to look at them now." I am reluctant to accept these pictures. She is giving other family members packages of photos too. I think she will regret this and I have tried to talk her out of giving all her photos of her husband away, but she is adamant and continues to do so. So I have three questions: (1) I wonder if this giving away of all her photos is a bad sign, indicating that she is having serious psychological problems dealing with her loss? (2) What I can do to dissuade her from continuing to disperse these photos that I feel certain she will one day wish she had kept? (3) I feel strange accepting this gift of photos — should I?

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Dear Bereaved,

Please accept my condolences. Giving away all photos of her dead mate does seem a little unusual, but I don't think this necessarily means your sister-in-law is in serious emotional trouble. If she feels strongly that this is the right thing to do, and it makes her feel better at this painful time, that's her prerogative — even if you or I might raise an eyebrow or do things differently. If you feel that a few years down the line she'll miss these photos, why don't you accept the gift with thanks and let her know that if she ever changes her mind, you'll be glad to return any or all of the photos to her. That way you are providing a loving service for her: keeping the pictures for her should she ever want them.

Dear Saffron,

My sister purchased a house on eight acres in Jamul. She paid about \$400,000. She and her husband sold their house in town (which they purchased from his parents in 1979 for \$79,000) for \$565,000. I want to ask her if she would sell me one acre or even half an acre of her land so I could build on it. I would take care of all legal fees, etc. Our relationship is a good one and I would not be mad if she said no. But if I don't ask, I'll never know, right? Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Do you agree that it's okay for me to propose this to my sister?

HOPEFUL HOMESTEADER

Dear Hopeful,

If you mean what you say that you won't be mad at all, or even resentful, or even a tiny bit miffed if your sister and her husband say no to your proposal then go ahead and ask. Let them know that you're fine about it if they aren't comfortable doing this, and they don't even have to give you a reason. Do your homework and find out as much as you can about the details of how this would work, and let them have as much time as they need to think about it. Good luck, and I hope they decide in your favor.

Dear Saffron,

I just read the short letter you printed in your last column from the man complaining that all the women he knows go for guys who are jerks and treat them badly and that nice guys like him finish last. Well, here's the woman's side of it. Realistically, what is *he* looking for? Does he give the kind, good-tempered, hardworking, generous women a chance? Even if they don't look like supermodels? A lot of us females feel like most guys want some brand of unreal woman with a perfect body who never disagrees with them. If the man who wrote to you really is willing to see a woman as a person and not as some kind of blow-up doll, and he is someone who treats his dates with great consideration and respect, I'd sure like to meet him.

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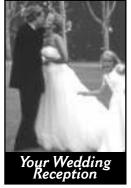
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'Are there worlds all around me that I can't see?" asked my nine-year-old son. He had just finished reading Dr. Seuss's Horton Hears a Who, in which the big-eared elephant Horton hears the cries of a civilization in peril — a civilization no bigger than a speck of dust on a flower. Nobody believes Horton until it is almost too late - they're too quick to disbelieve in

things they cannot see. So the boy was curious. I took his curiosity as a prompt to investigate the purchase of a good used microscope. Kids are too fickle to risk the purchase of something brand-new, I decided. A used microscope would at least provide an introduction.

My search led me to Optical Service Company in Poway (858-679-0522), where I met with owner Karen Podvin. Besides servicing microscopes for professionals — veterinarians, research labs, biotech firms -Podvin sells a range of new and used microscopes. Among the used scopes, she said, prices vary according to features and condition. But, she said, while a basic microscope from Swift might cost \$300 new, "I sell it used for about \$100. It does everything a new one does. If you take care of a microscope, it'll

last pretty much forever.' The first step in taking care of a scope is to keep it clean. "Microscopes hate to be dirty. Dust is bad news. You want to cover it with a plastic cover — if you have nothing else, use a plastic grocery bag."

I had forgotten what I learned in high school biology, except for the dissection of the fetal pig, so Podvin gave me a refresher tour of a scope's components. "This is a bright-field compound microscope," she said, producing one that she thought would suit my needs. "It's called 'compound' because it has many degrees of magnification. This one has three degrees. You look through the eyepiece, which magnifies the image ten times. The eyepiece is the thing that gets the dirtiest. When we service microscopes in clinical labs, I find things like mascara on the eyepiece.

Keep it clean — any glass cleaner or lens cleaner will work. even alcohol, Put the cleaner on a cloth. Never wipe the eyepiece without liquid; dust will scratch the antireflective coating.'

At the base of the viewing tube, you arrive at the objectives. "To get the total magnification, you multiply the eyepiece by the objective. The first objective is four times, so it's a 40x magnification. The second is 10, and the third is 40, which produce 100x and 400x, respectively." You might use 40x for an amoeba, but 400x for red blood cells.

The objective hovers just above the slide containing whatever you want to look at, and the slide rests on the stage. "If you're smart, you'll always use coverslips on your slide — a coverslip is a thin piece of glass that goes over your sample. That will keep your objectives

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clean." A scratched objective will result in a muddy image, she said.

The microscope Podvin showed me was called a "bright-field microscope, because the stage is illuminated. There's a bulb down below, and it shines through a condenser and then up through the slide. That's called incident illumination. Because the light is coming from below, whatever you put on your slide has to be basically transparent." (Replacement bulbs vary widely in price; Podvin recommends keeping a supply.)

Obtaining transparent specimens wouldn't be difficult, she said. "Oftentimes, we have parents or grandparents come in before Christmas, wanting microscopes for the kids. One thing they do is, after the rains, they go out and find ponds of water. They're teeming with very small, biological things. They take a drop of pond water and put it on a slide. The light shines through the little organisms — most of them are transparent. It's really fascinating."

For more precise viewing, said Podvin, I could look at microscopes with mechanical stages. "The mechanism moves the

stage to the left or right you have a lot of control. A lot of veterinarians use these; if they're looking for, say, ear mites, they can scan a whole slide. If you're moving the slide with your fingers, it's easy to lose your place and forget where you've been on the slide. But because they have more

moving parts, microscopes with mechanical stages aren't usually given to students."

High-end microscopes — things with mechanical stages and 1000x magnification are great for microbiologists, but Podvin noted that they can start at \$500 instead of \$100 — "and that's used." Better to buy only as much power as you need — you can see an amoeba just fine with a basic scope. However, she said, "if you're going to spend a lot of time looking through a microscope, you might want to get a binocular scope, which has two eyepieces." They start at \$500 (used), but they're easier on the eyes.

If your son is a rock collector — and my oldest is definitely that — you might consider a metallurgical microscope, one outfitted to examine nontransparent objects. "It's usually used for looking at printed circuit boards. Instead of coming up from below, the light comes from the top, goes through a special objective, and then bounces back. Geologists use them to look for certain elements embedded in rocks."

A better investment might be a stereomicroscope (\$500-\$700 used). "It allows you to look at three-dimensional things with great detail. You can tell depth as well as width and length. In industry, it's used for assembling circuit boards." They're also used in biology. "They're good for dissecting. If you're looking at a small biological organism, it enables you to see detail on the eye or tail."

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Thirty Years Ago

The men at Spanky's stand around sipping drinks, talking about their Porsches, and sizing up the "prospects." At times there's a pretty intense meat-market atmosphere, understandable in a place where most men expect at the very least a phone number in return for a dance. I've seen ladies literally backed into a corner by men who refused to believe that any woman wouldn't want to (a) divulge her address, (b) dance, or (c) go home with him (not to mention [d] all of the

Currently, the line at Spanky's is "Will you go to breakfast with me?" and the social scene is just about that subtle. Ironically, even if a woman wants to make a move, she's not permitted to. The sexist barriers are so strong that a Spankyite man would rather go home alone than with a woman who was tactless enough to invite herself

- "FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MEAT MARKET," Beth Lyons, July 24, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

One could find worse symbols for the Loma Portal area than the Midway Drive-In. Opened in 1947, San Diego's first outdoor movie theater commanded the position at the intersection of Midway Drive and Sports Arena Boulevard in the days when the latter was named Frontier Street and Navy barracks still stood on the site now occupied by FedMart. Khaki yellow and ringed by palm trees, the drive-in's tired façade matched the neighborhood - mostly lower-income, military inhabitants. Now the Midway is about to be torn down, but even its demise says a lot about what's happening today to Loma Portal.

Jeannette De Wyze, July 24, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

A mere five or six years ago, it was le sport hot. Racquetball had come out of nowhere, like Halley's comet, flashing onto the scene and supplanting tennis as the sport of the moment. Everyone was playing it. Doctors played in between quadruple-bypass operations, lawyers slipped out of court for an hour of play between hearings. Business executives, both men and women, arrived at work in the morning carrying gym bags with what looked like dwarf tennis racquets poking out the sides. They returned from lunch hour with the flushed look of strenuous exercise or hurried away from their desks at five o'clock to make a five-thirty court time.

— "THE RISE AND FALL OF RACQUETBALL," Glen Wallace, July 25, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

For all Wilson's talk about managing growth, relocating the airport to accommodate San Diego's expansion was never a priority for him, though most political leaders believed that the early 1970s provided the best opportunity to move the airport. But Wilson, who initially was



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an advocate for building a new airport on Otay Mesa, became strangely passive and pessimistic on the subject once he realized the scope of the task.

— "PETE WILSON WAS HERE." Matt Potter and Neal Matthews, July 26, 1990

Ten Years Ago

A whole vocabulary — in one sense, an entire language — has come from such music and the pioneering black radio stations (like WERD in Atlanta, WYLD in New Orleans, WLOU in Louisville, WDIA in Memphis, known throughout the South as the "Mother Station of the Negroes," etc.) that in the late '40s and '50s pushed and played it, and consequently we've been left a lovely great catalog of finger-poppin' R&B words like hincty, zoo-zoos, whuppin', juicehead, poontang, hamfat, gleeby, mogatin', motorvatin', lickin', stick, jelly roll, scrunch, poppastoppa, dicty, spo-dee-o-dee, good booty, shag on down, and, among others, the word "meeking" (cuckolding would be my guess) as used in the Cadillacs' 1956 hit song "Speedo."

— "THE GRAMMAR OF ROCK AND ROLL," Alexander Theroux, July 20, 1995

Five Years Ago

In at least two of the movies made by the Coen brothers, Playboy magazine is used to indicate a cancer on the soul of an otherwise average man. In Raising Arizona, a man whose wife is sterile kidnaps a baby.... Years later, the Coens made Fargo, in which a man attempts to stage his wife's kidnapping in order to collect a fat ransom from his wealthy, stingy father-in-law.

Both men are borderline decent guys one just wants a family, the other just wants to keep his family financially afloat — but too weak to resist temptation. Playboy is a fine choice to symbolize their failing; as regarded by popular culture, lusting after airbrushed pinups is not something to be proud of but still within the borders of "boys will be boys."

— "BUT WHAT IS MORE OBSCENE?" Matthew Lickona, July 20, 2000

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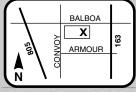
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10-4, PIG FOR BBQ

by Josh Board

was invited to a pig roast that has a website devoted to the event. Bruce Dahl's website has stories posted from past parties, which he has been hosting each year for the past 14 years.

During his first party, the police were called to investigate the bones that were thrown in the garbage. The bones ended up on the beach at Crown Point the next day. Dahl told me, "We clean up everything. So, either seagulls took them out of the trash, or a transient. I once saw a bird drag off a five-pound bag of tortilla chips... The bones wouldn't have been a problem for them." The police concluded that they were human bones, and the story was all over the news for a few days.

Dahl told me of another disaster: "One time the hindquarter tumbled onto the beach as I was removing the meal for 150 people. Once it hits the sand, you can't just wipe it off. I passed around a shaker of sand for those who were lucky enough not to get any grains in their meat."

After another of Dahl's parties, for a Raiders/Chargers game, coals were put in the Dumpster. I told Dahl how idiotic I thought that was. "No.



It was 20 hours later. That's why we thought it was safe. And the Dumpster still caught fire. I wondered if it was a curse, or is it me?"

I read on Dahl's website that, besides pig, he's grilled goat, lamb, whole tuna, and shark. PETA must love this quy.

Dahl had an area staked out at Crown Point for this year's roast. I spoke to him as he was cooking. He told me last night."

I was handed stickers with a picture of a pig on them that read "What a Pig." Some of Dahl's guests brought him pig-related gifts. He promptly put a pig key chain

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that he had made the oven and showed me how it catches all the grease. I asked him how early he got to the beach. "We got here at 5:00 a.m. We spent all our time cleaning up other people's messes from onto his key ring.

When I told him how funny I thought the stories on his website were, he shared another story about smuggling pigs across the border. "That was before Operation Gatekeeper built this big fence.
Once a Border Patrol agent
stopped me. Trying to be
cooperative, I quickly asked if
he would like to see what was
in the back of the truck. He
looked and turned real pale,
put his hand over his mouth,
and ran to the radio. He said,
'10-4, pig for BBQ,' and
quickly roared away. After
that encounter, all our pork
comes from the good ol' USA."

I went to sit in the shade of one of Dahl's canopies. Dahl said, "We've had it hail on us a few different times. This is perfect weather."

I talked to a woman

named Jaclyn, a bartender from O.B. She told me about her son who skateboards with a crew that jumps off picnic tables. I can't figure out how their boards - or their tailbones - don't snap in half when they land on the pavement.

When Dahl finished roasting the pig I heard him say, "We're going to carve it on that other table. Watch out for seagull shit." That whetted my appetite. (I'm not a pig lover anyway.) I ate the watermelon, which was soaking in champagne. The only way I'll eat fruit is if it's covered in booze or chocolate.

The guy carving the pig was wearing a sticker that read "Designated Volunteer." Dahl, who was a bit buzzed, was telling everyone to go get food. I heard him yell at a woman, "I cook for you. I clean for you. I laugh at your silly little jokes." He said to a guy in his 80s, "Go get food. I'll save your place here in the shade."

One lady told Dahl she thought the Mickey Mouse plates were cute. He bellowed, "It's a pig's face, not Mickey Mouse!"

I asked Bruce why he does this on Sunday. "My good



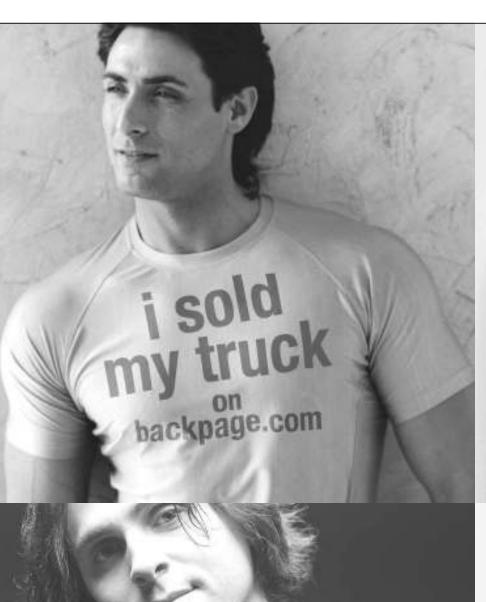
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friend is a bartender and works on Saturday. I have all kinds of friends here, from 8 to 80 years old. Sunday afternoon works best for most."

People at the party were playing horseshoes, tossing Frisbees, and throwing the pigskin. One table had a group smoking cigars. I went over and lit one up.

I met a woman with a British accent who works at Shakespeare Pub in Mission Hills. I told her I ate my worst meal ever there. She laughed, but I wondered why I felt the need to tell her that.

I overheard a couple talking about a secretary who was suing a company, claiming they didn't hire her because of her weight. They spent the next 20 minutes talking about lawsuits, including the San Diego man who sued Hooters for only hiring females to wait tables.

I talked to a naval intelligence officer who met his wife on a ski trip. She had an accent, but I forgot where she told me she was from. He was bald, and I asked him if he uses sunscreen for his head. He said, "I use 30 SPF."

There was a pig piñata hanging from a tree. The kids were whacking it, and one guy said to me, "Those kids are in for a big surprise. There's no candy inside. It's all little bottles of booze and prizes for adults." I was bummed out. I would rather have had candy. I

asked if the bottles would break and Dahl said, "Most of them are made of plastic now." When the piñata broke, so did about ten bottles. Everyone got on the ground to pick up broken glass. One guy was grabbing bottles, opening them, and downing the booze. I later saw him walk into a canopy pole.

I spoke to a woman named Tamara whose car had been totaled the night before by a drunk driver. I asked her what had happened. "A driver rammed into my parked car. I didn't hear it all, but neighbors came out. I saw my car was totaled. As people gathered around, I said, 'Let's have a crash party."

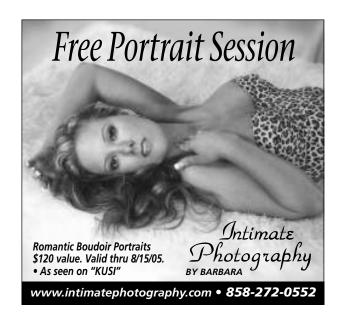
Tamara told me that her husband was in Singapore helping tsunami victims. She said, "He wasn't too happy about the car. He was yelling on the phone."

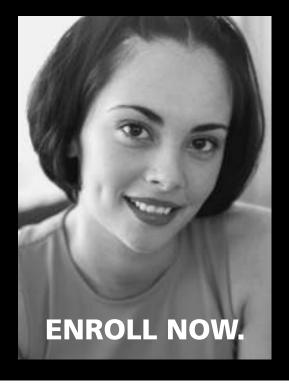
I was surprised when she told me that she graduated from Mira Mesa High one vear after me. We spent the next hour talking about mutual friends.

I figured Dahl wouldn't consider this party a disaster. Nobody sliced off a toe on the broken glass, the cops didn't show up, and the pig never hit the ground. ■

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his love for me while opening a tiny velvet box to reveal a ring so bright and shiny that every woman within a five-mile radius would sense the sparkling stones and swoon. I grew up believing, as many women do, that if a man did not propose by the time I reached a certain age, there was something wrong with me.

When David first told me he had no interest in marriage, I was crushed. Embarrassed. Rejected. "He's got one foot out the door," people whispered. "-He'll come around," some said. But after the initial shock of learning that the man I fell in love with didn't want me in the way I'd always imagined he would, I came to understand that "not wanting to get mar-

ried" does not equal "not willing to commit." Now I find myself explaining the difference to close family members and distant acquaintances. The trouble is, I myself am only half convinced.

"What are the cons of marriage?" Heather asked, after I'd explained to her that I didn't want to get married and that one of the major reasons people marry is for social acceptance.

"Well, if you're not religious, one of the cons is that marriage is a religious institution," I replied. My sister Heather was married in a Catholic church. I call her almost every day to discuss books we read and share, and any other topics that bob above water in our waves of conversation.

"What about civil ceremonies?" she asked. I had asked David the same question two weeks ago. "If civil ceremonies have no religious significance, then why can't gay people get married?" My response was an echo of David's answer to me.

"Barb, I still don't get it. There are atheists who get married civilly," Heather said.

I didn't have a response for that; I honestly hadn't thought much beyond the gay quip. So I tried another tactic. "David's got a philosophy about not getting married. It means a lot to him that I can walk out the door any time I'd like without any negative repercussions or penalties, and that I am with him for no other reason than that I want to be with him. He likes the idea of our love being string-free or something."

"But aren't you guys going to have a commitment ceremony? And didn't you tell me that you were having paperwork drawn up by a lawyer to give you the same rights as a married couple? If you're doing all that, why not just get married?"

"Yeah," I said. "But it's different."

"How? I mean, isn't it all just semantics at that point?"

I was stumped and felt the urge to defend myself, so I explained to Heather that I don't like the word "wife" and that I bristle at traditional family values. My need for her approval blinded me to the fact that she is a married mother of two and that I was basically expecting her to denounce her own choices to praise mine. I told her that David and I didn't need to have a third party confirm our commitment. She pointed out how contradictory this sounded, considering our plans for a public commitment ceremony.

Finally, my mother beeped through on

Heather's other line and we said we'd pick up the conversation later. I sat and thought about what I'd said. I remembered dozens of conversations in the last year in which I'd professed my disdain for marriage and stood behind David's opinions as if they were my own. Then it dawned on me — they weren't. I didn't believe a word of what I'd said.

David bounded up the stairs when he heard my tortured sobs. He kneeled by my chair, put his arms around me, and asked what happened in a soft, soothing voice.

"I've been lying to myself," I said. He didn't have to ask about what.

"I know that you've listened to me when I've given you my reasons for not wanting to get married, and that you've tried to understand them and make them your own. Perhaps, intellectually, you've been able to come to terms with that, but the truth is if I were to ask you to marry me right now, I think you'd be thrilled."

This terribly accurate insight voiced by the same person from whom I thought I had hidden it so well pierced my chest like a cold dagger, stealing my breath for a moment before I let it out again, hard and fast, through ragged gasps and renewed tears. David quickly fetched toilet paper to sop up the wetness leaking from my face.

"I... don't... believe what... I've... been saying," I said, my words punctuated by intakes of air.
"I... don't... understand. I don't know that I ever will."

"You know I love you," David said.
"Yeah," I said, my voice taking on an edge of

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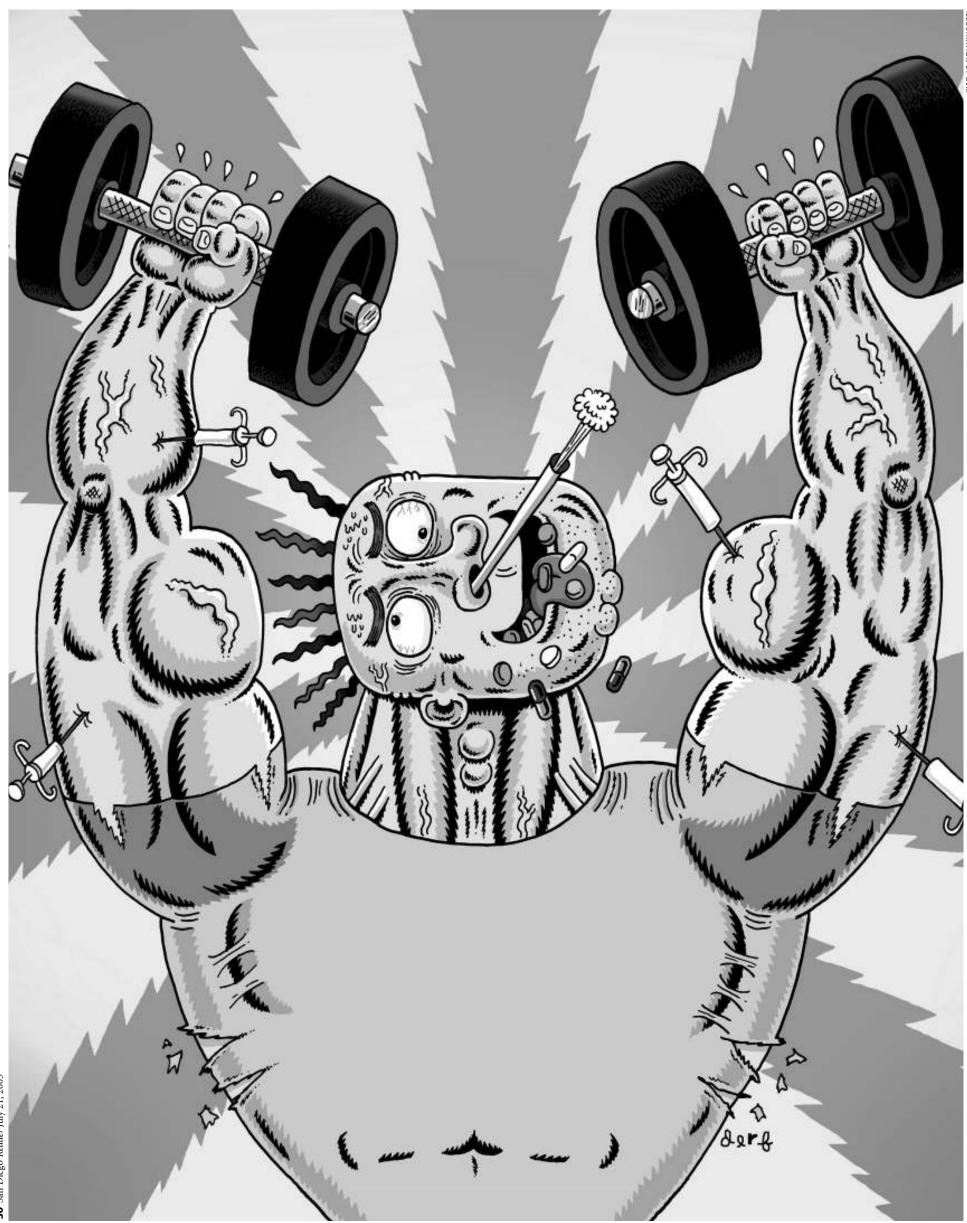
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"I was caught up in the first DUI sweep in San Diego. I had my pic-

ture on the front page of the *Union-Tribune*. One year on Christmas morning I was San Diego's 'Most Wanted.' That was actually for contracting without a license. This was all drug related."

Tony, 42 years old, thickset, clean-shaven, ran a hand through his thick brown hair. He bounced his left knee up and down while he talked. In the garage beside his El Cajon carpentry shop, mechanics wrestled with car parts. Across the way, a blue gantry crane rolled back and forth on its tall white track. The sky was low. Tony had painted his shop's office dark gray. On the wall above his desk, he'd taped a sheet of yellow paper on which he scrawled a note to remind himself to pray for a friend's business.

"I actually started getting in trouble well before high school. I remember stealing beer out of my dad's refrigerator when I was about nine or ten years old. Coors. It was the first year they came out with the little cans. Remember the little cans? The little tiny cans? Yeah, I stole a couple of them out of the refrigerator. We were living in La Mesa at the time. I remember drinking them and feeling it. I was out in the front yard, rolling around in the grass, and the beer felt pretty good. I liked it.

"I was a bad news bear. I was actually diagnosed with attention deficit disorder when I was probably around six or seven years old. In fact, I was probably one of the originals on Ritalin. My mother took me off of it after a while 'cause I was very tired on it. I guess after seeing somebody so hyperactive for so long, it just kind of pained her to see me just kind of drowsed out....

"I'd say from the time I was 12 or 13 years old I was always robbing liquor out of the liquor cabinet. The first time I used marijuana I was in fifth grade. I was growing up in Santee. We lived in Santee and then we moved away. We moved around a lot. My dad was buying and selling houses. In Santee during that time, it was all drugs everywhere. That was back in the days of the \$10 lid. It was the drug culture. Everyone was doing it. I was using regularly by the time I was a freshman in high school.

"I really wasn't crazy about the weed, but speed, well.... At the time it was cross tops and black beauties. Not yet the methamphetamine. That came in a couple years later. The meth came in around 10th, 11th grade. That's when the meth really started. And cocaine. It went from cross tops to cocaine. Cocaine was, like, the thing to do then until around 11th grade. Then methamphetamine came in. And it was awesome.

"I started exercising during my freshman year. Lifting weights. I threw the shot put and the disk for a while. I was exercising and using, but the using was more like a weekend thing. It wasn't like an everyday, consistent thing. We were more like weekend warriors. Then, once high school was over, I started going on those runs when I would use for months. Eight months at a time. We'd go on yearlong runs. And then, of course, something would happen. You'd go to jail, you'd get cleaned up, you'd come out. It was a cycle.

"Back in high school, I was 5'11". I must not have gotten any bigger than 170 pounds. Right now I weigh 228 pounds. In high school, on the bench press, I was hitting 315 pounds."

Tony told me that after he finished high school, he and several friends moved into a five-bedroom house in Santee. They offered what sounded to me like a 24-hour drug buffet.

"We were slinging every kind of dope you could think of. At one time, on the weekends we would always have mushrooms, cocaine, methamphetamine. There could even be some of them were selling heroin. We had everything. Oh, yeah. If you needed it, you came there. I mean, that's all there was to it."

I asked Tony how much money he spent on drugs during that part of his life.

"Five hundred dollars to \$600 per week on the cocaine. And this is 20-plus years ago. The methamphetamine, it was always just pennies, it seemed like. Fifty bucks. A hundred bucks. It depended on how much you were sharing. All the money wasn't really coming out of our pocket, man, 'cause we were selling the methamphetamine to pay for it. We never made any money. We just did a lot of drugs."

And what about other costs associated with drug use?

"The first time I went to jail I was maybe 19 years old. It was actually a product of the drugs. Mostly for traffic stuff. I'd get a ticket, and I didn't care about anything so I'd just let it go. I remember the first time I went to jail, I was, like, 19 and I had 15 failures to appear for traffic citations. After that I was arrested about 20 times. If I had to put all the jail time end to end, it would be quite a while. Probably a couple years. I never had a violent crime. Drug possession, under the influence of a controlled substance. Then once I'd get a charge, there would be all kinds of probation stuff you're supposed to do. And so it was violation after violation."

I spoke with Tony because I was interested in what happened to buff criminals after they got their lives back on track. I was interested in their extreme self-discipline and extreme lack of self-control. I wanted to know about the interplay between outlaw life and

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I'd read that in 1997, Governor Pete Wilson instituted a "get-tough prison policy" that forced inmates to trim their hair and shave off their beards, long sideburns, and muttonchops. Governor Wilson also banned dumbbells and other free weights from prisons "to keep prisoners from bulking up and becoming more formidable adversaries both in prison and when they are released." But I later learned that the free-weights ban didn't extend to work camps, like the Sierra Conservation Center in Jamestown, California. And prisoners not eligible for places like Jamestown found other

ways to get strong.

A gentleman who counsels former inmates told me that Tony typified a certain cycle of outlaw life. "These guys have changed their bodies in extreme ways that you or I could never imagine."

Tony told me that in 1988 he took a break from doing drugs and going to jail. He started going to a place in Santee called the Valley Barbell

"Every time I'd clean up, I'd always go back in the weight pile. I'd start working out again. In 1988, I quit drugs altogether. Everything. I quit smoking. I quit drinking. I quit doing dope. But I started doing steroids.

"I started lifting

again, and my cousin was power lifting. In fact, he won the nationals a couple times. He was a power lifter, and I started working out with him. I started out at the old Valley Barbell Club. I was off and on there for years. It was maybe 1000 square feet, or a little more. It wasn't that big. I mean, even the mirrors were all broken. It was a nasty place. You could see the outlines of where sweaty, dirty guys leaned their bodies against the

walls and mirrors. Any-

body and everybody

could lift there. I think

the main thing about it

was that it was 24 hours

a day. It didn't matter if

you wanted to go work

out at 3:00 a.m. Nobody

ever came and cleaned

the place.

"There were just enormous guys working out there. Absolutely enormous. These guys were as big as houses. Probably 30 to 40 percent were bikers. Long hair, tattoos. I mean, it would be nothing for a guy to be in the Valley Barbell Club and for him to bring a case of beer and work out. That's just the way it was. It was crazy. These guys, they could drink a case of beer and they didn't even have a buzz. These guys were monsters. You don't get that big without using steroids.

"There were a lot of construction workers who went there too. You know, carpenters. They're very vain about being big. It's like my buddy had a T-shirt one time. I always thought it was funny. The T-shirt said, 'Life's too short to be small.'

"So I started lifting again, and after a couple months, well, it takes about eight weeks to start seeing it again. It's all still under there, but you start showing it in about eight weeks. And I knew that [my cousin] used to do steroids, so he got me some Dianabol. Little blue pills. And I started taking those and **BAM!** I started making gains like I'd never seen before.

"It started out I was going in the mornings for at least two hours. Hour and a half, two hours. You couldn't get it

done in any less time than that. Every day. I would be on four days, off one, on four, off one. It didn't matter what day of the week it was. And I would generally go for at least an hour and a half in the morning and then another hour and a half in the evening. I was having to eat 8000 calories a day, at least. Because of the steroids. I would just eat everything in sight. I didn't care. Twinkies. You just eat, eat, eat. And protein was absolutely essential because of the steroids. But I was stacking a lot of steroids.

"I was no longer doing the pill form 'cause of the [liver damage] thing. I heard that was bad. And I had a

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connection who sold me Equipoise, which was a big 50 cc bottle. And it had pictures of animals on it. It was actually an animal steroid and had pictures of horses and stuff on it. And I was doing all three kinds of testosterone. You had 3 cc in your syringe. You would take, like, 1 cc of Equipoise and 1 cc of testosterone, and then 1 cc of maybe Blasterone and pull that all up in the syringe and pound it in and then, boom! Deep intramuscular.

"I spent hundreds. Hundreds and hundreds of dollars. I was easily spending \$600 to \$700 a month on steroids, and then another \$600 to \$700 a month on supplements. A cycle would be anywhere from six to eight weeks. And then after six or eight weeks, you had to go on a tenday cycle of a thing called HCG, which is a

derivative of pregnant women's urine. What it is, you mix it up, and you get ten 1 cc shots of that. What that does is it causes your body to start producing testosterone, 'cause once you take steroids, your body quits producing testosterone. The HCG would start your body producing its

"As somebody who was always an angry person, it just got worse. I got acne, a lot of acne, all over 'cause [the steroids] were almost all oil-based. So I'd be breaking out on my shoulders. And I was extremely short tempered. Just like a maniac. And you know how it is when you're laying that weight down. You can get yourself just mad enough to lift it, even if vou weren't strong enough. You'd just get mad enough to do it.

"When I cleaned up, I weighed about 160

pounds. By the time I quit that weight-lifting run, I'll call it, which was a couple of years, I was over 245 pounds. I went from not being able to bench-press even 200 pounds to being able to bench-press 405 pounds. My [biceps] must have been 19 inches or better, and my chest was at least 54 inches."

Tony pulled back the sleeve of his T-shirt to reveal the place where pec met shoulder. A web of purple stretch marks, vivid like a fresh tattoo, was etched deeply into pale, loose skin that drooped toward his armpit.

I asked Tony about the self-discipline it had taken to transform his body.

"You have to understand that everything that comes out of my life is all about being selfish, self-centeredness. That's the basic theme. The idea is, if I do inject this, I will get larger so I will look better to these people and they will think that I am really something. And I think that's it. There is no other motivation behind it. It isn't so much that I really, personally wanted to get to a 405-pound bench press. I mean, that's a big lift. That's eight wheels. I seen other guys doing it, and I seen everybody gathering around them when it was getting ready to happen. When I walk into the room, all eyes are on you because here comes 'that guy.' And that's what it's all about. It's all about vanity. It's all about selfishness. It's all about self-centeredness. It's all about 'Look at me, I'm great.' And, so yeah, I was willing to pay that price."

Tony told me that after his "weight-lifting run," he moved to Las Vegas, where he went to



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jail for a while. He also started injecting methamphetamine. I wondered if his steroid use made it easier for him to shoot up meth.

"Yeah. That thought crossed my mind. I didn't have a fear of needles. I'd already given myself so many shots.

"While I was in Las Vegas, I was using quite a bit. I was probably using one-sixteenth of an ounce a day. I was easily spending \$100 a day. One time I stayed up for 20-some-odd days. My weight was down to 150 pounds. So I'd lost around 100 pounds.

"There's no question about it. My whole life was just extremely discontent. Never really happy. Always searching

for something to make me feel okay. To make me feel good. To make me fit in somewhere. And that always looked like drugs or sex or whatever I could possibly fill it with. And, truth be told, I know that there's this void in every man's soul, every person's soul, and it's shaped just like God. I knew something was missing, but I didn't know what it was."

Tony has some buddies out at the Fabulous 7 Motel on the far eastern edge of El Cajon. An early-1960s modernist relic, the 100room motel's huge pool and vast parking lot recall a hopeful era of big families and long summer road trips. That era

faded. Fabulous 7 became a favorite of El Cajon's prostitutes and drug dealers. Two years ago, Set Free Ministries, an Anaheim-based organization whose motto is "Strictly for the Hardcore," took over the place. Set Free is associated with the Southern Baptist Convention, and Fabulous 7 is now at any given time home to almost 200 recovering drug addicts and former inmates trying to piece their lives together.

Spanky is one of Tony's buddies. Five foot nine, 220 pounds, Spanky has the breadth and depth of a small refrigerator. His forearms are Popeye-size. On the muggy afternoon I met Spanky, I arrived too

early at Fabulous 7. While I waited, a young woman in a bulky black parka sat in front of one of the motel rooms. She stared at me. Her hair was dyed jet black. She'd powdered her face pale white. Her chin and cheeks left chalky smudges on the collar of her big black coat. She'd outlined her eyes with thick black mascara. Sweat or tears had caused the mascara to run. She puffed on a cigarette pinched between forefinger and thumb.

I was relieved when Spanky appeared. But he, too, wore his face as a kind of mask. He had the closed, immobile expression and the almost military stiffness I associated with gang members.

"I've reaped what I've sown," Spanky told

We went and sat in a coffee shop attached to Fabulous 7. The waitresses recognized Spanky. They called out to him by name and waved at him and smiled. His expression, which had been unreadable, relaxed.

"Doesn't it come natural for man to want to get in trouble?" Spanky said when I asked about his past.

"Was it peer pressure, or was it just my own choosing? I'd have to say it was my own choosing. You know, my parents did a very good job with me, and I was the one who chose to do what I did. In my high

school years I kind of settled down a little bit. I had the same girlfriend for my three years in high school, and she ended up marrying a cop when we graduated. A Los Angeles sheriff. And I got to say now, looking back, I was so obsessed with her that I iust decided to become the outlaw. That's what I decided to do. When things don't go our way, we say, 'I'll show you. I'm gonna just beat myself in the head with this hammer.' And of course the drugs became an integral part of my life. Even though I had a lot of friends who probably used a lot, I can't say they were addicts or alcoholics, because at some point they just grew up

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and they stopped. But I had that addict thinking. And it's not the chemical, it's the thinking. And I just couldn't stop. I just got deeper and deeper and deeper into it."

Spanky told me he was 52 years old and that he grew up in Long Beach.

"My first run-in with the law, I was ten years old. It was the shore police. I'm glad my dad was out to sea. I had a newspaper route there on the Navy base. And me and a friend were going through these bomb shelters they had down there then. We went into one. We were hunting for centipedes or scorpions or something like that. Horny toads and lizards. We made some torches, and we ended up gutting the whole inside of that bomb shelter. But we didn't mean to do it. We didn't do it on purpose. Then I got arrested for drugs when I was 16 years old — then it was marijuana. By the time I was 16, I was popping pills. Even though I got a late start, I was using methamphetamine and heroin by the time I was 18 years old."

Who introduced him to drugs?

"Oh, that's a hard question. I'd have to say I introduced myself.

"In high school, I played baseball, and I could swim real good. I did box a little bit. I was in Little League, Pony League. I think back in the '60s, you know, the drug culture was cool. We never realized that it was going to lead us to where it ended up leading us. But would that have changed anything? I don't think so."

In Spanky's retelling, his incarcerations seemed to blend together.

"All my jail time is probably 12 years out of my life. In and out, in and out. I was doing a life sentence on the installment plan.

"Every time I ended up in jail or prison, that's where I belonged."

From what I could make out, Spanky did his first "serious time" in Oregon.

"I was partying with a motorcycle club up

there and dealing with them. Again it was methamphetamine, although I was using heroin up there too. Me and the vice president of this club were the only two heroin addicts in the whole town of Salem,

Oregon. You had to go up to Portland to get [heroin]. You had to commute. About a 40mile drive. We'd go to great lengths to get our drugs. In Oregon, I got sentenced to a few years. I was probably out in

half that time. So I caught another term in California for grand theft auto. And then I caught a second term. The longest I was in was probably the last number. That was probably close to two years

straight, but then as soon as I got out, I was back and forth, back and forth on violations. That probably covered about five vears."

Other than addiction, the only constant in Spanky's life was

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exercise.

"You start out, you know, in county jail doing push-ups and situps and all of that. Then you hit the yard, and you start getting to the weights. Usually you'll have somebody who will help you. And then you get stronger and you start getting bigger. The stronger and bigger you get, the more you go after it. At fire camp, you have to have a certain amount of strength and endurance. They call it PFT, which is physical fitness training. At [Sierra Conservation Center], you have to run a mile and an eighth in less than 8 minutes and 30 seconds. You have to run it every day for a week. But before you run that you got to do 10 minutes of mountain climbers. You've got to do 50 push-ups, 50 crunches. You've got to do a military press — 75 pounds over your head, 25 times. And a dead lift

of 75 pounds 25 times. Then you run that mile. I was almost 40 years old when I went through

"I really started working out in a serious way in Oregon. I probably worked out maybe an hour a day. This is with free weights. Actually, I'd work out, like, three days on and take a day off. Actually, the longer the time I did, I'd do different routines. I'd do a push/pull routine, which is like chest and triceps, and then back and biceps. Then you get bigger and stronger, and I didn't have to go out there and hit it as much. When I would go [back to prison] I'd start a little bit lighter. I'd be 'sucked up,' we called it. In fact, I'd be so sucked up that I'd have to step through the shower twice to get wet. Yeah, you'd be out for a month, and I could tell you everything I ate in a month would have probably fit on one plate. When you're chasing that dope, man, you don't have time to even eat."

I asked Spanky what he meant by "sucked up." He said it was slang for the weight loss associated with addiction.

"Right now I weigh about 220 pounds, but when I was using I'd get down to around 150. It was like that, back and forth.

"Depending on how hard I was druggin', I could lose 30 or 40 pounds a month.

"Usually, the way it would work was that you'd detox in county jail. After a few weeks, you would pick up your chain and go to Chino and do your violation. And then you'd just start eating like a hog. So, with working out, it's called muscle memory. It just all comes straight back. You lose it and it comes right back.

"At one point I was 210 pounds with a 33-

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inch waist. I could bench-press 360 pounds. I would do 100-pound dumbbell presses on the incline. My best lift was not a bench. It was a 205-pound curl. And I used to back-arm about 200 pounds on a lyingdown triceps extension. I used to tie 100-pound dumbbells to my legs and do dips."

Did prisoners go to all this effort because they feared sexual violence?

"It's more a fear of general violence. There's not a lot of sexual things that go on in the men's penitentiary. It does happen, but very, very rarely. As you know, in the penitentiary in California, the racial lines are clearly drawn. So pretty much you're protected from that. But you also can be violated by your own. That happens, but it happens more in the women's pen than it does in the men's.

"Getting strong,

you've got that peer pressure. You've got guys out there who are getting really strong, and if you have to bump heads with one of them, you want to at least be able to approach that strength."

How did guys eat enough to fuel that strength?

"Where there's a will there's a way. Just about everybody has got access to the kitchen because most of the people who go to the penitentiary or go to jail are going to end up working in the kitchen. Those that don't work in the kitchen, you know, have got hookups with their homeboys, the guys that they know from the streets and all that, or people that they've done time with in the past. So, in jail, food is something that, unless you're in the hole — and I've been there, too, and done that — it's not hard to eat good.

"They get a lot of

eggs, although they're powdered eggs. But, you know, eggs is eggs. And you get a lot of dry, powdered milk. Actually, they feed you really good. You'd be surprised. But you want to bulk up with the carbohydrates. Muscle tissue needs protein, but you don't need mass amounts of protein unless you're not eating any carbohydrates, and then you need it for the fuel. The bottom line is that lifting weights won't do anything. It's the food that builds you up and makes you strong. They eat good enough in jail. They probably feed them 2500 calories a day, if you just eat three regular meals. Fire camp feeds better, man. I'll tell you what, that fire camp I was in, Jamestown, I mean, the governor came up there to eat. And the food was like that all the time. It was good. It's better than a lot of restaurants."

Spanky told me that



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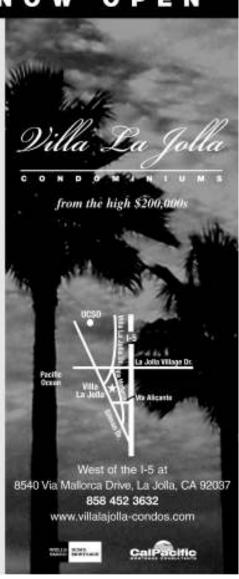
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he'd been clean for only about seven or eight months. He said he was living in Long Beach when things went wrong.

"I was in my garage in Long Beach, strung out, just wondering, 'How am I going to get out of this trap?' I was on heroin, about to lose my house, and one of the pastors from Anaheim Set Free came out to my garage and told me about [Fabulous 7

Motel]. Now I didn't call that guy or anything, but I feel that God sent that man to me."

Spanky looked so solid I asked if he'd been exercising. He told me that behind the motel there was a complete set of weights.

"In fact, I started working out here again, and I started getting real big again, but then my veins started coming back and I said, 'This is not a good idea.'"

I must have looked puzzled.

"I'm a heroin addict," Spanky explained. "Seeing my veins bulge wasn't a good idea."

I'd never considered that veins bulging on muscles might be associated with anything other than strength. I asked Spanky what made him so fragile.

"Remember I told you about when I was in high school, that girl that





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shattered my heart? Maybe I was committing suicide slowly. The fact of the matter is, that's a common feeling with most addicts and alcoholics. It's not the fear of dying, it's the fear of living. I was afraid to live.

"Addicts don't want to face life on life's terms. For us to find perfection in this world, it's just not going to happen. This world is not perfect. We can thank Adam for that."

A few days after I met Spanky, Pastor Miles Johnson led me out to the lot behind Fabulous 7 where Spanky saw his veins bulge. Shadow Mountain Community Church donated to Set Free a complete set of free weights and strength machines that Shadow Mountain no longer needed. The machines and racks of dumbbells and plates sat on sheets of cardboard and strips of old green carpet laid over bare ground. Some yards away, past a chainlink fence, traffic rushed by on Interstate 8.

Pastor Miles, Set Free's program director at Fabulous 7, is about 5'9" and has the compact muscularity of a running back. Shiny black curls frame his high cheekbones and square jaw. He looks as if he might have been his high school's homecoming king.

"I graduated from Madison High School in Clairemont," Pastor Miles told me. "I was on the fitness team, but I didn't play any other sports. The fitness team is where you do pushups, pull-ups, sit-ups, the 300-yard dash, and the broad jump. I scored the highest in the push-ups, the pull-ups, the broad jump. I did pretty good in the 300-yard dash. I was pretty good at all of it. I was number two in San Diego on the fitness

"What got me to working out when I was

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in the 11th grade was that I was always a leader in sports or in the groups. I was never a follower, I was always a leader. And I got into an argument with this guy, 6′5″, 280 pounds. I said, 'Man, you better be quiet before I kick your butt.' And he said, 'All right. All right.' But then I realized that if we'd actually gotten in a fight, this guy would have mopped me up! I realized that it was only because of my persona that he backed

down. So that's what made me go to the gym and start working out. I could bench press 120 pounds in my junior year. When I graduated I was benching about 310 pounds."

Had Pastor Miles

always been religious?

"I went to several churches as a youth. My mother was a single parent, and so at my house if I didn't go to church on Sunday, then I couldn't go outside and play. And that hurt worse than a

spanking. So every Sunday I was in church. I went to Bethel Baptist Church for a while. I went to Christ the King for a while and I became an altar boy there, but I was never indoctrinated into the Catholic faith.





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But the father there really had a thing for children, so me and him really just took to each other. When I was, like, ten I began to go to a Lutheran church that had a fantastic youth program. A predominantly white church. And I was involved with Campus Life when I was in high school. In high school I met my first wife, and she went to Church of the Living God, a nondenominational church, and so I began to go there. It was at Church of the Living God where I was really involved in church. I became a Sunday school

teacher. Every second Sunday was Youth Sunday, and I would be the one giving the Word on Youth Sunday. I always have been fascinated with the Word of God. Always have been.

"I had a strong faith in God. When I was in the 12th grade, I would carry my Bible to school with me, and every day before class I'd be studying scripture. Every day. In fact, that's what attracted my first wife to me. She would see me sitting at this place called the Whistle Stop, which was right behind the school. I'd be there with my cinnamon roll, milk,

and Bible, every day."

Pastor Miles's athleticism, his good looks, his faith, made me ask, "You never had a period in your life when you screwed up?"

Pastor Miles smiled. "No, I did," he said. "I spent 15 years addicted to crack cocaine

"All I can tell you is that God has always had His hand on me. I started using in about 1985. Me and my first wife separated. I was 25 years old. Because of the separation, and the depression, I turned to drugs rather than turn to my Lord, like I should

have. I spiraled in that world of addiction for 15 years. I quit 1000 times only to start 1001.

"I was in a state of depression, and in the community where I lived there was a lot of recreational use of drugs. Over in the Encanto area. A lot of my friends were into it. I was depressed, and they were trying to help me out, 'Here, try this.' And I tried it one day, and the high was just so overwhelming. All I can remember is that after about three hours I wasn't dwelling on my depression and my separation from my wife. I kind of took to crack like a fish

takes to water. I was smoking it out of a glass pipe. I started off using maybe \$40 or \$50 a day, but it ended up in the hundreds of dollars per day. Well, I figured out that I couldn't afford to use it, so I started selling it. I was one of those user-seller-type guys.

"I can remember going through about two and a half ounces, smoking and selling. And the guy that I used to buy it from, he said, 'You can call me anytime, day or night.' That's how much I was spending on drugs. I would use some, but I would sell some so that I could buy some more.

Smoke up maybe threequarters of my profit money. It's a lot of profit. Say you buy a half ounce and it's six hundred dollars' worth. It only costs you \$300. So you got \$300. Well, I would smoke about \$250 of that or \$200. Sell the \$300 and make about \$350 or maybe \$375. In a given week, I would buy anywhere from \$5000 to \$15,000.

"I was obsessed with the drug, so everything was about the drug. I would wake up in the morning, and it was about, 'Who am I going to sell to?' It was all about the drug. I was

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also addicted on lifestyle. Because I always had the sack to sell, I was 'the guy.' I was 'the man.' At 3:00 a.m., when the dope man won't answer his door, I was out there. So you get hooked on the drug and the lifestyle and being the guy with the stuff."

What happened to his body when he was using?

"I was always very thin when I was smoking. Now I weigh 205 pounds. When I was using I weighed around 150 pounds. I was small and sucked up. After I started going to jail, they always had weights and stuff. I always worked out. I would get all looking like the picture of health. But after I'd get out, in a matter of weeks I'd be back to 150 pounds. It takes no time at all."

Pastor Miles told me that he started going to jail in 1989. As with Spanky's retelling of his past, Pastor Miles's account of his arrests and incarcerations seemed a jumble. He told me he couldn't remember exactly how many times he'd been arrested and gone to jail or prison. Listening to him, I realized he wasn't being evasive. Drugs dis-

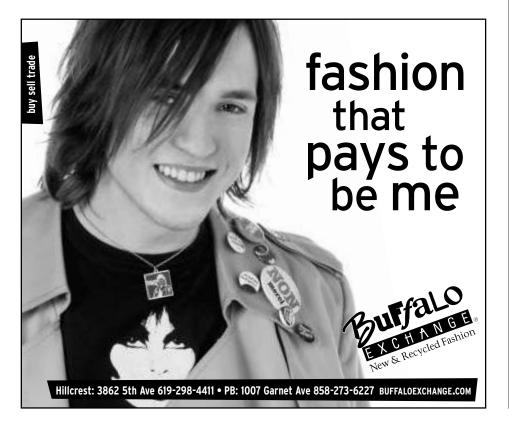
tort an addict's perception of time and of the world around him. The confusion I was hearing was an accurate report of how Pastor Miles's mind had recorded events during this period of his life.

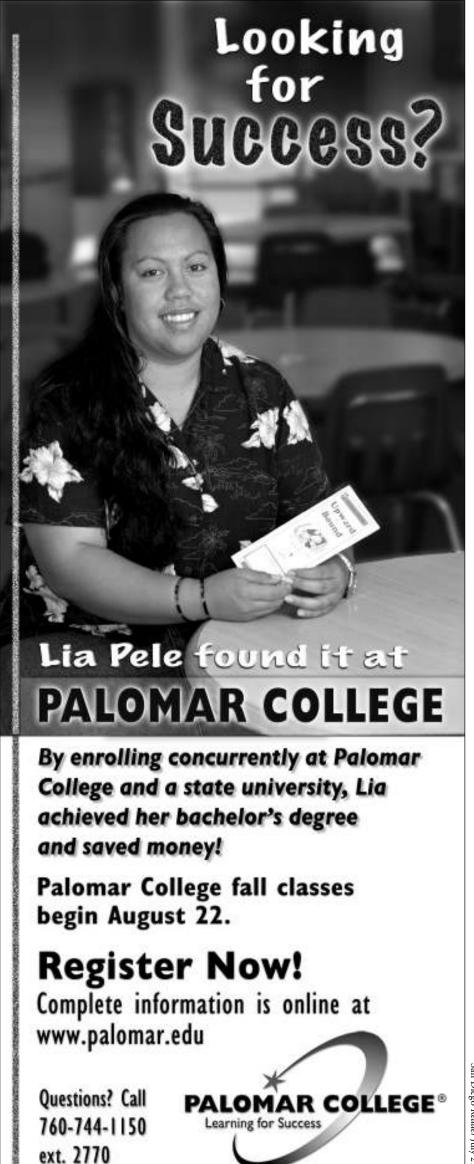
"I was in jail a total of about five years," he said. "And every time I was in jail, I was working out."

Pastor Miles's memories of weight lifting were clear.

"I was always very strong for my size. I remember being at [California Rehabilitation Center] in Norco, and it has a weight-lifting contest. For my weight class,









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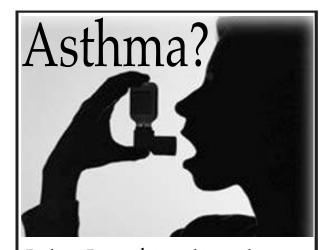
"I worked out every day. Maybe two hours a day, probably five days a week. Every other day, you worked different muscle groups. One day you do biceps, triceps, and shoulders, and then chest and back."

I asked Pastor Miles if it was difficult to go cold turkey in jail.

"No. You might sleep for the first couple of days, but I never spent anything other than just being lazy for the first few days in jail. Slept a lot. I never got physical withdrawals or no mental withdrawals or anything like that. And there's crack in the jails and in the penitentiaries. But I chose not to mess with it while I was in there

"I would say within the first two weeks, I always went immediately to the weights. Sometimes I wasn't out long enough to lose all my strength. Like I remember the second time I went back to CRC, the first day on the yard I was able to lift seven quarters. That's seven quarters on each side. Like 350 pounds or something. So my stays on the outside got shorter and shorter as I got more involved and the police got to know me. See, when they know who you are, if you don't change areas, they know to jack you up and they might get lucky."

I asked what guys did to get strong after Governor Wilson removed the dumbbells and free weights from the prisons. Pastor Miles said that prisoners were



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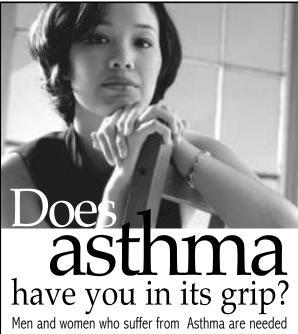
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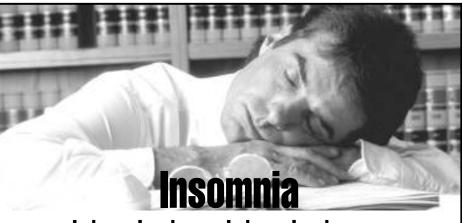


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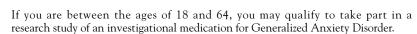
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resourceful. For example, they filled garbage bags with water and wrapped them in their shirts and used them as weights.

"You do the pullups, the push-ups, the dips. We jog. But you're still working out. Just not with weights."

I told Pastor Miles I had a difficult time

squaring this tenacity with the mess he made, time and again, of his life.

"As I look back, I see that I began to love my wife more than I loved the Lord. I would do for her before I would do for the Lord. And that's idolatry. That's the same place that the nation of

Israel found themselves in time after time after time. And in order to allow me to know that I cannot love the thing created more than the Creator, God allowed me to give myself over to the created things, and it was nothing but misery and sorrow and brokenness. And I've come to know from personal experience that nothing, nothing can be for you like your relationship with the living God can be for you."

Why had Pastor Miles so idolized his first wife?

"She was my first love. The first woman I ever made love to. She was it. The high school sweetheart thing. We lost our virginity to each other. We got married, we had children. I projected what I had in my heart for her as what she had in her heart for me,

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"I got started with crack because of the depression and the emotional wreck that I was in. The separation of me and my wife. The crack just kept me from dealing with those issues. I would get so involved in being high and selling drugs and running the streets that I never dealt with issues. Like, I have a daughter from my first wife, and she didn't know her dad for the years I was in my addiction. And whenever I would dwell on that, man, it would really break my heart.

"Let me tell you. January 2000, during the millennial change. I was in my T-shirt and boxer shorts, on my rack in prison. That was the defining moment in my life, when I really made it up in my heart and my mind, 'Hey, I'm not going to give nothing this kind of control over me. Most people never live to see a millennial change, and here I am locked up in prison.' So I determined in myself, 'Never again.'

"I got out and I did good for about two and a half months, and then I started using again. In my usage this time, I was sitting there, getting high, and I looked around at the activity and the environment I was in. I realized I was going back to prison. That was the time when I cried out to God, and I said, 'Lord, I need You. I can't whup this, and if You don't do anything in my life, it's gonna be a waste.' I was in the alley in between Orange and Polk. You know where the church used to be on Estrella and Orange? That used to be where Set Free was. I was at the other end of the alley getting high. I walked down the alley after I prayed to God and cried out to Him for help. This guy in the back of the church said, 'Hey, brother! You don't have

to live like that no more. We got a ranch in Cabazon where Jesus is, and He can change your life.' It was like God answered my prayer immediately. I asked

what I had to do to get to [Set Free's ranch]. The guy said, 'Be here Sunday at ten o'clock, and they'll take you.' So I was there on Sunday at ten o'clock. This was May 14, 2000."

I hadn't stopped to think how much time Pastor Miles had lost. His addiction began when he was a young man.

"I'm 44," he told me.
"My goal is to bench

400 pounds when I'm 45 years old. I used to have 19-inch arms, and I want to get back to 19-inch arms. I got my little goals that I'm shooting for. It'll probably take me about

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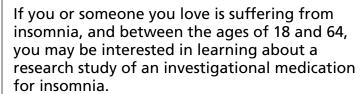
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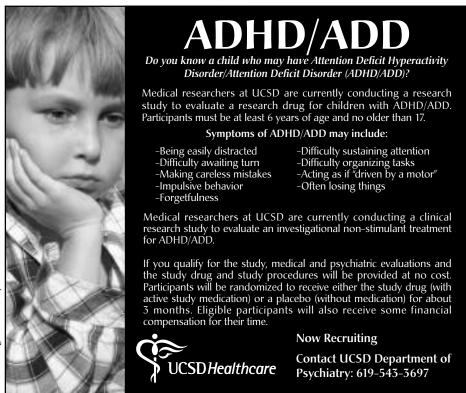
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the fountain of youth is daily exercise."

We talked for a while about genetics, about how some people can abuse their bodies for many years with little apparent consequence. Pastor Miles hadn't lost his health, but he had lost 15 years. I asked if he felt regret.

"No. Those 15 years gave me the ability to love everybody. That's

something I didn't have when I was a youth pastor. Those 15 years taught me more about being a Christian than my previous time in the church. One thing I can remember seeing when I was out there in my addiction was that there was no love. I always knew that and felt that. There was no love for one another. There was the love for the drugs and the love for the money, but there was no love for the fellow man. And I just couldn't take that in my heart. That

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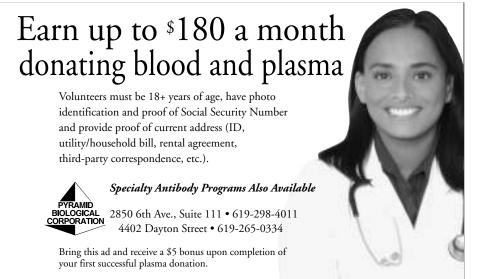
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Schizophrenia Research Study



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wasn't me. And so I learned to love all people. I lost my prejudice against the addict. Naturally, I was one of them."

Ponytail is one of the addicts whom Pastor Miles loves.

"I felt a warm sensation. It spread from my chest all the way out" is how Ponytail described to me what happened when, while trying to avoid arrest, he swallowed a Baggie containing seven grams of crystal meth.

"Big ol' alligator sweat balls started falling down off my head. And my hand came up and started slapping me in the face. I grabbed my hand and tried to stop it. When I grabbed my hand with my other hand and tried to stop it, my hand was still slapping me in the face. My other hand couldn't even hold it down. I said, 'I think I'm starting to OD.' I said this to some socalled friends of mine. They acted like they didn't hear me.

"I was in a coma for ten days. I died three times."

Of the guys I met at Fabulous 7, Ponytail was the biggest. Six foot two, 220 pounds, broadshouldered, long-legged, 39 years old, he looked like an all-around athlete.

On the late afternoon I met Ponytail, Pastor Miles found an empty room at Fabulous 7 where Ponytail and I could talk. Ponytail's long day working construction had left his shirt and pants dusty. Flecks of what looked like plaster had settled in his tight, long cornrows. Despite his size, Ponytail was shy and hesitant. He loosened up, relaxed in his chair, when I asked what sports he'd played.

"I went to El Cajon Valley High School. Played football, basketball and ran track. I was a wide receiver and defensive back. Played

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forward in basketball. Made All-County events in track — long jump, triple jump, pole vault. I was really athletic. I also was in drama for four years in high school. Singing and dancing.

"Basically, I did all these activities in high school trying to get to college. I really wanted to go to college. I felt that the only way to really change my situation in life was to go to college and get an education. But I'm dyslexic. I pick up on things real easy, and I'm very fast, but I can't express it in words.

Like spelling it...that kills me. I remember being in school and taking a test and knowing the answer but not being able to write it on paper. This used to frustrate me. When I was in high school, they used to give me the grades 'cause I was real good in sports. And came a time my senior year when they were telling me they wanted me to claim hardship and play one more year and they would get me a scholarship to any university I wanted to go to.

"Although it

sounded very nice, I knew that unless I learned how to spell, I would flunk out of college.

"So I told them I wanted them to teach me how to spell. It's not that I don't know the answers. I knew the answers, I just could not put them on paper. You give me a multiplechoice test, I'd ace it. And they would tell me not to worry about that, just go to school and do what they were telling me. I felt like they were taking advantage of me. In reality now, I know that they

were trying to help me. I didn't agree with it, but they were still really trying to help me.

"And me thinking I know so much, I decided, 'Well, if I'm so good, I can just leave high school.' My senior year, I left and went to Foothills Adult School. I was going to go to junior college, spend one year there, and then go on to the university. But when I got out of high school and started attending Foothills, I started working. Had my own place. Met my son's mother and got her pregnant.

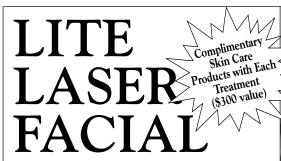
That's when I left college. I decided, 'I will be a responsible father, 'cause my father was never there.' I wanted to do the right thing. My mom raised five kids by herself. I didn't want to be like my father, as I said. I wanted to do the right

"Unfortunately, I was in love with my kids' mother, but she wasn't in love with me. It was more of a security thing. After about six and a half years of living together, it became very clear that we weren't going to make it. So we separated,

and when we separated she gave my kids to my brother.

"I became a single parent three months later. My son was three years old, and my daughter was two years old. And, so, I'm a single parent trying to do the best I can, but it was really onthe-job training. At that time, there weren't too many black men who were single parents. A lot of times I would go and try to seek any kind of help, but they wouldn't take me seriously because they were really kind of shocked that I was even

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trying to attempt raising my kids on my own. I tried to explain that I was raised without my father. I promised myself that I'd be there for my kids. It was tough trying to be a single parent. My kids were great kids, and they are great kids. I wasn't always the best father. I leaned on my own understanding many times in being a single parent.

"I've done everything. Sold drugs, you
know. I always grew up
around the gangs and
the streets. But I always
tried to keep that away
from my kids. My kids
never saw me out there
selling drugs. They never
actually seen me doing
drugs, but they knew I
did drugs 'cause I never
lied to them."

When Ponytail said, "I always grew up around the gangs and the streets," I remembered what he'd said about the sports he'd played and the dancing and singing he'd done at El Cajon Valley High School. I remembered that he'd said, "I felt that the only way to really change my situation in life was to go to college and get an education." I wanted more details.

"I sold some drugs in high school. My mom didn't know it, but I would sell weed. I'd sell pills sometimes and give my mom the money and tell her that I'd mowed some lawns."

What kind of pills had he sold?

"Just the little pills you get in *High Times* magazine. They weren't really drugs. But when you're a young kid, a high school kid, you tended to believe that they were real drugs. I tended to believe that they were.

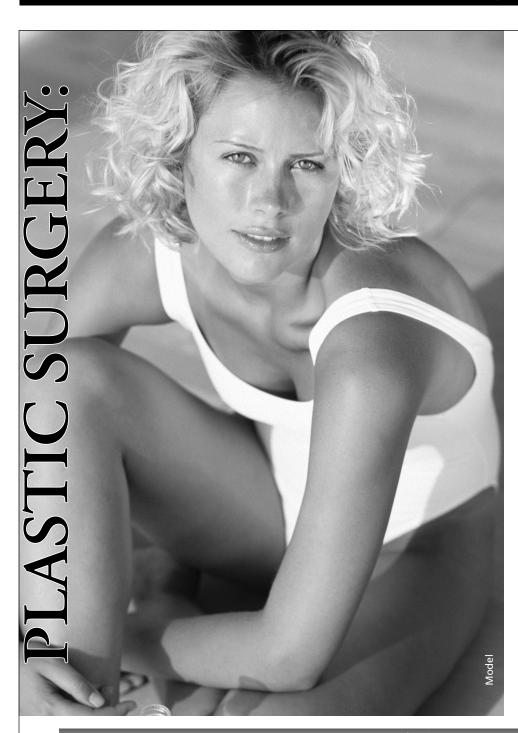
"I got caught once at El Cajon Valley High School for some of these pills. They weren't illegal, but I was expelled for the remainder of the year and I had to go to continuation school for the following year. Well, that continuation school was Chaparral High School. While I was at Chaparral I had weight training in the morning, then I was a teacher's assistant in

weight training, and then I had a regular class for my last hour. Well, the first two classes were two-hour classes. So I was lifting weights for four hours during the morning and then in my regular class for an hour. But I had a B-plus average throughout the whole school. I was in the upper 5 percent of my school.

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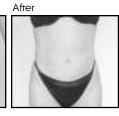














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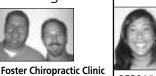
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work out at night with a couple friends of mine."

I started to see that what I'd thought of as a lack of self-control in the lives of Tony, Spanky, Pastor Miles, and Ponytail was something else. The power that allowed Ponytail to lift weights all day and "just run forever" also allowed him to swallow a Baggie containing seven grams of crystal meth.

Ponytail explained that he'd been selling drugs for a long time when this happened. Until then, he'd managed to avoid serious trouble. But a disagreement with a landlord led to his being separated from his children. He had to leave them with their mother. Ponytail wanted them back. He needed to get the money together for an apartment where they could all live together. He invested in three pounds of crystal meth. He bagged it all up, set some aside for his own use, and hid the rest in his

stash. He'd just tossed his Baggie of crystal meth on the coffee table of the place where he was staying when he noticed shadows cross the window.

"I look out the window without moving the curtains, of course, and I see the cops at my door. And there's a whole bunch of them, like seven or eight cops. I don't know how many there was, but there was a lot. I had just enough time to grab the dope and put it in my mouth before the door swung open."

It was a case of mistaken identity. But to explain who he was, Ponytail had to talk. When he tried to talk, "The bag almost flew out of my mouth."

And these cops looked at each other, looked back and forth at each other, and pushed me on the couch. Now I'm sitting down and they're leaning over me, asking, 'What did you say

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your name was again?' They're looking at my mouth, waiting for me to say something. And I'm a single parent, raising my kids. And I'd had my kids all the way up until they were seven and eight.

"So I'm sitting there with these cops in my face, and they're looking at me, waiting for me to

say something. And I remember thinking, 'Hey, you can either open your mouth and give these cops this dope and go to jail, or you can swallow it.' I looked back and forth at the cops, and I remember thinking to myself, 'I'm not going to be in jail my kids' first Christmas away from me.' So I swallowed it. And I swallowed it. It almost choked me going down. The cops, their eyes bulged. This cop looked at me and he said, 'Okay, we got to be going now.'

The next day, the Baggie ruptured inside Ponytail.

"To get high on crystal meth, you need

maybe a quarter gram. I had seven grams inside me. At the hospital, the doctors told my mother that although I had the outside body of a 21year-old, my insides were the insides of an old man."

This happened, Ponytail told me, before the "armed robbery."

"I've sabotaged my

life many times.

"I was signed up for Kelsey-Jenney Business College, and one thing led to another. I took the test, passed it and everything, was all set up to go to class. They told me the only thing is you've got to have a suit, and if you don't have a suit you can't start the class. I didn't have a suit.

"So, I'm at the park and I'm so frustrated. I'm not going to let anything stop me from going to this Kelsey-Jenney Business College. This was Sunday. I had to start school on Monday. I was 29 years old. I was out with a friend of mine. He was like a brother to me. He was telling me that it was his

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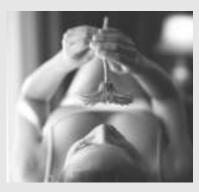
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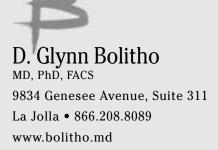
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girlfriend's birthday and he didn't have nothing to buy her. And I said, 'Yeah, I know what you mean. I'm supposed to start school tomorrow, and they told me I can't start school if I don't have a suit. And I don't have no suit.'

"At the time, even though I had done drugs a lot in my life and everything, I never really got in trouble. I had no felonies at the time. When my friend told me his situation and I told him my situation, we sat there drinking and talking. And he said, 'I'm ready to do a robbery.' And I said, 'You know what, man? I'm thinking about doing one too. We'll just do one just one time, get some money. I'll buy my suit, you buy your girlfriend something. After this, we won't see each other.'

"That was the stu-

pidest thing I've ever done in my life. One of the stupidest things. I've done plenty more. And I went to jail. He went to jail."

Ponytail and his friend held up a convenience store and walked away with only \$400.

"I went in in '95 and got out in '97. I got out in '97, and I didn't get the DUI until February 18, 1999. They gave me 11 months flat. I've done time at Donovan and Chuckawalla."

Ponytail told me that even after Governor Wilson removed the dumbbells and free weights from prisons, inmates were so driven to exercise that they not only lifted bags of water and sand, they lifted each other up and down. They'd get beneath the incline board that they used for sit-ups and have other guys sit on top of it.

"And we'd benchpress them.

"This was effective, especially when you're using deadweight, which is what we would call people, because they're just sitting there. You're lifting them up, and if they move, it makes it even harder. So, you've got to balance and lift. It was nice. It was a good workout."

Ponytail's time in prison and jail led to a life that was, he said, even more chaotic. He tried many times to put his life back in order. Something always went wrong. He ended up homeless. His daughter disappeared. He lost touch with his son.

"I started using again. I was injecting in my veins. I wanted to die; I'm not going to lie. I thought I was going to have a nervous breakdown."

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"I was so lost in my own addiction and everything. All night I had been carrying this bag with three X-rated movies in it, a change of clothes, and some dirty magazines. The life of a drug addict.

"I walked up to Pastor James and I said, 'Sir, I'm hungry and I'm

tired, and I don't want to go do nothin' wrong.' And he says, 'Are you willing to go to church?' I go, 'Yeah, I don't mind going to church.'

"And from that point on, we went to church. And I remember during church I just kept crying. Sitting there and tears were coming down.

"Oh, God is a won-

derful God.

"That was almost one year ago. I did work out when I first came here, but I stopped because I was glorifying my flesh instead of my spirituality. I'm going to start working out again, but my spirituality must come first. I was doing the dumbbells and the bench, and I was doing

curls. I know how to do the different parts of the body so I can work out and get a real nice physique. But God put it on my heart that when you begin to work out the body, you're feeding the flesh and glorifying Satan in a lot of ways.

"To be honest, I feel like God gave me a new lease on life. He gave me back my life. Part of giving me back my life was giving me my new health again. I want to be healthy. It takes a lot of work to get back to where I was at. But it's in His time, not my time. I'm going to get back into it, but I'm going to do it slowly. When I started working out here, I really started

doing it like I'd never stopped. Three, four times, sometimes five times a week. And that's not good.

"As long as I'm seeking the Lord first, I can work out without glorifying my body. I still wrestle with my flesh. I can't do nothing alone." ■

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Old Skin

When I drove for the Red Cross it was my job to pick people up at their homes and drive them to their doctors' appointments or to restaurants or grocery stores. Convalescent groups were more difficult than individuals because you had to load and buckle down so many wheelchairs. The process was time-consuming, and the voice on the two-way radio kept insisting you hurry. I lived in fear of a wheelchair breaking loose and careening across the van, but nothing like that ever happened. The drama happened on a September day when I was sent to a convalescent home to pick up a client and drive him to his specialist. As I walked down the long main hall to look for him, I noticed that patients were parked in wheelchairs outside their rooms. I speculated it was an attempt to keep them social, though most of them did not look so inclined; more likely the practice of parking the patients outside their rooms facilitated the cleaning of rooms. In the air there was the inevitable smell of dander and urine overlaid with cleanser. I was anxious to locate my client and get us both out of there when I saw a woman whose image burned through my retina and tattooed itself on my memory's eye. She was dressed like so many others in a faded flowered housecoat. Her silver hair was askew, all wild and separate filigrees. Her mouth was open, and sounds that approximated singing rasped from her throat. She was moving front to back, as if the wheel-chair were a rocking chair, caressing a life-sized, pink-fleshed, naked plastic babydoll—its arms stretched up toward her face, its legs about to kick free. It would be easy to say she was senile. It would be harder to know the many ways she was stripped—the way bleach strips color from clothing—of friends, of family members, of mementos, of home. Sometimes you see or hear something significant, but it takes years to interpret its significance; this image offered me its meaning instantly.

Children are not for everyone. I know people who are sorry they spent time in childhood and are loathe to revisit it, even in the form of another person. I have friends who prefer the rich and complex world of adults, who pause briefly from the heights of big peopleness to pat the heads of the small creatures milling about at their kneecaps. And I know people who experience baby fever like spring fever, an annual sickness that passes in three days. Whom we love or whom we choose to love is part of what shapes us, organizes our lives in terms of priorities. I recognized, the instant I saw that aged woman rocking that doll, there was a world I could be cast out of that was essential and vital for me, and there was another world I could be condemned to



that was truly a ghetto.

What have we done with our lives that makes them fly by so fast? Fly by like hedges and houses, stop signs and streetlights, Kmarts and Wal-Marts? We are like delicate, short-lived hummingbirds who beat their wings so swiftly they are invisible — but to what nectar? Eastern philosophers, therapists, and country-western singers exhort us to slow down, to catch the scent, savor the food, fondle the rose. And we try. But we are future-living creatures with miles to go before we sleep. A child insists we slow down, see the world. What's that? Why? A child makes us move at his or her own short-legged pace.

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money, the one who counted the days till kindergarten. Sometimes, what the left hand takes away, the right hand offers: I have been offered another chance, another incarnation.

Which brings me to my embarrassing faux pas in the middle of the conversation, the hackneved emotion solidified in amber, the reason behind this discursive opening. I want to talk about the deep pleasure of being a grandparent.

Kenko, a Japanese author from the 11th Century, says, "We cannot live forever in this world; why should we wait for ugliness to overtake us? The longer man lives, the more shame he endures. To die, at the latest, before one reaches 40, is the least unattractive. Once a man passes that age, he desires (with no sense of shame over his appearance) to mingle in the company of others. In his sunset years he dotes on his grandchildren and prays for long life so that he may see them prosper...a lamentable state of affairs." And so it is. To be a grandparent is to be besotted. To lurk around the fringes of conversation trying to find a pretext to insert grandchild stories, to finally update yourself technologically only to augment the photo opportunities. Perhaps Kenko is right, not about the dying early, but about the doting. The shame of it all. Perhaps telling stories about your grandchild is like recounting a long, enigmatic dream. Or as my old poetry professor used to say when he read a particularly self-indulgent poem:"I read this poem and say, who cares?" Yet I persist. I swear to you, time spent with a child is philosophical, meditative, slows time to the speed of honey in its languid descent from the silver spoon to the steaming cup.

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saying, "I didn't like the story; it was kind of boring..." A little ping happens in the vicinity of your heart. You love this story, and you want to force them all to love it too. But how can they if they're to be tested on it, if soon they will be obliged to produce a paper on it, and if it is only one story in a chain of 35 other stories they must read before they can leap through the hoop of literature into their own domain? You want to look outside for a leaf, a bough, a trinket from the natural world, but there are no windows, so you look at the clock. In ten minutes you can call it a day and hope that tomorrow the alchemical mixture of story, weather, students, and self turns to gold instead of dross.

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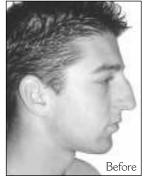
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on mats spread around the floor. Lullaby music is playing in the background, and some children are crying for their mothers. They are beginning to learn that crying is an act unto itself; it can't remedy anything. The attendants are patting the children's backs, trying to comfort them. But there he is. Aidan. Seated at the table with a book, waiting for you. Your day comes into focus. The meaning behind the motion.

You get to hold his hand all the way to the car. As you seatbelt him in, you want to brush your hand through his red-blond hair, but you are in love over your head, and you know you need to

hold yourself in check. He asks you if you have any gum in your purse, and you promise to look. Then he turns his never-miss-anything eyes on your hands and asks, "Why do you have such old skin, Nonna?" And you aren't stung, you aren't inclined to rush to the salon and have your hands dipped in waxy moisturizer and squeezed into warmed gloves. You are suffused with pleasure. You want to tell him what he already intuits. The two of you are in a long chain, linked by a thousand things and a number of chromosomes in particular; you have old skin so he can be here now, with his soft, flawless skin. But you're realistic and open your purse and look for the gum. As you drive home, the same unlovely landscape you passed on the way to work transforms itself, is worth discussing. "Is that where the big swimming pool is? Where is that muddy park, Nonna?"

As you pull into the driveway he asks, "Did you set anything up, Nonna?" Each time he comes you try to create a diorama of sorts — today it's dinosaurs, leaves, rocks, and a little plastic pool of water. As you settle down to play one of the multitudinous variations on *The Land Before Time*, the adult world recedes — gone the relentless pace, the weight of the saddle, the frothy bit

of necessity. The dinosaurs - and therefore the two of you — are no longer bound by linearity. Just as in A Hundred Years of Solitude, the cutting edge of technology coexists with the primeval and the rudimentary: a dump truck appears out of nowhere to carry the dinosaurs on their way. Suddenly Sir Knight makes his entrance and seems to want to challenge us. His sword is drawn and his demeanor is hostile. But we are not bound by logic either. Our dinosaurs can speak English to one another, call out encouraging things. "Sara, Sara, bury Sir Knight in leaves." Our powers are unlimited. We have more choices than virtual reality, more power than cartoon characters, more avenues than the average adult. We can fly when we need to, we can climb 110 times our height in less than a minute. Finally, because the game is interminable, like some Scrabble games I have known, we must throw in the towel, move on to the next event.

Aidan is watering the garden with the power nozzle; now that he is a fireman, we speak of cosmic things: why bees sting, why we can't fly, where boogers come from, and where the snails hide their eyes. He has to turn his hose on the tomatoes because they are on fire; the eggplant is smoldering,

but nothing is in danger, because death does not exist. Once when I was babysitting him, he stepped on a spider with the casual cruelty of a child. Then he asked me to make it move again. I wasn't ready to use the "D" word: I didn't know how my daughter and son-in-law intended to package the idea. So I said the spider was broken, that I didn't know how to fix it. With the sun warming a square on my back, the metallic-green hummingbird descending into the droplets, the dampened lavender giving up its scent, and Aidan by my side, I could be seduced into believing that the "D" word was a vicious rumor, that every-

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thing is subject to fixing.

My nutrition book tells me that tuna and yogurt are soporifics. And it is time to slather on the soporifics. I learned the word "soporific" when I read Peter Rabbit books to my children. I think it was Peter who had eaten a great deal of something, maybe cabbage, and was so tired he had to go to sleep. Naturally he narrowly escaped from the evil Farmer Mac-Gregor. Though we have delayed it as long as we can, the turn toward nap must happen. Kids are forced to nap all the time. I remember how I hated to nap and the many creative things I did with my body instead of sleeping. But now, tell me I must lie down for two hours in the middle of the afternoon, and to you I say "Amen" and "Hallelujah." But first the story. Maybe we will read, for the hundredth time, Everyone Poops. And we will tell the same jokes about it. They say routine is important to children, but how soothing is it for adults so spun by this dervish world? Out of which end does the snake poop? Is whale poop bigger than the love we have for one another? Or we will read a Little Bear vignette. They are such nonstories — no foreshadowing, a tiny crisis, and a comforting denouement. Sunshine and domesticity — soothing as hot soup or justright oatmeal. Whatever we select, I can count on it to not be boring.

But in the end, it's all a sham. We are not living in the moment — neither he nor I. I am all the while trying to worm my way into his memory, hollow out a place in which Nonna can continue to live and love Aidan. A few summers ago I read Dalva by Jim Harrison. In the story a grandfather left a letter for his granddaughter to be read after his death. I recorded a piece of the letter in my journal because it made me feel in company, and because so often language seems too small a container to hold emotion. It seemed to me that he had got it just right, and I wanted to remember it and even use it.

"Along with my sons, perhaps more so, you were the grace note of my life. Now I am so far down the ghost road I can't see you, but I still send you back a kiss and an embrace. We loved one another so."

The "so" at the end of

the sentence seems not to terminate it, rather to allow the sentence, and the love expressed in it, to flow endlessly.

I am in a position to know the way that grand-parents etch themselves into their grandchildren's lives and memories. Whether I assign memoirs or poems or simply narratives, grand-parents and even great-grandparents appear more than half the time in students' writing. This is what David Martinez remembers in a memoir entitled "Jaws."

"When the man, known to my cousins and I as Grandpa, would allow his teeth to come out and play, the fun of children began...

He would pounce around, swaying along the deck, swooping and galloping toward each of us, making us feel as if we were his only pleasure."

Jeanette Gann writes in her memoir called "Chita":

"When I was growing up, I distinctly remember the strong smell of guavas... it's a sort of annoyingly sweet smell. My great-grandmother, who I called Chita, practically lived off of guavas. One morning she wasn't up at her usual time; little did I know she wouldn't be up at all. The night of November 13, 1996, she passed on to a world where she would no longer suffer. I went into her room and opened the nightstand drawer, that smell, the smell of rotting guavas, filled the room as the tears flooded my eyes and leaked out, crawling down my cheeks and stopping at the edge of my shirt. I wasn't crying because she died; I was crying out of my own selfishness not ever to be able to touch her again or hear her voice."

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filled with tender images of their grandparents. David Ramirez wrote a poem about his grandfather's hands called "Manos de la Tierra." In the poem he describes the poignant way his grandfather used his hands:

> The smooth hands of his childhood days Now wear the stone texture of ancient Mayan

> > statues.

He tells stories to his nietecitos

Shaking them and pointing in every direction to explain the story His grandchildren don't speak Spanish, so his hands do the talking.

In a similar vein, Danielle Arrovo records her memories of her grandfather in a poem called "I Wished You Luck With a Kiss."

> I remember how you would pull the long yellow weeds in the blazing sun. When you finished your hands would be scratched and bleeding

I would watch you put the stinging alcohol on your wounds... astonished

because you took all that pain

just to make the rose garden pretty for Grandma...

when I would go to your room at night I would find you on the mustard-colored floor rocking back and forth clutching your knees

Asking God to heal you.

The poem concludes:

You are in heaven A place where you can use your hands again You are carrying me In the right direction.

Love, as the student writers demonstrate, deepens our experience of the world and also makes us terribly vulnerable. I remember when I first had my children, people said, "Oh, your life will never be the same. You'll never get a good night's rest; you'll have to carry bags and bags of stuff with you every-

where you go; baby puke will decorate your clothes," and so on. What they didn't tell me was that I would love two beings more than myself for the rest of my life. That their very existence in the world would make me vulnerable. If they were sick, I would be sick; if they were sad, I would be sad; if they were in danger, then my desire to live would be in danger. Now that I have two grandchildren, because Lio was born singing last June, the ways that the world can nourish and wound me have quadrupled.

And Aidan: Aidan is not naive. Though he may not possess the "D" word, though beings rise and fall in his world with the resilience of Disney inventions, he has a liminal understanding of what we're about. Just before we go to sleep he says, "Nonna, one day all this old skin's gonna break offa you and you're gonna get new skin."■

– Susan Luzarro

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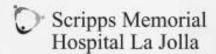


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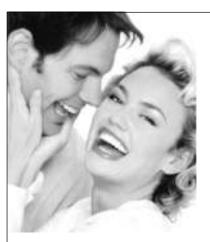


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The Ship Hit an Iceberg, Something Hits the Fan, Too

All the time that J. David was paying huge returns to investors, and Dominelli and Hoover were living like plutocrats, some suspected the whole thing was a fraud. With high-powered law and accounting firms leading the way, American regulators got hoodwinked. But British authorities smelled a rat. In Chapter 8, investors pull out en masse and lawsuits pile up. It's all but over.

Chapter 8

It's not surprising that the senior financial officer viewing the merriment at the J. David year-end party was put in mind of the *Titanic*. Corporate financial executives and Wall Street officers are forever using analogies tied to the disaster. An inept chief executive officer is said to be the "captain of the *Titanic*." A board of directors making cosmetic changes at a company headed for catastrophe is "rearranging the deck chairs on the *Titanic*." A pending problem is "that iceberg ahead."

Anyone foreseeing a corporate failure should read up on the *Titanic*. It provides poignant lessons in human behavior: the passengers' giddiness, their obliviousness to looming disaster; the crew's overconfidence, its utter certainty that the ship was unsinkable. But most of all, the disaster illustrates the ugly tenacity of the self-preservation instinct — the people in the lifeboats hysterically refusing to let others aboard, smashing them over the head with oars to keep

them from scrambling onto the rafts, shoving them back into the icy water to die.

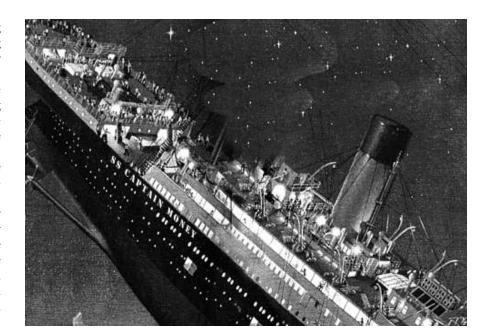
People act the same way in the days leading up to a bankruptcy. The ship is going down. There aren't enough life rafts. Some will make it to shore

and others won't. You have to make it, and to hell with the others.

Throughout almost the entire history of J. David, investors were actuated by only one emotion: greed. In the last days, there was a new monomania: survival. Once the news of bounced checks and bounced employees, unpaid suppliers and unpaid investors, hit the streets, the run was on and the oars were flying.

In most corporate collapses, the debtor holds the high card: the threat of bankruptcy. Lenders and suppliers consider bankruptcy the worst way to recover their funds.

Attorney Kenneth Poovey, hired by a group of investors, was hoping to keep the matter out of bankruptcy court. So were lawyers representing some other investors. But in this case Dominelli wasn't threatening to play his high card: He didn't want bankruptcy. After all, any serious court action—a bankruptcy or, say, divorce proceedings by his estranged wife — could force him to open his books, and if they revealed that he had been running a Ponzi



scheme and had swindled tens of millions out of investors, that alone would be enough to send him to jail.

Creditors in the J. David case weren't quite as reluctant as usual to push for bank-ruptcy. There was the \$10 million bond from Chubb. There were visible assets, such as the ornate corporate headquarters in La Jolla, that had some value. There were all those homes and cars and fancy furs, although the homes were known to be highly leveraged. And there were some special mare's nests in J. David that a court of law might

have to clean up — the Monserrat-based "bank," for example.

Nonbankruptcy liquidation seemed almost unlikely. Generally, in such a liquidation, three conditions must be met: The debtor must be honest and cooperative, the business must be relatively simple, and the records must be complete. J. David failed on all counts. And many investors overcome an initial aversion to bankruptcy because they know they can often recoup part of their money by bringing action against law, accounting, and brokerage firms that pro-

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vide services to the malefactors and may carry heavy insurance for such contingencies. These "deep pockets" often cave in and ante up, partly because of the negative publicity and partly out of fear that in private lawsuits, more documents will be unearthed and more serious wounds opened.

Dominelli hastened his own demise by feeding investor paranoia through his attempts to make side deals with numerous clients in the waning days of J. David. One investor who had been waiting in the halls overhead plans by insiders to transfer \$275,000 in cash to someone. A lawyer got wind of a proposed deal and charged, "One of the creditors has made a private deal with Dominelli to refrain from taking any action against Dominelli, providing that Dominelli or his entities transfer substantial sums of money to an offshore bank by the end of the week."

Says William C. Starrett II of Newport Beach, a lawyer for Arthur Axelrod, whose Transatlantic Bancorp had

raised more than \$10 million for interbank, "Dominelli was making promises to herds of people. The people on the outside of these side deals were obviously upset. It appeared everyone was in on some side deal." Dominelli was known to be phoning larger investors constantly. Investors who had not heard from him were hysterical. They feared that what little money existed was being siphoned off to the big boys who could get optimum arrangements - or to organized crime — connected thugs who could threaten to make the *ultimate* arrangement.

In late January and February 1984, as investors and last-minute lenders remonstrated outside his office, hounded him by phone and by wire, and pressured brokers within the organization to intercede on their behalf, Dominelli sensed he was rowing with one oar. Even George Mitrovich perceived an aura of disunion: "I don't know how to characterize what's going on around here. Definitely, it's not normal activity," he said to a reporter on February 9.

Both of San Diego's large establishment law firms — Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, and Gray, Cary, Ames & Frye — were in the center of the storm. Luce, Forward was representing Thomas DiNoto, the jingle writer who had more than \$1 million in interbank. Gray, Cary represented Axelrod.

Luce, Forward prepared

a suit charging Dominelli with violation of federal securities and racketeering laws and presented it to Dominelli and his lawyer Maurile Tremblay on February 6. If DiNoto's money did not come through by February 9, the suit would be filed, said the firm. The parties met several times, and Dominelli's lawyers explained that there was a logistic problem moving the money out of Switzerland. "We said to Tremblay that we would accept our client's money wherever it could be legally transferred," says Charles Bird, the Luce, Forward attorney. The firm hired a Swiss law firm to act as intermediary and to help untangle the perceived snarls.

Bird did not know, but

he suspected, that the only snarl was that Dominelli had no money in Switzerland. Bird was certainly unaware that at the same time his firm was presenting the suit to Tremblay, First National was closing the J. David checking account because none of the promised money had come from Switzerland."We knew the relationship was strained but didn't know it had been terminated," he says, remembering that throughout the negotiations Dominelli frequently referred to his fine

standing at First National.

The final meeting involved Dominelli, Tremblay, and Robert Harlan, another of Dominelli's lawyers.

"Tremblay told Dominelli that he should not agree to anything he couldn't do, but Dominelli still said he'd sign whatever it took," recalls Bird. But there was one overriding problem: "Dominelli was unable to produce any cash at all," says Bird.

It was deadline day, February 9, and getting toward 4:00 p.m.—time for Bird to stand up, unilaterally adjourn the meeting, and declare the

suit would be filed within an hour. As he did so, Harlan warned, "Don't kill the goose that lays the golden eggs!"

Just 15 minutes later, the suit was filed and the media were alerted. Dominelli made himself scarce, but his cohorts got his side across. Earlier that day, lawyer Nouskajian had told me that "as of 11:40 a.m. on February 9," not a single person entitled to receive money had not been paid. He didn't mention that a month earlier, he had pulled his own money out.

Also on February 9, M. Larry Lawrence said that he had checked out Dominelli with bankers in Paris, New York, Switzerland, Hong Kong, and Chicago and found he had an impeccable reputation. No questions about Dominelli's financial health had arisen except in San Diego, insisted Lawrence, who stated he had a large investment with Dominelli. Rumors of a J. David bankruptcy filing or contemplation were, he contended, totally untrue, and Dominelli was the victim of rumors and newspaper witch-hunting."The stories have created the problem, not the problem created the stories," explained Lawrence. But he didn't explain that his investment was in the form of a last-minute loan to Dominelli nor that his son had pulled out more than \$100,000 several days before

The evening of the day Bird stalked out of the office and told his associates to file the suit, Dominelli, Hoover, Dominelli's handyman Parin Columna, and several others descended on headquarters with huge green trash bags and stuffed them with critical documents. Columna then stashed the bags at a number of locations in Orange and San Diego Counties. And Dominelli and his minions started selling off the automobiles.

They knew they were headed for bankruptcy, and they had to spirit away the evidence and dispose of assets before the trustee took over.

The story of the lawsuit and of First National's cancellation of the banking relationship ran in the *San Diego Union* the next day, a Friday.

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The biggest showdown was still to come, Dominelli knew. The same week, he had been conducting intense negotiations with Arthur Axelrod of Transatlantic Bancorp, whose investors believed they had \$16 million in principal and interest in interbank. Understandably, the anxious investors now wanted their money back.

Axelrod suspected that Dominelli was double-crossing him. In November 1983 Dominelli had agreed to buy Transatlantic (essentially its client list) for \$2 million. The \$2 million was to be paid in ten installments. In the meantime Axelrod would transfer a \$4.7 million investors' reserve account he kept in a Bermuda bank to First National Bank of San Diego, but he would retain sole signatory authority. In January, however, Axelrod discovered that the \$4.7 million had never made it into First National. Dominelli had routed the money elsewhere, no doubt to pay off investors. Axelrod was furious, and Dominelli sent him an \$800,000 check. It bounced.

More fury. Then Dominelli sent several checks totaling \$521,000. They bounced, too. Axelrod erupted. In mid-January he and his attorneys huddled with Dominelli. In late January Dominelli tried to pacify Axelrod by boasting that profits that month would be 7 to 13 percent. Dominelli cooed, "We are whole."

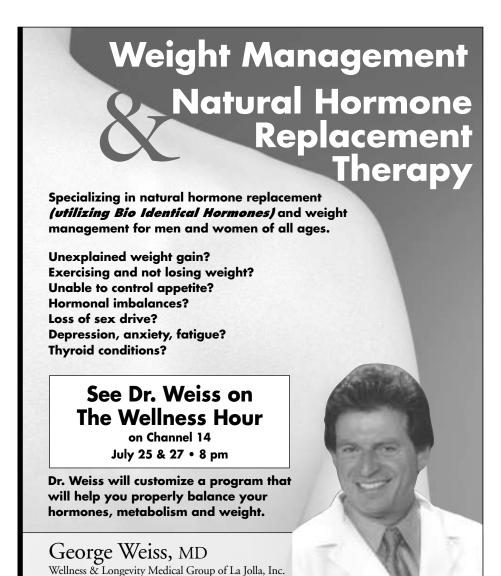
But Axelrod wasn't appeased. On the last day of January, he demanded all his funds. He sat in Dominelli's office on Friday, February 3, and on Sunday, February 5. Dominelli promised the money by Monday, the sixth; Axelrod was there waiting for it. Then Dominelli said \$4 million would be available. but the balance would come "in a day or two." On the sixth Axelrod got no money at all. He came in every day from the sixth through the ninth but left with empty pockets. Dominelli told Axelrod that \$1 million a day was going out to investors but that since early January, only \$17 mil-





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lion had gone out and there was \$150 million still in the pot. Unmollified and skeptical, Axelrod and his attorneys threatened they would file for involuntary (Chapter 7) bankruptcy for J. David, even though Axelrod knew that his own investors would thereupon file for Transatlantic's liquidation. According to Axelrod, attorney Robert Harland replied he would "move Mr. Dominelli's entire operation overseas" if Transatlantic went ahead with the filing of an involuntary bankruptcy petition.

(Did Dominelli ever have any intention to buy Transatlantic, or was he only setting up the deal to get his hands on that reserve fund? Certainly, by late November Dominelli realized he was in trouble and couldn't pay anyone \$2 million. "I'm beginning to believe" that the purchase offer was only a ploy to get some of Axelrod's liquid assets, says his attorney William C. Starrett II adding, though, that he's not sure Dominelli would have been clever enough to think of it. But others in the organization might have been.)

On Black Friday (February 10) Dominelli was certain Axelrod would pull the plug with a Chapter 7 filing the following Monday. He had to get his own lick in first. He invited a large number of employees for a Sunday evening get-together at his Rancho Santa Fe estate and told them that there were administrative problems getting funds out of Switzerland but that the company was in good shape. There had been a small run because of the bounced checks and the Union story, but there was still plenty of money, he claimed to his

Over the weekend Dominelli called a press conference for Monday morning. The recluse was emerging! In a prepared statement Dominelli said, "Let me begin by assuring investors in J. David that their funds are secure and that our firm is working to comply with requests for withdrawal of those funds. Having said that, I also want to acknowledge that J. David has problems. Although it will take time, these prob-

lems can be corrected. They are primarily the result of poor management decisions by myself."

He went on that DiNoto's suit had "no basis in fact," that J. David had no intention to file for bankruptcy, that administrative snags and "unfavorable publicity" had escalated withdrawals, and that henceforward the firm would slash its activities and employment — 70 of the 270 employees would be gone by that afternoon and four offices would be sold. For the future, J. David would concentrate on foreign exchange trading, because "that is the area in which we have the most expertise and in which we have been the most successful."

To assuage unhappy investors, a "blue-ribbon team"—composed of insiders, however—would go to Switzerland and find out what was happening but would do so "in a manner consistent with foreign bank policy" that would "maintain confidentiality of...interbank clients."

Dominelli admitted that the Threadneedle "trust" had

not yet been set up, but he didn't say why.

"I am not going to allow rumors or innuendoes to further impair a viable and dynamic company," stated Dominelli. Then he agreed to field a restricted number of queries. He averred that the Threadneedle "trust," when it was completed, would "not be related to J. David." He also said that the investor run had amounted to only 15 percent of total funds. Then he shuffled off to meetings, leaving the press to talk with investors and associates who had shown up to display support for Captain Money.

Members of the blueribbon panel — J. David officials Eric Johnson and Chris Kalabokes; investor William Galt, founder of the Good Earth restaurants; and Jerry Morrison, head of the local Laventhol & Horwath office — said that interbank would be audited but that they would "maintain the confidentiality of the accounts."

I gently probed Galt, asking him if interbank required

fresh funds to keep going. "The viability of the operation does not depend on new money coming into the fund," he replied. "He [Dominelli] wouldn't know how to do something like that. He is one of the hardest-working persons I have ever known in my life. I have absolute con-

Charles Benton, an unhappy investor displaying a bounced check, added, "I don't think it's a Ponzi scheme. I really don't."

fidence in his integrity."

Several friends of J. David took up the refrain that sophisticated bankers around the world trusted Dominelli — it was just the uninformed San Diegans who didn't. Dominelli was a prophet without honor in his own city. "La Jolla is a very provincial city," commented J. David money-finder Asher Schapiro, who spends most of the year in New York but maintains a San Diego home.

But later that day Axelrod's Transatlantic, joined by a South American corporation and an individual, filed to place J. David into Chapter 7 bankruptcy, claiming they had not been paid the funds due them.

Lawyers on the case soon discovered that Dominelli and his employees had been carting off corporate records and that he was frantically trying to sell the automobiles. In short order a temporary bankruptcy trustee was appointed. The FBI said it was redoubling its efforts, and a criminal grand jury began looking into the J. David affair.

That Saturday, February 18, more than 300 investors held an acrimonious meeting in the gymnasium of a private school in La Jolla. Dominelli appeared and solemnly told investors he was trying to solve the problem. He was treated very coolly. The investors set up their own committee — curiously including Galt, who was on J. David's blue-ribbon team — and took steps to hire a law firm.

But efforts to organize the investors were going to be difficult. They were asked to give their names and account numbers. Many refused to do so, possibly because they

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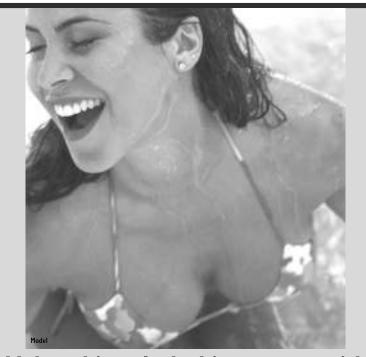
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were not paying taxes on their so-called profits and they wanted no attention called to themselves. "And some were concerned for their personal safety," says a lawyer.

After the meeting a horde of newspeople interviewed the shell-shocked investors. Many felt they had been had. But as is usual when a con man is being unmasked in stages, a large percentage were convinced that Dominelli had done no wrong. He was protecting the confidentiality of his investors, said some. He was protecting the lives of his daughters and of Nancy Hoover, said others. The money had been stolen from him by a gang of looters. He was just having administrative problems hadn't he explained that clearly? He just couldn't be a crook he was such a nice person: exceedingly kind, exceedingly humble, exceedingly generous, exceedingly solicitous.

This attitude would persist among a good number of Dominelli supporters for months, not necessarily as a manifestation of a humanitarian spirit. "Fraud victims are like rape victims, in that they blame themselves," says a lawyer. It's often simply a defense mechanism. To acknowledge that the perpetrator is a bandit is to admit that you have been duped and that there is little hope. Better to delude yourself. It takes an extraordinarily strong person to admit the truth in the early stages of a fraud's collapse.

As the meeting broke up and investors walked glumly to their cars and reporters dashed back to their offices, people finally seemed aware that San Diego was going to be rocked by yet another financial scandal and more people would be besmirched than ever before. "I think the really curious thing about J. David and this investment scheme is the way it cuts right through the heart of San Diego society and involves so many of the city's wealthy, prominent citizens," said Patrick Shea, a partner with Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps.

Another lawyer with the same firm expressed himself in an earthier fashion: "There is more shit here than one fan can handle."

In a matter of days, the J. David scandal grew considerably hotter. *San Diego*

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Union gossip columnist Tom Blair asked Mayor Hedgecock if he had a J. David account — after all, he was known to be a very good friend of Hoover's. Hedgecock said he had had a "small" investment but had removed it to remodel his mayoral home. Blair soon learned that wasn't so. The columnist went back to Hedgecock, who admitted that after the election Hoover had offered him a Rolls-Royce. Though he had turned it down, he did suggest she could help him with the remodeling job instead. He had borrowed \$50,000 against his interbank account, and Hoover had advanced him an additional \$80,000.

Then, almost daily more information about the ties of Hedgecock to Hoover and Dominelli came out in the newspapers. In his 1982 city and state financial disclosure

statements, Hedgecock had failed to declare a \$10,000 J. David investment. Hoover paid Hedgecock \$16,000 for a trust deed, but the sale had not been recorded — and Hedgecock continued to receive the interest on it. Eventually Hedgecock amended the earlier spending report that, as a politician, he was required to submit to the state.

Quickly there was a mini-Watergate, evincing eerily familiar patterns. One paper would reveal something, and the mayor would tell a little fib. It would only motivate the journalists to dig deeper. A competing paper would look into another corner, and the mayor would fudge. More digging, more dirt.

On February 24 the California Fair Political Practices Commission launched an investigation of Hedgecock. It was almost obligatory, brought on by Hedgecock's

clumsy and disingenuous way of dealing with each new detail.

With a primary election looming, Hedgecock wrote 100,000 San Diego families and admitted he had made errors. He subsequently owned up to mistakes both in the handling of his finances and in his handling of revelations about them. But the display of humility came too late to head off the probes.

Former J. David insiders told investigators how employees of Thomas Shepard's political consulting firm were on the J. David payroll — and seemingly ubiquitous around headquarters. San Diego District Attorney Edwin Miller started investigating whether Hoover and Dominelli had funneled money to Hedgecock's campaign through Shepard. And the county grand jury began looking into possible criminal violations

in Hoover and Dominelli's financial support of the mayor. Hedgecock charged that both Miller's and the grand jury's moves were part of a vendetta by Miller, a Democrat who had not backed him in the previous

election.

In the media a juicy financial scandal had escalated into a juicy political scandal. Hedgecock, Hoover, and Dominelli, by blaming the media (primarily the *San Diego Union*) and law enforcement officials for their problems, were goading probers into digging deeper.

By this point, George Mitrovich wanted no more. Without even speaking with Captain Money or the Golden Girl, Mitrovich left them a Dear John letter, packed up his papers and political memorabilia, and departed. He moved out of the Del Mar house and said he would be devoting all his time to the City Club. Although he had brought Hedgecock and Hoover together and had been a key player in Mayor Hedgecock's first election, he would not be part of the ongoing one. The rewards of participating in local political campaigns were too few, he professed.

When asked about his involvement with J. David, Mitrovich insisted that he had been almost entirely engaged in community affairs, that he had not played any significant role in the company's business. It was a questionable statement. Mitrovich had organized and publicized events sponsored by the company. He had served as a public relations counsel on business matters — to J. David. His presence had given the firm credibility it never would have had with a certain segment of the community. And he had helped create the mystique and the internal feeling of superiority that had kept the firm going.

According to Mitrovich, "Resigning was the most difficult thing I'd ever had to do in my life. Maybe in the end it was a huge scam. But if it was, it was pulled off with an adroitness and skill that you wouldn't believe. If there was any illegal activity going on, I never saw it."

Mitrovich seemed baffled to the end. The day before he left, sitting reflectively in his office, he had asked a salesman, "Do you believe Jerry could have been taken in by Mark Yarry?"

As the political scandal heightened, the financial imbroglio receded to the inside pages. But the dominoes were falling rapidly.

M. Larry Lawrence, who had loaned \$1 million to Dominelli days before the bankruptcy and was now suing to get the airplane Dominelli had pledged as collateral, was suddenly no longer defending Dominelli. The bankers in the world's money centers might have told him nice things about Dominelli, but the cynical San Diegans had known what they were talking about, Lawrence allowed.

Edith Reid had to take her Reid-Smith into bankruptcy. Beginning in mid-February, her investors received letters stating, "Jerry Dominelli has assured us that the funds are intact and safe," but nonetheless, she wanted Reid-Smith funds back. Of course, she couldn't get them. On February 22 she informed her investors she was going bankrupt because Dominelli's interbank fund was her major source of income. But, she

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added, she had some delicious real estate and oil and gas deals ready to go. Two days later, she asked that all her investors send her \$250 each: "We are going to need a little financial help from each investor in order for us to perform on your behalf."

Shortly, Axelrod's investors took Transatlantic into involuntary bankruptcy. Axelrod had told one investor that he had \$1.8 million on deposit in his Bermuda bank. He offered to pay investors a nickel on the dollar. But, noted the investor, if Axelrod only proposed to pay five cents on the dollar, he would be distributing only \$850,000. That would leave about \$1 million under Axelrod's control, and, to quote from the bankruptcy petition, "Given the debtor's [Axelrod's] history of dissipating and misappropriating trust funds, there is a serious risk that, having freed the \$1.8 million from the custody of Butterfield [the Bermuda bank], the debtor will dissipate, misappropriate or secrete the \$1 million of the trust funds that will remain in its possession and control after its receipt from Butterfield." Starrett, Axelrod's lawyer, said that Axelrod's niggardly offer "was his only shot to protect what was there." Axelrod didn't fight the bankruptcy, and the motion was quickly granted. Dominelli and Axelrod continued to communicate.

Mark Yarry left town. At first, as the company unrayeled, Yarry had said he would testify in a court of law, and take a lie detector test if necessary, to exonerate himself. In fact, he made a point of saying that he had never seen a confirmation of a trade and remarked, "I cannot confirm that it is not a Ponzi scheme." When his time to testify came, however, he took the Fifth Amendment all the way. Then he bundled up his family and went to the French Riviera.

As frequently happens in scams, the people at the core began splitting away from one another. Dominelli charged in a statement to the bankruptcy trustee that Bermuda's Bank of Butterfield "did not like Mark Yarry, because they had had some bad experience in which he had tried to pass himself off as myself, in trying to get funds wired out of the accounts." Dominelli also alleged that as the company was coming apart, Yarry had

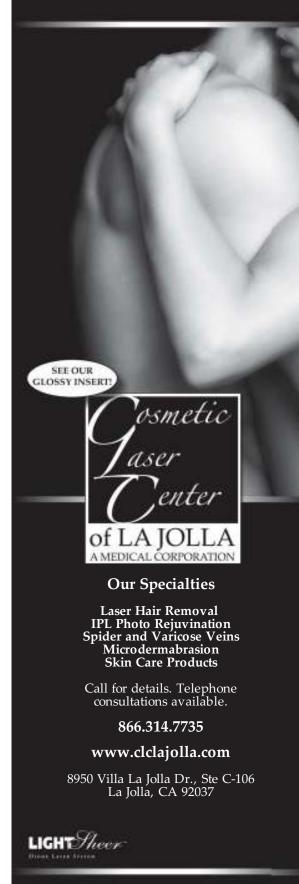
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opened an account of "at least \$350,000" in a London bank. Yarry initially said the account was in the name of J. David Banking. Dominelli told him to have the funds sent back. They never came. Dominelli pressed again. Finally, according to Dominelli, Yarry admitted that the funds were in his own name. And they never came back.

"If you look at the whole J. David problem, myself, through Nancy, on down to the people who worked in the offices, and to the clients, there is only one individual whose standard of living has improved in the period of time in the last three or four months, and that's been Mark," commented Dominelli.

From his outpost in France, Yarry denounced Dominelli as a "desperate" man and claimed he would return to the U.S. for any needed court appearances.

For Dominelli, there was

Dominelli's lawyers insisted that the sovereign rights of Montserrat were being trampled upon. They pulled out a relatively unused gambit, the Sixth Amendment, for their client: He was being denied his Constitutional rights to legal protection because he didn't have a bankruptcy lawyer. They asserted that the Fifth Amendment applied to documents, as well as to accused individuals. The legal maneuvering suited Dominelli perfectly. It gave him time to think up new explanations for every new revelation, and it gave him time to dispatch an aide to Europe to snatch up records there. On the advice of his attorneys, he took the Fifth

Amendment on most ques-

tions. Since there was a crim-

inal grand jury probing into

the matter, he had a right not

to incriminate himself in the

bankruptcy proceedings, his

only one strategy: stall.

lawyers argued.

Dominelli, who had a history of not listening to his lawyers, made a crucial legal mistake acting on his own. On Sunday evening, February 19, interim trustee Earl Cantos and two lawvers went to Dominelli's estate to serve him with a subpoena. Dominelli invited them in, and they started talking. It was decided that Cantos's two attorneys should leave the conversation, because Dominelli was not represented by a lawyer. In private Dominelli told Cantos that his interbank fund had had \$150 million under management and that the run by investors had drained off \$25 million. Some \$125 million remained, therefore, and the next day he would come and tell Cantos where it was.

But Dominelli never showed up to meet with Cantos. Then he broke two more dates with Cantos that week

and also started telling the media he had never said he had \$125 million. The bankruptcy judge ordered Dominelli to surrender property and to answer questions put to him by the trustee's attorneys. He refused to do either. Dominelli's criminal lawyer, Charles Goldberg, vehemently argued that the court was treading on his client's rights. The bankruptcy trustee just as vehemently argued that Dominelli was in contempt of court and belonged in prison. U.S. District Court Judge J. Lawrence Irving took command: Dominelli had "willfully disobeyed a court order" and was in contempt of that order.

Irving "did a superb job," comments a San Diego attorney. "After the way he handled these hearings, Dominelli's side was flailing at the air."

In a hot argument with Goldberg, Irving said that Dominelli had had "every opportunity to cooperate and he has refused. He has got to show me a good-faith effort to comply with the order or he is going to sit in MCC [the Metropolitan Correctional Center] until he does."

Dominelli did go to jail on February 25 — but only for nine hours. He got his release by agreeing to write letters and telexes to the overseas banks, authorizing them to send his funds to the bankruptcy court. It was after midnight when Dominelli emerged from the MCC, his powers of prevarication at a peak. He sat down and instructed a group of overseas banks to release \$112.8 million to the trustee's account: \$51 million from Swiss Bank Corp.; \$37 million from Banco Solari Blum, Lugano; \$24 million from Bank Haus Deak, Vienna; \$460,000 from Bank of Butterfield, Bermuda; and \$350,000 from Privat Kredit Bank, Lugano.

The bankruptcy trustee was elated but also chary. Dominelli returned to his Rancho Santa Fe estate, and the trustee's attorneys sent wires and letters to the overseas banks, seeking release of funds. Later Dominelli would phone the banks with the trustee's lawyers sitting by his side. It was just a matter of waiting for the money to come in.

Thus commenced a daily ritual. The press would call the trustee to ask if the money had arrived. The trustee would say no but wouldn't have an explanation. Dominelli would counsel patience. Everyone agreed it takes time to get money out of accounts in tax-haven banks. Were intense negotiations going on? Might the U.S. State Department be breaking new legal ground with Switzerland or Bermuda over bank secrecy? Maybe the secret accounts were not in Dominelli's name or in

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J. David's name but in the name of an unidentified person representing Dominelli. Or maybe the money was in secret numbered accounts, and Dominelli had lied about those numbers.

Dominelli told friends that the trustee's lawyers were incredibly naïve. Did they think that a tax-haven bank would release the funds to a bankruptcy trustee, even on the instruction of the holder of the account? His friends who believed that Dominelli was stalling to protect their privacy - concurred. "Suppose you're a Swiss banker. Jerry Dominelli calls up and says, 'Hi, this is Jerry Dominelli. I'm sitting here with the bankruptcy trustee on my left. He wants you to release all my funds to him at his special account.' Do you think a Swiss banker would do that?" asked a Dominelli intimate.

By early March just a little over \$100,000 had come in from the overseas banks, and Judge Irving was threatening to send Dominelli back to prison if no more funds arrived. Dominelli's lawyer said his client had been on the phone with banks. "We can't go over there [to Europe]. We don't control these people. We've done our level best," argued the lawyer. Dominelli told me in an interview at the time that he would be delighted to accompany the trustee and his lawyers on a trip to Europe to recover the

"Things get very sticky when you're dealing with Swiss bank officials," explained Charles Goldberg, and the trustee relented. Contempt of court hearings were postponed. Nancy Hoover offered to reveal where some of the assets were if, in return, the information would not be used by the trustee against her. The deal was refused and she took the Fifth.

Throughout this entire period, Dominelli was constantly calling friends and assuring them that the money would be forthcoming soon. He repeated the same story to the press. He seemed confident, and so did some of his associates, such as Axelrod. Few knew that Dominelli was scrambling to borrow the funds to make investors

Meanwhile, Dominelli's lawyers were also jockeying to delay his appearance before the criminal grand jury. On March 16 Dominelli nar-



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rowly missed one contempt of court citation by turning over 12 large file boxes of documents to the grand jury.

The first of the deep-pocket suits were filed. Groups of investors began suing everyone but the bankrupt Dominelli: his associates, such as Hoover and Yarry; the brokerage house Bache; the accounting firm Laventhol & Horwath; the law firms Rogers & Wells and Wiles, Circuit & Tremblay; and others, including individuals who worked for these firms.

The trustee's lawyers and accountants were under intense pressure. Their expenses had amounted to half the funds received — much higher than normal. Permanent bankruptcy trustee Louis Metzger, a retired Marine who had taken over from Cantos, contended that he was trying to hold costs down, but everyone familiar with bankruptcy procedure was cynical.

In late March J. David formally liquidated without a whimper from Dominelli, who was still busy trying to raise money from friends and assuring them — and the press — that the money was safe in overseas banks.

There was some word from Switzerland, but it didn't buoy Dominelli's spirits. Lugano officials who had been involved in Dominelli's creation of the Threadneedle "trust" revealed to the San Diego Union that they quickly had figured it was a sham. "It was not a real trust in the legal sense of the word. No one but Jerry Dominelli had any control over the investors' accounts," said Valeria Galli, a Lugano attorney who had set it up in October 1983. She had questioned why Mark Yarry was so deeply involved when it was supposed to be an arm's-length trust. Although she had asked for documentation of trading records, she said, she received none. She had warned J. David officials that they were not setting up a valid trust because "everything, including trading activity and how much was in each investor's account, depended solely on Mr. Dominelli's word. The trust had no independent verification."

Privat Kredit Bank, which was to have been the bank for the trust, said that J. David had never had more than a tiny checking account at the bank and that it had been closed down as the scandal grew.

J. David's records in Lugano had been turned over by Galli to the Lugano prosecutor at the time the Threadneedle project was aborted. An investor who had been on the "fact-finding" trip to Lugano had called the bankruptcy trustee and told him about the records. The trustee was negotiating with the Swiss to get them back.

In early April a court clerk's error thwarted Dominelli's stalling strategy. The clerk accidentally released to the press a transcript of a deposition Dominelli had given to the trustee's lawyers on March 7. (Trustee Metzger unsuccessfully took legal steps to prevent the newspapers from publishing the material.) The transcript revealed that Dominelli had no idea how much money reposed in foreign banks or where it was. His grasp of

details was shakier than ever. On the night in February when he left jail and listed the assets overseas, Dominelli had noted "51M" on a piece of paper designating the Swiss Bank Corp. account. But in the bankruptcy examination a month later, he didn't know whether "51M" meant 51 thousand or 51 million. "I was under pressure to put down some number that night. And the 51 is a number that has — it stuck in my head and I put that one down for that purpose. I really didn't know what the hell was in that account," said Dominelli. Perhaps the 51M did mean \$51,000, not \$51,000,000, he allowed, after prompting from lawyer

Goldberg.

He further revealed that
Swiss Bank Corp. had not
been a very important account
for J. David. Just a few months
earlier he had continuously
thrown around Swiss Bank
Corp.'s name, telling people
their accounts were traded
out of there. When the truth
finally came out, Dominelli
didn't even have \$51,000 in
Swiss Bank Corp. He had

\$32,000.

In the deposition he went on to explain that he had never known what was in the overseas bank accounts. "I have said all along I wasn't positive about exactly what is in those accounts.... The hour, as I said, was late and so forth... I think the attornevs there felt it was necessary to put something down," Dominelli related. He explained that throughout the existence of J. David, he would only periodically receive "a breakdown on approximate values" of what was in the overseas accounts.

He was, of course, dissembling. It was probably true that he was seldom sure of what was in the foreign bank accounts — after all, he had a grasp of very little about his business. But what was in those accounts mattered very little: At any given time, there was only a small amount of money in them. Most of the money investors entrusted to Dominelli never left the United States. It went primarily into First National Bank and then was spent on homes, cars, horses, favorite charities, subsidiaries of J. David, and the rest.

When investors realized that Dominelli had admitted a full month earlier he didn't know anything about the overseas money but that the trustee had still not cracked down, complaints grew. However, the delay was understandable. Metzger had just come on the scene, and delicate negotiations with the banks and governments in tax-haven countries were in progress. In mid-April Metzger and one of his attorneys, Ronald Orr, flew to Europe to make a final check on the existence of any funds in those

Dominelli knew what they would find, and he decided he should fly off, too. Although the authorities had assured investors that Dominelli would not leave San Diego, he got away.

— Don Bauder

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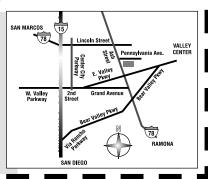


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and his administration getting away with how they circumvented the law, misrepresented the truth, and generally made life miserable for district employees, parents, and students during the past seven years. And I'd like to hear from each of you courageous men and women. My nonprofit, VOTE, is committed to exposing the truth of Mr. Bersin and his administration, not only to the good people of San Diego but across this state and nation. San Diego needs to warn other parents and school districts, and especially the power brokers in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. If you would like to join us in this effort, please contact me (on or off the record) at mmwrites@san.rr.com. The truth is the emperor never had any clothes!

Mike MacCarthy
President
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in Education (VOTE)

Snickers

After reading your cover story ("ABCs of SD," July 7), I had to write. After moving from Chicago to the Golden Hill area one year ago, I could not relate more to the issue of having to pause while on the phone when the planes pass (although having to turn up the volume on TV is much more annoying!).

It was a very interesting read for me as a new resident of this state, because I related to so much of the story — traffic jams ending out of nowhere (what the ?!*\$), a deep and profound love of the ocean, fish tacos!! I could go on and on. I had many friends and family read the story back home in Chicago. While many enjoyed it, some snickered at the cost of living. I snickered at being able to live. Sun does a body good!

> Kristin Golden Hill

Many Pandas

In Geoff Bouvier's story on "The ABCs of SD" (July 7) he stated that "the San Diego Zoo is home to the only pan-

das in the United States." Wrong. Memphis, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C. zoos all have pandas. The Washington zoo's female just had a baby, so they have three pandas, as does San Diego.

Betty Smallfelt Clairemont Mesa

Mistaken Identity

In the July 7 Calendar article "We Don't Like Dead Water," reporter Barbarella was confused on the identity of the person she interviewed.

I am Cindy Collins, the membership and volunteer manager of Lakeside's River Park Conservancy and cochair of our fund-raiser, Parade of Ponds. I did send out the press release for this exciting garden tour, but Marlene Eitleman from Aqua Designs (the event sponsor) was the person interviewed.

Ms. Barbarella quoted me as the owner and operator of Aqua Designs, which is not true. While I don't mind sounding like a successful business owner, married to a man named Bob, and living in Rancho San Diego, I think Marlene and Bob Eitleman

might feel cheated. After all, it is their business that sponsored this lovely fund-raising event for the River Park.

Cindy Collins via e-mail Barbarella responds: My apologies to both Cindy and Marlene, and my appreciation for their understanding.

Blatant Omissions

Was Joe Deegan in a hurry when he wrote "Fear Tracer," about Norm Stamper, in the July 7 Reader ("City Lights")? Deegan's more noticeable errors are in calling James Oliver Huberty, "Oliver Huberty." Then he calls shooting victim Albert Leos, Albert "Reos." He fails to mention that Leos is now a San Diego police officer after having served short stints with the National City and Chula Vista police departments. This fact seems to be important — to me at least.

Stamper lacks credibility among real cops. He was one of those guys who had book smarts but not street smarts, which is fine if he avoids going to the street. Deegan's omissions were too blatant for good reporting.

Tom Basinski Chula Vista

Death Miracle

Briefly, let me see if I can help the "curious" writer who responded on June 16 to my letter that the Reader titled "Many Miracles" (June 9). While it is not my intent to respond to each point of the writer, I think a few comments could be helpful. If "Name Withheld" or any other reader would like to get a more detailed explanation, I would encourage them to contact a local Christian Science Reading Room and talk to them or ask them for the name of a Christian Science Practitioner in their community.

In my letter published June 9, the miracles referred to could be described as steps of progress as we attain greater spiritual understanding. As with the sciences, each individual problem solved in demonstration of a fundamental principle moves one closer to understanding and demonstrating the complete principle. In addition, as under any system of health care,

people do pass on. However, we have the promise of eternal life in the teachings and practice of Christ Jesus when He raised himself from death and proved everlasting Life in God.

Mary Baker Eddy wrote, "Death is a contradiction of Life, or God; therefore, it is not in accordance with His law, but antagonistic thereto." We accept the Scriptural prophecy that eventually mankind will have attained to such a high degree of spirituality that death will cease to be a phenomenon of human experience. As any committed scientist, I am dedicated to advancing my spiritual understanding through daily prayer and demonstration of God's love for His perfect creation.

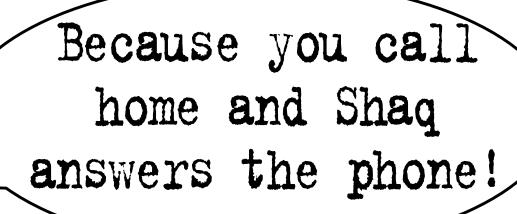
Mrs. Eddy gave us a prayer she asks Christian Scientists to pray daily. I offer it here as a starting point for all your readers: "Thy kingdom come"; let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!

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ameRiot is what you get when you cross a video game with a rave," says Matt Ringel, executive producer of GameRiot, which, according to its website, is "the largest traveling videogame festival and competition in the country."

For this third festival, which began in Chicago on June 11, GameRiot's most

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popular game is Halo 2. "It came out last November and broke all entertainment records by making

\$125 million in one day," Ringel says. He adds there are currently two million people playing the Xbox video-game system, and "most of them play Halo."

Halo 2, like its predecessor, is a "firstperson shooter" set in the future. "What people love about playing this game is being connected and being able to talk to other people [via a headset] while they're playing. Everyone else hears what you have to say; it's very, very social," says Ringel.

"At amateur level, people play this game 10 to 15 hours a week." Regular players of the game "pretty much know everything about it inside and outside." Microsoft has released nine new maps, or scenarios, in which to play. "This is stuff that hasn't been 'played out' in the last ten months. Now there are new places to hide and surprise weapons to find," explains Ringel.

The most well-known Halo 2 player (or, as many refer to him, "the best player in the world") is Matt Leto, a 22-year-old who goes by the name Zyos. Leto will be

competing with amateur gamers. "Zyos plays Halo 2 until 6 a.m. every day. He wakes up early in the afternoon and starts playing," says Ringel. Anyone who can beat Leto, who turned pro in 2002, will win \$100, an MTV2 jacket, and a Major League Gaming management contract.

Zyos isn't the only video-game superstar. The Fragdolls, a group of seven female gamers who tour together, were featured at GameRiot in Milwaukee earlier this month. According to their website, a "frag" is to eliminate another player and "ragdoll physics" is a part of the computer program "allowing video-game characters to react with realistic body and skeletal physics." These girls have combined the two words to create "fragdoll," which is "a female gamer with the skills to dominate in multiplayer shooters," or "a lady with the sass to use the laws of physics to her incontestable advantage."

"There's a whole movement of female gamers afoot," says Ringel. "[The Fragdolls] really have a lot of attitude, and they trashtalk the guys. They're also really good." Fragdoll members go by the names Eekers, Jinx, Katscratch, Rhoulette, Seppuku, Brookelyn, and Valkyrie, and each has her own blog and style as distinct as the Spice Girls

Along with the gaming celebs, aspiring rock stars compete in GameRiot's Battle of the Bands. The ultimate winner of the battle will perform on College Hoops 2K6, an upcoming basketball title.

"There's a similar attitude for music and gaming, something that is at once mainstream and counterculture," says Ringel. "There's a whole language around it



GameRiot competition

that only you and your friends understand...you understand what it's like to be up at one in the morning, having to play to that next level."

Ringel insists there are more gamers than most people suspect. According to a 2003 study by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, every student of the 1162 surveyed throughout 27 campuses has played some kind of video game, and two-thirds of those questioned play one regularly. "We tend not to even use the term 'gamer' anymore," says Ringel. "You don't say 'moviegoer' and 'concertgoer,' you just say 'teens' or 'people in their twenties,' because these are things they do."

Most Xbox and PC gamers are males between the ages of 14 to 34. "It depends on what type of games you're talking about," Ringel says. One of the five games in which GameRiot patrons will be competing is Ms. Pac-Man. "A lot of moms come out for that

one, and they do well." The other games chosen for competition are Halo 2, Forza Motorsport, Tony Hawk's Underground 2, and Counter-Strike: Source.

Of the 12,000 people expected to attend, only 300 to 400 will compete. Every person who attends will receive *Music to Game To*, a CD produced by Universal Records and promoted by SBC, and additional giveaways from Nestlé's Nesquik, MTV2, and DC Comics.

— Barbarella

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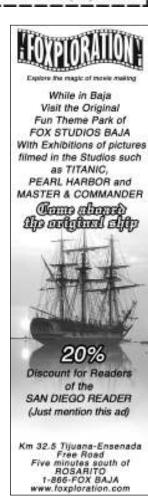
















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alendar **LOCAL EVENTS**

July 24. Registration: 011-52-664-686-3603. (BAHIA DE LOS ANGELES)

"Romeo and Juliet" is performed by Old Globe Theatre and Mexican students on Friday, July 22, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636, (TUUANA)

Paco Renteria in concert on Saturday, July 23, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Tickets: \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636.

Baja Inn 5K Anniversary Run, Sunday, July 24, at 8 a.m., starting at La Mesa Inn, on Boulevard Diaz Ordaz. Free. 011-52-664-608-4752. (TIJUANA)

Jazz, Rock, and Pop Festival featuring Javier Bátiz and La Cruz Band, Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m., at Tiiuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

See the Play ¿De Que Se Rien las Mujeres? On Thursday, July 28, at 7:30 and 10 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

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<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

SHOW YOUR MOVIES See video clips of Isaac Artenstein's Tijuana Jews at Media Arts Center's open screening night, Thursday, July 21.

(SEE FILM)



OUTDOORS

Birdwatchers need not despair now that the winter migrants are gone. Plenty of shore birds can be found on summer evenings in the natural coastal wetland areas of San Diego County. From south to north the publicly accessible coastal wetlands include the Tijuana River Estuary, south San

Diego Bay (just north of Imperial Beach and along the bay shore at Chula Vista), the San Diego River channel (inland from Sea World), Los Peñasquitos Lagoon (adjacent to Torrey Pines State Reserve), the San Dieguito River estuary, San Elijo Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, Agua Hedionda Lagoon, and Buena Vista Lagoon. In and around these areas look for California gulls, American avocets, brown pelicans, snowy egrets, killdeer, and redwing blackbirds.

July's Extraordinarily Low **Tides** are for early risers only! Check out the local tidepool life without hordes of other people around. Thursday, July 21, features a minus 1.8-foot tide at 4:23 a.m. On Friday, July 22, there's a minus 1.7-foot tide at 5:05 a.m. Saturday, July 23, you can roll out of bed at a "reasonable" hour to catch the minus 1.4-foot tide at 5:46 a.m.

week (evenings of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 22-24) roughly during the hours of 11 p.m. and 2 a.m., following the nocturnal high tide. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Iolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer (except in those areas classified as ecological preserves) by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only and should be eaten

Grunion will be active again this

Friday Frolic, walk around San Diego State University, see "where the trolley goes in and out of the tunnel," and what's new on campus with Walkabout adventurers on Friday, July 22. Meet in church parking lot (on Montezuma, between College and Campanile) at 9:45 a.m., or at SDSU trolley stop at 10:05 a.m. Optional lunch follows. 619-231-7463. Free. (SDSU)

Explore Scripps Pier by the Light of a Full Moon when the pier, normally closed to public, is open for exploration on Friday, July 22, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Participants learn of structure's history, take water samples, collect plankton, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine

Participants receive a packet of glow-in-the-dark organisms to take home. Fee: \$20 for adults, \$17 for children. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Find Birds Next to an Extinct Volcano during birding hike on Saturday, July 23. Andy Truban leads slow hike starting in Oceanside at Oak Riparian Park at 9 a.m. (on south side of Lake Boulevard). proceeds along Lake Calavera, partway up Mount Calavera, and back. Wear shoes with tread, bring water and binoculars. Free. 760-724-3887, (OCEANSIDE, CARLSBAD)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free, 619-235-1122, (BALBOA PARK)

Help Remove Invasive Plants and refuse along San Diego River — from I-5 west to river mouth — with Audubon Society volunteers, Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m. to noon. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Free. Directions: 858-273-5242. (MISSION BAY)

An Expert Birder from Audubon Society leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)



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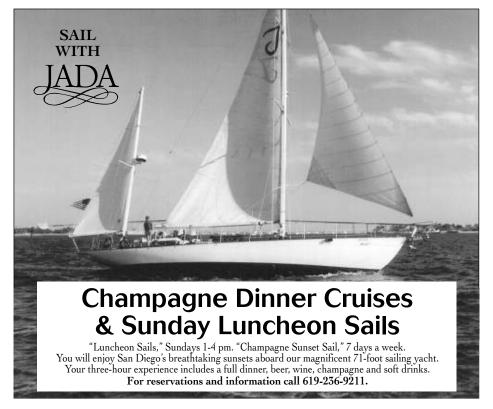
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Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, July 23, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Learn About Native Plants. their uses, when naturalist Linda King leads moderately paced nature walk, Sunday, July 24, 8:30 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Meet in Mercy Road staging/parking area (upper level at junction of Mercy and Black Mountain Roads). Free. 858-484-3219, (MIRA MESA)

The Delta Aquarid Meteor **Shower,** typically one of the year's ten best showers, will be partially spoiled this year by a coinciding third-quarter moon. Nonetheless, anyone camping out under the stars during the middle part of next week (July 26-28) might see some 10-15 meteors per hour under a clear, unobstructed predawn (2 a.m. to 4 a.m.) sky.

Rediscover Escondido during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens' Ecology Committee, Tuesday, July 26, 6 p.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (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.

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.

Bellydance Dinner Show with Luisa, Sultana Rose, Samira, and Violeta performing to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Friday, July 22, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover with dinner purchase. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

Ragtime Two-Step taught and one-step reviewed —during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, July 22, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. Free. All ages, singles, partners, 619-583-

Contradance to music by Michael Gutin Band, calling by Steve Barlow, Saturday, July 23, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$8. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, July 23, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Latin and ballroom plus request dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Dance lesson: 8 p.m. 619-275-3533. \$7. (BAY PARK)

All Things Swing Dance Party with music by Blue Largo, workshops, dancing, performances, games, Saturday, July 23, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate "Dips and Tricks" workshop: 7:15 p.m.; beginners: 8:30 p.m., open dancing 8:30 to midnight. Dance only: \$12; additional fee for lessons. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Steve Maranto is caller on July 24. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-

Bellydancing by Rachel George, Velvet Gypsy, and Niveen, live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Sunday, July 24, 7:30 p.m., at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). \$10 cover. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Honoring Departed Family and Friends Through Dance! Bon Odori (Festival of Joy) dance lessons offered at Buddhist Temple of San Diego (2929 Market Street) Tuesday, July 26, 7:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-0896. (GOLDEN HILL)

Israeli Folk Dancing is offered every Thursday at San Diego Jewish Academy (11860 Carmel Creek Road). Beginners: 7 p.m., intermediate/advance: 8 p.m. Open

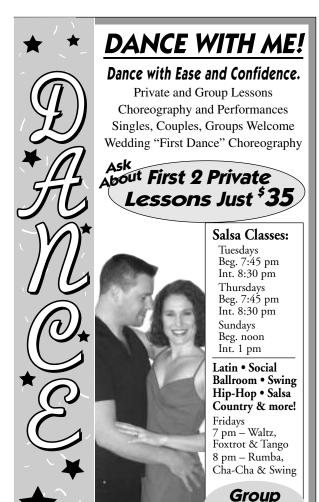
dancing until 11:30 p.m. \$6. 760-631-0802. (CARMEL VALLEY)

FILM

Show Your Movies, watch video clips of Isaac Artenstein's current work Tijuana Jews during open screening night, Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Co-hosted by Association of Independent Film and Video, Artenstein will be on hand (with 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)

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Calendar **LOCAL EVENTS**

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)

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)

The "Brutal Drama" Pater Familias by Francesco Paterno screens in Italian with English subtitles on Friday, July 22, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Living on Light," screens and Hira Ratan Manek examines "benefit of solar gazing" on Friday, July 22, 7 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). Donation: \$5. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

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 (filmed on the Surprise) on July 22. Burt Lancaster stars in The Crimson Pirate (1952), screening July 23. Films are projected on special ship

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The "Not-So-Silent Film Festival" featuring Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films returns on Saturday, July 23, in Seuss Room of UCSD's Geisel Library. Screenings start on the hour, noon to 3 p.m. Audience helps pick which short silent films to show, which songs to play, and what

sound effects to use. 858-534-8074. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Buster Keaton's Three Ages stars along with organist Dennis James during annual movie night at 18th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Up and Down," a "tribute to the fragility of human nature, screens in Czech with English subtitles for Film Forum on Monday, July 25, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Dragons, Dreams, and Daring **Deeds"** provide theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Disney's animated Kid in King Arthur's Court (1995) tale featured Wednesday, July 27, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Surfing on Screen, catch The State of S: Full Circle by Brian Taylor and Jessie Marley's What's Next, screening August 1-3 around the county. Catch flicks on Monday at 7:30 p.m., at La Paloma

Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101; 760-436-7469), on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541), and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at I.B. Forum (1079 Seacoast Drive). \$10. (ENCINITAS, LA JOLLA, IMPERIAL BEACH)

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

"Holistic Pet Care," holistic health practitioner Rainy Kemp discusses benefits of natural foods and remedies for pets during Happy Hour Lecture, Thursday, July 21, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). \$10. Reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

"Intuitive Portraits" presented by Andrea Modica, Thursday, July 21, at Museum of Photographic Arts. Martha Madigan focuses on "Solar Printing in the Age of Technology," Thursday, July 28. Programs begin at 7 p.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-238-7559 x212. (BALBOA PARK)

Archaeology and History of Camp Pendleton explored when base archaeologist Stan Berryman speaks for San Diego County Archaeological Society, Saturday, July 23, 7:30 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House, Free, 858-538-0935. (MIRA MESA)

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urday, July 23, 7 p.m., at Buddhist Temple of San Diego (2929 Market Street). "Dharma" refers to Buddha's teachings. Free. 619-239-0896. (DOWNTOWN)

Learn to Make an Authentic Egg Roll during class on Saturday, July 23, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Includes wrapping technique, recipe for filling. Bring knife, cutting board. \$15. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"Xeriscape: Lush Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" is topic for lecture by landscape designer Jan Tubiolo, Saturday, July 23, 9:30 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West), \$13.

"Retrofitting Your Garden to Low-Water Use," Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 p.m., by landscape architect Dan Carney. \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Parrot Education and Adoption Center offers seminars on variety of topics on July 23 and 24. "Avian Diseases: The Four P's" provide subject at 1 p.m.; examine "Behavior Problems" at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

"Everything Your Parrot Wants You to Know" divulged at 1 p.m.; followed by a look at "African Grays" at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way), \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Reservations: 619 - 287 - 8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Astro-Energetic Healing" — Terry Lamb focuses on his "unique method of blending astrology with healing work" for Cadent Cross Institute on Saturday, July 23, 1 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. Registration: 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

Penn and Teller's Television **Show** Bullshit is up for viewing (a few episodes), discussion, when Association for Rational Inquiry gathers on Sunday, July 24, 7 p.m., in Joyce

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emmed in by hundred-foot cliffs on one side and the restless surf on the other, Crystal Cove State Park's three miles of sandy beachfront seem strangely detached from the busy Orange County world above. Aside from the quaint beachfront-cottage community at Crystal Cove, recognized on the National Register of Historic Places, the midportion of the beach is largely free of encroachment by manmade structures. Come very early in the day and you'll probably have the beach all to yourself.

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Highway (Highway 1) in Dana Point. Continue through Laguna Beach to Crystal Cove State Park. Turn left into either the Reef Point Area or the Pelican Point Area, where you gain access to blufftop hiking/biking paths that lead in several directions toward the beach below.

The top of the bluffs represent the first (other than the one being cut by ocean waves today) of several successively higher and older marine terraces extending back into the interior San Joaquin Hills. Obviously, sea levels have fluctuated in this area over geologic spans of time.

Stay on the designated paths so as not to trample the sage-scrub plant and wildlife community that has been reestablished here over the past 20 years. Much of this vegetation looks brown and drab in the summer, when it's dormant, but it turns green and flowery during the rainy season.

Below the cliffs on the gently shelving beach, you can scuff through the warm, squeaky sand above the high-tide line, tiptoe through the beached kelp along with flocks of nervous shorebirds, or cool off in the undulating wash of

the surf. Swimmers and surfers should beware of the rocky reefs submerged at higher tides. During low tides, the rocky reefs are exposed, promising tidepool discoveries. North of

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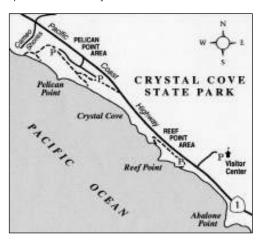
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Pelican Point, the beach pinches out and the rocky coastline is dramatically indented by sea stacks and sea caves. That's where the tidepools are truly spectacular — but only during fee is charged, good for both parts of the park. The entrance to the backcountry sector on the east side of Pacific Coast Highway features a small museum and visitor center.



Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Requested donation: \$5, 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

"Painted Ladies" Lecture, artist D.J. Hall, who currently has art included in exhibit at Cannon Gallery, discusses her work on Sunday, July 24, 3 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

Pet First Aid class offered by American Red Cross, Sunday, July 24, 1 to 5 p.m., at San Diego

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"Ethiopia and Food Security for Its People" explored when Daniel E. Conway addresses North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council on Monday, July 25, 10:05 a.m., in secondfloor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Conway was commissioned by U.N. to evaluate effectiveness of humanitarian program providing

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"Women Traveling Solo" is theme for clinic planned on Monday, July 25, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (2002 South Coast Highway 101). Tips, strategies, resources, safety. Free. 760-966-1700.

Longtime Atheist Activist Bart Aikens speaks for Atheist Coalition of San Diego, Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation

Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)

"The Turn of the 20th Century in the West: Part 2: Work and Play" explored when UCSD literature professor Steven Cassedy addresses North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, July 26, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-509-4937.

Mountain Bike Basics dispensed Tuesday, July 26, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and on Wednesday, July 27, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive: 858-279-4400), Basics of biking, proper gear, techniques, local places to explore. Free programs start at 7 p.m. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

Sports Performance Expert Ken Baum, author of The Mental Edge — Maximize Your Sports Potential, speaks Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m., at Qualcomm Fitness Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets: \$49 at door (free for parents with paid athlete). 800-828-EDGE. (LA JOLLA)

"China, India, and Russia — New Spheres of World Influence" — ponder and debate on Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Work the Camera! Learn about "Glamour Photography" when William Morton, current president of American Society of Media Photographers, speaks for North County Photographic Society, Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 p.m. in Ecke Building at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$3. 760-752-6375. (ENCINITAS)

"Researching Maternal Lines Before 1860" is topic for panel discussion hosted by North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Wednesday, July 27, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free, 760-744-7530, (CARLSBAD)

Stereo Slides of the Missions of San Antonio, Texas, and Big Bend National Park, Texas, presented when San Diego Stereo Camera Club gathers on Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m., in Photo Arts

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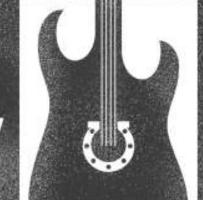
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"A Look at Maxfield Parrish" offered by curator D. Scott Atkinson, Thursday, July 28, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Onward to Where?" Newspaper columnist, editor, author Neil Morgan participates in community conversation forum with UCSD's Mary Walshok on Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Support Your Local Banana **Expert!** "Growing Bananas in San Diego" is subject when California Rare Fruit Growers meet on Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Best-tasting, best-performing varieties for climate, fertilization, irrigation regimes. Fruit tasting follows. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

Historic Preservationist Louise Torio presents "The Mills Act" on Thursday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, August 6, at 1 p.m., at Bonita Museum (4035 Bonita Road). Learn how owners of historic homes "experience long-term benefits and financial rewards" using Mills Act. Free. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

"If It Is Not Alzheimer's Disease, What Is It?" Educational forum for family caregivers on geriatric dementias, Thursday, July 28, 9 a.m. to noon, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Free. Reservations: 619-224-7300, (MISSION VALLEY)

"Go-Lite Backpacking" Clinic with Demetri "Coup" Coupounas divulging tips and techniques, Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

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Weirdness" when Full Moon Partisans play "Soviet-folk-punk," joined by Brown Recluse, Thursday, July 21, 8 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Donation, 619-692-0942, (OCEAN BEACH)

"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)

Plays in the Park, see American Alice in Wonderland, Stephen Storc's "patriotic musical update" of Lewis Carroll's tale, when Theatrix performs Friday through Sunday, July 22-24, 8 p.m., at Kit Carson Park amphitheater (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). Tickets for this adult-cast show: \$12.50-\$17. 760-489-2496. (ESCONDIDO)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series continues with zydeco and funk tunes by Li'l Brian and the Zydeco Travelers on Friday, July 22, 6 p.m. at Poinsettia Park (Hidden Valley Road). Shuttle service from Pacific Rim School (at Hidden Valley and Camino de los Ondes) available. 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

Six Short Plays by Christopher Durang are presented on Fridays and Saturdays, through July 30,

Poetry POEM BY DAVID LEHMAN

THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

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I never liked the World Trade Center. When it went up I talked it down As did many other New Yorkers. The twin towers were ugly monoliths That lacked the details the ornament the character Of the Empire State Building and especially The Chrysler Building, everyone's favorite. With its scalloped top, so noble. The World Trade Center was an example of what was wrong

With American architecture. And it staved that way for twenty-five years Until that Friday afternoon in February When the bomb went off and the buildings became A great symbol of America, like the Statue Of Liberty at the end of Hitchcock's Saboteur. My whole attitude toward the World Trade Center Changed overnight. I began to like the way It comes into view as you reach Sixth Avenue From any side street, the way the tops Of the towers dissolve into white skies

Into the city across the George Washington Bridge.

OCTOBER 11, 1998 Of cities I know New York wins the paranoia award the place you'd least like to be stuck between floors on a temperamental elevator on 14th Street or ride on the N train when the conductor's face is missing that must be why we like it we who like to think we thrive on risk on the other hand the discrepancy between the cold air

In the east when you cross the Hudson



outside and the overheated flat is without parallel and completely without justification

SEPTEMBER 14, 2001 Before September 11 I would have written it one way. I would have interviewed the soldier who volunteers to die as penance for his part in the erotic shipwreck. He had understood her as little as she had understood him though they were children to consider and now they were orphans. I would have depicted the plane crash as an accident in a world of disorder not a careful calculation. But now they love us, because we've taken this hit, and in case you forget all you have to do is look up and it's not there.

– David Lehman

8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at door. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Rancho Buena Vista High School Wind Ensemble performs under the gazebo in concert on Friday, July 22, 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 a salute to

Free, 619-401-8858, (EL CAJON) Light My Fire! José Feliciano performs "Latin soul" for San Diego Symphony Summer Pops series on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23. Evenings conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

Up for a "Noisy Floatfest of Epic Proportions"? Friday Group, Zaika, Death Stab perform Saturday, July 23, 8 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). 619-692-0942. Donation. (OCEAN BEACH)

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Ramonastock! Many local bands - including Ersatz Dime, Chess Club Fury, Sus Hijos, Forgotten Alibi, many others - perform Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., at Ramona Fairgrounds (434 Aqua Lane). \$10. 760-315-2277. (RAMONA)

Following the Tradition of AThousand and One Nights, enjoy Schererazade — The Veil behind the Blade, a dance and theater presentation with live music. Show stars Titanya Dahlin, John Bilezikjian, Marguerite, Amarat, Dondi, Kamaal, Frank Lazzaro, Velvet Gypsy, and Richard Steiger. Saturday, July 23, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$20, 800-457-4010 x14. For mature audiences. (CARLSBAD)

Local Romance Author Leanne Shawler signs Touched by Time, Saturday, July 23, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Summer Concerts in the Gardens, Bayou Brothers perform Cajun and zydeco music on Saturday, July 23, 7:30 p.m., at Wood House in Heritage Gardens (1148 Rock Springs Road). \$5 general, free for those under 10. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Pop Standards by singers including Patsy Cline and Linda Ronstadt promised when Suzanne Reed performs on Saturday, July 23, 7 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuvamaca College Drive West). Bring lawn chairs, blankets. \$5. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Author James S. Valliant signs and discusses The Passion of Ayn Rand's Critics, Saturday, July 23, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). 760-480-2760. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Elvis Has Not Left the Building! Golden Oldies Tribute Show —with celebrity impersonators of Elvis Presley, Temptations, Aretha Franklin, MC Austin Powers - Saturday, July 23, 8 p.m., at Ramona Mainstage Theatre (626 Main Street). \$25 general, \$20 for military, seniors, children under 15. 760-789-7008, (RAMONA)

Hotter Than July #2, comedy jam hosted by Galaxy Glenn, headlined by Lavell Crawford, Jay Lamont, Corey Holcomb, and Dominique, Saturday, July 23, 8 p.m.,

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at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$15, \$25, \$30. 619-851-8401. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fearless Women: Midlife Portraits" signed by photographer Mary Ann Halpin on Sunday, July 24, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166). Two of her "fearless women," Angie Bunch of Culture Shock Dance Troupe and jazz vocalist Sherry Williams, will be on hand to perform. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Glen Fisher and Con Alma perform Latin jazz on Sunday, July 24, 6 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive), \$30 fee includes dinner at 5 p.m. Reserva-

Sundays at Six, summer concert of oldies by Clyde and the Moonlighters on July 24, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

Open-Mike Poetry Reading hosted by Sunset Poets, Sunday, July 24, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105 North Coast Highway). Listen, or read a favorite poem by yourself or someone else. Free. 760-758-2410.

La Jolla Concerts by the Sea, Mariachi Real de San Diego performs on Sunday, July 24, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Head to Moonlight Beach for concert by Bayou Brothers on Sunday, July 24, 3 p.m. Free. 760-633-2740. Dogs, alcohol, glass

prohibited on beach, found at foot of Encinitas Boulevard. (ENCINITAS)

"The Plot Against Social **Security:** How the Bush Plan Is Endangering Our Financial Future" is explained when Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Hiltzik visits Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle) to sign and discuss his book on Monday, July 25, 7 p.m. Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

"Simply Shakespeare," San Diego Actors Theatre presents reading of The Taming of the Shrew on Monday, July 25, 7 p.m., at Diversionary Theatre (4545 Park Boulevard). The actors are familiar with Taming but don't know which parts they'll be assigned until roles are drawn from hat in front of au-

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Read Your Poetry, selections by someone else, or just listen during open poetry reading hosted by Greg Gerding, Monday, July 25, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m., open readings 8:15 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Summer Estrogen Show" with Brenda Colonna, Vickie LeMere, Jill Anenberg, Jen Adams, Gayla Johnson promised when Comedy Grill convenes at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street), Tuesday, July 26, 8 p.m. No cover. 858-550-8088. For those 18 and older. (KEARNY MESA)

Suspense Author Christopher Reich visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss The Patriots Club, Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Twilight in the Park, summer concert series continues with salsa (Tuesday, July 26), Hillcrest Wind Ensemble (Wednesday, July 27), and Melissa Suzanne and Kevin Flournov Band (Thursday, July 28). Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Irish Author, Political Commentator, university lecturer, broadcaster Jude Collins reads from and signs his work, Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m., at Blarney Stone Pub and Restaurant (502 Fifth Avenue), Donation, 619-233-8519. (GASLAMP OUARTER)

Point Loma High School Graduate Mary (McGowan) Soderstrom visits from Canada to sign her latest novel, After Surfing Ocean Beach, Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). How has the landscape marked you? Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

OUT & ABOUT

FOLLOWING TRADITION

of A Thousand and One Nights — "Scheherazade: The Veil Behind the Blade" at Carlsbad Village Theatre on Saturday, July 23.

(SEE IN PERSON)



"Madhouse: A Tragic Tale of Megalomania and Modern Medicine" is discussed and signed by UCSD sociology and science studies professor Andrew Scull on Thursday, July 28, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Summer Concert Series promises bass baritone Philip Larson and Classic Singers performing Welsh composer Robat Arwyn's "Memory of Stars" and "A Sweet for Mother Goose" with Janice Stewart at 38-rank Schantz organ, Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Offering. 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

The Annual Pride Concert by Gav Men's Chorus of San Diego and other musical groups is Thursday, July 28, 7:30 p.m., at University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue), \$10, 619-574-6273.

Cookbook Author and Journalist Susan Herrmann Loomis lectures and signs Cooking at Home on Rue Tatin on Monday, August 1, 7 p.m., at Book Works in Flower Hill Mall (2670 Via de la Valle). Free, 858-755-

3735, (DEL MAR)

Every Day Is a New Arrival, Laurie Lewis and Tom Rozum are joined by the Guest House Band for Fallbrook Americana Music Series concert on Wednesday, August 10, 7:30 p.m., at Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Bluegrass extraordinaire! Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 17 and younger. 760-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres are in New York to play Mets, Thursday, July 21, 9:10 a.m. Road trip continues with Pads in Philadelphia to play Phillies, July 22-24, at 6:40 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 1:40 p.m. on Sunday.

The Pads head home to Petco Park to host St. Louis Cardinals, July 26-28, at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and at 12:35 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

Full Moon Paddling, kayak tour of Mission Bay hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, July 23, 7 to 10 p.m. Fee: \$65 per adult, \$20 for children six and older. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

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

Take a Scenic Kavak Trip on Lake Hodges led by a San Dieguito River Park guide, Saturday, July 23, 8 a.m. to noon. \$5 launch fee per person. Bring your own kayak, or call for loaner availability. Reservations: 858-674-2275 x14. (ESCONDIDO)

See Garibaldi, Lobsters, and octopuses when Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts snorkeling at La Jolla Cove — part of the La Jolla-San Diego Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve — on Saturday, July 23, 8 to 10 a.m. Previous snorkeling experience required. \$30. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Paddle Demo and beach cleanup hosted by REI at South Shores, Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Test out canoes, kayaks. Free. 858-279-4400, 760-944-9020.

High-Flying Stunts Forecast, five-time X-Games gold medalist and professional skateboarder Bucky Lasek performs for family fun day on Sunday, July 24, following fifth and sixth races at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. Bucky Lasek Skate Jam showcases skateboarders Pierre-Luc Gagnon, Jake Brown, Buster Halterman, Rob Loriface, Taylor Smith, Lyn-Z Hawkins. Demonstrations, autographs. Included in track admission (\$5 general, free for kids under 18). 858-755-1411. (DEL MAR)

Guitierrez Cup Polo Finals, Sunday, July 24, at San Diego Polo Club (14555 El Camino Real). Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., 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)

Self-Transcendence Swim and Run, Sunday, July 24, 7 a.m. Event begins with one-mile swim from La Jolla Cove to La Jolla Shores, followed by 10k run on La Jolla

Shores beach at low tide. 619-280-0735. (LA JOLLA)

Dust Off Your Cleats and head to Robb Field for a pick-up softball game. Games are played most Sundays starting at 1 p.m. Free, To make sure games are on, call 619-804-0000. (OCEAN BEACH)

Ramble Around Rancho Santa Fe and up El Camino Real to Oceanside with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Sunday, July 24. Sixty-five miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 619-561-3846. Bring money for lunch (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Showpark Racing Festival runs Wednesday through Sunday, July 27–31, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

The Horses Are on the Track, 2005 seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues 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)

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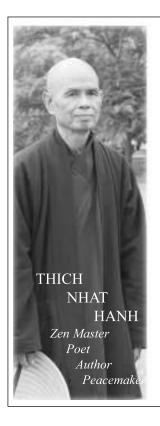
of the explosion of Navy gunboat U.S.S. Bennington - which exploded in San Diego Bay, with 65 sailors killed and scores injured are planned at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 21, at Bennington Monument at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. Free. 858-272-7357. (POINT LOMA)

Walk Through Time when over 60 costumed characters bring Gaslamp Quarter's history to life on Thursday, July 21. Tours begin at William Heath Davis House (410 Island Avenue) every 10 to 15 minutes, starting at 5:30 p.m. Walkers encounter celebrities including Wyatt Earp, Alonzo Horton, Madame Ida Bailey, Bum the dog, many others. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, Reservations: 619-233-4692, (GASLAMP QUARTER)



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Traditional All-Day Singing, singers from all over gather to sing in four-part a cappella harmony, early American hymns, and anthems, Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Porter House at Old Poway Park (14314 Midland Road). Potluck at 12:30 p.m. Loaner books available. Free. 619-544-0432. (POWAY)

Golden Hanger Fashion Awards, honoring Vidal Sassoon with a lifetime achievement award for beauty and fashion, are slated for Saturday, July 23, at Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center (500 Hotel Circle North). Reception: 6 p.m.; dinner: 7 p.m.; fashion awards and fashion show: 7:45 p.m. Dinner/show tickets: \$80; show only: \$40. Reservations: 619-275-4700. (MISSION VALLEY)

Drag Racing, Supercharged Driving Demonstrations, drifting and stunt bike exhibitions — time for 2005 XM Satellite Radio's Hot Import Nights/Daze tour to hit Qualcomm Stadium, Saturday, July 23, 1 to 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25 general, \$55 to enter car competition. 949-789-7439. (MISSION VALLEY)

Open Studio with Live Model — offering artists a chance to pursue life drawing and painting — every Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to

noon, at Arts College International (840 G Street). Bring drawing, painting supplies. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900.

Plan Ahead for Brews! Microbrew festival on Saturday, July 23, noon to 7 p.m., with libations from 15 local and export brewers, at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. "All you can eat and all you can drink" for \$25; tickets must be reserved in advance. For those 21 and older. Reservations: 858-353-0856. (BALBOA PARK)

Obon Summer Festival with lots of Japanese food (for sale), folk dancing, art, lectures on Buddhism, *taiko* drumming, is Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, noon to 8 p.m., at Vista Buddhist Temple and Community Center

(150 Cedar Road). Free admission. 760-941-8800. (VISTA)

San Diego Orchid Society Summer Show, Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

West Coast Reptile Show and Sale, Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Reptiles, "exotic pets" for sale. Tickets: \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for those under 12. 714-826-6600.

Nesquik GameRiot Powered by Xbox, traveling video game festival and competition, "offering gamers a chance to play...new and unreleased video game titles," is Saturday, July 23, 5 p.m. to midnight,



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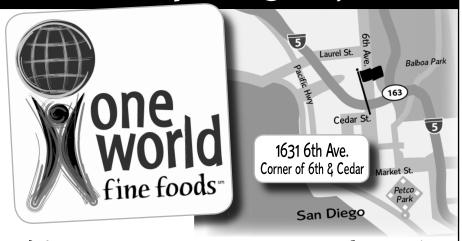
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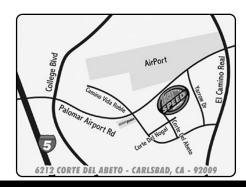
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in the Hot Import Nights event at Qualcomm Stadium. Over 70 gaming stations, competitions. \$21.50. 619-641-3100. (MISSION VALLEY)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Guelaguetza, fifth annual event celebrating culture, traditions of Oaxaca, Mexico, is Sunday, July 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on lower field at CSU San Marcos (at corner of South Twin Oaks Valley Road and Craven Road). Parade of Oaxacan dance groups and musicians, music and dance performances, traditional foods for sale, arts and crafts. Donation: \$6, free for those under 12), 760-7840-0361. (SAN MARCOS)

Get A-Long Little Doggies, time for 17th annual dachshunds summer picnic, hosted by San DiegoDachshund Club, Sunday, July 24, noon to 3:30 p.m., at corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Bring your doxie (western attire suggested), shade gear, water, picnic. Free. 858-755-9270. (BALBOA PARK)

Adams Avenue Antique Street Faire, Sunday, July 24, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Adams Avenue and 30th Street. Antique collectibles for sale, appraisals. Admission is free. 619-835-9077. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

House of Argentina hosts lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, July 24, 2 p.m. Free. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Ayn Rand's Theory of the Good is subject when Objectivist Reading Group meets Sunday, July 24, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune



OUT & ABOUT

HIGH-FLYING stunts forecast: X-Games gold medalist Bucky Lasek, Sunday, July 24, for Family Fun Day at Del Mar Racetrack.

(SEE SPORTS)



Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free; newcomers welcome. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

Alfas to Volkswagens, imports shine during San Diego Auto and Cycle swap, show, sale, Sunday, July 24, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). View vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission: \$5 general, kids under 12 free. 858-484-9342. (EL CAJON)

Behind-the-Scenes Tour offered Monday, July 25. 1:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Tour includes buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system. \$7. 760-757-3651 x115.

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

"Artist in the Park," James Hubbell will be on hand to lead "walk and talk" in Briercrest Park (9001 Wakarusa Drive) on Wednesday, July 27, 6 p.m. Mosaics by Hubbell are featured at park. Free. Reservations: 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

San Diego Mandolin Orches-

tra gathers for practice — with mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, bass, and guitars — every Wednesday, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Nazareth House (6333 Rancho Mission Road). Join group for rehearsals and performances. Free. 619-435-0837. (MISSION VALLEY)

Tower After Hours, series continues with focus on Panama at San Diego Museum of Man on Thursday, July 28, 6 p.m. Live salsa band, traditional Panamanian dancing by members of House of Panama. \$20 fee includes food and drink. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"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)

Beer and Sake Festival includes appetizers and entertain-

ment aboard the *Berkeley* steam ferry Friday, July 29, 6 p.m. *Berkeley* is docked at 1492 North Harbor Drive. \$30. 619-233-6873.

Knights Battling With Live Steel, Shakespearian tomfoolery, commedia dell arte players, clever-footed dancers — almost time for San Diego Renaissance Faire presented by Center for Creative History, August 6 and 7. Eight stages of entertainment, merchants.

Find village on grassy lawns just north of Morley Field (at Jacaranda Place and Jacaranda Drive). Festival opens at 9:30 a.m., closes at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15 general, discounts for seniors, children, military. 619-819-8413. (BALBOA PARK)

Music Rocks and Canines Roll, Woofstock 2005, the dog festival replete with fly ball, agility course, contests, games, is Saturday, August 6, 9 a.m. to noon at MiraCosta College, 3333 Manchester Avenue. Donation. 760-901-4300. (CARDIFF)

Clowns, Pachyderms, Human Cannonballs, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus entertains August 10–14 at IPayOne Center (3500 Sports Arena Boulevard). Performances at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m., a p.m., and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$13–\$81.50 through Ticketmaster, 619-220-8497. (SPORTS ARENA)

FOR KIDS

Yee-Haw! Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs *Giddy Up Cowboys* through Sunday, July 24, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *The Pirate Show*, performed by Big Joe Productions, July 27–31.

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)

Make a Mask during Kids at the Colony class for second through seventh graders, Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m. at 101 Artists' Colony (90 North Coast Highway 101). \$20. Registration: 760-815-0945. (ENCINITAS)

Japanese Braid Weaving is taught on Saturday, July 23, 1 p.m.,



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Reading

The Good Priest's Son



FROM THE DUST JACKET

Scribner, 2005; 288 pages; \$26.00

Reynolds Price

On September 11, 2001, Mabry Kincaid - a fiftyish art conservator - is flying home after a much-needed rest in Rome and Paris. Halfway across the Atlantic, his plane is diverted from New York to Nova Scotia. Two days later, when the United States has recovered sufficiently from the attack on the World Trade Center. Mabry discovers that his downtown New York loft is uninhabitable. He flies south to North Carolina instead to visit his aged father. A wid-

owed Episcopal priest, Tasker Kincaid has been injured in a recent fall and is cared for by live-in Audrey Thornton, an African-American divinity student at Duke University, and her grown son, Marcus, an ambitious painter. During a week in North Carolina — with help from his cantankerous father, from Audrey and Marcus and from Gwyn Williams, an old flame - Mabry is compelled to explore his tormented relationship with his father and with a world that still harbors much that he's loved but has long since abandoned.

On his return to New York - and in a swift and unexpected return to the South - Mabry must deal with the near-ruin of his loft, with haunting memories of his infidelities to his recently deceased wife, with the end of his childhood family, the uncertainty of his professional career. the ambivalence of his adult daughter, and with a daunting likelihood that is terrifyingly at work inside his body.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY

From Publishers Weekly: The novel blossoms into a heartfelt study of thorny familial love. Price also poignantly renders the exigencies of Mabry's middle age: Mabry takes up with an old flame while coming to terms with his philandering past, the death of his wife from cancer, and the

debilitating onset of multiple sclerosis. His discovery of a Van Gogh oil sketch also livens the story, but it is Price's assured prose and fully imagined characters and their family ties that make this emotionally resonant novel compelling.

From Booklist: The inevitable flow of fiction about 9/11 has begun, and the issue for novelists will be how to make the tragedy seem organic to the story rather than added on to it.... This novel is, then, about reconnecting with the past when the future is obviously so uncertain.

From Newhouse News Service: Price has now written 36 books since the publication of the wonderful *A Long and Happy* Life in 1962, and it has become clear that his literary goal has been the same as the great English poet John Milton's: to justify the ways of God to man. The titles

of some of his books indicate this interest: A Palpable God, The Source of Light, The Tongues of Anaels, Three Gospels, and now The Good Priest's Son, to name a few Like so many of Price's novels, this is a tale of failure followed by redemption. It is an impressive and moving

From The News & Observer (Raleigh, North Carolina): Shock's grip – whether it numbs or overwhelms - is not a friend to fiction.... But surely the most auietly magisterial meditation on the subject is Reynolds Price's new novel The Good Priest's Son.

The book, the 36th by the Duke University professor, does not concern itself directly with the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. Instead, it creates a world in which the attacks are a part - only a part - of the reader's awareness. Lives go on even in the face

of fear and tragedy, much though we might wish otherwise. Inside the intricately constructed terrain of Price's book, we watch a character wrenchingly start to comprehend his dependence on others, a dependency made clear by the national crisis.

Although the doctor cannot be sure yet, he is guessing that Kincaid has multiple sclerosis that, from the speed of the symptoms' onset, is progressing full throttle. No one in America writes better about the betravals of the body than Price - who has been confined to a wheelchair since surviving cancer - and Kincaid notes his accreting symptoms with focused detachment that is profoundly unsettling.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in 1933 in Macon, North Carolina, Mr. Price has been on the English faculty at Duke Uni-

"I took one writing course in my life when I was a senior in college and I never went near another one."

at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard), \$5. 760-739-9513. (ESCONDIDO)

"Amazing Ants." explore lives of ants and other insects, make an insect craft, learn to "think and act like an ant" during class for kids on Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum, \$15, Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Finklehopper Frog Cheers" by Irene Livingston is read for story

time on Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Summer Fun promised during "Botany for Kids" classes on Sundays and Mondays in July, including July 24 and 25, noon to 2 p.m., at Coastal Sage Gardening (3685 Voltaire Street). Fee \$15 in advance, \$20 at door, includes craft materials. Registration: 619-223-8051, 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

"Gladys Goes Out to Lunch" is read during story time on Tuesday, July 26, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real), Craft, 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

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)

"Dora's Pirate Adventure" sails into San Diego Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street), July 30 and 31. In the adventure, Dora, Diego, Bootsthe Monkey, and friends sail to Treasure Island.

Performances begin at 11 a.m., 2, and 5 p.m. on Saturday and at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$14-\$39, available at box office and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).(DOWNTOWN)

Shake and Make Ice Cream Day at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive) is Thursday, August 4, 2 p.m. Children (6-12) are invited to tour Quail's tropical rainforest, make and eat ice cream. Regular admission fee, plus \$10 for materials. Required reservations: 760-436-3036.

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, 760-941-1791, (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, "Building Bonita: Over 100 Years of Architecture in the Sweetwater Valley" focuses on the variety of structures built over the years in Sweetwater Valley. Architects Irving Gill and Richard Requa have work here, and there are new and unique concepts such as the Sweetwater Dam and the Glen Abbey Memorial Park." Closes on Saturday, August 27.

The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the Chula Vista Star News. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

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.

Campo Railroad Museum,

showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in

1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension showcases "Cloisonné: A Perfect Fusion," with over 35 pieces of animal forms and domestic objects. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum

the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original Star newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142, (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations. International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, Children Around the World videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items —including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections - is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with 'some classics and a concept car.'

Find the museum at 4233







Reading

versity in Durham since 1968. He is the author of 14 novels, beginning with A Long and Happy Life and his most recent, A Good Priest's Son.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

From my desk in California, I asked Reynolds Price, "A painting that may or may not be by Van Gogh continues to show up in your new novel. What about that painting?"

From his home in North Carolina, Mr. Price answered. "I'm trying to reconstruct it right this instant in my mind what the chronology of getting that painting into the book was. Certainly the first thing I thought about was Mabry's being an art conservator. Because that has always greatly interested me, I wanted so much to be a painter when I was a boy and a young man and I realized I wasn't really going to be good enough to be. And then in recent years a couple of much

younger friends of mine have become art conservators.

"So I thought I'd make Mabry an art conservator. I knew that I wanted the book to have some relation to 9/11. So I thought, okay, 'Mabry is flying back to America from Europe and as happened to a friend of mine, he heard about the 9/11 attacks.'

"Then, boom, the next big step was thinking that Mabry's bringing back a picture for a client of his and that the picture is going to have some interest other than simply being this thing that the guy heard about when he was staying at a hotel in Paris. I thought, 'It's going to be a picture by a young boy who as it turns out was an American.'

"Oh, I know how the Van Gogh thing happened. I was sitting here while I was working at the very early stages of the notes of the novel. I was leafing through a beautiful art book of paintings that Van Gogh did in the last months of his life. And I thought Van Gogh is lying there and writing to his brother, 'There's a whole family of Americans here, all painting like mad.' I went from there. I said, 'Oh my God, yes, there's going to be this young boy, they're going to be from Charleston (because I had recently made a trip to Charleston), they're a wealthy family from Charleston, they've gone to France, they wind up in this town, which was in fact also an arts colony, and the boy goes out a time or two with Vincent and he happens to be with him on the afternoon that Vincent commits suicide. And that there's a possibility that this landscape that he painted that day was painted over the top of some sketch that Vincent gave him. You know, just said, 'Here, son, here's a used canvas of mine that you can work on.' And that's

the way it all came in."
I enjoyed, I said, that Mabry
was a conservator. "I like in novels for the narrators to have occupations about which I don't know

"I agree. I must admit I've committed a writer novel but I won't do that again. But it's my conviction, between you and me, that there is a Van Gogh underneath that boy's picture. And it may not be a fully executed thing.

I don't think it is. I think it's a sketch, an oil sketch. But sooner or later, I think they're going to find a way to reclaim the Van Gogh that's under there.

"And then there's that whole question about who's it going to belong to, because the lawyer gets killed in the World Trade Center and nobody knows whether he's got any family or not." Mr. Price paused. "I don't know the answer to all the questions about my book."

"When you lay awake at night do you dawdle in your novels, and think about them and dream them?"

"I don't so much do it at night as I do keep a very active notebook going while I'm working on the novel. I'll type down a lot of what I call feasibility studies. What happens if so-and-so gets the job, then the following things will happen. I'll try to work out what seems like the most feasible or certainly the more fictionally promising strategy to follow. Usually by the time I get in bed at night I am ready to fall asleep."

"Do you ever feel when

you're working on a novel that you're living two lives — your own and that of your characters?"

"I do. I don't. But I can get haunted by the action. And in the one case, which was a novel that I published in 1986 called Kate Vaiden, I certainly did. That was the period in my life when I was dealing with spinal cancer and becoming paraplegic. I must say two or three years earlier, before the trouble hit me, I had chosen to write this novel, from the female first person, from a person who's very different from me as a human being. I think that while I was so ill, that I could go into my study and literally become somebody else, really was hugely helpful for me, psychically and physically and spiritually and in all sorts of other

"I didn't feel as though I was Kate, but I certainly felt that I could go in my office and lay aside my own plans for 'x' number of hours a day, and be deeply involved in her life. That was a huge help. I think that was the main time in my life when that hauntedness was most helpful

and significant for me."

Mr. Price paused, then added, "I love to work. Very early in my life, writing was hard for me. I was teaching myself how to do it. I took one writing course in my life when I was a senior in college and I never went near another one. It was useful but it certainly wasn't transforming. It didn't teach me how to write."

"Do you talk with people about your work while you're working on it?"

"I'm the writer who does talk. I try not to talk to the point of boring anybody. But of course as you know, it's probably more usual for writers not to want to talk about it at all."

I asked about some names in the book. The name "Tasker," said Mr. Price, is a name in his hometown. "Tasker Polk was a big, famous lawyer in the town and there are some of his descendants who keep the Tasker name. I suspect it's one of the Southern cases of someone's last name becoming someone else's first name. Like Reynolds being my name.

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Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Founding Parents of Lemon Grove's details first 30 years of Lemon Grove's existence as a product of "second gold rush" (rise of citrus industry). Photos of original homes (many still standing), artifacts, documents, and furnishings show late-Victorian world of transplanted Midwestern farmers and orchardists.

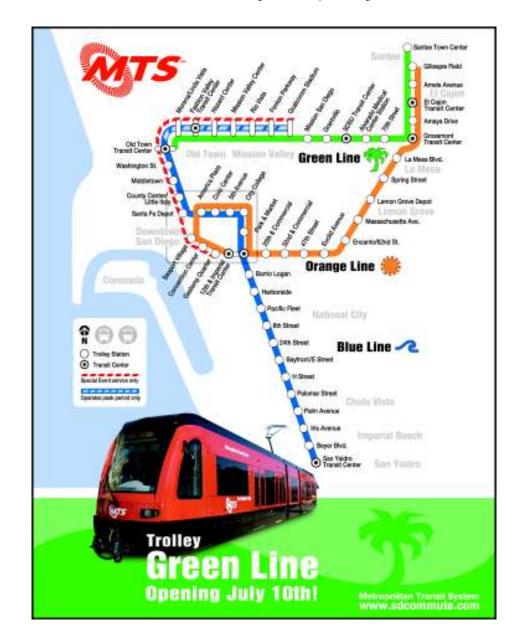
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Both continue through Saturday, July 23. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "Einstein and the Miraculous Year" commemorates 1905, known in the world of physics as the *annus miribilis* (the miracle year). During that year, Einstein wrote five revolutionary scientific papers. Exhibition features images, text, hands-on exhibits exploring some of Einstein's revolutionary

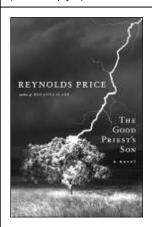
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"I love Tasker. If I had to pick an absolute favorite person as a novelist, probably it would be he. I don't know where he came from exactly. I decided that, when I realized that maybe Mabry had nowhere to go, that he couldn't get back to Manhattan because his loft was going to be littered up. I thought, 'Well, okay, he's from eastern North Carolina where I'm from, and he's going to go back home for a little while, he'll be interesting there.'

"I started making notes. What is he going to be? How about a retired Episcopal priest? I know that if I go back right now and looked at my notes, I could find, you know, 15 pages of preparatory material that led up to my discovery that he was going to be that, but that's the way it happened."

"Is Tasker low church or

"He was low church. The southern Episcopal churches are pretty low. Certainly the ones that I went to as a boy. I was christened in the Episcopal Church. My father's father was an Episcopalian. I spent a lot of my childhood thinking I was going to become Episcopalian, and then I finally became a Methodist with my mother. Now I'm heathen.' Mr. Price laughed. "No, I'm not a heathen at all, but I don't go to church.

"Heathen is a good word. We have this standard southern thing, which was my father was Baptist, He had become Baptist with his mother. My mother was Methodist. And although they really adored each other and I think had a very good marriage, neither one would cave in and join the other's church.

"So my brother and I went through childhood thinking which parent's feelings are we going to hurt? I tried to split it down the middle by becoming Episcopalian. But, as an adolescent, I decided, 'I'm going with my mother,' which is a fairly standard thing for a boy to do."

"What made Mabry such a womanizer?"

"I don't know. There are an awful lot of them in the world, as you've probably learned, by listening to Oprah, if nothing else. Well, I didn't want him to be a saint. I definitely didn't want him to be someone who had no bad qualities whatever. Womanizing seemed inevitable from the side of that.'

I said that I thought that one of the problems, in part, that the novel was working out was the Southern race problem.

Mr. Price agreed. "It turns out to be definitely. Mabry returns to North Carolina and there's the

racial thing, facing him again. And too, his father - Tasker has left the house to Audrey and Mabry makes this extraordinary request that somehow he'll give the house to Audrey but reserve a room for him. Just in case he's going to need somebody eventually. He's definitely going to need somebody.

"I tried to make Audrey, I tried to make that character at least, not be Tasker's caretaker. I tried to make her Hispanic because Hispanic people now live all around my home. And my whole part of northeastern North Carolina, there's a great many Hispanic people they've come there to work on the farms. I tried to make her an Hispanic woman. I wrote a few pages that way and it didn't work. I didn't know exactly how I thought Hispanic people behaved, so I thought, 'There's no way around this, it's going to be an African-American woman.'

I had wondered, I said, if Audrev's son was also Tasker's son. He wasn't, said Mr. Price. He added "I think it is hard for anyone who hasn't lived in that world to understand us. When I was

born in Warren County, North Carolina, which in my mind is where this novel occurs, I was born into a county that had an almost 70 percent black population. I was born in 1933 and I knew in my childhood, very closely indeed because they worked in our family home, that I needed two people who were infants when the Civil War ended. Nowadays if I tell my students that they'll look at me as though, you know, I were born during the Black Plague in Europe in the 13th Century or something. But it wasn't nearly as long ago as we'd like to believe. As an institution. And reconstruction was really a hun-

dred years ago." We talked about the southern meals in Mr. Price's novel. "You are so bad." I said. "You put ham in everything. And you serve ham biscuits at almost every meal."

'You couldn't even begin to sit down to a proper meal without ham on the table."

"And you have the ham sliced paper-thin."

"Just right, thin enough to read through."

"Southern writers have ter-

rific material with which to work."

"I know. We're still mighty lucky in relation to that whole world we came out of."

I asked then what I ask many interview subjects, "Is there something you wish I'd asked you that I didn't ask?"

There was. "Do I like it?" said Mr. Price, and proceeded to answer his own question. "I like it a lot. I don't reject any of my novels. I don't reject any of them. I own up to all my children, but this is in my own list of favorites.

"You never tell who your favorite child is, but in my list of children, I would put this pretty high. I don't want to say it's an old man's novel, despite the fact that I'm 72, but I think it's different from a number of my other novels. I wanted it to be like an arrow going to a target. You know, very direct, and while the story and the plot are by no means uncomplicated. I do feel that emotionally I wanted it to be like an arrow going to a target and I worked hard to try to do that. To me it feels like that."

- Judith Moore

of Motion and Perception," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," "TrvScience!," and "Skyscapes." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of handson exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "Bring the Past to Life," a 20-panel display installed by Jamul Indian Village tribal members, is on view through July. Exhibit chronicles history and present-day accomplishments of Kumevaav people, focusing on tribal ceremonies, legends, food gathering, art forms. Artifacts from the museum complement the exhibition.

The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "Automotive Styling -The World's Most Beautiful and Memorable Cars" are showcased through Monday, July 25. The ex-

hibit includes a 1936 Rolls-Royce Merlin V-12, 1938 Bentley, 1936 Packard, 1963 Corvette Stingray, 1935 Lincoln Model K, many others.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions,

'Shades of Greatness" is a 35-piece art exhibit on loan from Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, highlighting history, lessons of Negro League baseball. Exhibit includes paintings, statues,

Additional exhibits include "World's Largest Collection of Olympic Medals," featuring medals from as early as 1896. The museum —dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then"-style view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and natural environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical images from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will Chandler. Continues through May, 2006.

"Corridos sin Fronteras, a New World Ballad Tradition," on exhibit through Monday, September 5, celebrates the narrative songs known as corridos. Exhibition made possible through generous support of Smithsonian Latino Initiatives Fund.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displaysan d machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. The H.M.S. Surprise, used in film Master and Commander, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

"When California Was an Island," on view through Tuesday, September 6, includes illuminated period maps and nautical charts documenting the "jumpy evolution of California's geographic image in the western worldview. The Spirit of Sailing," an exhibit of photographs capturing "the romance of tall ship sailing" by Michael Kahn, closes Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153, (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Cuando Hablan los Santos: Contemporary Santero Traditions from Northern New Mexico" continues through Monday, September 26. Exhibit documents the past, present, and future of this tradition. Highlights include a San Ysidro by José Benito Ortego, painted images by José Rafael Aragón, contemporary section with work by 13 of New Mexico's santeros (saint makers), pieces by 22 children and grandchildren of featured santeros.

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" explores how humans survived the extreme cold. how their cultural and social behavior was affected by climate, and how artistic expression became part of their daily lives. Exhibit includes casts of rare Ice Age animal fossils, cast replica of complete Neanderthal skeleton, Ice Age artifacts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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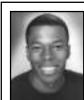
tle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information, (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP OUARTER)





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Artist, art star, and 1980s art world darling.

all labels in exhibitions can be poisonous. Their breathless instructiveness is largely a result of the didactic mission museums have taken on in the last fifty years. It's one thing to inform an audience, it's quite another to tell us

what we're supposed to think. It was a breather to go through the huge Aztec exhibition at the Guggenheim last fall and receive only identifying information about

each object — "Coyolxauhqui, ca. 1500, diorite," for example — but frustrating, too, because the culture is so alien from our own that I wanted a few details to explain the figure's significance. (She was a moon goddess.) The worst is when, by some tacit collusion between curatorial enthusiasm and art market handicapping, wall labels hammer us with delusional or ludicrous claims. It would take a super-heavyweight argument to persuade this museumgoer that Gauguin and Van Gogh have serious competition in Jean-Michel Basquiat — artist, art star, and 1980s art world darling.

Basquiat's reputation has been kept alive and stoked by sales, critical attention, and two huge retrospectives in the past ten years. He's become a culture hero, and it's become unseemly to call his achievement into question. Nobody wants to be left out of the party. But artists and critics keep each other honest by telling the truth about what they see. To me, the grandiose retrospective of Basquiat's career currently at The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, which I caught at its previous venue at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, shows off an artist possessed of authentic but narrow gifts, mostly those of a draftsman who sharpened his talent as a downtown graffiti artist who signed himself SAMO. The mechanics of his career were complicated and compromised by his desire to be a star. He announced when he was nineteen that he wanted to become one (a star, that is, not a good artist), and it didn't matter which kind. He started as a musician, then took to the streets and left his marks in select locations near hot clubs and galleries. He was soon scooped up by dealers and till his death in 1988 at the age of 28 produced a prodigious amount of art, but to judge by the evidence he was surrounded by clingers who rode the comet's tail and never bothered to tell him what in his art was sound and worth exploring, and what was puerile, arrested, and limiting. He became hostage to a style and iconography at an age when other major artists — some, like Picasso, Modigliani, and Giacometti, prodigiously gifted in their youth — were still testing the boundaries of what they already knew how to do. Basquiat, who made a dozen

or so exciting pictures, wasn't a failed artist, he was an underdeveloped one.

His raucous imagery had a proto-hip-hop swagger and ag-

gressiveness. In the beginning he was more writer than tagger: he painted walls with words, not with the smoke-roiled, hell-on-wheels imagery of standard graffiti art. Basquiat's street style was jabby and spellbinding. Like most tagging, it was mural art meant to look like something rolled or stabbed onto a surface, not (like traditional fresco) organic to the surface. When street signing is brought over to canvas or other supports — Basquiat used mostly canvas, board, linen, and paper — it finds itself in a kind of exile, in a country that encourages meditative pause and scrutiny. His art drew on the hit-and-run speed of the streets. And he used street instruments: spray paint, paint sticks, plus more traditional materials like acrylic and silkscreen. His work looks stark — the visual equivalent of a holler - in part because he didn't mix colors or blend tones. He was a figurative artist uninterested in using paint (or drawing) for depth or dramatic texturing. I look at most of his pictures and am grabbed by a piece of canvas here, a chunk there, and my eye lingers, yes, but only on this or that hyperventilated passage; I'm not drawn or led passage to passage, and I don't feel I'm watching someone building up a whole-picture sense. (This sort of discontinuity, like his use of writing and scribbling, derives from Cy Twombly.) The slashing "look here!" effects of paint stick, its un-modulated assertiveness of stripped-down color, also gives the pictures a childlike exuberance. You have the sense that Basquiat made every picture, happily, as if it would be his last, so every one had to be a house on fire.

His imagery and emotional register trigger alarm, bewilderment, and bemused hilarity. Nearly every picture in the exhibition attacks you in some way, usually the same way. There's the high-contrast signage technique, the recurrent motifs — crowns (regal or thorny), blocky heads with gutter-grate teeth, messages that proclaim or beseech

or appeal, and mysterious little hieroglyphics. He loves black (which has to do with his subjects: I'll get to that) and his blacks are like pulverized, paved anthracite. He made some sensational pictures, mostly when he seemed less rushed to create effects that came easily to him. See "6 Crimes," a three-paneled work where the handling is more deft, less frenetic and collar-grabbing than in other pictures, the paint more complexly loaded and controlled. It bears signature motifs: each panel shows two mask-like heads with the spiked dreads Basquiat himself sported. The heads are squared off, scarified, jug-eared, with gridded or rounded mouths, and over each dangles a lopsided halo. The letters S-A-M-O are scattered about the central panel, his nod to the conventional painterly gesture of including a past composition in work that's pushing into the future.

Much was made of Basquiat's outsider status. He had an aura of primitive authenticity, his Prada duds notwithstanding. He was a street kid (though born to a middle-class Haitian-American father and Puerto-Rican-American mother), a junkie, and in short order a wealthy artist. Basquiat became an art world insider precisely because he was perceived to be an outsider, and his practice

shares certain characteristics with the work of other outsider artists like the naïve, asylum-bound Swiss, Adolf Wölffli, above all a fussy, over-concentrated repetitiveness that seems not only not quite under control but not even quite self-aware. Basquiat made sets of nearly identical doodles (or photocopies thereof) on sheets he glued to his pictures. And his stick figures and crosshatched skulls recur like an obsession. I'm not suggesting that his art was pathologically bent, but like much outsider or naïve art, it was busy, nervous, and compulsively repetitive.

Basquiat's pictures grooved on incoherence and word salad. Letters and broken words bang against each other in the noise his pictures create. Like his floating heads, picket lines, and idiosyncratic icons, they create a lyrical din. Basquiat wanted figural articulation without curvilinear volume, and so



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many of the pictures look unfinished, skeletal, because they don't provide the formal terms or code that would convey a sense of what a "completed" Basquiat would be. The pictures are like the colorjammed, ritually scarred faces and skulls that appear in them — they're wild with visual information.

Among his best pictures are those that direct Basquiat's tragicomic fury at pieties and misrepresentations, especially of race. "Jim Crow," for instance, is a ferocious elegy for lynched blacks. (A lot of heads in the pictures, in fact, look caught in lynched poses.) Black heroes are a favored and fond motif, especially athletes like Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, and Jersey Joe Walcott. His pictures featuring these figures (or repeating their names, which acts like pictorial chanting) are already part of the lexicon of African-American painting. From West Africa and his distant Caribbean origins he brings



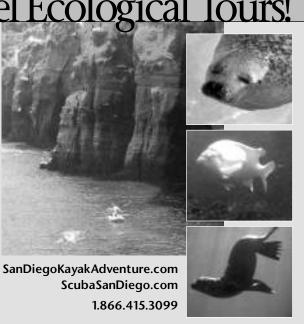
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over masks and folk motifs associated with Vodoun and Santería. Toward the end of his short life, he became more and more some kind of religious artist who wanted his objects to possess their own gris-gris. See his great 1988 vanitas self-portrait, "Riding with Death," where a skeletal pale horse is mounted by a brown-skinned, blackheaded rider. The later works summon various power presences — kings and griots (African storytellers) appear throughout his career - not merely as motifs. You feel that Basquiat was trying to make pictures into a charmed, leering space spicy and risky with magic.

Basquiat is on view at The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, until October 10. ■

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Latino Art exhibition featuring work by Colombian artist Vanessa Mejia and Chicano artist Jose Ramirez opens with reception on Friday, July 22, 5 p.m., at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 César Chávez Parkway). 619-232-1699. Continues through Thursday, August 18. (BARRIO LOGAN)

"The Photography of Bob Gruen" opens with reception for artist on Friday, July 22, 6 p.m., at Morrison Hotel Gallery (1230 Prospect Street). Gruen has captured music scene for over 40 years, including associations with the Clash, Led Zeppelin, John Lennon, the Ramones, others. Through Wednesday, August 3. 858-551-0835. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Women Artists and San Diego Domestic Violence Council raise awareness during exhibition on view through Saturday, July 30, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Original photographs by Mia Delcasino included. Reception



for artists is Saturday, July 23, 4 p.m. 619-850-0665. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mystical Griffith," series of 15 oil paintings by Elizabeth King may be seen during reception and exhibit on Saturday, July 23, noon to 5 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center Gallery B. Plein air abstract paintings depict paths within Griffith Park. 858-349-6955. (LA JOLLA)

Support Your Local Art Studio, grand opening receptions are planned on Saturday, July 23, 5 to 9 p.m., at Studio 9, Studio 14, and Studio 27 of Spanish Village Art Cen-

ter. Work in a variety of media on

display. 619-233-9050. (BALBOA PARK)

"In Search of Neverland" exhibition of works by San Diego artist Richard Reves, inspired by I.M. Barrie's Peter Pan, is on view through Sunday, August 28, at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). More than 30 graphite-on-paper drawings showcased. Meet Reves during reception on Sunday, July 24, 1 p.m. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, 100 black-and-white photographs are gathered in "Live With History: Photographs from the New York Times' Photo Archives," opening on Friday, July 22. Exhibit boasts iconic images by Alfred Stieglitz, Edward S. Curtis, Berenice Abbott, Andreas

Feininger, among others.

Also opening on the 22nd, "Piece Me Together With a Needle and Thread: Quilts by Patrice Longmire," "10 North: An Artists' Group," and "Alcancia de Coco en Mexico," a collection of carved coconut shells displaying motifs ranging from memories of loved ones, mythology, more.

All four exhibitions close on Sunday, September 4. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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Mira Nakashima-Yarnall, California craftsman Sam Maloof, seats from Africa, and a Japanese tansu. Continuing.

"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 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, Septem-

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

Oceanside Museum of Art. "Illuminations: The Neon Sculpture of Brian Coleman and David Svenson" showcases neon taken to new dimensions. The artists "manipulate the technique of glassbending with the noble gases into a dynamic and vibrant sculptural medium." Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. Closes Sunday, August 21. (OCEANSIDE)





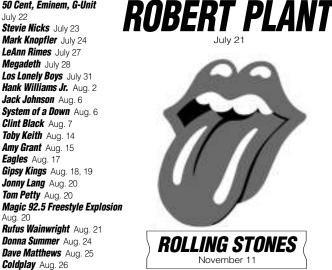
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In a universe gone mad, we get graceful, often mathematically precise visuals.

what lighting designer York Kennedy does with darkness. It shrouds the stage like a fogbank, almost seems to choke it, as if the rise and fall of Glamis's ambitious Thane took place during a prolonged eclipse.

Soft follow-spots throw candelit glows on actors' faces. Often obscured from the waist down, they become the walking shadows Mac-

beth, in his famous soliloquy, calls human existence. The actors strut and fret and then, like a "brief candle," go out.

The darkness also has an obvious resonance. Since the rest of the production prefers the stately to the gritty and the tragic, Kennedy's darkness is the only place where evil stakes its claim.

This is a safe, formalist *Macbeth*. Director Paul Mullins substitutes stage pictures for substance. Instead of the Macbeth's insatiable frenzy, fed by "slaughterous thoughts," in a universe gone mad, we get graceful, often mathematically precise visuals.

A few catch the eye. The white-faced Weird Sisters dress in sleek red, late-Medieval chic. They don't dance around each other so much as *ballet*. But their tiptoeing, choreographed stealth make them elegant, not fearsome. And when they show Macbeth a pageant of England's future, a cauldron with fractured mirror booms out the succession of kings, down to James I and beyond, accompanied by Spielbergian sound effects. The spectacle's jazzy. But the scene is also about Macbeth taking charge—

like Dr. Faustus with Mephistophilis — and ordering the witches to satisfy his need to know or he will curse *them*.

When Birnam Wood comes to Dunsinane, giant spears rise behind Ralph Funicello's spare,

wooden plank set. But then the slow-motion battle's so by-thenumbers — you thrust, ah-ooomph!; I parry, errrummph! — one ends up watching

the languid arcs of telegraphed strokes rather than where they land.

Christopher Walker's background music's a plus: like a string bass in an orchestra, it is more felt than heard. Unlike the production's eagerness to explain, the music supports scenes without cluing people how to respond.

Cho's high-medieval costumes have eye-appeal, but color-code heroes and villains. Good Scots wear Hollywood's idea of the Arthurian knights: lake-blue with gold insignias. The Macbeths' outfits, like scorecards, get redder and redder as the mayhem multiplies.

What mayhem there is, that is.

As long as there's a printed word, scholars will quibble about what Shakespeare read, and how well. One thing is certain, he could read his patrons. *Macbeth* pays tribute to the legitimacy of James I, King of England, 1603-25. It also caters to his predilections. James' father was assassinated and his mother, Mary Queen of Scots, beheaded. In his mind superstition did a snake-dance with



MacReth

Macbeth, by William Shakespeare

Lowell Davies Festival Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Paul Mullins; cast: Tom Hammond, Deirdre Lovejoy, Charles Janasz, Bruce Turk, J. Paul
Boehmer, Liam Craig, Evan Zes, Jonathan McMurtry, Katie MacNichol, Kandis Chappell, Michael A. Newcomer,
Carolyn Stone, Wynn Harmon, Leah Zheng, Jon A. Sampson, Melissa Condren, Blake Longacre; scenic design,
Ralph Funicello; lighting, York Kennedy; costumes, Linda Cho; music and sound, Christopher Walker
Playing through October 2 (Macbeth runs in repertory with The Comedy of Errors and The Winter's Tale;
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paranoia. On his way to be married, for example, a storm halted his progress. James swore that witches, jealous of his betrothal, conjured the tempest.

Shakespeare wrote for all humanity, yadda-yadda, but signs abound that he also wrote *Macbeth* to please — and spook — his King's legendary

"fearful nature." James would not approve of the Globe's picturesque version.

Before we see Macbeth on stage, we hear exploits worthy of William "Braveheart" Wallace: Macbeth slashes one foe "from the nave to the chops," decapitates him, and sticks the head on battlements (when she embraces evil, Lady Macbeth reverses the

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mirror: she wants to be unsexed "from the crown to the toe"). Macbeth, in other words, doesn't grow into violence, it's been his nature all along. King Duncan, licking his chops and shouting "great happiness" — like James I at a command performance? lauds Macbeth for his audacious

When we first see Macbeth, he should convince that he's capable of havoc. The challenge for the actor, one of the most difficult in theater, is to reveal a poet within the serial killer. Macbeth is warm-hearted and cold-blooded, both in the extreme.

Tom Hammond's Macbeth doesn't come close emotionally or, when lunging a broadsword at Macduff, physically. Hammond's opted for a thoughtful, perplexed guy, and delivers his lines with slow, sculpted cadences. But Macbeth is a warrior, in time of peace, who brutalizes his cousin/king as if to avenge an unthinkable wrong (in several ways, the play unfolds with the fury of a revenge tragedy, minus the motive). Hammond, instead, strains for size with indicating gestures and stagey mannerisms.

Deirdre Lovejoy's Lady Macbeth also disappoints. She conveys emotion with deep breaths, and plays her scenes as set pieces, apart from the other actors. Lovejoy has the fire, but calculates the blaze for effect. And when Lady Macbeth's conscience emerges from hibernation, in the famous sleepwalking scene, Lovejoy makes her a batty, candle-hypnotized Ophelia — an odd, albeit showy,

When the Macbeths are apart, they falter; when together, they become a synergistic unit. Each enables the other to commit evil with cuddles and goads (like her frequent questions of his manhood — and just what is that all about?). Hammond and Lovejoy never approach this vital bond.

Jonathan McMurtry does a sharp comic turn as a Porter gilled with single malt (that his accurate Scottish accent's the only one in the production, however; makes him sound like a tourist); Charles Janasz turns the usually nondescript Ross into a reporter, gathering and conveying information; Michael A. Newcomer and J. Paul Boehmer give Macduff and Banquo the strong voices and physicality lacking in the title role.

Double, double toil and trouble? No. Something tasteful this way comes. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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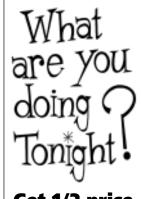
Cold Comfort Farm

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 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 Doubt's adaptation has problems with rhythms and a need to tie, then re-tie loose ends. But he's transformed Gibbons' 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 JULY 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

Nature or nurture? Most Comedies of Errors stress how alike Shakespeare's two sets of twins are, as if growing up in separate cultures had no effect. Director Darko Tresnjak shows how different a similarity can be. When at Ephesus (site of sorcery, according to St. Paul) Antipholus of Syracuse and Antipholus of Ephesus share the same identity, but are opposites. Complications ensue. In some ways, the frame of this staging's more arresting than the middle. The 90-minute version moves well, but on opening night the acting was



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technical, not felt. You could sense that performances would grow, however. Plus, having Charles Janasz (as 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: 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. When Dr. Pinch tries to exorcise Ephesean demons, his conju ration makes everyone weirder. They flop into a snakey, ritualized Bollywood dance that, while Pinch's spell lasts, is a total hoot.

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE 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, THROUGH AUGUST 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Durang One-Acts

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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, THROUGH AUGUST 7; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

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 ongoing 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 Vo-gel'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 AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JULY 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY 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!"

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Grease

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.
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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 anything - 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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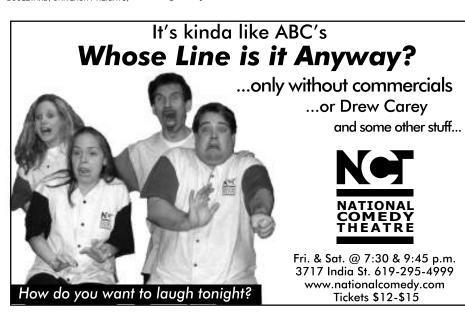
Killer Reunion

Mystery Cafe's newest interactive comedy takes place at a high school reunion that doesn't go according to plan.

IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

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 Marzipat Donovan's one-person show, by contrast, takes two seconds max. Sister, a nun substi-









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Macbeth

Reviewed this issue. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 2: MACRETH RUNS IN REPER-TORY WITH COMEDY OF ERRORS AND THE WINTER'S TALE; FOR SPECIFIC 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.

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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 Intellect, 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, T've been out with every one of those guys!' Worth a try.

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The Merchant of Venice

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The Old Globe Theatre presents Ron Hutchinson's world-premiere comedy about the making of Gone With the Wind. John Rando directed.

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Laguna Playhouse presents Eric Rockwell and Joanne Bogart's satire of Broadway's greatest musicals. Pamela Hunt directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4: TUESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-ARTS.

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Vanguard presents Meredith Willson's musical homage to turn-ofthe-century Iowa citizens and dream-spinning traveling salesmen. Sandy Hotchkiss directed. WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT STREET (TALBOT AT CANON), POINT LOMA, THROUGH JULY 31; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN. DAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-224-6263.

The Music Man

Carlsbad Community Theatre offers a version of Meredith Willson's popular musical performed, almost exclusively, by residents of Carlsbad. Andrea Schuck directed. CARLSBAD CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, 3557 MONROE STREET, CARLSBAD, THROUGH JULY 31; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-931-8709.

Oliver!

Starlight Theatre continues its summer season with Lionel Bart's musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist. STARLIGHT BOWL, 2005 PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH IULY 24: THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-7827.

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, THROUGH JULY 31; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Romeo Y Julieta Project

One of the best theater ideas anyone's had in years! As part of its Educational Outreach Program ("which fosters a creative cultural exchange for students on both sides of the border"), the Old Globe Theatre presents a 90-minute, trilingual staging of Shakespeare's tragedy of starcrossed lovers. Performed in English, Spanish, and Mixteco, the production's cast of 60 students come from ten high schools in Mexico and the

U.S. Peter Webster directed. Admission is free.

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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

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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, THROUGH AUGUST 13: THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY 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 Gray") 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.

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Wrong Room, Wrong Room Raider Andrew Bernhardt, 23-year-old guitarist of OB band Cape May, will be featured on an

an opportunity for free publicity. "They [production company Granada] explained to me that it is the third most televised show in the world," Bernhardt said.

The episode features three local female contestants competing to win a date with Bernhardt. The women watch footage of Bernhardt

the inside track

episode of MTV's Room Raiders. Bernhardt was selected for the program after performing with his band, but Bernhardt is kept in the dark as to the identity of the girls.



Dusty Paul, Cape May's drummer, submitted an application at the Fashion Valley mall. Bernhardt's band mates felt the show would be

He examines the contestants bedrooms, using their personal belongings and living habits to make his choice. The girls do the same at

Bernhardt's living space, the house in OB where three of the four band members live, concentrating on the living room/rehearsal space, which is also the bedroom of lead singer/guitarist Andre Che, not Bernhardt. "The band room is more interesting than my room," Bernhardt said, "and it represents myself better.'

Once Bernhardt had chosen a winner, the Room Raiders camera crew filmed their "date." "Usually [Granada] don't even [send the contestants] on a date. That goes right along with the low budget. For our so-called date, we just sat in the back yard and I was teaching her how to play guitar. She was chunking through a G chord, and then I played her one of my songs," Bernhardt said.

Even though the two had similar lifestyles and tastes in music, the show fizzled, and Bernhardt hasn't spoken to her since the day of the taping. The future of the footage now lies in the hands of the show's director, "Trip," who, according to Che, "wouldn't make eye-contact with anyone.

Granada taped an entire performance of Cape May's song "Rock City," which,

along with their previous video, "Blackballer," may appear on the broadcast tentatively set to air on August 11 at 4:30 p.m.

– Dryw Keltz

Ramonastock Drops

"We started two years ago as a tiny little thing with, like, four bands. We drew about 20 people."

Gage Herrmann, 19, plays in Ramona indie-rock band Ersatz Dime. His band organized the 2003 and 2004 low-key, free-admission

9 p.m., featuring 18 local bands. Tickets were \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. The all-age, no-alcohol event was expected to draw a crowd of over 500.

"Our friend Chris Baby quit his job in February just so he could put it together," said Herrmann. "Two weeks ago

Herrmann said Baby obtained permits. "He talked to everyone at the sheriff's office and the Ramona Water District [which controls the Ramona Community Center].

"The only real heavy band is Forgotten Alibi. They are more like a hardcore punk band." Questions were directed to Joani Jeorgeson, a Ramona he told us they canceled it. Community Center volunteer. Jeorgeson faxed an editorial from the Ramona Sentinal

can't play."

metal band?

What would the Ramona

Water District consider a

mandates. - Ken Leighton



WHO DROPPED THE DIME ON ERSATZ DIME?

Ramonastock, an outdoor music fest at the Ramona Community Center in Collier Park. This year's Ramonastock was supposed to be Saturday from 10 a.m. to

They said everything was cool. And then this lady from the water board said anything over 300 [people] would be a fire hazard. Then they specifically said metal bands

Rock 'n' Roll Robberies

that said "everyone involved a

cooperation, communication,

had to deal with last-minute

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and advice," but did not address Baby's charges that he

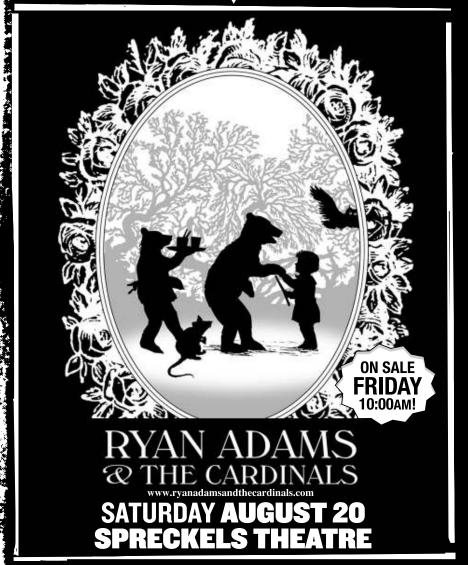
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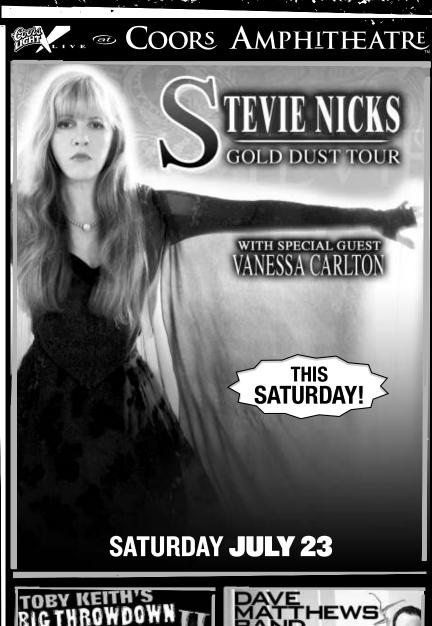
Josh Steely, singer/songwriter of local band Sandjackets, learned the hard way that thieves don't care that live musicians give so much. Last month his gear was stolen from his locked truck parked behind Squid Joe's in Carlsbad. "They have cameras all around the club but no cameras out back where the bands load in. It happened between the time





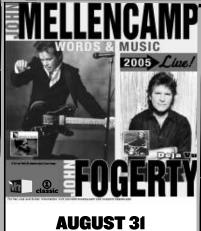














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we stopped playing and when they closed.'

. Lifted was vintage equipment that Steely says is expensive to replace. "The Marshal Super Bass amp that was \$300 brand new in 1972 is now worth \$1800 on eBay. The real bummer is that some homey is probably sitting there with a 40 [-ounce malt liquor] and his Pokémon



NAJOR AND HIS LIVELIHOOD

cards spread out on my amp."

Thievery part II: Drummer Jake Najor (Moses Leroy, Robert Walter's 20th Congress) had his drum kit stolen July 8 from his locked truck parked outside of his Spring Valley home. "I live on a dead-end street. There's not a lot of traffic." He said his Purecussion brand tom-toms and bass drum had a

translucent blue birds-eye finish. "I was the only one in SoCal with this finish." Five cymbals were also lifted. "This is like stealing a mechanic's tools. It's taking away my livelihood."

Thievery part III: "We had just bought a P.A. for the band," said guitarist Nate Beale of Dottie and the Diamonds about his band's loss last month. "We got to use it for one show. A couple of days later someone stole it from Joey's [singer/keyboardist Guevara] house.

"We also lost a Marshall amp, a Gibson guitar, and Joey's keyboard that wasn't even paid for," said drummer Andy Robellard.

Police reports were filed in all three cases. No one was insured.

Anyone with information: Sandiacket.com; motifus@aol.com (Najor); myspace.com/ladydottieandth ediamonds. Dottie and the Diamonds appear every Monday at the Tower bar in City Heights. Najor appears with Bad Credit July 25 at the Casbah.

— Ken Leighton

lead guitar.

jump]."

"He's back home now,"

said Renee-Renee, who

sings lead in both their

to do Letterman and the

bands, Backlip and Laybac.

"Danny's in New York now

Todav Show... His ankle is

all black and blue [from the

Renee says the five-man Backlip has a "classic-

modern-punk" feel, while

the four-piece Lavbac has a

"mellower, Jack Johnson

played the Belly Up, the X

Games in L.A., and the Tempe

Christ says Laybac is the

band that will probably get

active when Way returns to

summer. "Everything is on

Although Way has a

hold now," said Christ about

focus on music after the

Way's new post-China

commitments.

vibe." Last year Backlip

[Arizona] Music Fest.

Great Wall Acid Drop?

We could have played China. Danny gets calls to play gigs all the time. But he's so humble. He won't take advantage of the situation.'

Trevor Christ, an ex-pro surfer, plays bass in two bands with fellow Encinitas resident Danny Way. Way just became the first person to jump the Great Wall of China on a skateboard.On July 9, Way, traveling at nearly 50 miles per hour down a 120-foot vertical ramp, cleared the 61-foot gap at the Ju Yong Guan Gate of

the Great Wall, before landing personal manger, Christ says on a 32-foot quarter pipe. neither band has an agent or a "We've played together for manager. "But we've started ten years," said Christ. "We've talking about it." Renee said played in all kinds of bands, he and Way have written 30 from death-metal-punk to light, jazzy blues." Way plays songs together.

EAGLES

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO

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[Way's] ready," said Christ, who used to tour and record with Donovan Frankenreiter. "I don't know how long his body can last [skating like that]. He thrashes himself every day."

Songs can be heard via www.backlipmusic.com.

– Ken Leighton

Backstage When Eminem plays Coors Amphitheatre tomorrow, Friday, July 22, he wants his dressing room stocked with a half case of Heineken, six cans of V-8 juice, 12 cans of Myoplex Low Carb Drink ("assorted flavors"), a case of Mountain Dew ("cans"), six cans of Low Carb Protein Shakes ("with bananas"), some mixed candies ("chocolates"), and "assorted mixed nuts." Coheadliner 50 Cent expects a case of Heineken, a case of Coke ("cans"), a dozen assorted Snapples ("no diet"), a deli tray ("with condiments"), a "sliced cheese tray," two buckets of fried chicken ("KFC or Church's"), and "soft toilet paper."

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Stevie Nicks, appearing at Coors Amphitheatre Saturday, July 23, requests a bottle of Remy Martin V.S.O.P., two bottles of Mouton Cadet wine ("white"), a six-pack of Corona, eight one-liter bottles of Evian water, and "hors d'oeuvres for 20 people (prawns, beef kabobs, ribs, spring rolls, Chinese food,

etc.)." She requires spotlight operators to "have English as their first language," and "under no circumstances shall the house use any motorized or electric blowers for cleaning until three hours after the show ends."

I'D RATHER SEE

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PINCHES MY BUTT!

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

AMAZING

LOOK, SOMETHING

FROM THIS CENTURY
JUST CAME OUT!

Mike

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When Ted Nugent plays the House of Blues on Wednesday, July 27, "absolutely no takeout meals will be deemed acceptable" backstage. Stage right, Nugent wants a six-pack each of Evian water and Diet Coke, plus two Gatorade bottles ("lemonlime"). The dressing room needs eight Vernors ginger ales, four cans of Red Bull, six bottles of Clearly Canadian water ("mixed flavors"), six cans of Slim-Fast ("four chocolate, two tropical fruit"), a can of Planters fancy cashews, a large bag of Rold Gold fat-free pretzel thins and a box of "man-sized Kleenex."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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"My nerves were all over the place."

have turntablism in my blood," says 23year-old Santa Maria-native DJ Chris Cutz, one of the new vinyl spinners that have been cropping up in San Diego's club/bar

culture. He considers himself a veteran of the local scene, though. "Right now I'm lucky — DJing pays all my bills, so I guess you can say I'm living my dream. But it would be nice to pick up more

gigs in different cities, like New York or Las Vegas."

"My forte is hip-hop," he adds, "but you will find a vast array of vinyl gems in my arsenal — everything from hip-hop to downtempo and rock to funk."

"Thursday nights I play at a bar and lounge called Excelsior, which is located in La Jolla. I play at a club called Aubergine on Fridays and Saturdays." He was recently seen in Little Italy's Airport Lounge, working the turntables. Outside, the smokers were heard to say:

"Mellow."

"Cool."

"I can dig it; my nerves were all over the place, but now I'm feeling more centered about the universe."

"That's weird."

"This bar is weird."

When he's not gigging, Cutz produces and records at Sleeping Giant Music, which has released DJ Niques, Blest, and Fresh One.

TRICKEST PROBLEM DOING GIGS?

"The trickiest problem with live gigs is that sometimes the club or bar you're at might not have the proper equipment for your style of playing. I do

a lot of scratching and mix tricks, so sometimes a venue might have a mixer that makes it a little harder to do some of those things — yet I always try to do my best no matter what kind of setup I'm on."

LIST OF EQUIPMENT?

MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

"I use two Technic 1200 turntables and a Rane TTM 54 mixer."

LIST OF INFLUENCES?

"9th Wonder, Pale Rock, Diamond D, Jay-Z, Dr. Dre"

MOST POPULAR SONGS?

"People always request all the new commercial stuff like 50 Cent or Usher, but sometimes they request for older stuff like Michael Jackson, or Prince, to Stevie Wonder. Which I have no problem playing."

TOP FIVE DESERT-ISLAND CDS?

- 1. Digable Planets ("The first LP.")
- 2. A Tribe Called Quest, A Low End Theory.
- 3. Gangstarr, *Hard to Earn*.
- 4. Wu Tang Clan, 36 Chambers.5. Pharcyde, Bizarre Ride.



Chris Cutz

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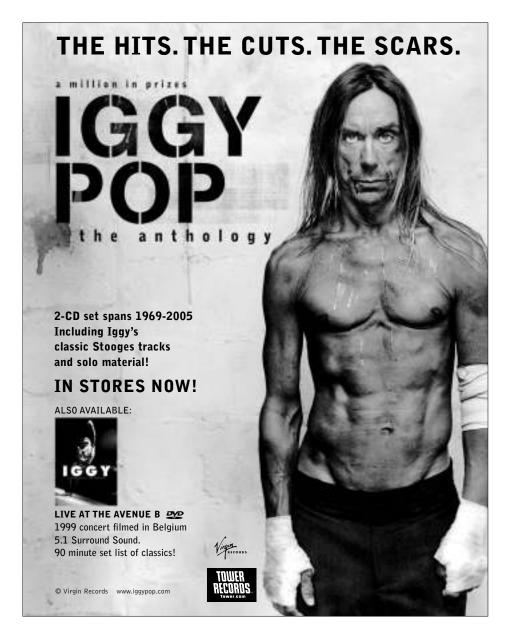
"I've DJed in front of celebs like Jamie Foxx, the Wayan brothers, Brian McKnight, and the actors on the Real World."

BEST GIG?

"Two years ago I played at a New Year's Eve party

in Balboa Park at the Prado for, like, one thousand people, and it was a lot of fun. Everyone was real hype and energetic and really into the music. It didn't matter what I played — could have been the new hottest hip-hop joint or some James Brown. I could have dropped a country song on them and they would've liked it."





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THIS WEEK'S **CONCERTS**

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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

FRIDAY

The Psychedelic Furs and Howard Jones [620]: 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.

SATURDAY

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.

SUNDAY

Le Tigre [164]: Soma, Sunday, July 24, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

The Kings of Leon: 4th & B, Sunday, July 24, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 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.

MONDAY

Mos Def: House of Blues, Monday, Iuly 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Ted Nugent [596]: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

LeAnn Rimes [774]: Vieias Casino 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

JULY

Rusted Root [279]: House of Blues. Thursday, July 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Megadeth [586] and Dream **Theater:** Open Air Theatre, Thursday, July 28, SDSU campus, College Area, 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

The Yellowjackets: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, July 29, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Street Scene featuring the Killers, the Pixies, the White Stripes [265], Social Distortion [466], Snoop **Dogg,** and more: Qualcomm Stadium, Friday, July 29, Mission

Linda Eder [623]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 29, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Street Scene featuring the Killers, the Pixies, the White Stripes [265], Social Distortion [466]. Snoop **Dogg,** and more: Qualcomm Stadium, Saturday, July 30, Mission Valley.

Los Lonely Boys and Ozomatli: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Embarcadero Marina Park South Sunday, July 31, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or

The B-52's: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter 619-220-8497.

Michael Bolton [475]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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

AUGUST

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Marc Cohn and Suzanne **Vega** [469]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 1, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497

The B-52's: Palomar Starlight Theater, Monday, August 1, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Hank Williams Jr.: "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.

Xavier Rudd: 4th & B, Wednesday, August 3, 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"B.B. King Blues Festival" featuring B.B. King [969], Kenny Wayne Shepherd [950], and Joe Bonamassa: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 3, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Collin Raye [777]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, August 4, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380

Michael McDonald [605]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 4, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.



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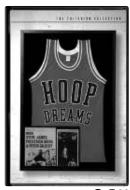
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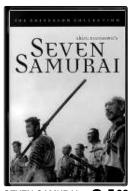


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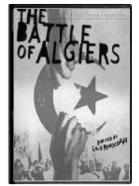
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Lonestar [763]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 5, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Howie Day [607]: House of Blues, Saturday, August 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Robert Cray Band [941]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, August 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Big Head Todd & the **Monsters** [582]: House of Blues, Sunday, August 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 7, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Clint Black [778]: Viejas Casino

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 The Temptations [938]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 10, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Digital Underground [131]: 'Canes, Friday, August 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. 858-488-1780 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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Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Cowboy Junkies [567]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay Monday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Amy Grant [613]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, August 15, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby McFerrin [683] & Chick **Corea:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Eagles: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Judy Collins and Richie Havens: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Morris Day & the Time: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, August 18, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

"Dave Koz & Friends" featuring Jeffrey Osbourne and Marc Antoine: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Samples [517]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, August 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Tom Petty & the

Heartbreakers [611] and the Black Crowes [564]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 20, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jonny Lang [956]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Zombie [581]: House of Blues, Sunday, August 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Rufus Wainwright [830] and Ben Folds: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, August 21, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Al Green [968]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 21, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497

De La Soul [618]: House of Blues, Monday, August 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

"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.

Israel Vibration [275]: House of Blues, Wednesday, August 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Barrington Levy [751]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Donna Summer [614]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Yellowman [746]: House of Blues, Thursday, August 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [674]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 26, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Don Carlos [732]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, August 27, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

The Doobie Brothers [561]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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SEPTEMBER

Eric Benet: House of Blues, Thursday, September 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Susan Tedeschi and Blind Boys of Alabama [953]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday September 1, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Los Amigos Invisibles: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Devo: House of Blues, Friday, September 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Bland: 4th & B, Saturday, September 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Devo: House of Blues, Saturday, September 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue. Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Knitters: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, September 4, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

SHeDAISY: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Johnny Mathis: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Bebel Gilberto: House of Blues Thursday, September 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Marcia Ball [960]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Earth, Wind, and Fire and **Chicago**: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Friday, September 9, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday September 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Huey Lewis & the News [593]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 9, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Carlos Vives and Daddy Yankee: Cox Arena, Saturday, September 10, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Crosby, Stills, & Nash [572]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 13, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Sizzla [738]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, September 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe [681]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Tori Amos [468]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, September 14, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Alice Cooper [571]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Oasis: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Aretha Franklin: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497

The O'Jays: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, September 15, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

George Thorogood [588]: House of Blues, Thursday, September 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [523] and Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes [610]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Pepper: House of Blues, Friday, September 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Nine Inch Nails [116] and Queens of the Stone Age: Cox Arena, Friday, September 16, SDSU campus, College Area, 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Rodney Crowell: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Sunday, September 18, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Negra [819]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Maceo Parker [687]: House of Blues, Tuesday, September 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.



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Tony Bennett: Humphrev's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

John Scofield [686]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Jim Brickman [862]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Don Omar: 4th & B, Thursday, September 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Pat Metheny Trio [656]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m. 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Molotov [476]: House of Blues Tuesday, September 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dead Can Dance [817]:

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Keane: House of Blues, Thursday, September 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

"Rockin' Blues Review" featuring John Mavall & the Bluesbreakers [933] and Robben Ford & Eric Bibb: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The New Pornographers: $\operatorname{Belly} \operatorname{Up}$ Tavern, Friday, September 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Macy Gray [964]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 30, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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ZZ Top [587]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Etta James [951]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 30, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Green Day [268]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.



BY DAVE GOOD

Like millions of teens before and after. I went through a Led Zeppelin phase. And like many others I later digested punk and indie rock's ideology and decided that I hated Jimmy Page's extended guitar solos, John Bonham's super-extended drum solos, and, most of all. Robert Plant's falsetto "Bay-bay baybay bay!" and his lyrics about The Hobbit and juice running down his leg.

I've long since come to appreciate Page and Bonham again, but Plant was another matter. For years, he struck me as a throwback to the worst excesses of '70s

Well, it's long past time I cut the guy some slack. While younger indie-influenced bands like the White Stripes and even Sleater-Kinney are paying tribute to Plant's old band. Plant's new album Mighty Rearranger is the work of a fifty-something musician who is still deeply involved in his art and committed to challenging himself. It mixes blues, rock, Middle Fastern sounds. and electronica more effectively than one might think possible. Some songs work better than others of course, but unlike, say, David Bowie's '90s albums,

the album is not merely an admirable attempt to stay up to date. Mighty Rearranger really rocks. Plant sings in a much more relaxed manner than he used to, which makes his occasional forays into Zeppelin-style wailing all the more effective. On "Tin Pan Valley" he doesn't let loose until almost three minutes into the song -



and when he does, he really makes it count. (To hear a sample of **Robert Plant**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4626.)

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Soulive [646]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny G [678]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 2, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Seal: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, October 5, 5005

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The Average White Band [459]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell [629]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday October 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter

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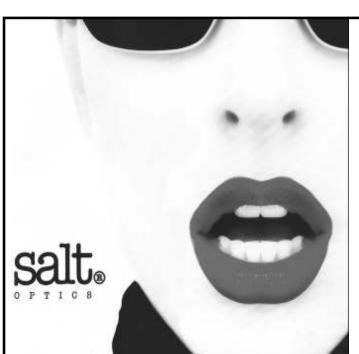
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Lil' Efert: Don's Cocktail Lounge Ian Moore [500]: Winstons The Nards: Tiki House

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The Red Hearts: The Zombie Lounge

The Robbers on High Street: The

Rockola: Humphrey's
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The Secret Machines: 4th & B
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Undecided: Island Sports & Spirits, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Vinyl Element: 'Canes

Chris Whitley: Winstons

The Wild Ones: Second Wind (San Carlos)

David Paul Windham: Danky's

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Bipsy: The Metaphor Coffeehouse **B Natural:** Bahia Belle Cruise

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno

Howard Jones [620]: House of

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and

Spirits **Liquid Blue** [606]: Second Wind

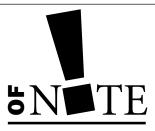
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The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House **Makai:** Humphrey's

The New Breed Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

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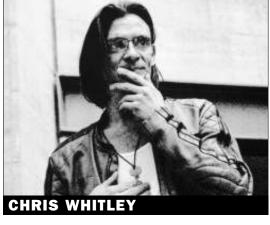
I'm interested in **Chris Whitley**'s connection with the late surrealist poet André Breton. Whitley fashioned the title of his latest CD—Soft Dangerous Shores—from a Breton poem. Breton was a French surrealist who wrote his best stuff in the 1920s and '30s. He worked in a psych ward during WWI, took on meaty topics like the survival of mankind, believed that answers to humanity's issues lay in the unconscious mind. And that, I believe, is what Whitley targets with Soft Dangerous Shores: the unconscious mind.

Whitley is a Texan singer/songwriter in possession of an uncommon Marvin Gaye/John Mayer voice, thick with lust and desire. "I have no time for records that aren't erotically charged," he once said. Whitley

constructs lovely jazz chords, and his presence is breathy and urgent, giving him a sense of the paranormal. Or maybe it's just me. I was coming off of four days of insomnia when Soft Dangerous Shores came in the mail. I previewed it while drifting in and out of sleep. What I heard could have passed for a lim larmusch film soundtrack. I haven't listened to it again for fear of breaking the spell. Then again, I haven't had to. The songs left behind some kind of mental residue to put with the rest

of the baggage I carry around: "I know these desires could kill me dead," he sings in "City of Women." "How you gonna act instead/While everywhere I go/ Is wet and red."

Whitley's core rhythm section of Heiko Schramm and Matthias Macht was cultivated while living in Dresden. They anchor his selfproclaimed Euro-trash folk-blues. You may not hear the blues in Whitley's music, but



it is there. I've got an old Son House tape from the '40s going as I write this. The net effect is the same: a blues theme, a tortured voice, a guitar, and a finished product that stabs through sensation and cuts into subconscious.

CHRIS WHITLEY, Winston's, Thursday, July 21, 619-222-6822

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar **B-3 Four:** Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn **Blue Largo** [636]: Coyote Bar and Grill, Patrick's II

The Boogie Woogie Duo: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and

Grill

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze Gilbert Castellanos & His

Quintet [667]: Dizzy's

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Danny Green: Dizzy's

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

Bob Hamilton: Dizzy's

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio

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Daniel Jackson: Hotel del

Coronado **Keith Jacobsen:** Trisler's Wine Bar

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

The Coral MacFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

Masterpiece: Jimmy 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

Natasha Miller: Dizzy's

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

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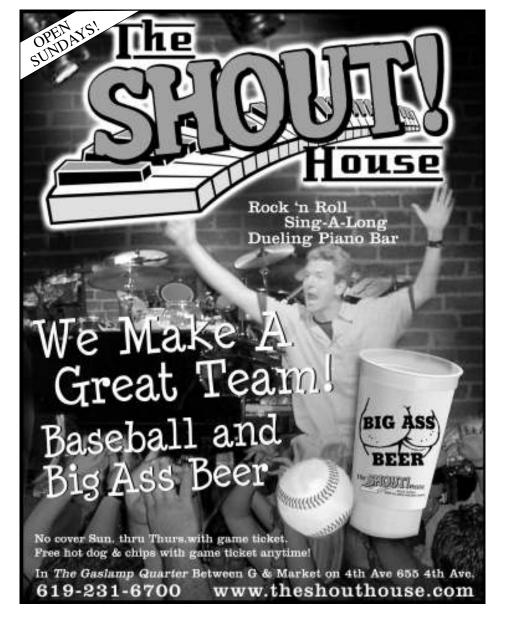
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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Burnt: Dreamstreet

The Devastators [731]: Belly Up

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Carlton Livingston: Belly Up

Tony Rebel: World Beat Center Reel Big Fish [757]: House of Blues

The Stone Senses: Blind Melons Stranger: Blind Melons

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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's

Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's,

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EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Acoustic Underground: Lestat's

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Brandi Carlisle: The Casbah

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Robert Skoero: Winstons

Matt Slocum: Dizzy's

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe Anna Trov: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and

Wood'N'Lips: Crossroads Cafe &

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Renee Austin: Humphrey's The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

The Big Mo Band: Dizzy's

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Pounder's, Patrick's II The Mezcal Brothers: Patrick's II

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

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Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe The Soul Persuaders [945]:

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EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

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Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop Erin Cronican: Westin Horton Plaza

Vicki Erigat: Edelweiss Restaurant Femi Kuti: House of Blues

Barnaby Finch: Dizzy's

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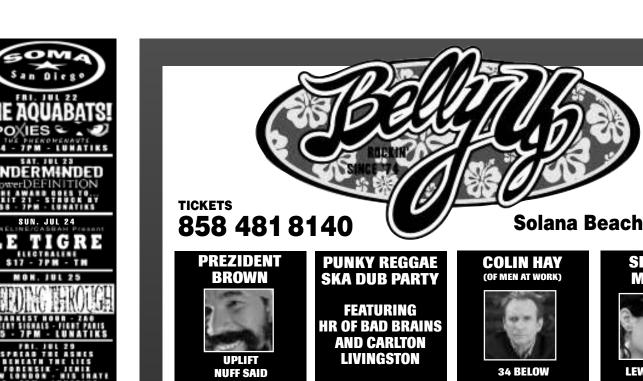
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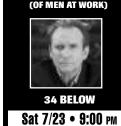
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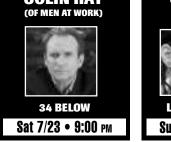
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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the Love Rangers, Top 40/pop

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., Prezident Brown, Uplift, and Nuff Said. Friday, Carlton Livingston, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., Colin Hay and 34 Below, rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., Shannon McNally and Lewis & Bowen, folk. Monday, 9 p.m., Third World and Devastators, reggae. Tuesday, 9 p.m., David Lally. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Asia and Big Candy & Tiamo, rock.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q,

190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, 3 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 Boogie Woogie Duo, blues/jazz. Saturday, rock. Wednesday, country.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., Night Shift, classic

The Book Works/Pannikin **Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., Billy Watson, blues

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier ide. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, Misty & the Mobys, alternative

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632 8252. Thursday, *Runnin' Blue*, blues Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*. Saturday, Woody & Heartland. Sunday, Voody & Heartana. Sunday, Candye Kane, blues. Monday, Richard Samuels, jazz. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, Middle Earth, Morrocan groove.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566 2400. Friday and Saturday, the Jackson 3, rock.

The Cask and Cleaver

Restaurant, 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-2818. Saturday, 8 p.m., the Hank Show, country.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Billy Watson, harmonica blues, Friday, live music, Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *David Beldock*, folk/rock, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Bordertown, rock. Sunday, 2 p.m. to



>hometown CDs

Album name: The Road That Leads To Home (2005)

Artist: The Regal Line Label: Golly Gee Records

Songs: 1) With The Likes Of Me 2) Decisions 3) Right By My Side 4) Keep On Walkin' 5) Heaven Bound 6) Here We Go 7) Tired Bones 8) If You Decide To Go 9) I Love The Way 10) Cry Cry Cry 11) Dear Mama 12) | Can't Wait 13) Riding The Rails 14) How Do I Say I Love You 15) Tell Me 16) Old Oak Tree 17) '51 Merc 18) I'm Gonna Let You Go 19) The Tie That Binds 20) Audrey's Song

Price/Where Available: www.gollygeerecords.com for \$11.99

Names of band members: Barry Cavener (lead guitar, background vocals), Bobby Cavener (upright bass), Jason Moody (lead vocals, rhythm guitar)

Website: www.gollygeerecords.com

Drawing upon the sounds of Jimmie Rodgers and Johnny Cash circa 1950, the drummerless trio puts a clever spin on rockabilly country.

With Jason Moody's baritone vocals and rhythm guitar, The Regal Line evokes an authentic sound - music from another time that was simple and moving, yet with enough of a modern twist added to command attention.

Snappy arrangements get the job done. The three specialize in blurring the line between gospel and country. Musicianship is skillful and emotional, especially in the case of the ballad "Old Oak Tree." "The tie that binds us together will not break/ our ties have been tested true/ though pain and sorrow come/ like storms throughout the years/ I know the touch of a gentle hand/ that's wiped away my tears." Backed by complimentary harmonies, flat picking, and Bobby Cavener's slap bass, the song is simple yet powerful.

But angst gets old, and there are plenty of quippier ditties to offset some of the loftier ones. Front man Jason Moody remains tongue-incheek with lines like "That there girl's the sweetest thing/ the cutest smile I've ever seen/ now what would she want with the likes of me," and "If I had a dollar for every good decision, you know I'd still be broke/ If I had to make a good one or die, put your



money down that I would croak." Each song has its own mood and personality. Despite the whimsy, the music barrels ahead, as everything is driven by a fervent upright

The Regal Line has achieved a modern gospel country sound, one which is much more dynamic than usually heard with your average rockabilly band.

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4:30 p.m., *Blue Largo*, blues, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz.

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Performances are on the patio. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *David Paul Winham*, acoustic rock. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton* Band, classic rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Fish & the Seaweeds, classic rock.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, classic rock, Tuesday 8 p.m., Bradley Leighton, R&B/jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern

(Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, the New Breed Band, pop/jazz.

The Hidden Door Tavern, 13258 Poway Road, Poway. 858-486-1917.

Friday, 9 p.m., Black Beans & Rice, rock covers

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/heavy rock

unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues* Band. Friday, 6 p.m., Jacob, Lamoor, Down for the Count, Radio Racer, the Frantic, the Trophy Life, and Colporter. Saturday, 9 p.m., Axis, Set in Stone, Disorient Express, Shadow Drop, and Mad Habit. Sunday, 6 p.m., Parkhurst and Negative Filter

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Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos, 760-744-8576. Saturday, the Ruff Ryders, rock.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Spell* Toronto, Buckfast Superbee, and the Stereotypes, alternative.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the California Rangers,

The Metaphor Coffeehouse,

760-489-8890. Thursday, 7 p.m., the Old Town Jazz Band, Dixieland jazz. Friday, 8 p.m., *Bipsy*, pop.

Nautical Bean Coffee Co., 240 Harbor Drive, Oceanside. 760-722-4851. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., the Jimmy Patton-Louisa West Band, Latin

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Friday, 9 p.m., the Bill Magee Blues Band.

The Quails Inn, 1035 La Bonita Drive, Lake San Marcos. 760-744-2445. Lakeside Lounge. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Stefani Stevens Band*, blues/jazz/Latin.

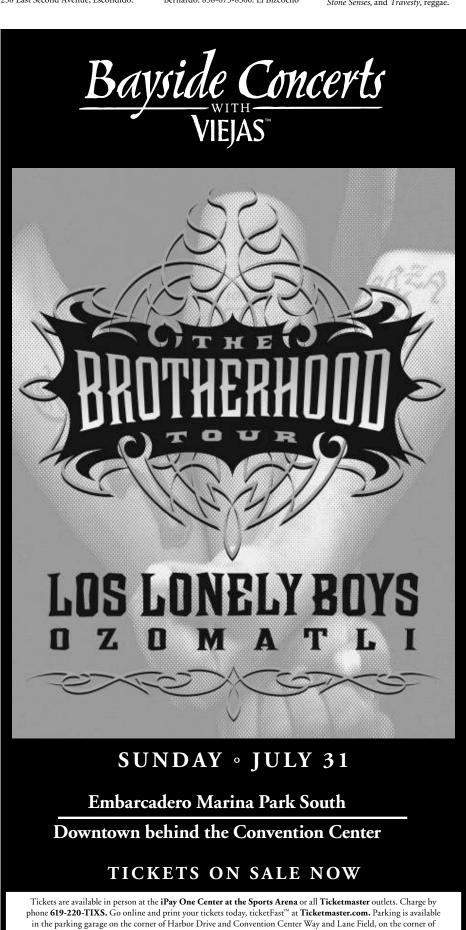
Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Taylor Harvey*, acoustic rock. Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, open mike.

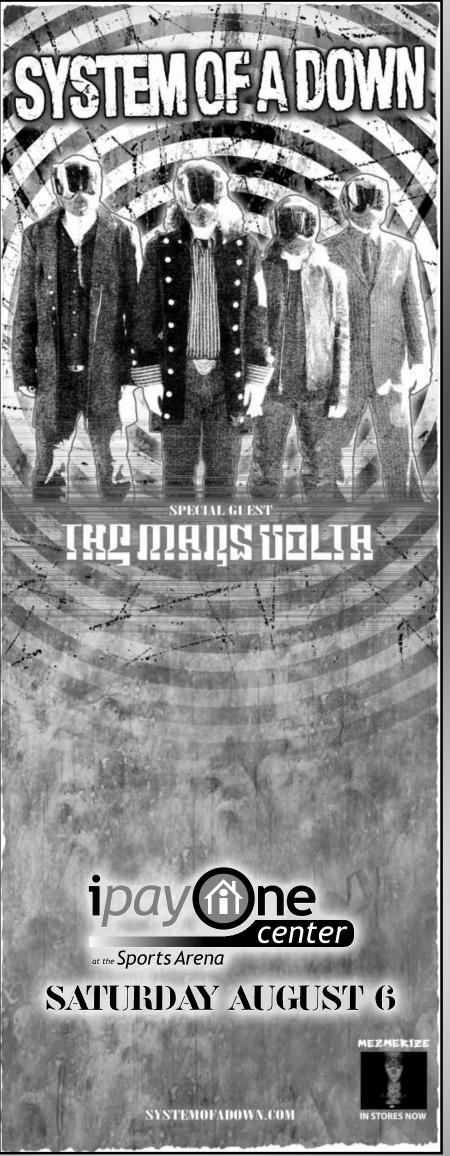
Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, Crossroads, classic rock. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Jet City, rock.

BEACHES

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday, *Dive Bomber* and *d.fRost*, alternative. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Audio Antics, rock, 9 p.m., Stranger, Stone Senses, and Travesty, reggae.



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San Diego

Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Reaganomics, rock. Monday, Gregory Page, alternative folk. Tuesday, blues jam. Wednesday, call club for

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach 858-488-1780 Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Empire State, the Evergreens, and Silver Side. Friday, Soul in the Machine, Liquid-O, Nominal, and Vinyl Element. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, New Dayze, Clockwork Army, the Otis Turbine, and How's My

Driving?. Wednesday, Thriving Ivory and Two for Thirty.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Dreamstreet. 2228 Bacon Street. Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Late Nights, Sidekick Lounge, and Joint Custody. Friday, Silverside, Dreaming, the Afterward, and Krest. Saturday, 9 p.m., Burnt, Who Dem, the Waking Moment, Jah Budah, and Siko, reggae.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday,

8 p.m. to 11 p.m., John Cain, international dance music.

> Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, live jazz.

Fresh, 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Rob Thorsen-Jaime Valle Duo, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Thursday, Songbird & Friends. Friday, Down with Leo, the Fabulous Rudies, and Jack the Original, alternative/ska

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Iolla, 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Rick

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo jazz guitar.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *Nick Fiore, John Giulino*, and Dave Scott, jazz.

Qwiigs Bar & Grill, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1101. Friday and Saturday, live music. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue the Nards, rock. Saturday, Roxy Monoxide, rock, Sunday, Jimmy Lewis, acoustic. Wednesday, live rock.

Tropicoso, 1261 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach. 858-270-5100. Friday, Brazilian music. Saturday, salsa/cumbia/merengue/Latin.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Fred Heath & the Slidewinders, blues. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Banda Braza,

Brazilian folk. Monday, Greek and Turkish music. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., live traditional Irish music.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Chris Whitley, rock. Friday, Garaj Mahal. Saturday, Winston Jarrett and Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels, reggae. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., 145th Street Blues Band. Monday, Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Shoestring Strap and the High Grass Rollers, bluegrass. Wednesday, Ian Moore and Robert

SAN DIEGO

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information.

Albie's Beef Inn. 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 7 p.m., David Timothy

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

The Basement, 2912 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-4755. Friday, the Groovie Ghoulies, Teenage Bottle Rockets, and Phuzz, alternative. Saturday, Babyshakes, Beat Beat Beat, and the Powerchords, alternative rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Irish and American folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, Sean O'Donnell and Allison Gill. Wednesday, Chelsea & the Dreamcatchers, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Clutch*, High on Fire, Filth Juggernaut, and Rev. Friday, Necrophagia, Engorge, Typhus, Sumeria, and Damnation. Saturday, Not Since Reagan, Downtown Moneywasters, and Miggs.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, the Life, Jupiter, and the Adored. Saturday, Birdmonster, the Ellipses, Everything is Andrew, and Automatic

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Stampede Jam*, classic



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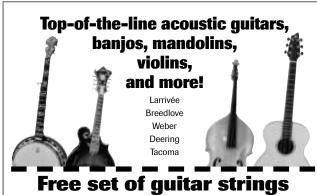




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Hancock Cafe, 3554 Hancock Street, Point Loma. 619-296-2060 Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sweet Tea, traditional jazz. Friday, 8 p.m., Buckley's Ghost, hard rock.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583 Thursday, Aterciopelados, Friday, the Psychedelic Furs, Howard Jones, and the Fixx, alternative/rock. Saturday, Femi Kuti and Daara J. Sunday, Reel Big Fish, Catch 22, El Pus, and Punchline. Monday, Mos Def. Wednesday, Ted Nugent.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 9:30 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time Friday, 9:30 p.m., Makai, disco. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Renee Austin, 9:30 p.m., Rockola, classic rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Patrick Yandall, jazz. Monday, Chet Canon, blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Citizen Band, original rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight the Soul Persuaders, funk/soul.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajor Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

JP's Pub. 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, 9 p.m., *Slight Return*, classic rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, the Donkeys, Finest Dearest, and Split Infinity. Saturday, Transfer, Vitro, and Hialeah.

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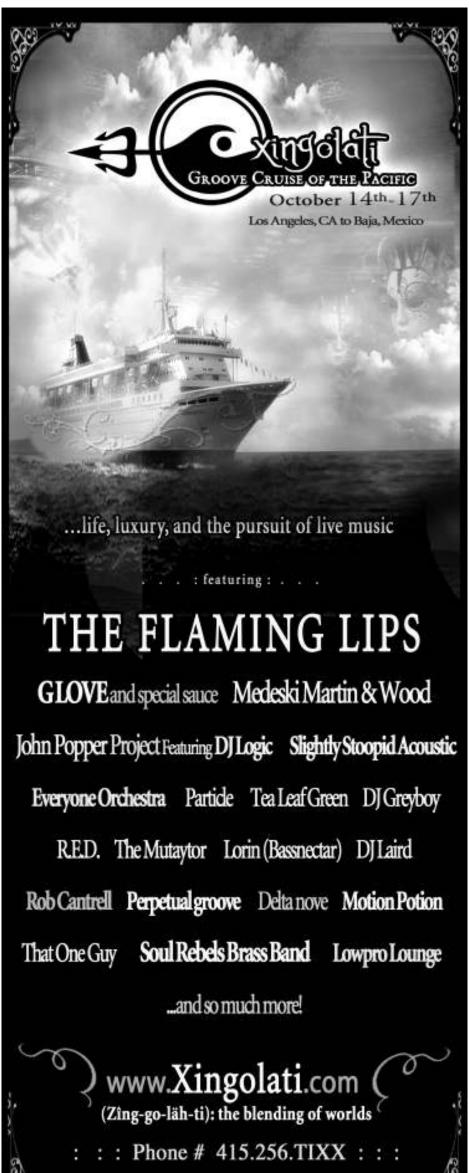
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The Living Room, 1417 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-295-7911. Saturday, 10 p.m., Laura Keubel,

O'Connell's Pub and **Nightclub,** 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday and Saturday, live rock/alternative.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, An Carraig, Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, the Blues Invaders,

Ramada Inn, 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. 619-516-4466. Aventuras Salsa Club: Saturday, *Trece* de la Suerte, salsa.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, New Direction. Monday, the David Shard

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Saturday, 10 p.m., Qwiksand, funk/rock/reggae.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, the Wild Ones, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park, 619-542-1462, Thursday, RockinU Aces. Friday, Blue Rockit and Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak, blues. Saturday, Deke Dickerson and Rip Carson, rockabilly. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, 7 p.m., High Society Jazz Band.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect

Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Kristi Rickert, piano.

Trisler's Wine Bar. 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, San Diego. 619-298-1501. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee **Company,** 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Live acoustic/folk music nightly.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant. 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., B-3 Four, jazz, featuring vocalist. Halina

The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Caion Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., Darlington, the Sess, the Red Hearts, and the 41 Gorgeous Blocks, rock/punk/pop.

DOWNTOWN

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343. Sunday, the Kings of Leon, the Secret Machines, and the Shout Out Louds.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown, 619-232-HELL, Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Lucero, the* Honorary Title, and the Glass, Friday, Scarlet Symphony, the Displaced, lowcloudcover, and Flying Douglas. Saturday, Reeve Oliver, Satisfaction and Hedley. Sunday, Brandi Carlisle and Julie Mack. Monday, Northern State, the Groove Brothers, and Bad Credit Tuesday, Cribs and Nine Black Alps. Wednesday, Brendan Benson and Robbers on High Street.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Quartet. Friday, Yavez. Saturday and Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott, Tuesday, the Shep Mevers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, Fuzzy & the Bluesmen, blues. Saturday, Primo,

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CLIENTELE ➤ all ages in restaurant; over 21 in lounge; lots of local Point Loma residents (average age, late 30s): 80% Caucasian, 10% Asian, 10% Latino

COVER ➤ none

HOURS ➤ Monday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. until 9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. (kitchen closes at 10:30 p.m.); Sunday 4:00 until 9:30 p.m. **DRINKS** ➤ on tap includes Stella.

Calico, Guinness, Sam Adams; lots of wine (20 reds. 3 whites: 14 Hands Chardonnay at \$6/glass; up to \$11.25/glass); no happy hour

FOOD ➤ Italian cuisine (moderateto-expensive); I had a tasty asparagus and artichoke pizza; other restaurants in area

ACCESS ➤ off of Rosecrans: parking lot holds 20 cars and street parking available; bus stops in area **DRESS** ➤ no dress code, but most of the dining room was dressed up (a few suits and ties), more casual in lounge; very few people in jeans and T-shirts ("Rock & Roll," "Quiksilver")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ 75′ x 20′ area (entire lounge is hardwood floor, so you can dance anywhere)

BATHROOMS ➤ men's had one toilet (with three extra rolls of toilet paper on it): women's also had one toilet; both had flowers on the sink, with a big mirror; very clean and graffiti free

CAPACITY ➤ 140 inside, 50

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ the patio has

privacy from the street with plants and trees lining the wall: a small area with a fireplace has chairs and is cozy; between lounge and outdoor patio is a small covered area with couches and heat lamps **FURNISHINGS** ➤ columns behind the bar, lots of mirrors, candles on tables. 10 seats at the bar; upscale decor

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 113 when DJ played "Holiday" by Madonna

WEIRDEST BAND NAME ➤ N/A **OUOTABLE** ➤ "I ordered that huge chocolate chip cookie for dessert. Do you think it goes with the wine I'm drinking?"

Point Loma residents predominate Old Venice. Many students from Point Loma High had dinner here before going to prom.

The DJs here play hip-hop and dance tunes, but some mix in more '80s songs (Michael Jackson, Salt 'N Pepa, etc.), catering to an older crowd that likes to dance and prefers songs they grew up with. Occassionally jazz combos or blues

or acoustic bands play here. No set schedule on when they play.

I talked to a couple in their 60s as they were finishing up their dinner. The gentleman said. "We don't come here for the music. We like the food. Sometimes we see a band playing here, and it's nice background music for us. We can still have a conversation. I was surprised one night to see lots of younger people dancing in the lounge. That type of music with words I can't understand, and probably don't want to understand. I don't think it usually has that type of crowd though."

His wife added, "It's nice to be able to drive less than a mile from our home, have a nice glass of wine, a great meal, and not fight a crowd that you might in other parts of town. We hate crowds. Even if this place is packed, we can usually get a table, and we can always find

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Castellanos & His Quintet, jazz. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Natasha Miller, Josh Nelson, Harish Raghavan, and Matt Slocum, jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live Irish folk music.

Fat City, 2137 Pacific Highway, San Diego. 619-232-9303. Friday, 10 p.m., *Rico Tumbao*, salsa.

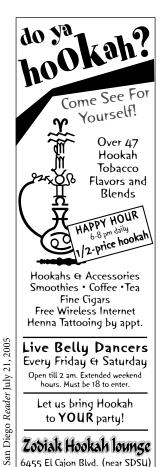
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The Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street, downtown. 619-702-6010. Saturday, 10 p.m., Secret Apollo, Split Infinity, and That Mad Ahab, alternátive rock.

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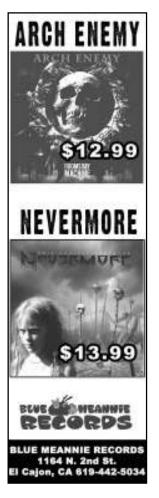
















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Redfields Lounge, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Blue* Aces, blues harmonica.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Thursday, Primo, salsa/Latin. Tuesday, Trece de la Suerte, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., also Sunday and Tuesday, 8 p.m., rock and roll, sing-a-long, dueling piano bar.

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The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/Latin.

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Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Jumpstart*, classic rock. Saturday, Undecided, rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday and Saturday, 4-Way Street, acoustic. Friday, Undecided, ock. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Offbeats, rock, 8 p.m. to midnight, Gene Warren, Irish folk. Monday, Gary Rich, folk. Tuesday, David Houser, acoustic. Wednesday, Taylor Harvey, acoustic rock.

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista, 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, *Los Ingratos*, rock en español. Sunday, *Tardeada*.

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Crossroads Cafe and Coffeehouse, 169 East Main Street, El Caion, 619-749-0623, Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Wood'N'Lips*. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Impulse*. Saturday, Free Air, acoustic. Sunday, open mike, blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m., open mike.

Dirk's Niteclub. 7662 Broadway. Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *TNT*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, Lil' Efert, rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Pop Rock*. Saturday, *In the Pocket*, rock.

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Monroe's Cafe, 7404 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-464-7100. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the B-3 Four*, jazz, featuring vocalist *Halina*.

Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Covote Moon, country. Monday salsa/West Coast and East Coast swing.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Coyote Moon*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Liquid Blue*, pop rock.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 9 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., Rising Star, disco/pop. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Swingtime Orchestra, big band.



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The Middle Passage

the strip mall says Aswan, but the restaurant's door says Monroe's. Under either name, Monroe's Café serves foods from Louisiana, Jamaica, and East Africa.

If you're wondering how one kitchen can manage three such distinct cuisines, the trio is swept together by a surge of the Atlantic Ocean officially termed the Gulf Stream; slave traders called it the Middle Passage. Today, the powerful current that runs from West Africa to the Caribbean Sea brings hurricanes to Florida, but three centuries ago, it brought ships carrying West Africans doomed to raise cane on the hellish sugarcane plantations of the New World, from northeastern Brazil up through the West Indies to the Louisiana swamps. (Rice, cotton, coffee, and tobacco plantations came later, but sugar was the original economic engine: The rum made from it kept the sailors sailing.) Although Somalia is on the east coast of Africa and wasn't significantly involved in the American slave trade, its foodstuffs still speak to the African foundations of the New World's "Creole" cuisines.

Monroe's has two spacious rooms decorated sparsely with African craft objects. The booths are brightened with yellow and green stripes painted along their sides, the tables are covered with white linen, and the wooden chairs are comfortable. The room that gets the heaviest use has a long buffet table permanently outfitted with chafing dishes, ready to be filled and emptied at the busy weekend brunch buffets. The more formal room to the left of the hostess station displays a tank of gorgeous tropical reef fish. A meal here may also flow on tropical time — if a lot of customers are calling in and picking up takeout orders while you're waiting to be served. Sit back and relax, mon, soon come.

Our journey through the culinary Middle Passage started with a splash in East Africa. Since Somalis are Muslim, no alcohol is served here, but we didn't miss it once we tasted the refreshing elixir of Somalian iced tea. No, it's nothing like Nestea or Lipton's. A fine black tea is brewed with exotic spices, including green cardamom, and just enough sugar to be seductive, not syrupy.

Somalia's best-known contribution to San Diego cuisine is the *sambussa*. (You can even find them packaged in the refrigerator case at



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Henry's Marketplace and other fine groceries.) The small triangular pastry packages resemble India's samosas and come in seven flavors, although not all are available daily. My favorites are the beef, spinach, and curried potato. A sweet

version features luscious melted cream cheese and raisins, with powdered sugar dusted over the shell.

The African extravaganza dish is called Fadarayshan (a.k.a. "federation"), a groaning platter laden with Somalian specialties, including lamb shoulder, chopped beef, sautéed spaghetti, and several different vegetable arrays. I was relieved to hear that the kitchen hadn't cooked it that evening, as it's a daunting mountain of food. What I really craved was doro wat, a chicken dish shared with neighboring Ethiopia and Eritrea. It's served here with beef in a "Zigni Xabasui Combo." The bird is fall-off-the-bone tender in a slightly spicy tomato sauce that has a looser texture than the dense Ethiopian version. The dish includes the traditional hard-cooked egg that signifies respect for one's guests. The

zigni is a zesty mixture of hand-chopped beef sautéed with onions and bell peppers; we asked for a seven on the heat scale, but it arrived as a nonetheless-tasty two. Accompanying the dish are gomen (spinach) and aleeja, a lightly curried mix-

ture of cabbage, potatoes, and carrot chunks that proved thoroughly engaging.

My posse found a new favorite in Monroe's African-style

coconut shrimp (also available as coconut fish), which resembles Southeast Asian curries, with bits of green and red pepper, onion, and tomato swathed in coconut milk, a scattering of coconut flakes over the top. At first bite, one of my dinner guests said, "This is the dish for me." Who could blame him? The shrimp came with Indianstyle multicolored rice and an *aleeja*, amended that evening with peas and corn kernels.

Sailing over to the Caribbean, the Jamaican treat you shouldn't miss is caramelized fried plantains — warm, ripe, and sweet. (Available solo as an appetizer, they also come as a side dish with all the West Indian entrées.) Another typ-

Monroe's Café

★★★ (Very Good)

7404 University Avenue (at Lowell), La Mesa, 619-464-7100.

HOURS: Tuesday—Thursday noon—8:00 p.m.; Friday until 9:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday brunch 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., dinner follows until 9:00 p.m.

PRICES: Lunch appetizers, soups, salads \$2–\$10; sandwiches \$8–\$10; entrées \$7–\$18; slightly higher at dinner (after 5:00 p.m.). Brunch buffet \$16, kids 5–12 \$8. Regular menu available during brunches.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Specialties of Louisiana, Jamaica, and Somalia, all from one kitchen. Somalian iced tea, no alcohol served.

PICK HITS: Jamaican fried plantain, curry goat; Somalian iced tea, *sambussas*, African coconut fish or shrimp, *zigni xabasui* combo; Louisiana

gumbo, crawfish étouffé.

NEED TO KNOW: No alcohol, no pork products; all meats are *Halal* (equivalent to kosher). Freshest weekday food is often at lunch. Two vegetarian combo entrées. Small jazz band plays most Friday evenings (no cover).

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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ical island appetizer is patties — savory turnovers resembling empanadas. They're shaped into large rectangles here, unlike the more modest half-circles usually encountered, and the shells (which the restaurant purchases ready-to-bake) are a little thicker and tougher. The chicken filling was savory but dry; I'd bet that the beef filling (when it's on hand) is moister.

"That's no goat, it's a kid," said my partner when he tasted the small, tender ribs of curry goat. They really are goat, the owners tell me — marinated overnight in whole spices and then cooked slowly for hours, they're tamed of gaminess and come robed in a soothing, barely spicy



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curry sauce. (At that meal, we'd specified six on a spice-scale of ten and consistently got twos again.) Oxtail stew, however, tasted as if the tail came from a real ox and not some heifer a mature fellow with rings of fat around the edges of the meat. Cholesterol aside, the stew is mighty good-tasting, with a dark brown sauce that's sweet from a foundation of caramelized sugar, subtly seasoned with nameless "Jamaican spices" (as the menu says). I've heard that the chicken or fish in brown sauce are good bets here, too (I certainly like them at sister restaurant Island Spice). At two different meals, we tried to order jerk chicken. but it wasn't available. Sporadic unavailability is a pattern at Monroe's. This is an out-ofthe-way restaurant serving out-of-the-ordinary cuisines, and you can't always get what you want — but you can always get something good.

Caribbean entrées come with side dishes of fried plantains, salad, and a vegetable mixture similar to the *aleeja*, plus "rice and peas," the Caribbean's red beans and rice — "peas" are actually kidney beans in most of the former British West Indies (except in Trinidad and Tobago, where they're "pigeon peas"). That Thursday evening only one other table was occupied and closing time was nearing, so perhaps the cooks decided to

use up the old rice instead of making a fresh batch; the grains were dry and clumpy. Entrées are often best at lunch and during the big weekend brunch, when you can order from the menu, if you prefer. Too bad for us working stiffs who don't work or live nearby.

Finally, we set our course for Louisiana - specifically, New Orleans, because the flavors at Monroe's are generally more Creole than Cajun. (They do have some fake-Cajun "blackened" stuff, but as the Caribbean saying goes, "I ent eatin' dat.") An appetizer of Southern-fried chicken wings resembles a spicier, less greasy version of KFC's. Crab balls are an eccentric deep-fried marriage of hush puppies and crab cakes, mingling lump crab with an equal amount of assertively seasoned bread filler.

Co-owner Teresa Randall makes gumbo from a recipe handed down by her Louisiana-based family. It includes an intense seafood broth with a multiplicity of choppedfine ocean critters. "It's got all the seas in it," she says. "Some you see, some you don't see.' Mixed with a dark "mahogany" roux, it's a richly seasoned bath for tender whole shrimps, hunks of in-shell crab, and bits of sausage. Our cupful came with just the right amount of rice added, and the soup was spiced exactly to our specification of "seven out of ten.' (Maybe the third visit convinced them we meant it.)

The Louisiana entrées are dominated by water-creatures. The crawfish étouffé is a standout, and it's available three

ways: alone, as part of a seafood platter, and as a sauce for fried snapper or catfish. This light colorful Creole rendition — its tints mirror the Ethiopian flag so revered by Jamaican Rastas — sports red crawfish tails and bits of green pepper in a deep-yellow, satiny sauce based on golden roux, garlic, and onions. Served during one lunch as part of the "Atchafalaya Seafood Sampler," its companions were the aforementioned crab balls and a "stuffed shrimp" — a crabbier crab ball with a shrimp sticking out. Fried snapper and catfish arrived in a light, greaseless batter, and fried oysters sported a puffy batter similar to heavy tempura. The large oysters are bottled, not fresh-shucked, with a strong mineral flavor.

The chicken-and-shrimp jambalaya (eaten at the same dinner where we were served dryish "peas and rice") didn't thrill me at all, possibly because it, too, tasted as if it had been cooked hours earlier and reheated. The rice was clumpy, while the shrimps and chicken breast bits were dried out. It might be better at lunchtime, if you like your jambalaya with lots of tomato.

As with the other two cuisines, the N'awlins side dishes are savory. We loved the buttery candied yams, tasting like fruit in their nutmegspiked sauce. Collard and mustard greens are well spiced and cooked tender — the New World's take on *gomen*. Vegetarian red beans and rice are pleasant, but since they're made to Halal standards with-

out pork products — what, no grease? — they're shy on flavor. Now that Magnolias has opened in Market Creek Square, the city is no longer starved for authentic Creole soul food, but Monroe's makes a very creditable showing in this area.

If you want to sample all three of Monroe's cuisines simultaneously, an appetizer sampler provides a "survey course," with tidbits (all described above) from all three nations, each item also availseparately. half-sampler, with two pieces of each, is \$9; the full-size version, four pieces each, is \$13.) The short dessert list seems like an afterthought, offering canned-peach cobbler and a pair of simple cakes, served warm, that taste like something your mom made from boxed cake mix. If you yearn for a sweet, remember those enchanting cream cheese sambussas.

(Recommended historical fiction for those interested in the "Middle Passage" period of New World history: Charles Johnson's *Middle Passage* and Barbara Hambly's engrossing "Benjamin January" mystery series, based in early 19th Century Louisiana, especially *Sold Down the River* for its vivid depiction of life on a sugar cane plantation.)

ABOUT THE OWNERS

Monroe's started out as Aswan Restaurant, a joint project of Somalian chef Maryam Suliman and Louisiana-born activist (and gumbo chef supreme) Vernon Sukumu. Its slogan was "Where the Mississippi meets the Nile," as it served the cuisines of New Orleans and Somalia. After the owners parted ways, Sukumu kept the restaurant, including its Somali staffers. Two years ago, he sold the operation to Teresa Randall, whose roots are also in Louisiana, and Jamaica-born Ransford Samuda (nicknamed "Ran"), who coowns the charming Jamaican restaurant Island Spice (on Grant Hill). Ran added his homeland's cuisine to Monroe's mix.

There's no Mr. or Ms. Monroe here. "We named it after my father," says Teresa, "for his hometown of Monroe, Louisiana. He raised me here, but of course all of my family's recipes get passed down through the generations." Teresa often cooks in the restaurant. "When I don't make the gumbo," she says, "the customers complain."

Ran arrived from Jamaica 20 years ago. "I came here on an athletic and academic scholarship to Point Loma University, where I got my bachelor's in biochemistry. Then I graduated from law school, but after a couple of months of law practice, I decided I didn't want to do it on a long-term basis. So after that, I did this and that.

"I got into the restaurant business by happenstance — I had no interest in it. I started with a Jamaican nightclub near where Island Spice is now, and another Jamaican associate of mine had a restaurant. They were providing the food for my nightclub business. He decided to go out of business just

months after he opened...At the time, there was no other Jamaican restaurant in the area. I thought it was a tough business, but with the right crew it would be a nice niche, and that's how I got into it. That was 1995, just ten years ago...I took over Island Spice and started running it July 1, 1995, and Teresa Randall and I bought into Monroe's in 2003."

There are three or four cooks in Monroe's kitchen at most meals, some of them local residents with Louisiana roots, and (more intermittently) a Jamaican cook. "I actually brought in a Jamaican lady a couple of weeks ago," said Ran, "and she just started cooking yesterday. But when we don't have an authentic Jamaican in there, I hop up two or three times a week to make the sauces." The African cooks are unchanged since the Aswan days. "When we bought the restaurant from Vernon Sukumu, we kept the Somalian cooks," says Teresa. "They're here every day, and they do all the East African dishes.'

Weekend brunches are when Monroe's enjoys its best crowds. "We need to do something to get more people in on Tuesday through Friday. The problem is, 'Location, location, location, says Ran. On Friday evenings, the restaurant often sweetens the deal with live music from a small jazz group called the B3 Four. "Sometimes people think that when we have live jazz, they're going to have to pay for it," says Teresa. "But all they have to do is come and eat."

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Hollywood Whiff

"Get that wrong and you could land your people in big trouble."

ED BEDFORD

ocky writes in Arabic across the page, right "See that word? With the double dots that fuse together above it? It means 'coffee shop.

He writes it again.

'Just the one dot this time. Now the word means 'cemetery.' So get that wrong and you could land your people in big trouble. Which is the problem with so many U.S. translators in Iraq. They don't know Arabic well enough. Me, I'm from Lebanon.

But now look at the difference.'

I went through the whole civil war as a kid. I can help out, translate accurately."

Rocky says he's applied to go to Iraq. Security. Translator, Wow.

We're looking out over a broad valley that kind of plays host to the I-15. A bright yellow awning turns everything on this patio sunny, even though it's a cloudy day. The rest of the place is one big chrome diner, with long, smoky oval windows — just like the legendary roadside diners of the 40s and 50s.

Rocky is a stunt man who's involved in training films for troops headed for Iraq. He's played terrorists, insurgents in urban situations. Right now, he's taking a break from work at Stu Segall Productions — hey, they're right next door. That's the back lot out there. Sets, vehicles, bits of jungle.

I met Rocky while I was checking out the diner's retro feel, waiting for Hank to find a place to park. I'm not the only star-struck guy here. Lots of people come out to meet movie folks like Rocky. I mean, don't hold your breath for Tom Cruise, but Rocky and others give this place a whiff of Hollywood that's, well, exciting.

Yes, it's artificial, a '50s movie set. But inside, it's über-cool. There's all sorts of movie studio gear, like lights on stands at each booth, and film

> I find Hank at the counter. "Where the heck were you?" he

> > "Talking to this terrorist." "What?

"Kidding. This is movieland, remember? There's a guy here who plays terrorists in training films for the military.

I take a seat beside Hank. The counter is nicely varnished, two kinds of wood. The booths are red. The silver steel ceiling is hooped like a railroad carriage, with yellow neon highlighting the

edge. "Über-cool," I say. Just want Hank to know how current I am.

"Say what?" says Hank. "Über-cool, dude. You heard it here. By tomorrow, everybody's going to be saying it.'

'You're behind, dude. They already are.

In the stainless-steel kitchen, three cooks look ready to rock and roll. The green, three-spin milkshake machine reminds me of the Fonz, or maybe Barstow.

'You gents ready for your close-up?" says Meghan, the waitress

Actually, she doesn't say that, but that's how it computes. She's wearing a sky-blue tee and black jeans, like all the gals.

"Über-cool," I say. "Don't überdo it," says Hank.

We order iced teas (\$1.75 each) and start hunt-

ing. The menu is one of the best parts of the experience.

"Get this," says Hank, "Babe."

"What'd you call me?

"No, Babe. Sandwich."

"You interested in a knuckle sandwich?"

"It's a pork sandwich, dude, with fries or fruit, \$8.25. Babe! Get it? From the movie."

Oh. Right. Now we're eating movie stars.

I spot "Bad Movie Dinner" on the menu. It's turkey, of course, \$11.95 with mashed potatoes, cranberry, veggies. "Renegade" is a pot roast, \$11.50. (The TV series was shot here.) But, hey, these prices. They're kind of über for us.

"Shall we turn to Page One of our script?" I

Page One's labeled "First Shot of the Day." Breakfast. "Mihammy Vice." Good line. Ham and scrambled-egg sandwich with Swiss cheese on sourdough, with hash browns, \$6.25. Then, under "Take 3," they have a whole bunch of omelets including "The Improv" (\$7.25), which you create with any three ingredients. "Crew Stew," an "all American" beef and veggie stew, looks like a deal at \$3.65 for a cup, \$5.85 for a bowl.

Hank's focusing on the "Mom Said 'Eat Your Greens' " page in the "Let's Do Lunch" section. He's looking at pear salad with grilled chicken, gorgonzola cheese, and candied walnuts, for \$8.95. Sounds delish, but Hank shakes his head. "Too much sugar," he says. Guy's still serious about cutting weight.

"Prime Time Prime Rib" looks gr-r-reat, except for two things: it doesn't start till 4:00 p.m., and prices range from \$14.25 (for the 8 oz. Editor's Cut) to \$23.95 (for the 18-oz Director's Cut).

"Cut!" says Hank. "That'll take us way over budget." He settles for a "Lox-Ness Monster," salmon plate. Problem: Hank can't handle the hash browns and toast that come with it. Meghan suggests a salad of melon, grape, pineapple, and cottage cheese instead. Now Hank's virtue is rubbing off on me, dammit. When I order "Shannon's Burger," basically a patty (but a nice big halfpound patty) with a ring of pineapple and teriyaki sauce, I take a side salad instead of fries.

Can't believe I did that," I say.

"That's one small step for a man, or in your case, a walking sack of lard," says Hank.

I ignore him. And soon I'm lost in my burger. Lord, it's good. Juicy, rare, as Meghan promised it, with plenty of teriyaki drooling out the bottom.

"The only real man around here," I say finally, "is Rocky."

"Who?"

"The stunt guy I told you about. He's applied to go to Iraq. Now that's guts. Makes us look like limp lettuce leaves."

Speak for yourself," says Hank.

"Maybe we should apply..."

We both hesitate. A thousand images rush

We say it at the same time.

"Maybe not." ■

The Place: Studio Diner, 4701 Ruffin Road, Kearny Mesa 858-715-6400

Type of Food: American

Prices: "Mihammy Vice" breakfast (ham and scrambled egg sandwich with Swiss cheese on sourdough, and hash browns), \$6.25; Take Three omelets: "The Improv" (create your own with any three ingredients, \$7.25); "Babe" (roast pork sandwich, with fries or fruit), \$8.25; "Bad Movie Dinner" (turkey, with mashed potatoes, cranberry, veggies), \$11.95; "Renegade" pot roast (\$11.50); "Crew Stew" (beef and veggie stew), \$3.65 (cup), \$5.85 (bowl); pear salad with grilled chicken, Gorgonzola cheese, candied walnuts, \$8.95; "Prime Time Prime Rib," Editor's Cut, 8 oz. for \$14.25, Director's Cut, 18 oz. for \$23.95

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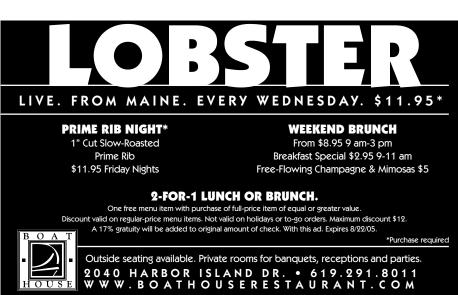
















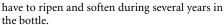
Hang Time

"It's better to just let the chicken do it's job, and then bring the egg inside and cook it."

MATTHEW LICKONA

he ripeness, as I'm sure somebody has already noted somewhere, is not all. I have been making much of ripeness of late — in particular, of the way reverse osmosis can be used to remove excess alcohol from a wine (the result

of excess sugar in a grape). This allows vineyard managers to let grapes hang until they have achieved true physiological ripeness, measured not by sugar concentration, but by titratable acidity, pH, and tannin quality. A tannin that ripens and softens on the vine is a tannin that will not



That's not to say that you can just let 'em hang, says Clark Smith, founder and co-owner of Vinovation. Among other things, Vinovation provides alcohol-adjustment services to hundreds of wineries, so it's not as if he's opposed to vineripened tannins. Still, he warned in a recent post to wine guru Jancis Robinson's website, "The result of excessive hang time is wine with grungy flavors, excessive alcohol, and little longevity. The hang-time approach was made popular by our Australian fellow travelers, who use it with great skill to make soft, friendly wines in an industrial cellar for early consumption." Still, he argues, "There are much more gentle and sophisticated methods to refine the hard tannins which characterize properly ripe red grapes.'

Clark tells me that "When the Australian revolution first got started, we basically characterized the wines as user-friendly — rich and powerful in an easy-to-pound-down way. In retrospect, I think we look at it as having failed to produce

great wines; they kind of hit a glass ceiling at around \$15 a bottle. Not that there aren't any great wines out of Australia - certainly Grange Hermitage is a pretty nice wine — but mostly, you don't look to Australia if you're going to spend over \$40 a bottle. They had a formula," and hang time was

"When I look at that now," continues Clark, "I feel like they're missing a trick, because they're trying to cook outdoors. It's better to just let the chicken do its job, and then bring the egg inside and cook it in the kitchen. I like to cook on a campfire, but I wouldn't want to try to make a soufflé on a campfire. You've got pretty subtle things going on, and it's better when you can really control them. We tell our growers" — Smith also makes wine, both for research and for sale -"to give us fruit that is ripe but not overripe. We want the maximum amount of color and tannin, but we want it to still be reactive. We don't want it to start to cook on the vine.'

As Clark explains himself, the food analogies begin to fly. "The Incans taught the Belgians that the way to turn cocoa powder into chocolate is



Chocolate -– a lesson in managed tannins

by working fat and oxygen together. You end up with something that is no longer harsh and nasty - now, it's dark chocolate. Then, if you want to make something that's rounder and more appealing, you can add vanilla and milk protein and make milk chocolate from the dark chocolate." The base chocolate is able to take up and integrate the added flavors into itself.

Before he gets from chocolate to wine, he returns to the soufflé he mentioned earlier. "When you make a soufflé, you separate it into the yolk and the white — you can't have any yolk present when you whip the white, because the fat would quench the reaction, screw up the surface tension of the white. You take a wire whisk, and you whip the white into this light structure — the white takes on air. Once the structure is complete, you can fold the yolk back in to add richness. When you're done, you end up with something superior to a scrambled egg, in that it has the ability to integrate flavors" --- say, chocolate (just to muddy the metaphorical waters).

Now we come to the micro-oxygenation of wine, the practice of releasing tiny bubbles into wine in an effort to improve its quality ticularly, the quality of its tannins. Clark says that micro-oxygenation, or microx, is "the winemaker's equivalent of a wire whisk. The wines consume the oxygen the way the egg white takes up air, and the tannins are transformed from the hard stage into this rich, light structure." The practice was developed in 1990 by Patrick Ducournau, a French wine researcher. "He was trying to keep Tannat, the traditional grape of Madiran, from being pulled out and substituted with Merlot.

The problem: Tannat is an extremely tannic grape. "He started looking at why people planted this stuff at all, and somehow it occurred to him that maybe the stainless steel and inert gas and







German — read: sterile and completely oxygen-free winemaking techniques were keeping this grape from evolving. If he could figure out a way to bring in oxygen without causing oxidation, maybe the tannins would develop into something beautiful." Because the process can be so carefully regulated — you release only as much oxygen into the wine as you want — it serves as the Viking range to the vineyard campfire in the indoor/outdoor cooking analogy.

Master of wine Bill Nesto has a piece at BeverageBusiness.com that gives some of the science behind the talk of beauty and evolution. "Micro-oxygenation drives a two-step process that creates condensed polyphenols." (Tannins are phenolic polymers.) "First, oxidative coupling produces hydrogen peroxide, which oxidizes a trace amount of ethanol into acetaldehyde. Next, acetaldehyde is involved in the condensation of anthocyanins and tannins." This condensation of tannins reduces their harsh effect on the palate - just as it does in the transformation

of cocoa into chocolate. "The wine will have more body, more volume in the mouth." The condensation also changes the way the tannins taste — in part, says Clark, because they have now formed a structure akin to the egg white in the soufflé. They can take up other flavor compounds more effectively. "You start to get aromatic integration; the wine begins to speak with a single voice."

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Blvd.), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, in-cluding a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds cilantro, and rice, and the savory egg-plant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed relleno batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — E.W.

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with Marsha's carrot cake or her double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eatl"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab panna cotta, a lush bourride seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (1203)

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, blocklong Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firmtender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/02)

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-bythe-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'il be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — E.W. (6/98)

NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties,

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and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Alcrowded. Inexpensive. E.B. (3/02)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947

Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This pho (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, Dac Biet Xe Lua, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of logan-berry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people - actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Their Thai chicken mushroom will make you weep with happiness, call it a night, and go home satisfied. But then you'd miss out on enjoying an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honeybased sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao*, ma la, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — NW (5/01)

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie - save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

GOLD COAST

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, of-fers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, moz-zarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar" as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special

prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive.

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

LA JOLLA

Aesop's Tables Greek Cafe 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, 858-455-1535. Gyros are the thing here, since 1975. The meat's prepared outside to Aesop's recipe of lamb, beef, and spices. But would the eponymous Greek fabulist recognize pitzas with lamb sausage and feta on top? Or roast leg of lamb laid out in slices American-style? A true-blue (and white) Greek choice is the meze appetizer plate to share, with samplings of grilled egg-plant ("melitzanasalata"), tabbouleh marinated mushrooms, artichokes,

broad beans, and stuffed grape leaves. Just add pita bread and it'll almost make a dinner for two. The vegetarian combo entrée is good also, with nice thick tzatziki (yogurt, cucumber, dill, and sour cream) and tahini (sesame seed) sauces. Lamb dishes like moussaka (layers of ground lamb, beef, eggplant) and arni souvlaki (lamb on a skewer) are helped by a wide choice of Greek wines, including Xinomavro Merlot, But to really get the spirit, order saganaki, sautéed Kasseri cheese flamed at your table with Ouzo. Go ahead, try an "Opah!" or two. Lunch and dinner Monday to Saturday; Sunday, dinners only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (6/04)

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Iolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's housemade Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Iimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pan-nikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rain-bow tables. But you have to make it





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Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the nicoise salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — E.W. (12/99)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters. the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and sub-stantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy Lunch and dinner week days, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. -N.W. (10/02)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a lit-tle up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/04)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour - pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese pota-toes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the out-

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side "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is ropa vieja ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alca*puria (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy yuca con mojo (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The lietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French - with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky may-onnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very — that makes this hard to beat Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — voila! Open daily, breakfast *- voila!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive.

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza

3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong spe-cialties. When you dig in, you'll know why, Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. . N.W. (9/02)

Via Italia Pizzeria Trattoria 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732; also at 565-569 South Coast Highway 101 (between E and D), Encinitas, 760-479-9757. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired - they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must thin-crusts and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? At the original branch (in the "Food Court" near the Clairemont mall's theaters), the room is noisy, service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (6/02)

THE BEACHES

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street. Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-thebook Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are guaraná, the Amazonian energy drink, and açaï, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular feijoada stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef." If don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," prato feito ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked brigadeiro. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forro* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes early Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Hanaoka-2 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-9755. This is the suave cousin of the Hanaoka family restaurant in National City. The atmos phere is fifties moderne revival, with a Ginza sleekness. It's still reasonably priced if you choose carefully (most sushi is 20 percent off during early-bird hours, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). The Philadelphia roll is delicious with its smoked salmon, seaweed, cream cheese, rice, and sesame seeds. But this place is really aimed at yuppies. People order "cabo-wabo" spicy crab with yellowtail, or toro roll (meat from the belly of a tuna), which the chef sears with the sharp blue flame of a blow torch. Every guest gets a loud traditional welcome from the chefs. And a farewell. Open evenings only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken lau lau (chicken and butterfish

vrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked kalua pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBO beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mi Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. -

Society Billiards Cafe 1051 Garnet Pacific Beach, 858-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek, Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties, Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, per-fect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to

snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni*, toro, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san*'s away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish oups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is carnitas - pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tight-wad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until midnight on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the kafta kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the kibbeh neyeh, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard. City You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three-or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. -E.B. (10/01)

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 Uni-

versity Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kam-puchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvai coffay dok ko" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, wellmarinated in garlic and olive oil), burg-ers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad - not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an ut-terly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate.

— N.W. (4/01)

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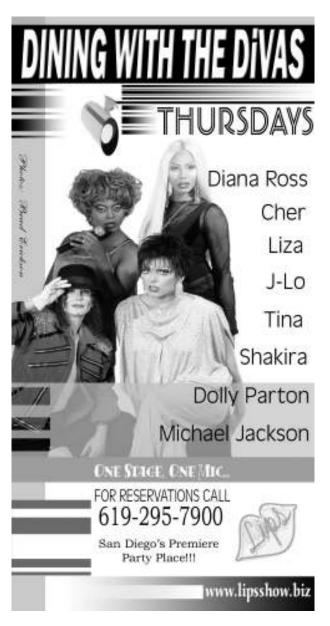


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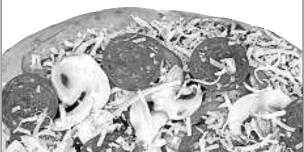
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Lemon Grove Fish-N-Chips 2605 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-6212. Snapper, cod, whiting, and catfish seem to go down better here at sunset on the deck looking across the valley to Old Lemon Grove. Even more so the salmon. It's wild, but the prices aren't. Even the plain ol' fish and chips taste fresh, with crispy batter and good malt vinegar. The coleslaw (it's made with raisins) freshens your mouth up for the next round. You get the feeling these guys really care. Plus plenty of the sides you'd expect, like zucchini sticks and hush puppies. Open daily for lunch and dinner; Monday dinner only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9004)

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant 3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (9/99)

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like pollo en salsa de cacahuate (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious pelangoches, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec huarache (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Open daily; closes early on Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Sunny Garden Cuisine of China 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — pankocrusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly nonsweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.* (4/02)

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-

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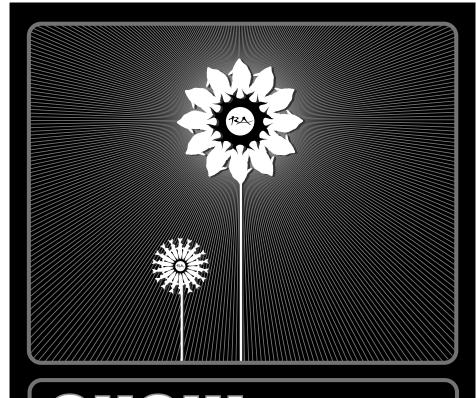
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— E.B. (8/03)

Potrero's Cafe 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2697. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. -E.B. (12/01)

UPTOWN & **OLD TOWN**

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate Heights, styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambi-tious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selec-tions with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous

lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anisefig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the side walk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/02)

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275.
Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoonand-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed ovs ters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only break-fast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fu-sioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfinstuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustardcrusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fishscorners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. N.W. (10/02)

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (5/04)

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional spe-cialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and zamordd chalow, a spicy lamb-andspinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. -N.W. (9/02)

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (11/98)

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world - alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-look-ing restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Brunch weekends featuring blini (Russian crêpes). Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. - N.W. (1/04)

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and Califor-nia. She offers lemongrass chicken next to California bruschetta (sautéed mushrooms and tomatoes on toast). Or a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of fakee, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like spanakopita (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like arni psito roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B. (2/03)

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted lack cheese in warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And ves. they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — E.B. (5/02)

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome

Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compro-mised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioneers. The choices are more Dude-friendly—that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on week-ends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — N.W. (1/04)

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. The old Chive was wonderful enough, but now, with chef Fabrice Poigin (most recently of Bertrand at Mr. A's) taking charge of the kitchen, it features a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around it. Diners can choose an adven-ture-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A new grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middleof-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shell-fish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes



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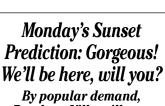
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Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the puttanesca is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (12/02)

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday menudo. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially spitini—veal rolled around two cheeses, onions,

tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian rodizio: skewer after skewer of churrasco (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless pro cession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs sausages, and numerous cuts of beef Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargan-tuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often vou eat here, vou'll never have the same meal twice Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a Caipirinha). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — N.W. (10/02)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly rec-

ommended for dining room. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698 This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carwhite linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and althy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

Wildside Cafe & Rebel Juice Bar 1048 Seventh Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lunatic lentil soup," sandwiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites "veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel without a cause" (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofties: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday, breakfast to late lunch; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates "tuna" wraps (using sunflower-pump-kin seed paté), burgers (using flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using walnuts) — all pretty credible and edible. For dessert, the spice cake (dates, figs, nuts, papaya) works well. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — NW (1004)

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including adobo pork, pancit, and lumpia. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the ube halea (purple yam custard) and maja blanca (coconut-corn combo) to the sapin sapin (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet saba banana on a skewer. But watch it if someone offers you "chocolate milk" — it's slang for pig's blood. Open six days, breakfast

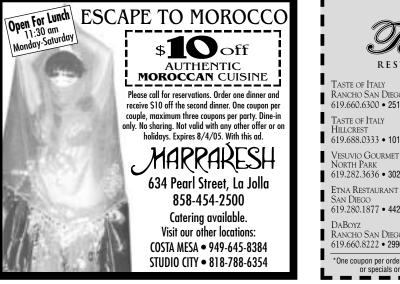
















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through early dinner; closes early on Sundays. — E.B. (9/04)

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Viet-namese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegeta-bles in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily, Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at Harbor Drive), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas*, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited

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La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aram-buro's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some

seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeurvre, salad, rice, and coffee plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. -E.B. (3/05)

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pensive. — N.W. (2/03) Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street). National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a re-gional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fastfood translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)

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On the Dark Side

The only respite from the ugly vulgarity of the décor comes from the prying impoliteness of the bulbous closeups.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Tim Burton's consolation prize for losing out on the Lemony Snicket concession (surely that had his name written on it), is a

remake of the fractured fairy tale by Roald Dahl, a spindly little framework freighted with production values, CG

imagery, and dark dense bordello color, like some scrawny four-foot scrub of a Christmas tree adorned with enough ornaments, lights, and tinsel for Rockefeller Center. (Proposed name change: Tim Burden.) The plot premise seems to combine the theme park and the reality show: an elimination game in Candy Land. Five lucky children, all of them horrid but one, win an opportunity to tour Willy Wonka's top-secret chocolate factory, in competition for an unspecified Grand Prize. Every time one of the horrid ones is bounced out (by some nonlethal but nauseating method), a chorus line of Munchkinlike midgets known as the Oompa Loompas comes out and does a musical number, combining Busby Berkeley

and David Lynch. Further combinations: the reclusive chocolatier, in Johnny Depp's peculiar rendition, combines Mr. Rogers (mincing cadence) and Michael Jackson (pancake makeup), among others; and the titular little

hero, the truly adorable Freddie Highmore, who played opposite Depp in Finding Neverland as well, combines Tiny

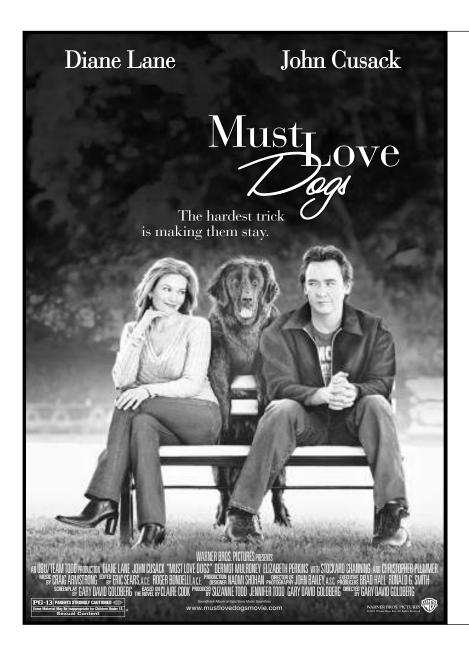
Tim (poverty-line pathos) and perhaps Frodo the Hobbit (rodenty cuteness). All of these combinations and others (the "teleportation" of a candy bar into a TV set combines 2001 and The Fly, more specifically the sixtieth humorous usage of the opening notes of Also Sprach Zarathustra and the fortieth humorous usage of a high-pitched "Help me!") pile up, two by two, to produce an unsubsiding groan, arising either from the overtaxed framework or the overtaxed viewer. Even a halfway charming idea, like the staffing of the nut-sorting room by squirrels, will immediately be followed with a groaner: "Little girl, don't touch that squirrel's nuts!" And the only respite from the ugly vulgarity of the décor comes from



the prying impoliteness of the bulbous closeups. The total effect, to look on the bright side, promises to speed the rate at which people finally get fed up with Tim Burton. Assuming, that is, there remain some people who haven't yet gotten there.

Wedding Crashers, directed by David Dobkin, starts out as a menbehaving-badly skit about a couple of skirt-chasing cads who drop in on weddings to pick up susceptible girls and promptly drop them. After a frenetic montage of their modus operandi, however, the action settles into a perfectly conventional romantic comedy, hitting all the expected spots at all the expected times, as our two cads — the

equally expected Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson, who earlier worked with the director on Clay Pigeons and Shanghai Knights, respectively — discover their true soul mates, two sisters for added convenience, a phony virgin slash nymphomaniac slash bondage girl (Isla Fisher) and a save-the-planet altruist (Rachel McAdams) who reveals



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her superior sensibility by giggling uncontrollably at the self-written vows of their older sister and new brother-inlaw. The funny business, in what amounts merely to a newer convention, is pushed to such extremes of crassness and grossness that you feel as if the laughs are being extracted not by feather tickler but by thumbscrew. E.g., the ancient matriarch of one of America's leading political families will pepper her dinner-party conversation with epithets like "asshole," "homo" (of her own grandson), and "rug muncher" (of Eleanor Roosevelt), while her granddaughter administers a hand job beneath the tablecloth. Audiences do laugh at this sort of thing. Don't ask me why. There's a late-arriving Surprise Guest Star in the role of the legendary pioneer of wedding crashing, now blazing a new trail in the field of funeral crashing. I won't be the one to give away his identity, but if I gave you three guesses, I think you could get him. He, too, is to be expected.

The Island opens in the vicinity of an Orwellian dystopia, where a closely monitored populace ("Sodium Excess Detected," reads out a urinal at a morning pee) must live in regimented drudgery and sterile isolation, under stricter rules against intergender "proximity" than at a Catholic-school dance, and with the desperate hope to hit the lottery and a free pass to the titular paradise, "nature's last remaining pathogen-free zone." Roughly fortyfive minutes into the movie (or mere seconds into the coming-attractions trailer), the Island will turn out to be, along with much else, a mirage, a figment. Further revelations trickle out, but the main business of the next hour and a half is a chase, in gaudy musicvideo visuals, with low angles and wide angles, flash pans and smash cuts, shafts of light and blasts of glare, plumes of steam and showers of sparks. The installation of Michael Bay in the director's chair is your assurance that the slow start will not bar you from repulsively overscaled action à la Bad Boys and Bad Boys II, only bigger, and with more miraculous, or more slapsticky, strokes of luck, Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Iohansson are the two fugitives whose ostensible goal is to

hang on to their humanity. But both of them had to let go of that, together with their "indie" credentials, at the front gate.

Hustle and Flow is an article of nouveau blaxploitation, a throwback even as to the chintziness of the production, centered around a small-time Memphis pimp and pusher, too cool to enunciate, who agrees to accept a kiddie keyboard as payment for a quarter bag, and sets out from there down the path of artistic self-expression ("I got this flow I need to spit"), shedding a tear along the way at a gospel recording session in church, owning up to "one of those midlife crises," and trying to follow in the footsteps of the neighborhood success story, Skinny Black (Memphis Skinny?). Et voilà, the hip-hop pimp: "Whup dat trick, get'm! Whup dat trick, get'm!" Terrence Howard plays the role with an openness and unguardedness that offer no defense against the bluntforce poignance, a bit like a ball on a batting tee. Writer-director Craig Brewer, who likes to get two or more people talking or yelling at once, mixes in four parts grit for every one part goop, a recipe for mud pie.

Cronicas, from Ecuadoran-born

filmmaker Sebastián Cordero, another writer-director hyphenate, is inflammatory fiction on inflammatory journalism, an unscrupulous exploration of professional ethics, a cynical exploitation of cynical exploitation. In it, a scripture-spouting Bible peddler (Damián Alcázar) accidentally kills a child who runs out in front of his car, the twin brother of a boy raped and murdered by the Monster of Babahoyo, and just buried on the very day of the accident, an offense for which the driver gets dragged from his car by an angry mob, beaten to a pulp, set on fire (all in front of the TV cameras of One Hour with the Truth, nightly out of Miami), and thrown in jail on unclear charges. He then solicits the help of a TV field reporter (John Leguizamo), in exchange for intimate knowledge of the elusive Monster. What a scoop that would be! But could the informant himself be the Monster? The sensationalism of both subject and treatment tends rather to push you away than to pull you in. By the time of the final haymaker, you are likely to be well out of reach.

Happy Endings, to position it by its title, or anyway by the noun in its title, interweaves three plotlines with occasional points of intersection, one of them to do with the tested friendship between homosexual couples of opposite sexes, one to do with the boatrocking new female lead singer of a garage band, and one to do with a wannabe documentary filmmaker who focuses his camcorder on a Mexican immigrant sex worker. Children feature prominently in each line, not as actual presences, but as life choices, abstract concepts: the sperm-bank baby, the aborted baby, the adopted baby. The entire cast of characters, however widely scattered, comes together in a fantasy finale reminiscent of Places in the Heart or Fellini's 81/2. Despite that stab at magnanimity, the film doesn't really amount to much, though it whiles away a couple of hours. Writerdirector Don Roos (yet another one) keeps the tone on the light side, the glib side, the superficial side, the self-conscious and posturing side. His principal tone-setting device is the intermittent split-screen title card, dispensing silent narration in the omniscient third person, an uncommonly chatty, catty third person, omniscient into the future in addition to the past, telling us, for instance, that so-and-so has had sex with twelve women since his wife died and will have sex with two more before he himself dies. Verbatim prose samples: "She's not dead. No one dies in this movie. It's a comedy, sort of' and "Charley is now gay. Who isn't?" and "Nicky never lies. He's not her son, if that's what you're thinking." Apparently intended to be ingratiating but more apt to be just grating, these bring to mind the old Saturday Night Live gimmick (back when I sometimes still watched it) of picking out an audience member with the camera and captioning the image with some potential embarrassment such as "Has hemorrhoids" or "President of the Olivia Newton-John Fan Club." Lisa Kudrow, who did good work for Roos in The Opposite of Sex, does some again here. (Though Steve Coogan, with unconcealed British accent, seems an odd choice for her stepbrother, especially since we have met the brother sans accent in an earlier stage of life.) And Maggie Gyllenhaal habitually does good work for whoever gives her a chance. And this is a particularly good chance.

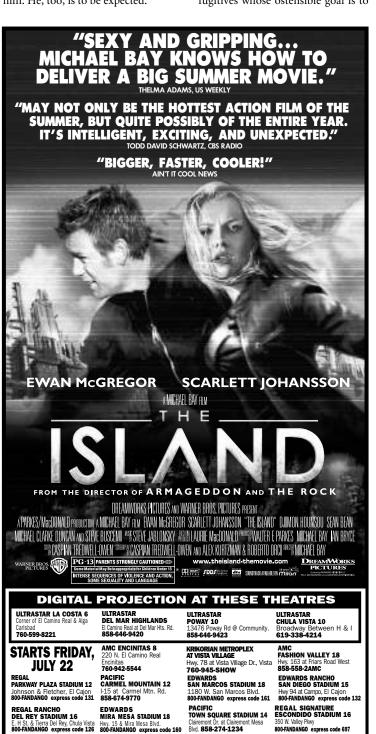
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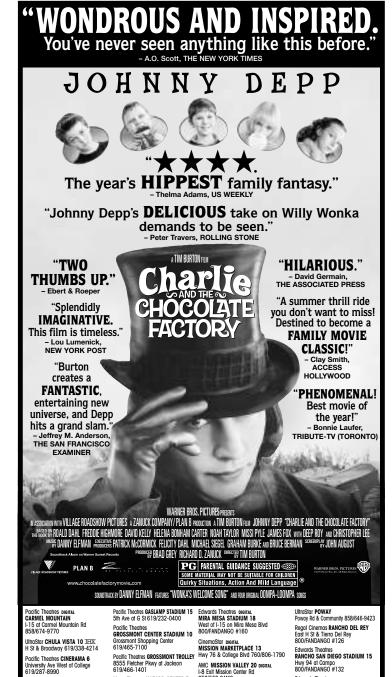
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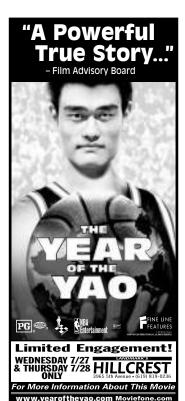
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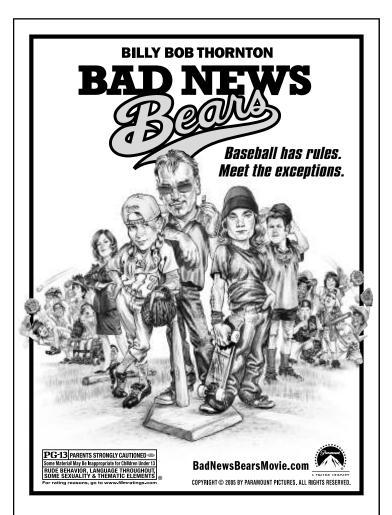
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Batman Begins — With a new director (Christopher Nolan) and a new star (Christian Bale), the fifth entry in the Batman series, true to its title, returns to square one: how and why Bruce Wayne came to be Batman; the psychological root of his fixation 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 Bath Starts Over or Batman Backs Up. Think of it, in other words, as a prequel. The starting-over will naturally mean that the storytelling takes a good long time to get to the Batsuit, the Batcave, the Batmobile, and all the appurtenances. But the starting-over 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 superpowers, 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 (notwithstand-



ing 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



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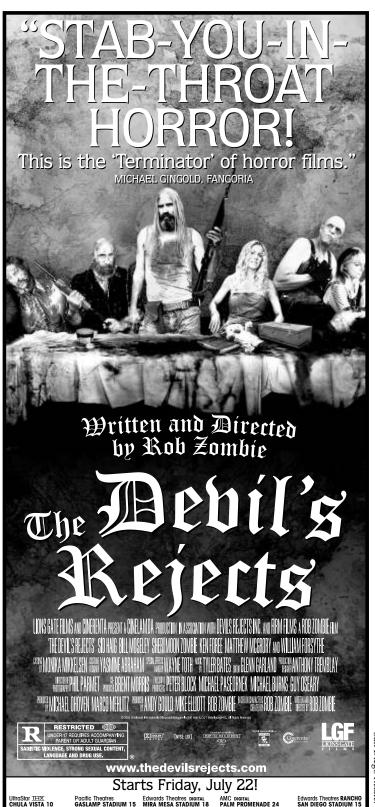
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'weaponized hallucinogen" (a sign of the times, a salute to Al Qaeda) are genuinely scary. On balance, the two-way cutting goes deeper in the direction of conviction than in that of ridiculousness. With Katie Holmes, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman, Liam Neeson, Cillian Murphy, Tom Wilkinson, Rutger Hauer. 2005. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CINERAMA 6: DEL

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French remake of James Toback's Fingers, directed by Jacques Audiard, with Romain Duris and Emmanuelle Devos (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 7/22)

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

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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 creative 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 MacLaine, 2005.

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Charlie and the Chocolate

Factory — Reviewed this issue. With Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore, David Kelly, Christopher Lee, and Deep Roy; directed by Tim Burton.

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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 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 Runyon, 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 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. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15)

A Clockwork Orange — Anthony

Burgess's vision of the ultra-violent future (the novelist's linguistic inventions are

carefully preserved and provide the movie

with its strongest prop) becomes, in film

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form, wholly a pander to the youth market. Stanley Kubrick's frost-bitten, arm-waving, gimmicky direction seems very nearly distraught, willing to try almost anything, just so long as it's leering or lascivious and so long as it's certain not to go over anybody's head. With Malcolm McDowell. 1971.

● (KEN, 7/23 MIDNIGHT)

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, 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. ★ (LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA)

Cronicas — Reviewed this issue. With John Leguizamo, Leonor Watling, Damián Alcázar, and José Maria Yazpik; written and directed by Sebastián Cordero.

• (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 7/22)

Dark Water - Yet another American remake of a Japanese horror film, but not, please, "just another." This atmospheric ghost story is more coherent, more cohesive, more cogent, than 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 high-rise 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. 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, with fierce intensity, 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. Being haunted by a ghost, needless to say, will not make it any easier, but will make it profounder. With Ariel Gade, John C. Reilly, Pete Postlethwaite, Tim Roth, Dougray Scott; directed by Walter Salles. 2005. ★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

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The Devil's Rejects — Rob Zombie's followup to House of 1000 Corpses, with Sid Haig, Sheri Moon, Bill Moseley, and William Forsythe.

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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:

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5x2 — François Ozon recounts a romantic relationship in reverse chronology, with Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi and Stéphane (KEN, 7/22 THROUGH 28)

Happy Endings — Reviewed this issue. With Lisa Kudrow, Steve Coogan, Jesse

Bradford, Bobby Cannavale, Maggie Gyllenhaal, and Tom Arnold; written and directed by Don Roos.

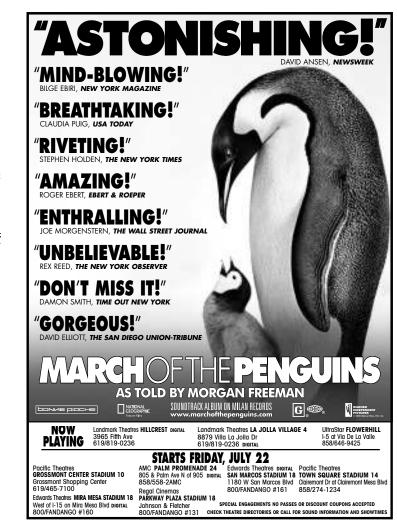
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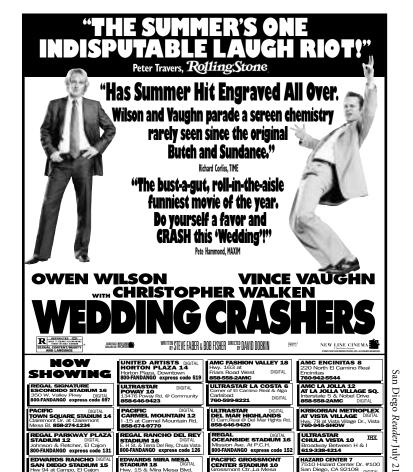
Herbie: Fully Loaded — The '63 Volkswagen Bug with a mind of its - er, his own (also a libido of his own: antenna coming to full alert at the sight of a latemodel cab-yellow Beetle) is reclaimed from Crazy Dave's Scrap and Salvage and spruced up for the NASCAR circuit. Insipid kiddie film, though Matt 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.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCON-DIDO 16; HORTON PLAZA 14; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; VOGUE)

Howl's Moving Castle — Havao Miyazaki, the doyen 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 Miyazaki'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





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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, Blythe Danner. 2005.

 \bigstar (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 7/21)

Hustle and Flow — Reviewed this issue. With Terrence Howard, Anthony Anderson, Taryn Manning, Taraji Henson, and Paula Jai Parker; written and directed by Craig Brewer.

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The Island — Reviewed this issue. With Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson, Sean Bean, Djimon Hounsou, and Steve Buscemi; directed by Michael Bay.

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Ladies in Lavender — The stranger who, in the nervous days before WWII, washes up on the Cornish shore, and into



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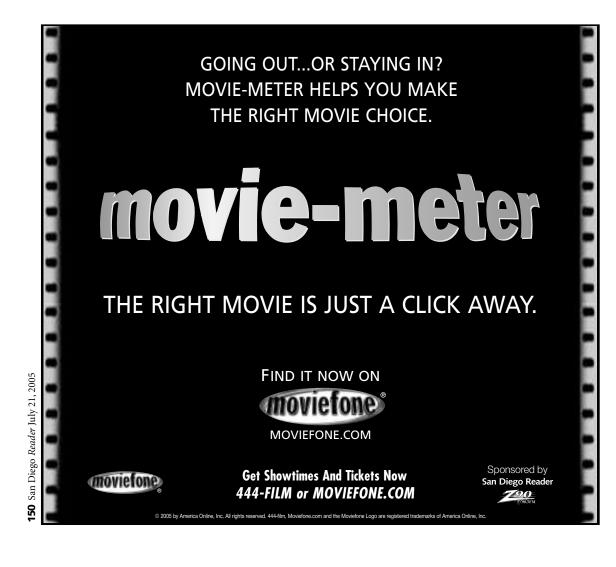
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The Longest Yard — Dumbing-down of Robert Aldrich's 1974 prison-*cum*-football film, the Sadistic Guards versus the Aveng-

ing 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 Cromwell, Cloris Leachman; directed by Peter Segal. 2005.

• (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

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 hard-



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back 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. ★★★ (ESCONDIDO 16, 7/22 THROUGH 28;

HAZARD CENTER 7; RANCHO DEL REY 16, 7/22 THROUGH 28)

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 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

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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 gen tlemen," 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 Ionathan, 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)

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; GROSSMONT CENTER, FROM 7/22: HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VIL-LAGE; MIRA MESA 18, FROM 7/22; PALM PROM-ENADE 24, FROM 7/22; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 7/22: SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 7/22: TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 7/22)

Me and You and Everyone We

Know — Quirky comedy, without question, 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, yet 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. Character interest is spread democratically among an assortment of oddballs, but centers on the wary mating dance between this cabbie and the scraggly hand-burner (John Hawkes), a sadsack shoe salesman for whom she has unaccountably set her cap. The separateness, the strangeness, the unknownness of people are subjects close to the crosshairs of the filmmaker's vision. Even closer to deadcenter 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. 2005.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 sociopathic 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 toplevel, 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: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16;



IAMES WARREN

Manager, Comics 'N' Stuff in Mission Valley

I just got the American remake of The Grudge. I love horror movies of all kinds; they're harmless fun. It's a great adrenaline rush like bungee jumping - you know it's safe.

Collateral offers Tom Cruise in a role not typical for him; he plays a killer. Jamie Foxx was nominated for an Oscar for his role

And if anybody from a comic shop doesn't pick The Incredibles, I don't know what they're thinking. It's a good comics-related movie, and it explores the superhero genre well.

THE GRUDGE (Japan/USA) 2004, Columbia TriStar

List price: \$28.95 COLLATERAL (USA) 2004,

Dreamworks

List price: \$29.99

THE INCREDIBLES: WIDESCREEN COLLECTOR'S EDITION (USA)

2004, Disney DVD

List price: \$29.99 (two discs)

MICHAEL BOYCE

Store manager, On Comic Ground

These are my superhero DVD picks. The complete season three of Wonder Woman just came out and it has Lynda Carter in her awesome Wonder Woman skateboarding outfit. Season one has Debra Winger as Wonder Girl, but off-screen she and Carter didn't get along.

This is a cheesy one Blade: Trinity. It's worth seeing just for Parker Posey as a vampire. Ryan Reynolds is hot.

And the premier superhero movie - Superman, with Christopher Reeve. It stands the test of time, and you really do believe a man can fly. The extras include screen tests of who tried out for Lois Lane.

WONDER WOMAN: THE COMPLETE SEASON THREE (USA) 1976-1979, Warner Home

List price: \$39.95 (four discs) BLADE: TRINITY (USA) 2004, New Line Home Video

List price: \$29.95

SUPERMAN — THE MOVIE SPECIAL EDITION (USA) 1978, Warner Home Video

List price: \$24.98 (two discs)

ED SHERMAN

Owner, Rising Sun Anime and Manaa

This isn't out domestically but you can get the import: Kung Fu Hustle. It's a hilarious parody of martial arts movies. Cheesy but

Tenjho Tenge is a martial arts high school anime. The U.S. release tones down and cuts the original anime. It's a really good story and has great fights.

I'm so eager to see The Place Promised in Our Early Days that I'm bringing it home tonight. They're calling Makato Shinkai the new Miyazaki. I don't know about that. Shinkai previously made Voices of a Distant Star in his apartment by himself, so it'll be interesting to see what he does with a hired

KUNG FU HUSTLE (Hong Kong) 2004, ERA Home Entertainment (Region Three)

List price: \$24.95

TENJHO TENGE — ROUND ONE

(Japan) 2004, Geneon

List price: \$24.98

THE PLACE PROMISED IN OUR EARLY DAYS (Japan) 2004, ADV

List price: \$29.98

PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14)

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 overstated, in spite of a sleepy performance from Martin Lawrence. Directed by Steve Carr. 2005.

• (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Shark Tale — Subaqueous computer animation; or, Finding Nemo's Sunken Treasure. Not only is the plasticky animation done by computer, but also the plotting, scripting, casting, everything. We have here, plugged in as variables in the formula, hiphop fish (voice, and lips, of Will Smith), Mafia sharks (voice and facial mole of Robert De Niro), a temperamental blowfish (voice and eyebrows of Martin Scorsese), Rastafarian jellyfish (Ziggy Marley, Doug E. Doug), and so on. One of the younger sharks (Jack Black) is "different," specifi-

LA JOLLA VILLAGE

cally vegetarian (read "effeminate"), symbolically whatever you please. Pop-culture references are rife: the sharks hum to themselves the theme from Jaws, etc. Wordplay is compulsory and compulsive: shell phones, prawn shop, Coral-Cola. As long as the box-office stampede persists, there is no reason for the manufacture of these things to slow down or aim higher. With the voices, also, of Renée Zellweger and Angelina Jolie; directed by Bibo Bergeron, Vicky Jenson, and Rob Letterman. 2004. ● (ESCONDIDO 16: MIRA MESA 18:





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Sin City — Comic-book burlesque of the hard-boiled film noir, tougher than tough, cooler than cool, bloodier than bloody, sillier than silly. Robert Rodriguez adapted it - or more accurately, copied it - from Frank Miller's series of graphic novels; and he insisted, to the point of resigning from the Director's Guild, on sharing the directing credit with Miller (besides bringing in his buddy, Quentin Tarantino, as a "guest director" of unspecified services). Different first-person narrators guide us through the different, dovetailed storylines, but always with the same hammerhead tone of voice: "I'm gonna find that son of a bitch that killed you, and I'm gonna give him the hard goodbye." The baroque black-and-white photography, with digital dabs of color for a red dress, green eyes, blue eyes, golden hair, blood, etc., may at first be "visually arresting" (thank you, Newsweek), but over



March of the Penguins

the long haul it's visually imprisoning. Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Clive Owen, Benecio Del Toro, Jessica Alba, Brittany Murphy, Carla Gugino, Jaime King, Rosario Dawson, Alexis Bledel, Michael Madsen, Elijah Wood, Nick Stahl, Powers Boothe. 2005. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

To Catch a Thief — Alfred Hitchcock, slimmed down to the lightweight class (he's in best form as a light-heavy), tells a noth-

ing tale about a debonair cat burglar who is forced out of restful retirement on the French Riviera. Hitchcock uses jewels as a sexual symbol in such a manner as to pass for sophistication in 1950s Hollywood (it is actually little more than adolescent smutti-

ness), and every once in a while he orders his shots into a catchy rhythm that passes for high style (it is just finger exercises). Cary Grant, Grace Kelly. 1955. ★★★ (GARDEN CABARET, 7/21 THROUGH 24, 8:30 P.M.)

Undead — Zombies in Australia, not too different from zombies in Pennsylvania, but spoofier. Low-low-budget and low-lowbrow. Photographed all in blue, violet, lavender. With Felicity Mason, Mungo McKay, Rob Jenkins, and Lisa Cunningham; written, directed, produced, and edited by the Spierig brothers, Peter and Michael. 2003.

• (KEN, THROUGH 7/21)

War of the Worlds — Steven Spielberg's retelling of H.G. Wells's s-f classic. 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 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

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La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Island; Bad News Bears; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Wedding Crashers; Fantastic Four; Dark Water; War of the Worlds; Batman Begins; Mr. and Mrs. Smith; Bewitched; Crash

La Jolla Village8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **The Beat That My Heart Skipped** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 9:55; The Beautiful Country (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10; **Mad Hot Ballroom** (PG) Fri. (2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:35, 7:20, 9:45; Mon (2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:45; Tue. (2:10, 4:35) 9:45; Wed.-Thu. (2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:45; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **Yes** (R) Fri 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 10:00; Mon.-Thu.

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **5x2** (R) Fri. (5:15) 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (5:40) 7:45, 9:50; A Clockwork Orange (R) Sat. 12:00

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Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:25, 9:40; Me and You and Everyone We Know (R) Fri. (2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 5:00, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 9:55 The Year of the Yao (PG) Wed.-Thu. (12:00)

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Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) The Adventures of Milo and Otis (G)

Tue.-Wed. (10:00); **Bad News Bears** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:50, 5:30) 8:10, 10:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:30, 8:10, 10:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:50, 5:30) 8:10, 10:50; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:25, 1:55, 2:25, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 10:10, 10:40, 11:10; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:25, 1:55, 2:25, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20) 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 10:10, 10:40, 11:10; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **The Devil's** Rejects (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; Mon. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:10; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 10:40, 1:00, 1:30, 3:50, 4:20) 6:40, 7:10, 9:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 10:40, 1:00, 1:30, 3:50) 4:20, 6:40, 7:10, 9:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (10:10, 10:40, 1:00, 1:30, 3:50, 4:20) 6:40, 7:10, 9:30, 10:00; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:05, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:05, 9:45; Hustle & Flow (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 1:20) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30); Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30); **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Wed. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:00; Thu. (10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:00; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu, (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 4:50, 7:50, 10:50; Mon.-1nu. (10:50, 1:50, 4:50) 7:30, 10:30; Shark Tale (PG) Tue.-Wed. (10:00); Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 10:15; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. (10:30,

11:00, 1:25, 2:00, 4:20, 4:55) 7:15, 7:50, 10:10, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 1:25, 2:00) 4:20, 4:55, 7:15, 7:50, 10:10, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 11:00, 1:25, 2:00, 4:20, 4:55) 7:15, 7:50, 10:10, 10:45

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)

Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri. (1:55) 4:50, 7:45, 10:40; Sat. (11:05, 1:55) 4:50, 7:45, 10:40; Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; Mon. (11:05, 1:55, 4:50) 7:40, 10:25; Tue.-Thu. (1:55, 4:50) 7:40, 10:25; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 3:40) 7:10, 10:30; Sat. (12:30, 3:40) 10:30; Sun.-Mon. (12:30, 3:40) 7:05, 10:05; Tue. (12:30, 3:35) 7:05, 10:05; Wed.-Thu. (12:30, 3:40) 7:05, 10:05; Charlie and the **Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:50) 6:45, 9:40; Sun.-Mon. (12:55, 3:50) 6:45, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 6:45, 9:30; **The Devil's Rejects** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:00) 5:35, 8:15, 10:50; Sat. (12:20, 3:00) 5:35, 8:15, 10:50; Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; Mon. (12:20, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (12:35, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri. (2:20) 5:10, 76:55, 10:35; Sat. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Mon. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 7:45, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (2:20, 5:10) 7:45, 10:15; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:25, 10:20; Mon. (11:00, 2:15) 7:25, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 7:25, 10:20; Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:20) 7:15, 9:55; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Sat. 7:10; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:45) 6:55, 9:50; Sun.-Thu. (12:50, 3:45) 6:55, 9:35; **Wedding** Crashers (R) Fri. (1:00, 2:10) 4:10, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45; Sat. (11:15, 1:00, 2:10) 4:10, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45; Sun. (11:15, 1:00, 2:10) 4:10, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; Mon. (11:15, 1:00, 2:10, 4:10, 5:05) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; Tue. (1:00, 2:10, 3:40, 5:05) 8:00, 10:10; Wed.-Thu. (1:00, 2:10, 4:10, 5:05) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:50) 6:45, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 6:45; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri. (1:55) 4:50, 7:45, 10:20; Sat. (11:05, 1:55) 4:50, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:50, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:50) 7:45; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri. (2:05) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; Sat. (11:30, 2:05) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:40, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:40) 7:30; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00; **Hustle & Flow** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Sat. (11:10, 1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:30, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:20; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:15, 3:20) 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:50; Sat. (11:15, 12:15, 2:15, 3:20) 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:50; Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 2:15, 3:20) 5:00, 6:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu, (12:15, 2:15, 3:20, 5:00) 6:30, 8:00; March of the Penguins (G) Fri. (1:00, 3:00) 5:05, 7:10, 9:20; Sat. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00) 5:05, 7:10, 9:20; Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00) 5:05, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:00, 5:05) 7:10



Wedding Crashers

wavs 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. Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Tim Robbins. 2005.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER

HILL 4: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSS-MONT 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 PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Wedding Crashers — Reviewed this issue. With Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Rachel McAdams, Isla Fisher, Christopher Walken, and Jane Seymour; directed by David Dobkin.

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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

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, no. 2005. • (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

guess that's what happens when love dies"

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:00, 4:55) 7:40, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:55) 7:40, 10:25; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:45) 7:20, 10:35; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:10, 4:45) 7:35, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 2:10) 4:45, 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 2:10, 4:45) 7:35, 10:10; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30) 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (10:00, 10:30, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 3:25) 6:55, 10:25; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 7:55, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 7:55, 10:40; **The Devil's Rejects** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 9:55; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri. (10:55, 1:50, 4:40) 7:25, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:50) 4:40, 7:25, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (10:55, 1:50, 4:40) 7:25, 10:20; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri. (11:05, 1:55, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Wed. (11:05, 1:55, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:35) 7:10; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 1:10, 4:05) 7:05, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 1:10) 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (10:10, 1:10, 4:05) 4305, 7305, 10305, Moli.-1 Int., (10710, 1710, 4305) 7:05, 10:05; **Stealth** (PG-13) Thu. 11:59; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 1:05, 3:55) 6:45, 9:35; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. (10:15, 11:00, 1:15, 2:00, 4:15, 5:00) 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 10:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 11:00, 1:15, 11:15, 11:00, 1:15, 11:00, 1:15, 11:15, 11:15, 11:15, 11:15, 11:15, 11:15, 11:1 2:00) 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 10:55; Mon.-Thu. (10:15, 11:00, 1:15, 2:00, 4:15, 5:00) 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 10:55

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Island; Batman Begins; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Fantastic Four

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Charlie and the Chocolate 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. 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; **The Devil's Rejects** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Hustle & Flow (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30, 12:45; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:30, 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) The Island; Bad News Bears; The Devil's Rejects: Hustle and Flow: March of the Penguins; Madagascar; 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; The Longest

Rancho Del Rey 16 *East H Street (619-216-4707)* Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 5:05) 7:55, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 5:05, 7:55, 10:40; Mon. (2:15, 5:05) 7:55, 10:40; Tue.-Wed. (11:25, 2:15, 5:05) 7:55, 10:40; Thu (2:15, 5:05) 7:55, 10:40; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:05) 7:15, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:15, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:05) 7:15, 10:20; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri. (1.00, 1.30, 1.55, 4.00, 4.30, 4.50) 7.05, 7.30, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 1:30, 1:55, 4:00) 4:30, 4:50, 7:05, 7:30, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30, 10:45; Mon. (1:00, 1:30, 1:55, 4:00, 4:30, 4:50) 7:05, 7:30, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30, 10:45; Tue.-Wed. (10:05, 10:30, 10:55, 1:00, 1:30, 1:55, 4:00, 4:30, 4:50) 7:05, 7:30, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30, 10:45; Thu. (1:00, 1:30, 1:55, 4:00, 4:30 4:50) 7:05, 7:30, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30, 10:45; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:20; **The** Devil's Rejects (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:40) 7:10, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:10, 10:10; **Fantastic** Four (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 2:05, 4:10, 4:55) 7:00. 7:40, 9:50, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:20, 2:05) 4:10, 4:55, 7:00, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30; Mon. (1:20, 2:05) 4:10, 4:55) 7:00, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30; Tue.-Wed. (10:35, 11:15, 1:20, 2:05, 4:10, 4:55) 7:00, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30; Thu. (1:20, 2:05, 4:10, 4:55) 7:00, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri. (1:50, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (1:50) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon. (1:50, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Tue.-Wed. (11:20, 1:50, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Thu (1:50, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Hustle & Flow (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25; Machuca (Not Rated) Fri. (1:30, 4:35) 7:25, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:25, 10:15; Mon. (1:30, 4:35) 7:25, 10:15; Tue.-Wed. (10:40, 1.30, 4.35) 7.25, 10.15; Thu (1.30, 4.35) 7.25, 10:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (3:00, 5:25); Sat.-Sun. (3:00) 5:25; Mon. (3:00, 5:25); Tue.-Wed. (12:40, 3:00, 5:25); Thu. (3:00, 5:25); **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu (1:05, 4:00) 6:55, 10:05; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 10:00; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. (1:25, 2:00, 4:25, 4:50) 7:20, 7:45, 10:10, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (1:25, 2:00) 4:25, 4:50, 7:20, 7:45, 10:10, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 2:00, 4:25, 4:50) 7:20, 7:45, 10:10, 10:40

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Bewitched (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 8:00; Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:00; The Longest Yard (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45,

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri -Sun (10:35.

1:15) 4:15, 7:20, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:45, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:30) 7:05, 10:05; **Charlie** and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 1:45, 2:30) 4:25, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 9.50, 10.45; Mon -Thu (11.00, 11.45, 1.45, 2:30, 4:25, 5:15) 7:15, 8:15, 9:50; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:55) 7:40, 10:15; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25; Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:35); **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:00, 1:35, 3:05) 4:50, 7:00, 7:50, 9:55, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 12:00, 1:55, 3:05, 4:50) 7:00, 8:30, 9:55; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 12:50, 2:55) 5:00, 7:00, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:55, 5:00) 7:00, 9:05; **Mr.** & **Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 5:20, 8:10, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 1:50, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; Mon.-Thu, (11:50, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Vallev Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) **Bad News Bears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Charlie and** the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30. 8:00, 10:30; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 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. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **Bad News Bears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri. 10:15 (1:15, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:30) 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon. (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Tue. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Wed.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Charlie and** the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:30, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:30, 8:15, 10:45; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00) 6:00; The Island (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Sat. 7:30; **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) 7:15, 10:15

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:10; Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:25) 7:55, 10:55; Sat. (1:15, 4:25) 10:55; Sun.-Thu. (1:15, 4:25) 7:55, 10:55; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri.-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; **Cin**derella Man (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 4:20) 7:25, 10:35; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:10; **The Devil's Rejects** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:50, 4:50) 7:50, 10:40; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 3:20, 3:50) 6:15, 7:00, 10:00; Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) Fri.-Thu. (1:45) 6:45; **Hustle & Flow** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:20, 10:20; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:40) 7:10, 10:25; Madagascar (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:40) 7:10, 10:25; March of the Penguins (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:25, 4:00) 6:20, 8:30, 10:50; Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 5:05) 8:15, 11:05; Must Love Dogs (PG-13) Sat. 7:45; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:25) 7:05, 10:15; Stealth (PG-13) Thu, 11:59; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:40) 5:35, 8:10, 11:15; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 1:40, 3:15, 4:40) 6:10, 7:45, 9:05, 10:45

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CARLSBAD

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DEL MAR

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Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45

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 Pen**guins** (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

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Encinitas 8

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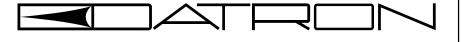
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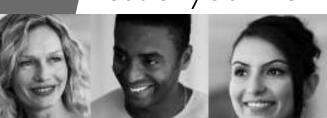




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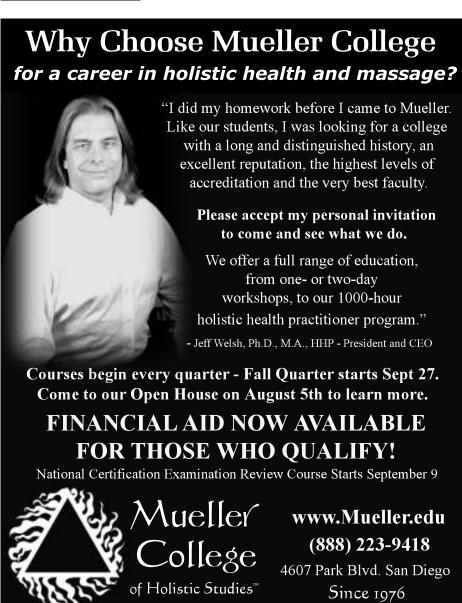
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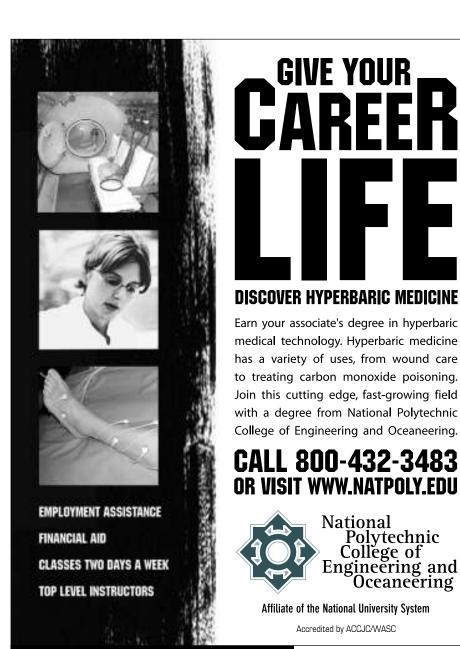
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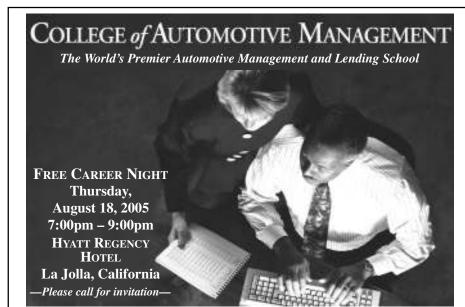
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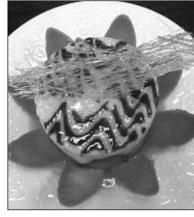
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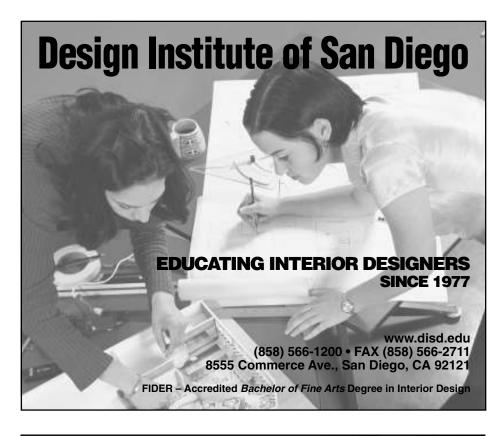
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ered hill. Can I handle the seasons of my life? Work for peace, my friends.

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MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

EXERCISE PARTNER, hiking, 24 Hour Fitness. Me: female, single, 40s, positive attitude. Looking for male/female, nonsmokers, have time for weekend fun, lunch, movies, happiness. (8/3) \$\infty\$ 48570

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks platonic friends for movies and light walking. Prefer persons with an adequate amount of free time. Age 30 and up. (7/27) 48501

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FRIENDSHIP. Female 36, new to North County seeks friends around town to go out with for dinners, dancing, concerts, shopping, beach, just good conversation. (8/3) ☆48538

FRIENDSHIP. Female, 40 seeking platonic only friends for country dancing. Male or female. No drugs, light drinker OK. (7/27) ☆48528

MATCHES

Women SEEKING MEN

YOUNG AT HEART. Italian. You're 35-59, works, good kisser, blue eyes a plus. Enjoy movies, picnics, beach, camping, fun, romance, your place. More information, call. (8/3) \$\overline{a}\$ 48056

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PRETTY, WARM, SPIRITUAL, 56, col lege instructor/nurse-dancer, natural foods, cook. Seeking degreed professional, financially stable, 50-60, with generous heart, inner depth, sense of humor. (8/3) **T** 48052

Numor. (8/3) TO 48002

SEEKING HAPPY CAMPER, 58+ 5'10', with a sense of humor that will carry the day. Very pretty lady with nice figure awaits your call. (7/27)

CUBANA, SPICY, 47, romantic, sincere. Seeking that serious gentleman, 43-50, to start something beautiful with. Let's share life together and everything it has to offer. (8/3) 🕿 48051

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BRONX, NEW YORK transplant, good looking, petite, hoping to attract sweet guy, successful, talented, eccentric, romantic, 50+. I'm animal advocate, good cook, active, 119lbs., 5'1'. (7/27) 2748038

MAKE ME LAUGH and I'm yours. Read to me and I'll spoil you. Lusty, active, intelligent, 60s female, whose heart, attitude, vitality are mid-40s. (7/27) ☎48037

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, Flast County, 40s, brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoy sports, outdoor activities and much more. Seeking single white male who enjoys same. (7/27) 248022

JUST HAD A BIRTHDAY. Looking for someone to share some special moments with. No games please. Black female, 48, looking for white male, 32-55. (7/27)

PLUS SIZE LADY looking for lover/boyfriend. Love coffee conversations, lots of laughing and sometimes being silly, 54-year-old, blonde hair, brown eyes. (8/3) 2748050

FUN, FIT, YOUNG, shapely, intelligent, 64, Caucasian, Democrat, walks, arts, nature, dining. You: 57-64, healthy, nonsmoker, compassionate, life-loving, friendship, romance, relationship. San Diego preferred. (7/27) 48025

WHITE FEMALE, 5'3", long brown hair. Enjoy outdoors, baseball, walks, East County. Seeking 50+, white male, homeowner, financially secure, nonsmoker. Looking for long-term relationship. (8/3) 48055

NORMAL, SANE, SEXY, shapely, funny, blonde, a little wild. In search of down-to-earth male, 55-65, with sense of humor and no sailboat, nonsmoker. (8/3) 72-48047

ATTRACTIVE JEWISH, full figured, 52year-old lady interested in a kind hearted, sincere, romantic gentleman. Enjoy dinners, movies, home life for a permanent relationship. (7/27) \$\infty\$48035

WARM, CREATIVE, REFINED personality tired widow, traditional values, beau

fashion counselor. Seeking congenial Christian gentleman. Enjoy healthy lifestyle, travel, swimming. (7/27) 48024

CHRISTIAN LATINA, widow, sincere happy, stable, petite, romantic senior en-joy life. Seeking nonsmoker gentleman easygoing, generous, spontaneous, 70+ Let's trade smiles. (7/27) 🕿 48019

MATURE PROFESSIONAL, artist, multidimentional magnetic personality, cosmopolitan, Many interests, sensitive, perceptive, loving, romantic. Seeking companion, 55+, sophisticated, creative, financially secure, enjoyable of many splendiferous things. (8/3) \$\tilde{D}\$ 48059

PRETIY LADY, RETIRED widow, 5'2', blonde/hazel eyes. Seeking nice sincere gentleman, financially secure, 60-70; enjoy each other's company, sharing interests. Nonsmoker, moderate drinker. (8/3) \$\tilde{D}\$ 48045

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LITTLE MERMAID, 54, tall, pretty. Like snorkeling, swimming, biking, picnics, science, nutrition, nature, metaphysics, gardening; is healthy, spiritual, creative, smart. Seeks similar nonsmoking tall boyfriend. (7/27) ★48032

HISPANIC PETITE WOMAN, attractive good shape, nice personality, marriage minded, stable finances. Like movies, dancing, travel. Seeking single white male, 56-60s, nonsmoker, sense of humor. (8/3) 248043

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LOVE TO LOVE ONE GOOD MAN. Beautiful blonde/blue, 50, trim, upbeat, intelligent. Seeking handsome man who needs loving relationship. I could be the one. (7/27) ☆ 48036

TALL, REDHEAD, FULL figure, curvaceous, pretty smile. Seeking same-affectionate, upbeat, happy, humorous, financially stable, love family, friends, and baseball. Looking for solid relationship, 50+. (7/27) 48039

LOVELY, ATTRACTIVE LADY, trim and fit, bright mind, loving soul, optimistic, spiribright mind, loving soul, optimistic, spiritual. Love ocean, mountains, hiking, biking, outdoors, adventure. Seeking fit, spiritual. ited, spiritual, 48-54, nonsmoker. (8/3) \$\frac{1}{48048}\$

SOFT, BEAUTIFUL, SWEEL, 19-blonde hair, for complexion, long golden-blonde hair, fit, curvy, beautiful legs, Christian, nonsmoker, love to practice tennis, with proped humorous man. (8/3) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$48058 SOFT, BEAUTIFUL, SWEET, pale feminine for complexion, long golden-blonde hair,

LONELY LOVELY CAUCASIAN, 33, brown hair, brown eyes, 5'7", model-looking woman wants someone long-term relationship, going out, nice dinners, comedy clubs, outdoor sports. (7/27) ☎48023

GREAT LOOKS, EUROPEAN, classy lady, honest, passionate, romantic, feisty, fun, successful homeowner. Love life, arts, people. Seeking accomplished gentleman, 44-55, with similar interests. (8/3)

Pie and IceCeam

Pacific Beach average lady, 53, with sense of humor, wants to meet an average man. I am 5'2", 125lbs. I like pie, ice cream. (7/27) 48018

tionship with chemistry, communication, honesty, petite, 40s. Seeking that special someone, 35-55. Weekend getaways, movies, fun times. (8/3) \$\infty\$48060

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PRETITY AND PETITE music teacher, 5'2', 115lbs. Enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, hatha yoga, seeks gentleman 5'10+', 45-55, athletic, spiritual, good sense of humor. (8/3) *\frac{*48057}{48057}**

lady seeks nonsmoker male between the ages of 45 to 52, who enjoys sports beach, sunsets, animals, nature. You easygoing, down to earth with similar interests. (8/3) 248042

GOLDEN GIRL, FIT, educated, playful, 65. Enjoy dance, science, boating, garden ing, plein-aire. Seeking handsome, bilin gual, upscale adventurer, RV world travel nobbies, classical, outdoors, culture amily. (8/3) **~**48026

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SULTRY. Nice legs, curvaceous figure, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs,

scale, successful, compatible, generous, 35+, caucasian bachelor. (7/27)

EX-MODEL, 52, ARTISTIC and musical. loves dancing, dining, traveling, shopping, animals and beauty. Seeking model partner, sweet, stable, easygoing, lighthearted, loving and loyal. (7/27)

LIFE IS ABOUT LOVE. An attractive woman of color to celebrate the miracle of life with you. 5'6", 130lbs., 40, shapely, sexy, upscale. You: tall, fit, clean cut, nonsmoker, 40-55. (7/27) ☎48033

ATTRACTIVE SAMOAN/BLACK female 25, full figured, outgoing. Love movies, dinner, travel or just staying home. Seeking white male, compatible, generous, romantic, honest, good kisser. (8/3)

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, 5'8", blonde, 33. Enjoy movies, outdoors, fine wine, can-Enjoy movies, outdoors, fine wine, candlelit dinners. Seeking: secure, mature, Caucasian man in good shape, ages 35-45. (7/27) 348021

CAN WE TALK? Black female seeks white male for summer fun and beyond. I like clean-shaven surfer types. (8/3) \$\frac{1}{48063}\$

ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL. Black female would like to meet a nice gentleman for dinners out, dancing, concerts. Sincere only. Must like children. (8/3)

INTELLIGENT, ACTIVE, sensual, 56, lady wants to meet gentleman, 48-62, for activities, friendship, romance? Only friendly, humorous and honest guys need apply! Do you exist? (8/3) 248062

Do you exist? (8/3) \$\frac{\pi}{\pi}\$48062 **EUROPEAN EDUCATED,** gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monoganous, (com)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/norreligious, 37-49, 59°+. (7/27) \$\frac{\pi}{\pi}\$48041 GOING PLACES. FUN-LOVING Cau

casian, senior woman likes people, being active, travel, etc. Looking for healthy, tall, Caucasian, 70+, nonsmoker man for

friendly, loving relationship. (7/27) \$\frac{1}{48029}\$

SLIM, ATTRACTIVE, interesting real es-tate agent, 59, outdoor, travel, art lover. tate agent, 59, outdoor, travel, art lover. Looking for reasonably fit companion for a glass of wine and good conversation. (7/27) 🕿 48040

SOUTHERN BELLE. Sexy, brown-eyed single white female, 40s. Seeking single white male, 30s-50s. Walks on the beach, camping, cooking and lots of hospitality. (7/27) 48027

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

TALL, HANDSOME, CEREBRAL write 39, financially secure. Seeking warm-hearted, spiritual, intellectual girl, 25-35, for romantically pleasurable times. I wish to entertain and enlighten you. (8/3) 48/346

GIRLFRIEND WANTED by caring and warm single white male, 48, 59°, 190lbs., with brown hair, blue eyes, nonsmoker. Like music, romance, conversation, short story writing. (8/3) 3748562

BLONDISH BLUE SURFER TYPE. 57 5'11", 16'0lbs., good health, liberal, Taoist, nostalgic. Like jazz, Hawaiian beaches, beer, wine, gardening, bicycles, honesty and my Leucadia trailer house. Seeking similar type female. (7/27) \$\tilde{\ta}\$48509

similar type female. (//2/) ~48509

HANDSOME BLACK MALE, confident, tall, 6'2', 46, with sense of humor. Seeking attractive, humorous lady, 30s-40s, sincere, romantic, friendly white Mexican/Asian woman. (7/27) ~48515

HANDSOME MALE, 37, slender. Want white female, slender Lutheran worship leader, songwriter, church musician like me, 21-35, for a marriage-minded relationship. Creative, sincere, loyal! (7/27) 48527

48, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 42 49, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life w lationship, commitment. (8/3) 🕿 48

WHITE MALE, 75 YEARS OLD, 5'10" 150lbs., retired professional, financially secure, in excellent health, outdoor type, in search of long-term relationship. (8/3)

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SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual man, 46. Seeking affectionate, passionate, true woman-brunette with beautiful heart, looks, shape, legs for relationship full of passion, intimacy and growth. (8/3) ➡ 48540

HOPELESS ROMANTIC, 49, 5'6", finan cially secure white male desires nice hon-est, sincere lady who enjoy outdoors travel. Looking for lasting relationship. Age/race open. (7/27) 48530

ENJOY MOVIES? Dinner/drink? Warm, affectionate man to romance you? 40ish, white, sincere but can make you laugh. San Carlos area. I know you're there. (7/27) 248525

TALL, SLIM, 52, FIT, degreed, fun, pleasant, father, humorous, varied interests. Seeking pleasant, warm-hearted, trim, taller, nonsmoking lady, 40-52, North County preferred, conversations, outings. (8/3) 48555

OUTSIDE THE BOX. YOU? Seeking water girl, adventurer, free spirit, old soul. Smarter than the average bear. Ski, sail, hike, bike, kayak. Any ideas? (8/3)

59-YEAR-OLD LOOKING for North County

BIG BEAUTIFUL WHITE female, 180lbs.+ wanted by attractive, romantic, green eyed, passionate black male for one-one relationship and permanent commitment. Serious only. (7/27) 48506

STILL KID AT HEART, 45, 5'8", 165lbs., casual, healthy lifestyle. Outdoors, biking, hiking, new adventures. You: somewhat attractive, enjoy nature, ready for caring, sharing relationship. (8/3) \$\mathbf{T}\$48561

NICE GUY, 68, RETIRED, healthy, active, outdoorsy. No baggage. Like movies, desert, cruises, solvent, La Mesa area. Looking for a nice lady. (7/27) 48529 GOOD NATURED, affectionate, healthy, retired white male, 5'9', 160lbs. Seeking sincere, monogamous, lovable, white female, 55-69, nonsmoking, under 130lbs. San Diego, South County preferred. (7/27) ☎ 48511 I CAN'T CONCEIVE of anything more de sirable than finding an unpretentious

strong willed. Let's talk. (7/2/) \$\frac{4480U}{2}\$
POWAY. YOU LIKE THE river, Vegas, beach, fun life? You're for me. White, 5'9', 56, 173lbs., blue/gray, fit, healthy, handsome, romantic, loving, independent, secure. (7/27) \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$48513

SPIRITUAL INTERESTS with wild side Passionate Pisces, Scorpio moon, Leo rising. Introverted, intuitive, thinking type. Living dinosaur: 56. 6', 150lbs., fit, bald. Unconventional, stable, clean. (8/3)

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49-YEAR-OLD YOUTHFUL single African

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CYCLING PARTNER WANTED. Me: 44, professional, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, professional, o 1, prown hair, blue eyes, slim, athletic build, healthy lifestyle. You: 34-48, athletic and fun, thick legs. (8/3)

BABYFACE, 30s, single black male seeks girl(friend) for casual dating, must love to be around a really sweet and charming guy! Race open, single female! (7/27)

GEEK LITE SEEKS GEEKETTE for comiccon. Brilliant, witty, Nick Nolte look alike, 45. Want white woman, 28-55, nonsmoker, no kids; flirty, feisty, independent. (7/27) \$\alpha\$48505

WESTERN WASHINGTON GUY seeks single white female, 38-54, slim/medium build, to share quiet times here in Puget Sound. Like trips, walks, nature, moon-light, cozy evenings cuddling on the couch. (8/3) \$\Pi\$48566

couch. (8/3) T48566

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 61, trim, 5'10', blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (8/3) T48572

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FILIPINA OVER 30 DESIRED. White pro-

OFFERING LIFETIME, CARING, sharing contentment, serenity by youthfhomeowner, financially secure, smoker, who enjoys RV travel, cam fishing, home life and evenings. (8/3) 248578

SOUTH BAY PROFESSIONAL. I am Hispanic, fit, neat and live in Chula Vista. I am a gentleman, like to have fun, live alone with pets. (7/27) **2** 48534

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friend first with a sense of humor, independent and willing to discover new territories. Only the strong need apply. (7/27) ITALIAN SPEAKING LADY, 60/70. Dutch

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Caucasian. Seeking woman with heart of gold, secure, down to earth, stable finance, for serious relationship. (8/3) \$\tilde{48551}\$ DIVORCED WHITE MALE, 60+, healthy,

sincere, intelligent, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure. In search of divorced white female, nonsmoker, 53-67, for loving relationship. (7/27) **2**48508

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship. Intelligent professional seeks nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (7/27) 248519

GLOBETROTTING, unencumbered, retired European, 5'9', 180lbs., trim, nonsmoker, nondrinker, educated, trustful, tactful, honest, hobbyist, art lover, dresser to occasions. Seeking matching white-Latina lady under 60. (8/3) 1248547

SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intellectual stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady, in her 30s. (7/27) **1**

ROMANTIC, LOVING, athletic, educated, handsome and healthy, 53. Seeking physically fit, spiritual woman, 39-50, for honest, quality relationship. North County. Will travel. (7/27) 48532

FUN-LOVING MAN, 57, looking for woman of quality for same, love, romance woman of quality for same, love, ror and passion and the excitement Journey together! (7/27) 3 48533







FUN GUY SEEKS HAPPY woman. I'm spiritual, successful and fun. Love the sunshine, like to bike, ride, camp under oright stars in motorhome, 35-50. (8/3)

LONG RELATIONSHIP, 48, white, Mission Valley. Enjoy home, TV, relaxing, hiking, camping, city activities, romance, love, open to your interests. Any age/race. Prefer slender. (8/3) \$\frac{1}{2}\$\$48557\$

HANDSOME, AFFECTIONATE, romantic playful, humorous. Great personality. Lov-ing, spiritual, communicative, fit. Berkeley grad. Seeking monogamous relationship, 53, 5'10', 175lbs., mixed race. All calls re-turned. (8/3) **2**48543

SPIRITUAL NOT RELIGIOUS! Trustwor wanting an honest, happy with herself woman for fishing, hiking, biking, dancing, traveling and soulful search for peace. (7/27) 48512

ACTIVE CAUCASIAN WIDOWER, 5'7" 165lbs., well groomed, late 60s, homeowner, beach area, 92110. Enjoy simple pleasures. Seeking warm, affectionate lady, companion, under 65, for dating. (7/27) 48503

ACTIVE, RETIRED, 61, fun-loving man. Looking for lady for Del Mar horse track, walks, talks, romance, boating, weekend trips. Let's have fun indoors, out-

MODERN MAN WITH UNIVERSAL values. Seeking a partner in crime. Into the arts, nature, yoga, KPBS radio, X-files, road trips, chemistry, communication. 34-43. (8/3) か48579

47, 5'8", ESTABLISHED professiona wants committed relationship. Intuitive, honest, good listener, confident, risk taker, Point Loma. Desires emotionally available, intelligent, outgoing, woman with positive vibrations (2002). available, intelligent, outgoing, woman with positive vibration. (8/3) \$\alpha\$48564

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REASON TO BELIEVE, 54, divorced

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BLACK MAN, 5'9", green eyes, 200lbs., young 60 years old, sincere, nonsmoker. Like movies, music, looking for 35-50

ear-old female, 120-140lbs., atina, Asian. (7/27) **ক**48537

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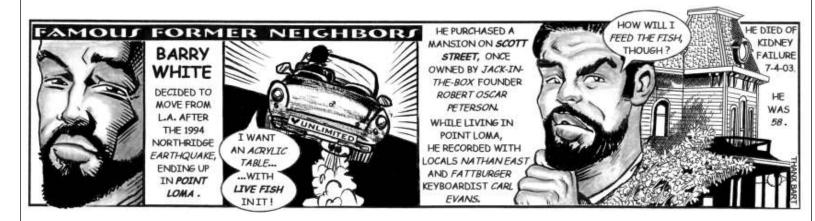
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San Diego Reader July 21, 2005

RED MEAT

It's completely liberating, Dear. This is how our distant ancestors must've felt. I'm finally at one with my brute nature.



And I bet you'd feel even closer to it if you went out and lived in the kids' tree house for the duration of this extended vacation of yours from personal hygiene.



I would, except the filth ulcers on my back erupted an hour ago, then dried out...and now I'm glued to this leather chair.

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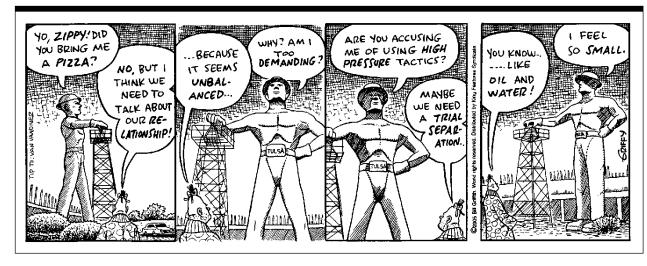
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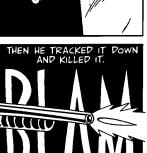




















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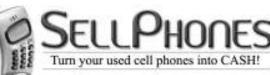
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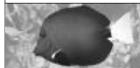


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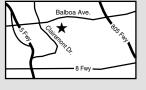
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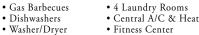


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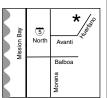
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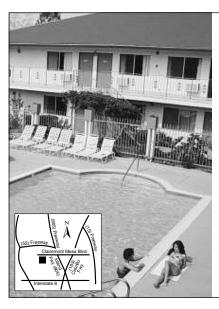
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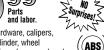
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Willie Windsor, 54, of Phoenix, has for several years lived as a full-time baby, wearing frilly dresses, diapers and bonnets, sucking on a pacifier, eating Gerber cuisine, and habitually clutching a rag doll, in a home filled with oversized baby furniture. According to a long Phoenix New Times profile in June, the diaper is not just a prop. Windsor said he worked hard to become incontinent, even chaining the commode shut to avoid temptation, and the reporter admitted feeling "disconcert(ed)" that Windsor might be relieving himself at the very moment he was describing his un-toilet training. Apparently, Windsor's brother, ex-wife, girlfriend and a neighbor tolerate his lifestyle (though no girlfriend has yet been willing to change his diapers). Windsor is a semi-retired singer-actor and said he's been celibate for nine years.

Family Values

- After a passer-by found two kids (ages 12 and 6) dragging suitcases along a rural road near Marshfield, Mo., in June, prosecutors charged their mother, Roxanna Osborne, and her boyfriend, Timmy Young, with child abandonment. The kids said their mother had awakened them, given them \$5 each, and told them to pack up and leave. The kids told police that the two adults are drug-users. In June, prosecutors in Porter County, Ind., were deciding whether to file charges against the parents of a 17-year-old boy after, according to police, they had beat him up because he had refused to let his sister and her friends borrow his underwear when their own clothes got wet while they were swimming. After initially rebuffing his sister, the boy had moved all his undergarments to his grandparents' house for safekeeping, but a confrontation with his parents ensued.

Can't Possibly Be True

- Brian F. Monfort, 27, was arrested in Springfield, Ohio, in April and charged with child enticement based on an arrest report noting that twice, in January and March, he had approached children and paid them money (up to \$40) to insult

him for being fat, supposedly as a tactic to inspire himself to lose weight.

- In 1999, Orange County (Calif.) Sheriff Michael Carona and his former chief assistant Donald Haidl deputized 86 untrained civilians, at least half of whom were their friends or family or political contributors, giving them badges and in some cases gun permits and limited arrest powers, according to a May 2005 Los Angeles Times report. Some of the 86 volunteers are still "on duty," and the sheriff did not begin to dismiss some "deputies" until a state law enforcement organization continued to complain that the deputies were not qualified for police work under state law.

Unclear on the Concept

 While virtually every town along the nearly 20 miles of the Long Beach Island, N.J., seashore has signs warning beachgoers of the dangers of rip tides (according to a June Asbury Park Press story), Long Beach Township does not. Even though experts say that most summer visitors are ignorant of the powerful currents and how to cope with them, Township Attorney Richard Shackleton said posting such helpful warnings may hurt local taxpayers. Shackleton explained that a town generally has no legal duty to warn swimmers of natural conditions, but that once a town attempts to warn, judges and juries will too often find the warnings inadequate and permit a swimmer (or his survivors) huge damages.

- Newsweek named Hillsborough High of Tampa, Fla., the 10th "best" high school in America in May, but as the St. Petersburg Times pointed out the next day, the school got a "D" grade from the state in the most recent evaluation (based mostly on its failure to improve the progress of struggling students), as well as a substandard federal evaluation (based on such criteria as whether low-income and minority students improve). Newsweek's sole criterion for "best" is what percentage of students volunteers to take Advanced Placement exams.

Least Competent Criminals

- Justin Breakspear, 18, was arrested in Fram-

ingham, Mass., in May and charged with illegal possession of three firearms, one of which was a .38-caliber pistol; police said it was unlikely Breakspear would claim the pistol is not his in that on his hip is a tattoo of an exact replica of the gun. And in Glens Falls, N.Y., in May, Jason McClaskey, 25, on house arrest, was admitted to a hospital in Valhalla, N.Y., with burns over 60 percent of his body; police said McClaskey might have tried to burn the monitoring device off of his leg (though McClaskey said he was merely lighting his grill, even though it was 6 a.m. and there was no charcoal on the grill).

People With Issues

 In May, retired obstetrician Parviz "Peter" Modaber, 73, was ordered by a judge to stay out of Clarke County, Va., following his fourth conviction for taking bags of garbage from his home near Charles Town, W.Va., and dumping them along a highway in Clarke County, though court records described by The Washington Post indicated that Modaber had done it many more than four times. Modaber's attorney said the doctor held an intense grudge against the state for having suspended his license during the 1980s and that bucolic Clarke County just happened to be near his home. Modaber had been sentenced three times to a total of 540 hours of picking up litter, but a vigilant citizen caught him dumping again less than six months after the third conviction.

Goat-Fanciers

- Goat-hoarding continues as an occasional obsession, with a woman in Saarburg, Germany, evicted in June for sharing her home with 43 goats, and a man in Aiken, S.C., charged with animal cruelty in May for cohabiting for seven years with 200 goats in a house whose walls were gnawed away and which contained 3-foot-high hay stacks saturated with manure and urine. And in June, Kentucky officials selected as the test site for the state's terroremergency procedures the goat show in Erlanger. Said a state Homeland Security official, "We try to focus on what really matters to Kentucky."

Update

- In June, 13 Cuban refugees in a boat fashioned from a 1949 Mercury taxicab were intercepted by U.S. authorities about 20 miles from their destination of Key West, Fla. Based on current policy, the 13 will probably be returned to Cuba. However, in March Cuban Luis Grass and his wife and 5-year-old son, part of groups that had been turned back in two pontooned-car attempts (in 2003 [1951 Chevy truck] and 2004 [1959 Buick]), sneaked across the U.S. border in Brownsville, Texas. Since they actually made it to American soil this time, they will probably be allowed to remain.

Undignified Deaths

- A sheriff's spokesperson in Gastonia, N.C., said a local police officer summoned to a hit-andrun scene accidentally ran over the victim (though investigators later concluded that he was already dead) (June)... In Fort Worth, Texas, an intoxicated woman involved in a collision got out of her car to investigate and was killed when a beer truck accidentally rammed one of the cars into her (and the truck driver, too, was found to be intoxicated) (January)... In Brownsville, Texas, a 29-year-old man working at a silo accidentally fell in, quickly sank into the 20-foot pile of grain, and suffocated (April).

The Continuing Crisis

- In May, Canada Post notified Christine Charbonneau in Orleans, Ontario, that its letter carriers would probably stop delivering directly to her house because its steps were each 30 cm high (about 12 inches), and regulations require Canada Post to climb steps no more than 20 cm high. Charbonneau said no one else has complained about the steps in the 17 years she has been there, including her now-77-year-old mother-in-law (who takes oxygen through a tube in her nose).

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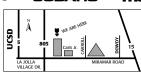
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THE CAT CAME BACK

Over quiche and strawberries at a recent Parisian blogger picnic, the questions fired at me reflect an eerie insight, considering that most of these people I have never met (virtual relations notwithstanding). "Did you ever find that coat?" "How did your sister like those macaroons?" To any passerby at the Parc Buttes Chaumont we might sound like old friends, perhaps filling in the gaps where e-mails and postcards have left off. "So, tell me more about eating that cow's tongue," a British weblogger asks. Everyone is so nice, but who are they and how did they come to know so much about my life?

July is one of the biannual sale months here in France. Today I visited a swanky department store, Le Bon Marche. I love to shop more than anyone, but like most Americans, I was reduced to a panting slug, wandering in a fugue. I can't get over crossing the threshold to a nice store, only to feel hotter than outdoors. There should be a blast of cold air. It should shock the senses, like stepping from a dark theater into sunlight. This heat stuff is fine if you're at the beach, but I don't want any part of it in my retail venues.

I watched French women with their shiny faces enthusiastically examine bags on sale. Sure they complain about the heat, "*Oh, c'est terrible! Insupportable!*" but later you see them down a piping-hot espresso, tilting their heads to the midday sun with a tiny smile, secret and content. Nope, I don't buy it. They don't feel our pain.

My apartment overlooks two separate courtyards making it very much like living on the movie set of Rear Window. Especially at this time of year, when those windows are always open. Washing dishes at my sink, my neighbor Marie and I hold conversations as she waters her flowers. On the other

side of my apartment, the courtyard stretches a bit wider, but still, I could theoretically bless a person sneezing. My sister Aimee is here for the summer and she got upset with a tidbit (about her) that appeared on my weblog the other night. "You can't tell people that!" Our voices escalate until she yanks away my laptop. It is at that moment I look across the courtyard to see the glowing embers of our neighbors, lazily watching while they smoke cigarettes on their terrace.

As someone who constantly makes sweeping generalizations about a certain culture based on personal experience, I wonder, do they observe my doings and say, "Well, she's American, what do you expect?"

Something funny has been happening lately—the normal summer din of TVs and clinking flatware is pierced by the relentless meowing of a small animal in heat that is also, perhaps, being tortured. Yesterday, I realized what this sound is—Nicolas, the two-year-old son of my favorite downstairs neighbors, Frederic and Gabrielle. He is adorable, Nicolas, but the shrieking, it has been endless. During a particularly

long stint this morning, Gabrielle shut their windows. It helped muffle the sound, but it also shut them into, I can only imagine, a sweltering inferno. Nicolas is clearly ill.

I bump into Frederic this afternoon. We haven't spoken in several weeks but I feel a "How's things?" would be disingenuous, if not downright insulting, like greeting a friend after rehab with, "Whatcha been up to?" I know exactly what he's been



up to—death by baby. What I opt for is the words, "Are you just so tired?" (Note: Not a translation. Frederic lived in the U.S. for years; we always speak English.)

I meant to show sympathy, an understanding that, despite what I know to be his boundless love for the child, if he wanted to express a fleeting desire to throw it out the window, well, I would be

the last to judge. But instead... "Are you just so tired?" Because I sure am! Why don't you put us out of our misery so we can have our lives back? I smile dumbly. Neither defensive, nor apologetic, Frederic responds, "Oh, we're having some short nights," then turns the conversation towards me. When we say au revoir, he smiles and holds the gate. Graciousness (of others) in the face of idiocy (your own) can be brutal.

> I mope sweatily up the stairs. Are you just so tired? All day long, I can't get it out of my head.

I sit at my computer, facing the window, ready to beam information about my life to the Internet. I look straight into the apartment across the

courtyard where a brunette is pouting with her husband? Boyfriend? I don't see a ring....A wet towel is coiled around her neck to keep cool. Oh, she is good, Miss Pouty Pout. Jessica Simpson could take notes. To tell you the truth, I've been meaning to blog about this couple...

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Location: 1900 Abbott Street, Ocean Beach **Time/Date:** 9:25 p.m. on 7/4/05

Officer's Report: I was assigned to write the report by Sgt. McNair #5480. I spoke with Officer Fenella



Custer and took her statement. Officer Custer responded to a "cover now" call by Officer

Hewitt #5546...on the beach. As she was walking towards Officer Hewitt, she was hit by a marshmallow in the back. Officer Custer turned around and saw Greg H. holding a bag of marshmallows. H. [Note: SDPD says they were given a false name] was holding his head down and trying not to look at Officer Custer. She said, "He looked guilty." Officer Custer told H. to stop throwing marshmallows. She told him to come over to her and he refused. She grabbed his shirt and H. started to struggle. As H. started to pull away, Officer Massy #1596 came up and hit H. with a flashlight.

H. had a gash on the back left side of his head. Officer Custer was not injured during the incident.

ROBBERY

Location: 500 West Broadway, Downtown **Time/Date:** 12:28 a.m. on 7/12/05

Officer's Investigation: Officer Bradley #3703 and I responded to 330 West Broadway to investigate a



robbery that
had just
occurred.
Upon arrival,
the dispatcher
was putting
out the

description of the suspects on the radio. Other officers stopped and detained two individuals matching the description on the corner of 3rd Avenue and C Street. Officer Bradley and I picked up the two victims and read

them the curbside lineup statement and transported them to identify the two potential suspects.

Brandon H. (victim) and Katie A. (witness) both positively identified the suspects from a distance of about 20 feet.

Victim's Statement: We were walking westbound on 500 West
Broadway and saw this Hispanic male pissing against the YMCA building and another smaller Hispanic male made eye contact with me. We kept walking and the Hispanic males started walking behind us.

The smaller one did the talking and said, "Are you guys from L.A.?
Cuz I don't like L.A." He said, "I know you're better off than us and have money." The bigger guy then stood in front of me and told me to make it easy on myself and give him my left earring. As I gave him the earring, he noticed my bracelet and told me to give him that also.

He told me he had homies around the corner so I shouldn't even think about running away. He asked me what was in my duffel bag and I started to walk towards the Hall of Justice Building to try to get the security guard's attention. The two Hispanic males immediately started walking westbound on Broadway and turned northbound on Union Street.

I gave them my jewelry because I thought they would pull a knife or a gun on me and was afraid of them.

Witness Statement: We were walking to get something to eat after getting off the train and were followed by two guys. The smaller of the two guys did all the talking and kind of egged the bigger guy on to

take the bracelet and earring from Brandon. I thought for sure they would pull some kind of weapon on us if we didn't give them what they

ASSAULT/AUTO THEFT

Location: Corner of 27th Street and Market Street, Grant Hill

Time/Date: 10:07 p.m. on 7/8/05

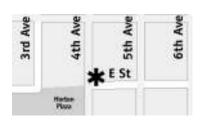


Incident: The Hispanic male victim was sleeping in his white 1994 Ford Explorer when he was approached by two Hispanic males, 20s, shaved heads, that dragged him out of the vehicle and beat him with a bottle. The suspects then got into the Explorer and drove away from the scene. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of head and other injuries.

EXHIBIT/DISPLAY DEADLY WEAPON

Location: 901 4th Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter

Time/Date: 5:58 p.m. on 7/9/05



Investigation: While on duty, in full bike team uniform and on foot, I responded to a call of a man refusing

to leave "Confidential." This was after Officers Keller and Zdunich stated they had a suspect at gunpoint.

Officers Iversen, Call, Staton, and I ran on foot to the scene based on the exigent circumstances of Officer Zdunich's broadcast. We arrived and they informed us they had the suspect in custody. I initially spoke to the reporting party, M.P.

P. stated that he had been called on 7-6-05 about a male, George P., who had eaten at "Confidential" (his restaurant) on that date. George had given the waiter his ID card and credit card and left before the charges were processed. The card was found to have insufficient funds or was invalid.

On 7-9-05, George returned to get his credit cards and ID back. M.P. told him he needed to pay the \$60 bill that was owed to the business. George became aggressive and was told to leave. George asked, "Why?" M.P. told him he had the right to refuse anyone service. George replied, "I'm not leaving." M.P. countered with, "If you don't leave I'm calling the police."

M.P. walked outside and called [the] police. George followed him out to the patio area and interfered as a couple tried to enter. M.P. grabbed George because he did not want the guests harmed. George broke free and put up his fists in a fighting manner. M.P. flagged down Keller and Zdunich at 400 G Street. George grabbed a kitchen knife off a table, and started walking around the dining area. As Zdunich and Keller walked into the restaurant, George approached them with the knife in his right hand.

M.P. saw the officer take George into custody at gunpoint.

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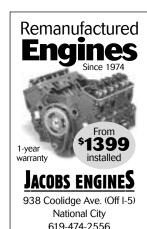
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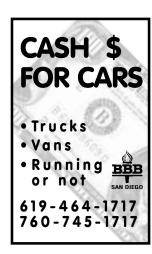
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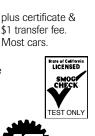
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Since I rate my wife's 1995 Camry as a dream car, I ask, "Why did you want the truck instead of the Camry?"

"I need one for my lifestyle," Mark says, "to carry surfboards, to help people move. In our little church, we used to move somebody almost every weekend. I enjoy that sense of community, to be able to help out like that. And for my hobbies, and now for my work, the Camry was too small and too inhibiting. Before the Camry, I had a Toyota pickup, and before that an Explorer.

"I loved the feel of an SUV, but that Ford nickname, Fix Or Repair Daily, at least fit my Explorer. After four transmissions, I gave up on the Explorer and bought a Toyota pickup, an excellent truck until I loaned it to a buddy. He wrecked it.

"So then Adrian gave me a great deal on the Camry. I drove it for a while. I just felt I needed a pickup. I wanted another Toyota, but this Nissan was in perfect shape, not a scratch on it. The truck had a salvage title. It had been in a wreck, but by the time I got it, everything was fixed.

"Some people shy away from salvage titles, but sometimes a car has been totaled for no good reason. Like the Toyota my buddy wrecked, it was not that bad and could've easily been fixed, but the insurance company decided it would cost more than the truck was worth. That happens a lot with older vehicles, even when there's nothing much wrong with them,

because body work is so expensive."

I ask, "How do you like the Nissan compared to the Toyota pickup you had?"

"I can't really tell any difference, except the Nissan has a better cup holder. That's important when you're a courier.

"This last month I drove about 4000 miles just on the job. I've driven all the way from Nestor by the border all the way to South Central Los Angeles and north of there, and everyplace in between. Say a movie needs to be delivered from some production company in Scripps Ranch to Burbank, and it's late in the day on Friday, I've got to drive through the L.A. rush hour just to deliver one

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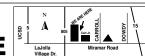


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SCRAWLED IN MY NOTEBOOK DURING COMIC-CON

Wednesday July 13, 2005

1:21 p.m.

Eating lunch downtown with Kip and Renee before walking to the convention center. On the street outside the restaurant are two men waiting to cross at the light. Both are late 30s with beards, balding, and what's left of their matted brown hair is pulled back into stringy ponytails. Thick glasses. Both average height. They would look like twins except one is 50 pounds overweight and the other is 50 pounds underweight. Pale. Both have khaki shorts pulled up to two inches below their nipples. Each has a belt AND suspenders to keep their waistbands six inches north of their navel. One is wearing a Yoda T-shirt. The other has pin-on buttons up and down his suspenders including one mid-chest on his left suspender that bears the Star Trek insignia.

Kip says, "Huh? I wonder if those guys are going to Comic-Con."

Thursday July 14, 2005

2:03 p.m.

Spent all morning watching Ren and Stimpy cartoons. And I've noticed that for every 20 women who are in their 30s and still battling acne, and for every 20 smashed down, watermelon-shaped trolls with a mushroom-cap mole on their face, there is one or two. Smoking. Jiggly. Porcelainskinned. Red-hot chick(s) in some kind of fantasy get-up — like the slave girl gold bikini from Star Wars, or a leather-trussed corseted vampire outfit. This place ain't half bad.

Friday July 15, 2005

11:24 a.m.

The line to get into Exhibit Hall H is the entire length of the convention center; zigzags through the garden and then comes back to zigzag inside the hall. There must be 4,000 ahead of me. I get into the hall and have to sit near the back. I am 6,000 people away from Natalie Portman when she walks out onto stage. Her white face looks like a shiny distant star. There's no way I can get a photograph from back here. I might as well just leave. On my way out I figure, to hell with it, I've got this press pass, let me see if there's some sort of privilege I can abuse. I ask a security guard, "Is there a place for the press to get pictures?"

"Of course. The press corral to the left of the stage."

In the press corral I am ten feet from Natalie Portman's fuzzy, shaved head. It's taking everything I've got to not scream, "Hey NATALIE!" and wave my arms like an idiot.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 21

My quest to obtain a key to the new Ocean Beach Subway shop is one step closer — and thus, one step closer to making drunken midnight sandwiches. I've chatted up a fine young woman who works there. She kept mentioning her husband, I'm assuming because she thought I was coming on to her. I assured

her my interests are not libidinous. My interests are purely sandwichal.

A note from riding the trolley down to Comic-Con this week: Ladies, please, if you're following the latest trend and wearing those low-rider jeans you have to complete the look by shaving the area around your bellybutton and corresponding area of your back

above your crackola. Nobody wants to see that when it's all a

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Some say dressing kids up like superheroes or Star Wars characters should be criminal. I disagree. I loved Batman when I was a kid, and dressed like him three times on Halloween. What is not cool is putting your kid in a Pink Floyd T-shirt. Your 7year-old really understands the message of Dark Side of the Moon,

huh? Has he ever gotten stoned and listened to it while watching The Wizard of Oz? Then get that shirt off of him.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

The word "rumpus" is funny because it sounds like hyperactive play with a hint of naughtiness. A room designed and built for the sole purpose of rumpusing never fails to make me smile and blush a little.

It's the stink. The stink that doesn't wash off in the shower the next morning like the black and red stamps on your hand and wrist. The stink clings. The stink permeates and nauseates. Desperation smells like stale booze, cigarettes, and other people's cologne.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

STOP! Stop standing in front of your minivan, pushing the button on your key ring until the horn barks and the lights flicker 17 times. It doesn't require three minutes of noise and light to lock a vehicle. Here's another hint: nobody cares. Nobody's going to break into your Honda Pilot to pilfer your latest copy of Chicken Soup for the Soccer Mom's Soul. Forget the alarm. Just lock it and walk away.

MONDAY, JULY 25

ROCK STAR: INXS CBS 9:30 P.M.



I Want to Be a Hilton

What about INXS is so interesting that it could fill up half an hour? I'll give you the Reader's Digest version. U2 wannabe. Hangy hangy. Rubby Rubby. Chokey Chokey. Done.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

I WANT TO BE A HILTON NBC 9:00 P.M.

Good lord. What is this? Do they need another damn TV show? I blame Twiggy. In '68 she called a press conference to expound on how she did her eye makeup. It was all downhill from there.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE FOX 8:00 P.M.

They'd need a lot of bourbon to get me to do it, but I could win this show easy. On a packed dance floor I like to throw my arms up in the air, make claws with my hands, and chase people around and go, "RAAAWWWR!" Like I said, bourbon. Lots of it.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

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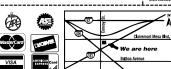
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It is the Stankard family, whoever they are.

By John Brizzolara

Freeze-frame: a boy of four, myself, staring into the lens, past the hooded child photographer who is holding up an upright, curved pan set with a flashcube. The device is trailing a coiled wire. Bituminous eyes, expectant, curious (what do you want from me?) boring past the photog into the future at his 54-year-old self. The 54-year-old, a day's growth of salt-and-pepper stubble, eyes now much narrower, and hair shot with random white peers at the child. A bow tie? Hair, an overgrown riot of last summer's (1953) crew cut like a tangle of shredded exclamations. The man sets the snapshot aside. In the end, the boy has out-stared him.

A current exhibit at the Museum of Photographic Arts is one of old amateur photographs, many of them family photos, most subjects, but not all, rendered anonymous with the years. These are coupled with three monitor screens displaying a stream of real-time digital photos. They are delivered courtesy of Text America from computers and cell phones all over the world.

The show is called Snapshot: From the Box Brownie to the Camera Phone. "People can send their digital photos to mopa.pic@tamw.com and contribute to this exhibition." It is Courtney Blackwell speaking, communications and development manager for MOPA. We

have just seen much of the historic black-and-white snapshot collection compiled by Jim Nocito and John Neyenesch. "They worked with the curator to section them off into different areas, like individual photo albums."

"Look at this one," says a museum patron examining an old black-and-white shot of a young black woman, smiling, carrying a smaller white girl, also smiling, on her back. The two are anonymous. The black girl's forehead is over-exposed, washed out in part by sunlight. "If we took this photo today," the woman was saying, "since it's underexposed, we would delete it off the camera. We wouldn't have this. Look at what a sweet image it is. But it's an imperfect image."

"And who would think of seeing a Hula-Hoop party today?" Blackwell asks and laughs. She is pointing to a photo from the early 1960s of two middle-aged white guys with male pattern baldness, in shirtsleeves and ties, caught in mid-gyration with a circle of plastic around their waists and knees. "You don't see that very often."

After passing a hypnotic series of shots, a sensual, colorless album/installation of gesturing body part photographs titled "Corpus Delirium," I jot down something printed across the mounting board for the art. It is a quote from Oscar Wilde: "Seriousness is the only refuge of the shallow."

Blackwell indicates a wall of dozens of family photos from a single family. "This is sort of the timeline of their lives from when the children were babies then all through their school years to when they graduated high school and beyond. These are my favorites." Blackwell looks at two photos of two little girls. They wear sombreros and wield maracas. "It is a whole...lifetime of this...family!"

It is the Stankard family, whoever they are. "We're not sure where these photos were purchased. Where is this family? Who knows? We would love to be able to find them."

We move into an alcove for the Text America display and the three monitors slowly pulsing digital shots one after the other. The woman accompanying us says, "Look, it's gone from taking a few photographs of a special event, to this." She indicates a cell phone shot of a pickup truck in an anonymous underground parking lot. As soon as she points it out, the photo fades. "It's like, 'Hey, I bought this car! Or 'Do you like this carpet swatch for your office?' People sending [pictures of] very mundane parts of life."

"Yes," Blackwell nods. "Anyone around the world can see these, and when they are sent to Text America.com they are also sent to our screens right here. You can send these captured moments all around the world, and millions might see them or no one. They can be deleted and no one might ever know that we had 'Spaz Juice,'" a shot of a pink bottle with a label that reads, "For an energetic freak-out that will bother everyone!"

And the pixels fade. "They're anonymous. Who are these people? We have no earthly idea. These are so much more ephemeral than the snapshots that are out there.

"Someone was sitting here on the day of the terrorist attacks in London,

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"Is this always here now?" The woman visitor is entranced by the blossoming, fading digital parade. Her presence becomes a glowing near absence in the wash of colored light, her eyes glimmering pixels themselves in a communion of moment, caught in a light-speed shutter between perception and deletion. The exhibit runs through September 18. For more: *mopa.org*.

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