

Reader

WE HAD
CONSULATE.
ING ABOUT
AM.

MEANWHILE...

DURING MY TIME IN TURKEY,
GROUP OF AMERICANS WHO
WERE SEARCHING FOR NOAH'S
ARK WAS KIDNAPPED BY A
TURKISH TERRORIST
GROUP, THE PKK.

SO I HAD TO DO
ALL THE MEDIA.

I WAS SENT OUT TO TALK TO LOCAL
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ABOUT THE CASE.
MY COLLEAGUES AND I TOOK TURNS MONITORING
FROM CLOSER IN TO THE LIKELY KIDNAPPING
SPOTS IN TURKEY.

I DON'T RECALL HOW
MANY DAYS THEY
WERE HELD.

IN THE
HAD
SO
WON
GO
RE

American Interests

WE HAD OUR OWN
THAT BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION CENTERS
FOR AMERICAN KIDS WHO HAD
DRUG ABUSE OR EMOTIONAL
PROBLEMS.

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THE MEXICAN
DECIDED TO CLOSE
WE GOT NOTICE
THAT THEY'
CLOSE TH

WE IMMEDIATELY
SENT PEOPLE
EACH OF THE
PLACES
ENSEN

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT
IN THE PROCESS OF
REPORTING PEOPLE.

ALL U.S.
NATIONALS.

AND THESE ARE KIDS WHO
WERE SENT THERE BECAUSE OF
EMOTIONAL OR DRUG PROBLEMS.

THIS HAPPENED
PARENT WEEKEND
WERE ONE HUNDRED

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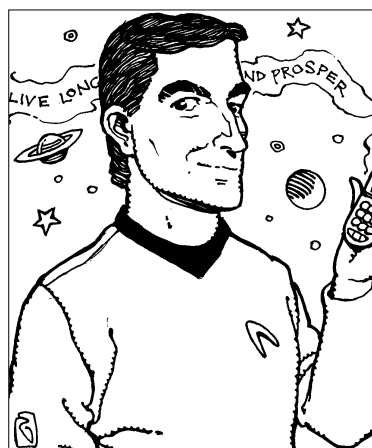
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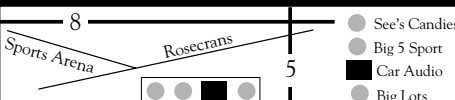
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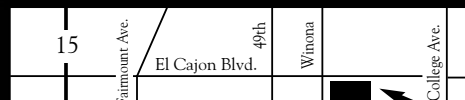
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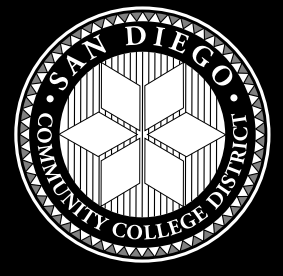
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Missing links First the good news: KPBS, the local public broadcasting organization owned and operated by San Diego State University, is reporting total revenues of \$25,131,533 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.



Now the bad: despite all that money, the TV and radio stations posted an operating loss of \$1,155,993, compared to a net of \$2,975,981 the previous year, when revenues were \$31,507,088. What went wrong? Well, for one, the report says, "Contributions decreased by approximately \$4.8 million, or 22%, from 2004 to 2005 due to the absence of the two bequests from 2004." Though SDSU is notoriously secretive about the source of donations to KPBS, one of those onetime bequests was likely \$5 million received in 2004 from the estate of the late McDonald's heiress **Joan Kroc**. Overall, contributions to the stations declined from \$20,821,887 to \$13,704,588. Some of the rest of the falloff was attributed to a reduction in "direct" and "indirect" support payments from the university itself (in other words, state taxpayers), from a total of about \$7.2 million in 2004 down to \$6.8 million in 2005. Other sources of revenue — including cash from station "memberships" and proceeds from a car-donation program — were apparently flat or down, though the stations did not furnish enough details for readers of the report to know for sure.

On the expense side of the ledger, "Underwriting costs" climbed from \$1.7 million in 2004 to \$2 million in 2005. Funds to produce the actual programs offered to viewers and listeners did not fare as well. Slightly more than \$1.5 million in cuts were made in "Programming and production" expenses, which fell from \$11,954,323 to \$10,407,033. "Management and general" expenses dropped from \$3,140,975 to \$2,282,771. But that was still not enough to prevent the stations' posting the big loss. One other thing: members of the public who want to check out the financial report for themselves are told that it is available for review on the KPBS website. But there is a problem: as of Tuesday of this week, the PDF file containing the report was missing pages 11 through 14, where the crucial figures on revenues and expenses are to be found.

Monied pols If nothing else, the prosperous top staffers of San Diego Republican mayor **Jerry Sanders** own a diverse array of assets. An example is the mayor's "director of policy," **Julie Dubick**, a La Jolla lawyer who once ran for school board under the banner of the chamber of commerce. According to Dubick's recently filed statement of economic interests, she owns stock worth between \$10,000 and \$100,000 in an outfit called Limo Leasing, LLP, which perhaps not surprisingly is involved in "limo leasing." She reported getting less than \$500 last year from that venture. Dubick also owns part of a cor-



Julie Dubick

poration called O'Fallon Co., which she valued at between \$100,000 and \$1 million. It in turn, the form says, owns trust deeds on property at 4749 Market and at 1603 Buckeye Drive in El Cajon. Her husband, who the form says works at the law firm of Dysart & Dubick, makes over \$100,000. Dubick's biggest stock holding, in Qualcomm, is valued at between \$100,000 and \$1 million; she has lesser interests in Bank of America, Hilton Hotels, and Oracle.

Not all members of the mayor's bucks-up city hall crew are pro-GOP. Wealthy La Jolla lawyer and investor **James T. Waring**, appointed by Sanders last week to the newly created position of "deputy chief operating officer for land use and economic development," is a big donor to Democratic causes. His campaign contributions include \$1000 to **John Kerry** for President in March 2004; his wife **Kathy** donated the same amount to the liberal senator from Massachusetts. In September 2004, Waring gave \$2500 to the Environment2004, Inc. PAC, a political action committee based in Washington, D.C., that raised more than \$2 million in an attempt to defeat President **George W. Bush** in that November's election. The group's campaign included buying \$40,000 of billboards in Florida that said, "Global warming equals worse hurricanes. George Bush just doesn't get it," with a picture of a storm swirling over the state. Waring has long been a member of the board of River Network and recently was elected a board member of International Rivers Network. Both work against construction of dams and other environmental disruptions. When Bush named Deputy Defense Secretary **Paul Wolfowitz** last March to become head of the World Bank, International Rivers Network's policy director **Peter Bosshard** said, "It is disgraceful that governments have chosen to fill this important post via backdoor horse-trading rather than through an open selection process."

Up and out It's been a big year for PR maven **Kevin Faulconer**, newly elected San Diego second district city councilman, and now his boss at his old job at downtown's Porter Novelli is moving on too. **Jim Bartell**, a former Santee city councilman who once worked for ex-congressman **Jim Bates**, is leaving his position as San Diego chief of the worldwide PR operation to open his own agency.

Regarded as one of the city's top practitioners in the art of the schmooze, Bartell was told by San Diego city attorney **Mike Aguirre** to think about registering as a lobbyist after the *Union-Tribune* reported in October that — based on official calendars examined by the paper — he had the third-highest number of private meetings with councilmembers. His subsequent disclosure showed two clients with business at the city: Equity Office Properties Trust and the San Diego State University Foundation.

— Matt Potter

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New Qualcomm Exec Off to Foundering Start

By Don Bauder

San Diego's saplings creaked and twisted in some howling winds last year. These sons of sturdy patriarchs may not have balmy weather this year, either.

Last year, Paul Jacobs took control of a magnificent fief:

Qualcomm, the powerhouse that could well dominate the third generation of wireless technology. Paul's father, Irwin Jacobs, founded the company in 1985 and pushed its code division multiple access technology on a telecom industry that had been skeptical. The company succeeded brilliantly, and it now rakes in money from strong chip-set revenues and royalties on its technology. Sales and profits are surging more than 20 percent a year. Although Irwin controls only 3 percent of Qualcomm stock, he was still able to name his son as his successor.

Standard & Poor's says that as an investment, Qualcomm rates better than 96 percent of the stocks the rating service follows. "The company is extraordinarily profitable.

Qualcomm's balance sheet is rock-solid," raves Morningstar, Inc., another rating company.



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But Paul Jacobs is getting some poor reviews. As soon as his father anointed him to the top post early last year, *Business Week Online* pointed out that the younger Jacobs had spearheaded many initiatives that "were decidedly out there" and, profitwise, are still out in the cold.

On November 28, *Forbes* lowered the boom. A cover story featuring Paul's mug asked, "Is Paul Jacobs as good as Dad?" The story pointed to his "low success rate" on various projects and said he "had no experience running the two businesses that provide 90 percent of Qualcomm's \$5.7 billion in sales." It went on to say that he had flopped in some Internet projects and bungled a handset joint venture with Sony. The big blunder: putting a plant in high-cost La Jolla while competitors located their plants in low-wage countries overseas. Qualcomm took a bath on the deal before selling out.

Although some within the company have qualms, the scion has his supporters. "Paul Jacobs grew up in the family business, and, in our view, has the necessary tools to steer Qualcomm through its current challenges," says Argus Research.

"No one has proved the son can't do the job, despite the negative article in *Forbes*," says David Allen of Fallbrook's Palomar Equity Research.

"Paul needs to prove himself as a leader. It will take sev-

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La Jolla Taco Shop Cited for Gaud

By Joe Deegan

In early October a woman phoned Ryan Hill at Don Carlos Taco Shop on La Jolla's Pearl Street to complain about his signs.

They're illegal, and besides that, she ranted, "They are ugly, gaudy, and look like Mexico." Hill, who is Costa Rican on his mother's side, took umbrage at the characterization, especially the derogatory reference to Mexico. "I told her," he says, "that some of the world's most beautiful things are in Mexico and that she

he beat her to the punch, reporting the incident to the *La Jolla Light* himself. "People at the *Light* come into my store all the time," he says. In its October 27 issue, the local weekly ran a short article standing up for the taco shop.

To understand the complaining woman's ire, I ask Hill if he recently added new



Don Carlos Taco Shop with original signage

was treading on dangerous ground with a racist comment like that."

But the woman, who did not identify herself, told Hill that if he didn't take down the signs she would boycott his store, call the *La Jolla Light*, and file a complaint with the City of San Diego. "I questioned why she would bother city hall about signs at a time when we have such serious financial problems downtown," Hill says. Then, after she hung up,

signs. "I put them up in 2001, when we bought the store, in an effort to make the place more colorful and to increase sales," he tells me. But Hill does admit to putting more "stuff up now and then" since that time.

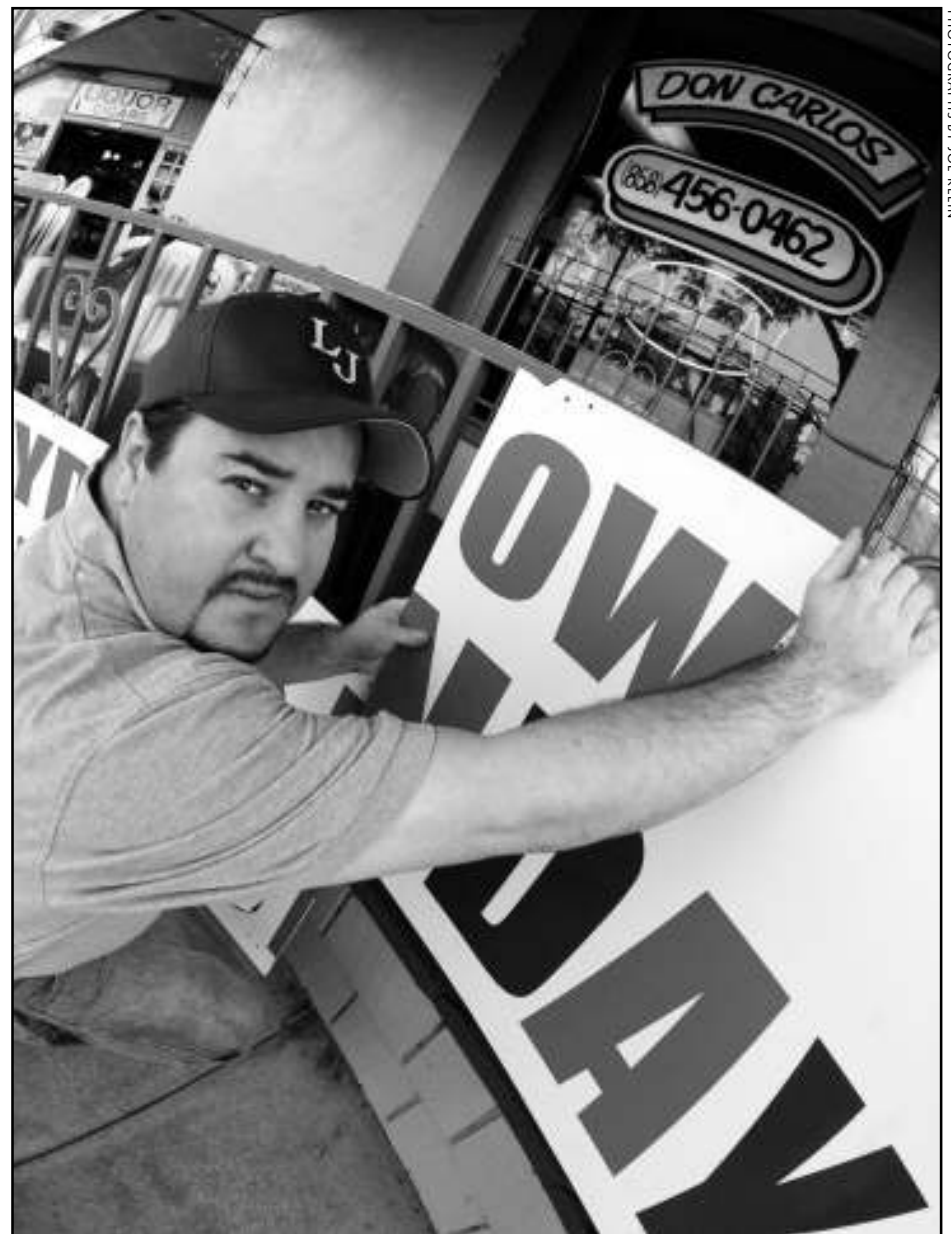
He says that his Uncle Carlos opened the taco shop in 1984 at the suggestion of English-language students he was teaching in La Jolla who had eaten his food at parties. It is the oldest taco shop in La

Jolla, according to Hill. Carlos died in 1998, and three years later his niece, Seidy Hill, bought it from his son. Seidy is the mother of Ryan Hill, who speaks proudly of the store's being a family business. His father, sister, and brother also work at the store.

On October 27, Officer Steven Cousins from the city's Neighborhood Code Compliance Department paid a visit to the shop and gave Hill a written demand to remove his signs. On an "administrative citation," Cousins cited city code: "It is unlawful to display any sign without the required sign permit sticker. Banners, pennants, flags, streamers and other similar devices shall not be permitted." (One can see the city permits, which must be visible, on the large signs of most major businesses.) Cousins then advised the shop owner to "remove all banners from building, railings and patio cover by [November 4] or [a \$100 fine] will be issued."

Hill adamantly contested the citation during his conversation with Cousins. In addition, Hill says that he gave the officer a copy of the *La Jolla Light* article, which had come out that morning, and vowed to complain to his councilman, Scott Peters. By this time, he says that Cousins had become quite "heated" about their argument.

Hill did not remove the banners and subsequently received a second fine of \$250 for not removing them by December 22. On a visit to the store in early December, I notice, hanging from railings, numerous pennants with Corona beer advertisements. Bright reds, greens, and yellows



Ryan Hill

display the name Don Carlos Taco Shop and the words "Everyday Is Now Tamale Sunday."

At the time he spoke with Officer Cousins, Hill says he pointed down the street to a number of other businesses that displayed illegal signs too. The inspector "told me that they haven't had a phone call about them. And we're a complaint-driven department," he said. I replied that, in that case, I'd like to register a complaint, a citywide complaint. But he said that I had to be specific. He acknowledged that there are thousands of signs all over San Diego that are in violation, but "We only go out when a complaint is registered about a sign." I said, "How is this fair? Some woman develops a personal thing about me or my store. As a result, I'm singled out, and nobody else has to pay any consequences. If you're going to enforce these rules, enforce them all over San Diego. Don't pick and choose

when you're going to enforce them."

Would it be illegal, Hill tells me he went on to ask Cousins, for a business to hang an American flag without the city permit? He says he was told that

to come out and do my bidding for me because I don't like seeing that flag? That's a scary thought to me."

Subsequently, Hill says, he has called the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber



Don Carlos Taco Shop

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there can be exceptions. "That's just too vague," he says. He then put to me the following hypothetical. "I live in Hillcrest. Suppose I complain about businesses in my neighborhood for displaying gay pride flags. Is the city going

of Commerce, the National Council of La Raza, and the office of state Assemblyman Juan Vargas. George Balgos, an aide in Vargas's office, told him, Hill says, that "what I'm dealing with is an overeager offi-

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Qualcomm exec

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eral quarters. It's hopeful, but the jury is still out," says Bud Leedom of *California Stock Report*. Qualcomm refuses to comment.

Like Irwin Jacobs, San Diego's Sol Price is internationally known for his vision. He founded San Diego discounter Fed-Mart in 1954. None other than Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton confessed in his autobiography, "I guess I've stolen — I prefer the word 'borrowed' — as many ideas from Sol Price as from anybody else in the business."

Sol Price sold Fed-Mart to

a German retailer in 1975. It was a mismatch. Sol and his son Robert departed and in 1976 pioneered the concept of the membership warehouse store, the Price Company. It stumbled early, then caught fire, and within three years had 900 employees and a profit of a million dollars. It went public in 1980 and was soon a Wall Street darling. By 1986 it had 22 locations, 7294 employees, and *Forbes's* title of "best-managed company."

But in 1982, Sol Price lost a longtime protégé, Jim Sinegal, who had done well at both Fed-Mart and Price Company. In 1983, Sinegal and a partner launched Costco Wholesale, another membership warehouse chain that

began to grow rapidly, employing many of the ideas Sinegal had learned from Sol Price, such as selling a limited number of items for a low price, keeping costs down, relying on high volume, and paying decent wages. Costco pays employees 42 percent more than Sam's Club, an offshoot of Wal-Mart, and offers a good worker health plan.

In 1993, Price Company and Costco merged. Price had \$7.5 billion in sales and Costco \$6.6 billion at the time. It was to be a marriage of equals with joint headquarters in San Diego and a Seattle suburb. It didn't last long. The Prices shortly went their own way with a company named Price Enterprises that eventually mor-

phed into Price-Smart. It owns warehouse clubs in Central America and the Caribbean, among other places.

Sinegal has become celebrated for paying employees well and himself little. Costco has half the membership warehouse market. Last July, the *New York Times* called Costco "the anti-Wal-Mart." *Fortune Magazine* has been laudatory, as have labor unions, although Wall Street with typical avarice complains that Costco is friendlier to employees and customers than to investors. Wall Street's contempt makes Sinegal a populists' hero — and Costco's stock has done well, thank you, down only about \$10 from its precrash 2000 high of \$60.50.

The same can't be said for PriceSmart. Its stock trades at one-sixth its 2000 high. Robert Price has been interim chief executive since 2003. That year, the accounting firm Ernst & Young concluded that the company suffered "material weakness" in its internal controls. PriceSmart overstated revenues during seven quarters of 2002 and 2003 and had to restate profits downward. Shareholders sued and got a \$2.35 million settlement in August 2005. The Securities and Exchange Commission is looking into the matter.

The company has lost money for three years in a row. As an investment, Standard & Poor's says 93 percent

of the companies it follows rank higher. Morningstar, Inc., a stock-rating company, gives PriceSmart's growth rate a grade of D, its profitability a D-minus, and its financial position a C-minus.

"The Prices were the pioneers, the visionaries, but Costco had strong management throughout the company," says Leedom. PriceSmart? "It's an entrepreneurial nonentity. As an investment it hasn't proven itself, and I don't see it improving itself soon. It's a mess, and they have shown nothing to Wall Street other than that the mess will continue."

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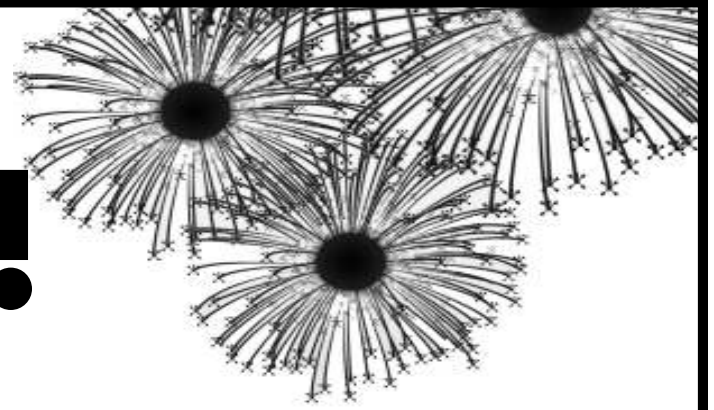
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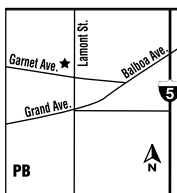
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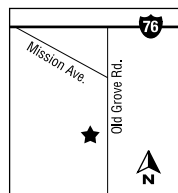
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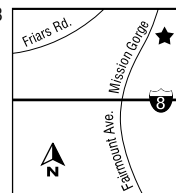
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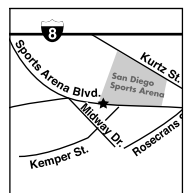
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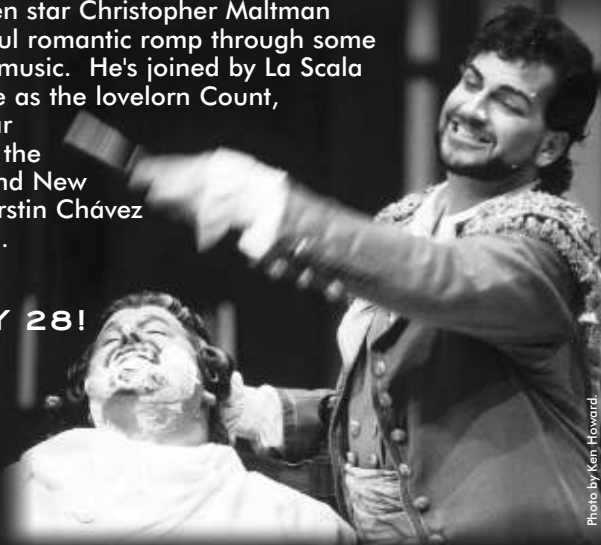


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poration, which specializes in defense systems and mass-transit-fare collection systems. The chairman, chief executive, and president is Walter J. Zable. He founded the company in 1951. He is 90 years old and controls 40 percent of the stock. In this case, the stripling, his son Walter C. Zable, is vice chairman and 58 years old — too old, in some people's eyes, to succeed his father as chief executive. And he has only 1.6 percent of the stock.

"All companies should have managers' retirement no later than 70 years of age, probably earlier," says Allen of Palomar Equity Research. "Cubic has an image problem, having a very old chief executive."

"Wall Street is ambivalent," says Leedom. "Until there is a leadership change, it is not very interested." The company says five top executives, including the younger Zable, will decide the company's succession plan.

Throughout his lengthy reign, Zable the elder "was very dominating but knew what he was doing. His management style was keeping everybody at everybody else's throat," says Jerry Goodrum, who hated the place so much he lasted only a few months.

The elder Zable "will sit in that chair until he is not capable of sitting in that chair," says Jerry Ringer, who retired after 30 years. "God touched him [the elder Zable] on the shoulder and gave him great strength, physical and mental." Ringer admits to having been fired several times. "Thirty minutes later I would get hired back. It's an emotional place

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to work." But Zable has great instincts, says Ringer, although earnings dropped sharply in the last year.

Some former employees doubt the younger Zable will be taking over. Internal speculation is that when the elder Zable can no longer go on, the company will be sold, says one former employee. "There is not high morale there. There is a lot of internal politics," he says.

"The old man never gave his son a chance to succeed," says another former executive. When the elder Zable can go on no longer, "Walter C. [the younger] would be a nonexecutive chairman," current senior executives have told this retired manager. "The company could do a search for a chief executive, or realistically put itself up for sale. Prospective buyers have been sniffing around for years." ■

La Jolla taco shop

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cer going out and busting people and that the rules he's following are antiquated and need to be revisited."

But Hill's main complaint is that Neighborhood Code Compliance gives competitors in the taco shop business an unfair advantage by making him, but not them, take down signs. Not surprisingly, Steven Cousins and his boss, Tony Khalil, see it differently. Khalil, a senior engineer with the department, tells me shortly after my visit with Hill that the extent of Hill's signage actually gives Don Carlos Taco Shop the unfair competitive advantage. "Every inch of that taco shop is covered with signs," he says, "and only 30 percent of a proprietor's linear frontage

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is permitted to be covered. How can you defend that? It's unfortunate that the woman who complained about his store used the negative reference to Mexico, because something as egregious as that [much signage] has nothing to do with ethnicity. And if other businesses see them getting away with it, they will follow suit. Anyway, we only asked Don Carlos to remove their banners, and not signs they had painted on the building, because it looked like they had gone to some expense to do that."

Khalil admits that there are uncontested violators of the signage ordinances all over the city. But he cites budget problems as the reason his department "can only be reactive now, no longer proactive. We don't turn our backs on violators, but the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department now is down 12 investigators due to budget issues. We can't even afford business cards," he tells me.

I also speak with Steven Cousins, who tells me that after his visit to the Don Carlos store he went to the other owners Hill had pointed out as being nearby violators of the city's sign ordinances. "I canvassed the neighborhood," says Cousins, "and saw nothing similar to what's on the Don Carlos place. But I did inform businesses that had violations, and all of them immediately cooperated and took down the offending signs. But not Hill."

Khalil calls Cousins a "very mild mannered investigator." Cousins recalls his visit with Ryan Hill at the Don Carlos Taco Shop. "He began shaking his fist at me. As I was leaving and going to my car, he was behind me, and I kept turning my head because I didn't know what he was going to do. He followed me, screaming that I was a racist," says Cousins, adding that his wife is Hispanic.

But Hill thinks the issue is bigger than his shop. "Let's look at the city ordinances," he says. "How can laws that forbid banners and pennants and yet are violated everywhere in the city be any good?" Nevertheless, shortly after Christmas, to avoid the next fine of \$500, Hill removed all of Don Carlos's offending signs. Officer Cousins made a spot check on January 3 and closed the case. ■

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Such Fakeness

Week after week I watch some ***** write completely false information about the House of Blues in the "Blurt" music section. No one was stabbed at Echo and the Bunnymen! ("Blurt," December 22). Fabricated! And I'll tell you that there were well over 600 people in the building when the Bouncing Souls played ("Blurt," January 12). That was the one that took it too far. Okay, Reader, this Ken Whatever guy has a grudge against HOB, but does he need to make up fake stories, and who is letting him get away

with writing such fakeness? Name Withheld via e-mail

Regarding the stabbing allegation, Josh Board wrote in the December 22 "Blurt": "An ambulance arrived. A guy was 'escorted' out of the club, and I heard him say something about a woman who had been stabbed. Soon after, paramedics brought someone out on a gurney, and the cops left."

Regarding the Bouncing Souls' attendance number, Ken Leighton responds: I erred in characterizing my source as an employee, though the person does work with the club on a regular basis. I attempted to corroborate the source's information by contacting the House of Blues PR rep and the local general manager and did not get a call back before press time. The correct attendance number at the Bouncing Souls show was "300 short of a sellout," according to talent buyer Candace Mandracia. (The club's capacity is 1100.) I regret the error.

Bravo Zulu

I've really enjoyed reading

Barbarella's columns over the past six months. With few exceptions, I've found them unusually insightful and warmly human.

Her latest, "Foxtrot Bravo" ("Diary of a Diva," January 12), in which she painted an affectionate portrait of her father, touched my heart. The mutual love and respect between her and her dad fairly jumps off the page. My first thought after reading it was that if my daughter can feel the same way about me when she's Barbarella's age, then my life will have been a huge success.

Years ago in the Navy we would send the code signal "Bravo Zulu" to recognize outstanding work. If I were back at sea, we'd be hoisting that signal today for Barbarella!

John Ventura
University Heights

Dad Is Something Else

Barbarella, "Diary of a Diva" is one of the first articles I read each week. I just love you, your style, your family. I must say, this week's article ("Foxtrot Bravo," Janua-

ry 12) is one of your best ever. Your dad is something else — someone I would like to meet. Thanks for the entertainment each week.

Sheila
via e-mail

Hollis Deserves More

As a local San Diegan and someone who has enjoyed Hollis Gentry's and Fattburger's musical talents since 1984, I felt the article on him in the January 12 issue was lacking ("Fattburger Broke My Heart"). My husband and I used to enjoy Hollis along with Fattburger and Ella Ruth Piggee at the old Triton restaurant (a James Hubble gem that was destroyed in the early '90s). That was before Fattburger's first popular album came out and Hollis disappeared from their gigs. It was a magical time musically. Ella was an amazing performer and opened the gigs, and then when Hollis, with Fattburger, would start their sets it became truly special to watch. KIFM was gaining popularity. Jazz was becoming the hot thing in San Diego. Hollis was not just talented but he also had

charisma that couldn't be beat — he emitted...cool. The article mentioned he was kicked out of the band for his personal issues, i.e., too much partying. Hey, he did like to party — I partied with him back in those days — but he's a musician, that kind of comes with the territory. In this article there was no mention of how he was doing since his accident in 2004 and the support the jazz community, including Fattburger, gave him, which was very disappointing to me. I guess when I first saw the article, I was looking for more information about him personally and also more of a story of recovery and hope. Instead, it ended on a sad and depressing note; a burnt-out musician surrounded by unpacked boxes. I think Hollis deserves more than that considering how much he's brought to San Diego's jazz music scene. Shame on you.

Julie Black
via e-mail

The story was originally published October 19, 2000.
— Editor

To Say The Most

Jay Allen Sanford has violated my trust. In his first "Blurt" regarding my case, he included false information (lies) that is defamatory. He showed negligence by not checking his facts before submitting his piece for publication. Many of my friends suggested that I sue the Reader for libel.

I contacted Mr. Sanford as a step toward setting the record straight. He agreed to wait until after my sentencing to publish anything further on my case. I promised to give full disclosure in the event that he write a full-length story on my case. We agreed to meet at a later date to have an in-depth interview.

In the January 5 issue of the Reader, Mr. Sanford writes a "Blurt" item entitled "Not the Monster." In it, he makes no allowance or corrections for the previous misinformation he wrote about me. He further slanders me by making insinuations based on speculation. Finally, he misquotes me by putting words in my mouth that I never said.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Hey, Matt:
 I was digging through some old (really old) books left over from my junior high school days. As I was flipping through A Star Trek Catalog: The Complete Guide to the Fantastic World of Star Trek, I noticed a listing of Star Trek fan clubs around the country. One of them was called "Star Fleet Club La Jolla" with a Paul Jacobs [with a La Jolla street address] as the point of contact. Is this the same Paul Jacobs that now runs our favorite local telecom company, Qualcomm? If so, I think I know where Paul got his hi-tech ideas. No doubt it was inside scoop from the Great Bird of the Galaxy himself!

— JM, somewhere in San Diego

Jeez, where's a mole when you need one. We tried all our insider tricks to get at the source for this answer, but I guess we're not insider enough. Which suits me fine, actually. There are other ways to crack this nut. So, in the late '70s, when this Trekkie book was published, exactly where was the Jacobs family? According to a brief published bio, in La Jolla, by golly! Pop (Irwin M.) had just finished a stint as a professor at UCSD. So where, precisely, did Dad and young Paul live? Zap to the always-so-helpful public library, drag out the old (really old) San Diego phone books, find Jacobs, Irwin M., assuming Paulie didn't have his own phone. And there it is — the same street address listed in the catalog. So, by the excruciatingly exacting standards of the Matthew Alice Center for More or Less Correct Information, we declare Dr. Paul Jacobs, CEO, Qualcomm, to be the former lead Trekkie of the Star Fleet Club of La Jolla. We don't have first-hand confirmation of this, mind you. I may get a flurry of outraged memos from some highly placed suits at the big Q on the hill. If so, I'll pass them along. And by the way, when you think about it, it's unlikely that Paul Jacobs is the only tech exec who, as an inquiring tad, was fascinated by the Star Fleet. He's just unfortunate enough to get caught at it. So to JM we say, "Make it so."

Hey MA:
 If the study of weather is called meteorology, what would you call the study of meteors? I read that when the term meteorology was first coined, it was believed that storms, clouds, and meteors were all part of the same "atmospheric disturbance" thingy, so meteorology was just as good a name a cloudology. But what do modern-day meteor studiers get called?

— Puzzled over something trivial, Santee

The impression I get is that modern-day meteor studiers are still a little frosted that Aristotle stole their logical name, leaving them to thrash around to find a handle that fits but doesn't sound too weird. It seems they've sort of accomplished their goal. According to local sky watcher Robert Lunsford of the American Meteor Society, the study of meteors is called meteorics. Therefore, he laments, the people who do it are called meteoricists. Not pretty, but at least nobody thinks they're weathermen. Lunsford cautions that you won't find this name in any dictionary, but "meteorics" and "meteoricists" are "used in astronomical circles and in articles and research papers." By the way, what I do is called factics so I'm a facticist.

Hey Matt:
 Something I've been always wondering. Is there an average percent of human feces every time a person goes to the bathroom (in lbs., oz., etc.)? And if there is, can you notice the weight difference on a scale when you weigh yourself right after you go?

— Art Clifford, the net

Sounds like diet desperation to me, Art. Looking for any loophole to prove that you've shaved off a bit more flab? Well, we checked with Dr. G, staff gastroenterologist, and he just laughed and looked incredulous and told us to get a real job. Once we'd cornered him by the colonoscopy machine and poured on the charm, he was ready to talk. Your answer depends mainly on your type of diet. For a typical Western diet, the science guys have calculated the average bowel movement to weigh 200 grams. Less than half an ounce. It might show up if you're weighing yourself on a postal scale.

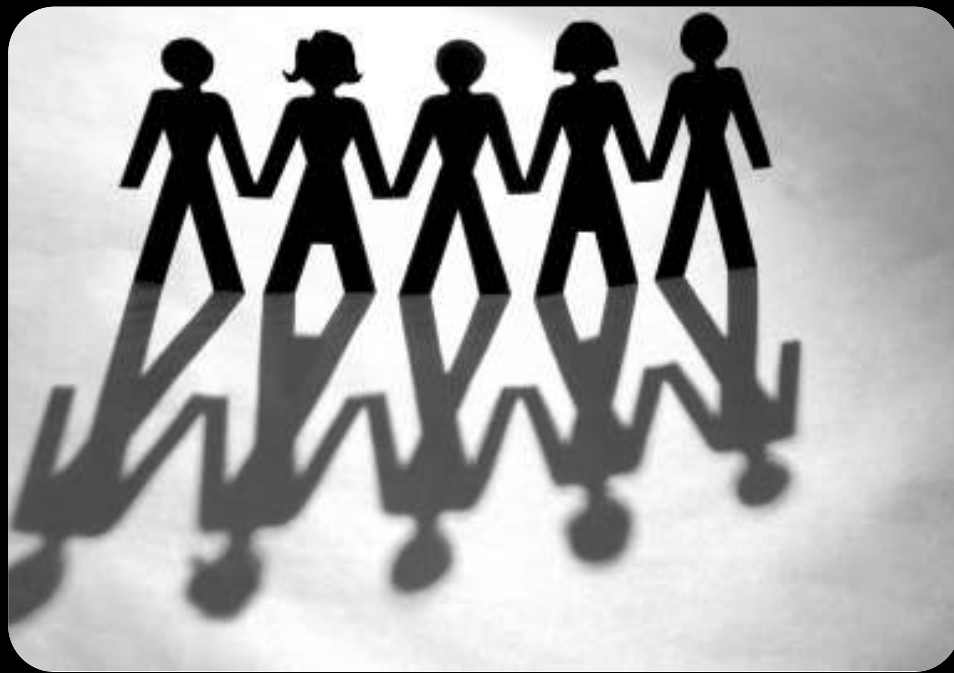
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 Why do cats move their paws so much when you're petting them?

— Lisa T., the net

It's called kneading, Lisa. Your pampered Fluffy is drifting back to her kittenhood, when kneading helped stimulate Mom's milk glands while Fluff was nursing. Mom cat spends a lot of time licking her kids, so your petting is probably what makes her so nostalgic. Awwwww.

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By Patrick Daugherty

Food Fight

We do programming on software that creates sea surface temperature charts. Twice a day."

Speaking is Jeff Gammon, founder/owner/worker bee of Vista-based Terrafin Software. What Gammon does, for 99 bucks a year per customer, is acquire data from the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), Polar Orbiting satellites, and...well, I'll let him tell you.

"Started by creating sea surface temperature charts for my own fishing," Gammon says. "I was taking NOAA coast-watch charts from the Internet, trying to zero in on the right coordinates [based on sea surface temperatures] to use for my own fishing. I fished out of San Diego. Had a 20-footer, fishing for albacore, yellowfin tuna, offshore fishing."

I ask, "When was this?"

"Around '98. Then, once I started making my charts, I thought, 'Maybe other people would like to use these charts,' so we put a few on the Internet for free. Then, I looked at my programming background and thought, 'Rather than take two hours to create one chart, I can spend a few months writing software that will create charts quickly.' So, I worked on that for awhile. And then we went to a subscription service."

"Who is 'we'?"

"Me, my wife, who has a real job and supports us," Gammon laughs. "We had 400 subscribers the first year. Went to 800 the second year. Right now, we have 3300 subscribers, and we've expanded into other regions. We do the West Coast, we do all the continental U.S., we do most of Mexico, all of Baja California, all of the Sea of Cortez on down to Acapulco."

I look down at his maps. Gammon has two kinds. The first shows sea surface temperatures (SST). Higher surface water temperature areas are colored orange to red, lower water temperature areas are colored blue to purple. The other set of maps shows chlorophyll concentrations. Gammon tells me that chlorophyll is produced by plankton, and plankton is a food source for bait fish. Areas of the chart colored in red or yellow tones represent chlorophyll-rich areas; blue shades represent low levels of chlorophyll. I ask, "Why do I want these maps?"

Gammon says. "Generally, guys who fish out of San Diego fish for tuna or yellowtail or dorado. They're looking for changes in the water temperature. What these images do,"

Gammon points to a coastal San Diego SST map, "is illustrate where there's a strong change in temperature in the ocean."

"And fishermen will pay for that information because...?"

"That's where the structure is," Gammon says. "The fish will be on that structure, in most cases, pretty close to the line."

I look at the map again. Next to Ensenada the ocean is colored purple, which, according to the map's legend, is 53 degrees. Next to La Jolla the ocean is colored sky blue, indicating 56 degrees. There's a dark orange blob, looks like it's a couple hundred miles offshore, which indicates 58.5 degrees. Great-looking blobs but, "What is this structure thing? How come fish don't hightail it into the center of their favorite temperature zone if that's where they feel toasty?"

"Food," Gammon says. "Chlorophyll charts give you another clue. What tuna and yellowtail like is clean, blue water, which is really low in nutrients. Very little plankton in it, not much there to attract bait fish. But, where that area meets an area with a higher level of plankton, that's where bait fish are likely to be."

I see...small fish are attracted to plankton, big fish are attracted to small fish, everyone meets at the same place, many will die.

Gammon continues, "Food." Big index finger points at a chlorophyll chart. "This is a typical chart that a guy fishing out of San Diego would use. Here are the one-day tuna grounds," big finger points at a dark blue spot in the ocean off Rosarito Beach. "We see a large, bubble of green-colored water in this area," big finger moves north. "This is a 30-mile-in-diameter circle of water. All around the edge of it is cleaner, blue water. That clean blue water is what will hold the fish, along its edges. So, guys are going to want to go out and work around these edges." Big finger moves south. "Or, they may decide to come down here and work these edges."

Always the edges. "Why are edges so important?"

"The edges are the structure. Talk to the bass guys who fish in lakes. They fish the rock piles or they'll fish submerged logs; that's the structure in the lake. In the ocean, off San Diego and Southern California, it's so deep there's not much in the way of structure to affect the surface. So, the currents themselves, where they meet, become the structure offshore. You've got the clean blue highways, and the edges of that is where the food is. Fish want the water that they like and they want food."

The Vegas Line

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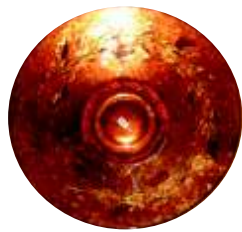
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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: nondenominational
Address: Dave & Buster's, 2931 Camino Del Rio North, Mission Valley
Founded locally: January 2004
Senior pastor: Chad Furlong
Congregation size: 140
Staff size: two, plus two volunteers
Sunday school enrollment: TK
Annual budget: around \$140,000
Weekly giving: \$1500
Singles program: TK
Dress: casual
Diversity: mostly Caucasian, a few Asians and Hispanics.
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 5 minutes
Website: www.thesandiegochurch.com

Inside the restaurant/bar/video game emporium that is Dave & Buster's, the synth-pop pounded into the Sunday-morning calm, warring with the electronic din from the games. But inside the establishment's showroom, the music was folkier and unguardedly Christian. Floor-to-ceiling red velvet curtains muffled the sounds outside.

Most people sat at tables, chatting; some took a place in the few rows of chairs. The church's band took the stage — two acoustic guitars, drums, electric bass, and three vocalists, including Tabitha, about to leave for music school in Australia. "If you've never been here before," said Tabitha, "we just want to thank you for being here. We're going to sing a few songs. If you know the words and you'd like to sing along, go ahead. If not, then just sit and think...or chat with someone."

The second song was "Amazing Grace," but not your grandmother's "Amazing Grace," or even your mother's. The old melody had been replaced; the familiar, "was blind but now I see" was augmented by "so clearly," and a chorus of sorts has been added: "hallelujah/grace like rain falls down on me/all my stains are washed away."

After a brief welcome video ("We hope you'll feel loved here"), Pastor Mat Miller warmed up the crowd while he rattled off the announcements. Newcomers were encouraged to fill out an information card. "We're not going to show up at your house with a basket of food...but we do want to keep you informed." A couple had just had a baby. "Let's keep them in our prayers." Then, an upcoming event: "Every church, in order to be a church — it's like in a law book — you have to have potlucks every once in a while. And someone's going to bring meatballs." Laughter. "We're going to chill and relax at the Escala clubhouse. There's room for 200 people, so bring your friends."

When it came time to remind folks about putting donations in the canisters at the center of each table, Miller said, "It helps to keep the lights on. And we're growing. We're looking at buying this building...when I win the Lotto. I'm going to live on that side" — he pointed to the games section outside the doors — "and we'll still have church in here. I'll play video games all day and all night. It'll be fantastic." The crowd laughed in

appreciation. Then Miller introduced a short video profile, "Cribs-style," of a couple of church members, Sean and Jodi. "I would say that Sean's favorite hobby is beer tasting," said Jodie during the profile. More laughter.

Pastor Chad Furlong took the stage and gave the teaching, entitled "A Better Me: Spirituality." "I've been on a journey over the last five years," he said, "where I found religion to be kind of unattractive. I just wasn't into it. But Jesus I find very, very attractive. The more I investigate Him, the more I find He is very intriguing. He was a very intelligent man; He rose above most of His society."

Furlong read the Gospel story in which Jesus called fishermen to be his disciples. He noted the education and intelligence traditionally required of those who wanted to follow a rabbi and marveled that Jesus called "the unqualified. A lot of times, I feel unqualified, but He looks past all our faults. He looks right to where you are and He chooses me and He chooses you.... I don't necessarily think I can follow religion all the time, but I can follow

Jesus." When Peter saw Jesus walking on water, "he yelled out, 'Can I come to you?' He was taught that you were to emulate the rabbi. I want to challenge you to copy this rabbi Jesus."

At the end of the teaching, Furlong said that, if people had questions or wanted someone to pray with them, there would be people available after the service. But, "one thing we refuse to be here at San Diego Church is pushy. We want you to journey toward God at your own pace. Some of you, it may take years. Some of you may never come to the conclusion of following Christ. But it's your call." Then he thanked God for who He was and for all He'd done "since that day when I decided to start copying my rabbi, that day when I decided to take on your yoke, your perspective on the world" — the two hallmarks of discipleship.

The band returned to the stage. After the last song, Tabitha offered a prayer, her voice thick with emotion. "...I just pray huge, huge blessings on this place and on these people. God, I thank you for being here with us today...Jesus, I just pray that you would answer any questions...God, that you would stir in people, God, a desire to know You more. We just love You so much. In Your name..."

What happens when we die?

"When a person dies," says Furlong, "there is a judgment, and it is at the discretion of God's justice as to what happens from there — whether they're with Him or separate from Him. I don't limit God's grace and say, 'So-and-so is going to be separated from Him for eternity because he never heard of Jesus.' I rely on the fact that God is just and He does what's right. But then, at the same time, creation speaks of Him. I believe there's a road map to God through things like creation. I believe people can take a journey toward Him, and then He does what He does."

— Matthew Lickona

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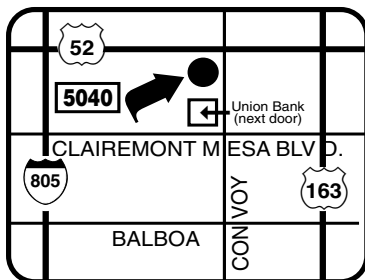


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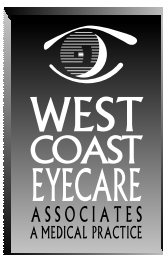
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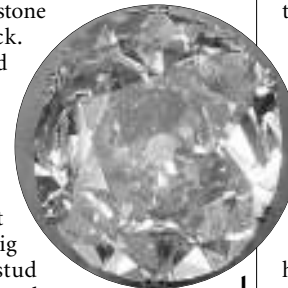
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“Very nice. But are they real?”

My friend Kate was interrogating another friend, Sasha, about the glittering row of diamonds on her ring, a present from Sasha’s husband on their 10th anniversary. It wasn’t the most appropriate thing to ask, but Kate is about to split from her own husband and suspects that her engagement ring sports a rhinestone instead of a rock.

“Something he said once,” she says. And Bernice? Bernice these days is “all about CZ bling-bling” — cubic zirconium. She’s got herself a pair of big square diamond-stud CZ earrings and a pendant necklace to match. She dares anyone to tell the difference.

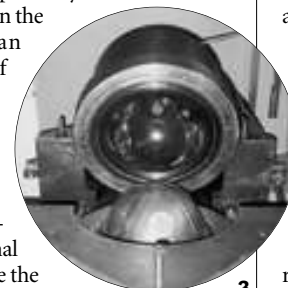


I sought some expert advice and found Steve Policastro, a Gemological Institute of America-certified gemologist and owner of the Southern California Gem Lab (619-236-1643) in downtown San Diego. Policastro specializes in identifying and evaluating people’s gemstones. I started by asking him about the real thing.

“Diamonds are found primarily in South Africa, Canada, Australia, and Russia. They generally come from deep underground, and are formed by time, pressure, and heat. They’re very expensive for a couple of reasons. First, there’s a lot of labor involved — they have to be mined; then they have to be sorted according to size and quality. Then they have to be cut and sorted again.”

Quality is determined by several factors. “When you’re looking for a quality diamond, you’re looking for high clarity — meaning you want few flaws in the diamond, few internal imperfections. There could be garnet inclusions. Generally, though, ‘imperfections’ refers to something done by Mother Nature during the pressure-and-heating process. Most diamonds have flaws. Flawless diamonds are very, very rare, and that’s another reason they’re so expensive.”

Quality is also determined by color, graded on a descending scale from D to Z. A D diamond will be perfectly clear; as you go down the scale, you get an increasing degree of yellow. “The public starts to see yellow generally in the I-J-K range, but there are differences at every degree.” Cutting provides the final quality factor; hence the re-sorting.



Mother Nature takes her sweet time in making a diamond — about a thousand years, by Policastro’s estimate. But now, he said, “through machines, we can intensify heat and pressure, and make a diamond in days. These are called synthetic diamonds. They haven’t perfected the process to the point where they’re bringing out flawless diamonds, but they are bringing out lower-quality stones and fancy colored diamonds. Synthetics are not too popular yet; one reason is that the cost is still fairly high compared to a natural stone. People can still buy a natural stone for only 20

“The rhinestone looks different internally; it has to do with the light refraction and reflection inside the stone.”

percent more, but as more companies get into the synthesizing of diamonds, their price may come down. That may lead people away from the natural diamond market.”

After all, said Policastro, a layperson can’t tell the difference between natural and synthetic. “Even for gemologists, it’s difficult. There is special equipment out now — being sold for \$10,000 to \$20,000 — that can tell the difference” by detecting differences in the spatial distribution of nitrogen defects in natural and synthetic diamonds.

But if a synthetic diamond is grown in a lab, it is still physically a diamond. “It has the same chemical, physical, and optical properties” as what gets dug out of the ground. Cubic zirconium is also lab-grown, but “it’s a totally different stone, and it doesn’t have all the same attributes as a diamond. It’s an imitation, as opposed to a synthetic.” It’s got the looks and the sparkle, but “it will scratch much more easily, and it will wear down at the facet junctures.

You’ll start to see abrasions and chips on a cubic zirconium much more quickly than on a diamond. And while a diamond will retain some brilliance even when a ring accumulates something like soap scum, a cubic zirconium will lose its brilliance.”

Policastro said he could tell the difference between diamond and cubic zirconium just by looking, thanks to some 20 years of looking at stones. But if there was any doubt, he could check the stone’s specific gravity. “A cubic zirconium weighs almost twice as much as a diamond. A diamond with a 6.5mm diameter should weigh close to one carat; a 6.5mm cubic zirconium would weigh 1.85 carats. That’s one positive test, but the stones need to be loose for that. There are also scratch tests and thermal conductivity tests.”

Last, we came to rhinestones, the cubic zirconium of yesteryear. “Rhinestones are rock crystal quartz — it’s a white gemstone that they cut into costume jewelry many years ago. The primary purpose of rhinestones was to imitate diamonds, but the cubic zirconium is a better stone for that.” Policastro judged the rhinestone the easiest impostor to spot. Like the cubic zirconium, the rhinestone is not as hard as a diamond, and suffers abrasions more easily. But the cubic zirconium “shows more brilliance. The rhinestone looks different internally; it has to do with the light refraction and reflection inside the stone.” Not only that, it’s more expensive. “There’s a huge range in diamond quality, and so there’s a huge range in price. But if you take an average 6.5mm diamond that costs \$5000 wholesale, the same size rock crystal quartz would cost \$3 to \$4, while the same size cubic zirconium would cost \$.50 to \$.75.”

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Crasher

THE BEAR OF LEMON GROVE

by Josh Board

I went to two parties in Lemon Grove. Sam threw the first one. His guests were all over 40. The second party, a crew in their early 20s, was hosted by Dave. This was my night with Sam and Dave.

Sam's party started in the late afternoon, and I arrived in time for the catered BBQ food. He asked if I could mention the name of the place in La Mesa that it came from. I laughed and said, "Not unless those guys are offering to cater a big party for me." Sam offered me smoked brisket, and I asked what a brisket was — I don't cook and I'd never had one. Five guys had trouble explaining what cut of meat brisket was from.

I met a Latino couple who had been married for 30 years. I asked them how they were able to stay together for so long, and the husband told me, "I listen to everything she says. She's the boss." His wife smiled and rolled her eyes. He later told me, when he found out that I crash parties, that he used to crash weddings. He said it wasn't like the movie



Wedding Crashers. "Sure, you sometimes met women. But we were more interested in the free meal."

I went over to talk to another group when I overheard someone say that they had seen a coyote in the street the other day. Another guy said, "Does anyone remember that bear? It bit both arms off a person



he die? I guess if I lost both my arms, I wouldn't want to live. I couldn't play guitar or do much of anything."

The conversation then

"For a crowd walking around with no clothes, no purses, no wallets...we got a lot of tips that night."

in Lemon Grove." I wasn't sure if he meant the bear was in Lemon Grove or if the person was a resident of Lemon Grove. Someone else chimed in, "That would be a horrible way to die. Or did

turned to preferred ways to die. One person said, "A meteor hitting me. That would be cool."

A guy with long hair said, "Drugs. A drug overdose." Someone asked him

which drugs, and he had a Mona Lisa smirk on his face as he thought about it for a couple minutes.

That conversation was morbid, so I approached a woman who was talking about hydrotherapy. She said, "Everyone should do it. It's great. And, you can write it off on your taxes."

Another lady was talking about how she had been married to two different millionaires. I said, "I'd be happy marrying one." Someone asked her about how much money and property she got in the divorce. She

said she didn't ask for a lot, that money isn't important to her. I'll remember to say the same thing if I meet a rich woman.

There was a limo driver at Sam's party who told interesting stories. I asked him if he ever worked for the woman who married the two millionaires. He laughed and said, "Hey, I went to the craziest party once. Do you want to hear about it?" (Since I write about parties, I think it's my job to listen, just as psychiatrists have to listen to people's problems.)

He told me that he grew up in San Diego and was a drummer in 37 bands. One of those bands was hired to play at a house party in La Jolla. The party was for nudists. He said, "It was crazy, because everyone was walking around naked. What I couldn't figure out was, for a crowd walking around with no clothes, no purses, no wallets...we got a lot of tips that night." The woman who was hosting the party convinced him to take off his clothes and he did, before jumping into the pool. He

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said his girlfriend showed up, and he rushed to get dried off and dressed before she saw him.

Another story that would only happen to a musician: he once fell asleep under a stack of Marshall amplifiers. An earthquake woke him up, and he was able to avoid being crushed by the Marshall stack.

We talked about local bands, and he brought up Mickey Ratt, who went on to become famous as Ratt. He told me, "I was asked to join their band, but I didn't." I asked him why and told him that, as a drummer, he is now the Pete Best (the Beatles' original drummer) of San Diego. He said, "Yeah, I regret it."

I met a guy who owned a hearse. He showed me pictures of his long black car and said, "It had mirrored ceilings, which was great for when we had girls in the car. I think the only girls you'd be able to get into it today would be Goth chicks." I said, "Yeah, that is kind of creepy. But if you are in a car accident, it's convenient. They can just throw your body in the back."

Sam had been swimming between getting food and drinks for his guests, so I didn't have a chance to talk to him much. When he got out of the pool, I noticed he had what looked like stitches on his chest. Someone mentioned them, and I was shocked when Sam said he probably wouldn't live past 60, because of his weight and his heart.

* * *

"Dude, things don't usually start happening at my parties until about midnight." I glanced at my watch, and it was 9:45 p.m.

Dave and his friend lit up a joint and passed it around. I grabbed a Pepsi and said, "I know

you told me the party was starting at ten, but I was in the neighborhood at another party."

A surfer with long blond hair asked, "What was happening there?"

"We talked about the best way to die. Someone mentioned

being struck by a meteor."

The surfer said, "That shit would hurt, bro! I wouldn't mind having some big-ass wave crush me out in the water. It would have to be huge, though. And in some exotic country I'm

surfing in." I asked him about dying from a shark attack, and he said, "If a great white just swallowed me, I'd be cool with that. I just don't want to lose my arms, and then I'd be trying to kick back to shore, and I'd see blood going

everywhere."

I asked them, "Did you hear about the bear that took the arms off someone in town?"

They hadn't. Dave said, "When chicks get here, we need better conversation than this. Talking about maiming

and death ain't gonna get anyone laid." ■

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by Barbarella

Robber Chicken

The robb'd that smiles, steals something from the thief.

— William Shakespeare

Mom noticed other telltale signs of robbery — the back door was wide open, the stereo was gone — and she ran outside to call her best friend, whose son is a U.S. marshal.

How could they not feel guilty with all of our pictures here? I mean, we were basically staring at them as they did this," Jane said, gesturing at the wall-sized photo collage our sister Jenny had created years ago in the recreation room of our mother's house.

"Jane, this wasn't you or me. People like us don't *steal*. People who steal don't feel bad. They simply want something without having to work for it like normal, *decent* people, so they *take* it. What scum," I said, beginning to feel sick.

"It makes me not want to trust anyone," said Jane.

"Yeah, tell me about it," I said. We peeked through the blinds to the street below and glared at a kid walking by on the sidewalk. "I haven't felt

this misanthropic in a long time. People are shit."

We turned back to the task at hand. I struggled to get a heavy file drawer on its tracks.

"Look, they didn't have time to get this all the way out," Jane said, shoving the large computer tower back where it belonged. The surface of the desk looked bare without the monitor and color printer. Glancing up again at the wall covered with our family's faces, Jane added, "I bet they felt a *little* guilty," as though part of her needed to believe this.

"Yeah, you're probably right," I said.

I spoke with my mother not half an hour before she arrived home last night, before she hurried into the house to use the restroom after a long day at work. Because she lives

alone, Mom didn't bother to close the bathroom door. So, while seated on the commode, she had a clear view to the guest room directly across the way and looked in puzzlement at the pennies scattered on the white carpet near the doorway. Then she noticed that not only was the guest room light on, but light also seemed to be spilling in from the living room to the right.

Mom's first thought, her first hope, was that Jenny had been over and left the place a mess. But that wasn't the case and, as Jenny was telling her this on the phone, Mom noticed other telltale signs of robbery — the back door was wide open, the stereo was gone — and she ran outside to call her best friend, whose son is a U.S. marshal. They both came over immediately, and Mom called the police.

My parents have been separated for eight years, but my father agreed to spend the night at my mother's request. Fingerprints were dusted for, locks were changed, and a report was filed. Jenny and her boyfriend, Brad (who is also a cop), decided to stay the night as well, and Jane and I, who both had the next day off, volunteered to come over to help clean up the mess left by the thieves.

Jane and I pulled into my mother's driveway at the same time. Neither of us had spoken to Mom for more than a minute between last night and this morning, so we did not yet know the extent of the damage and loss. We walked past the front lawn, which looked greener than usual beneath the giant, white plastic snowman, which was surrounded by equally large plastic

gifts. Christmas was weeks behind us, but just as she relied on her son-in-law Sean to set up this scene that defies the laws of nature but enhances her spirit for the season, Mom was probably waiting for Sean to help take it down.

I had expected the place to be turned completely upside-down, but entering the house now with Jane, things looked pretty neat — the place was definitely in more order than it had been the last time I was there, which was Christmas afternoon, after my niece and nephews had torn into the results of "Santa's" excessive generosity.

Apparently, my mother had arrived home mid-burglary; some valuables appeared to have been dropped in the hallway by a startled thief. In every bedroom, drawers were on the floor. The biggest mess was in Mom's dressing room, where contents of shelves had been thrown in the middle of the small room in a frenzy to find prized possessions. Jane examined some of the papers on the floor. "Mom, these are dated 1987," she said. "Why do you still have most of this stuff?"

"I don't know," Mom said. But after more drilling from us, it became clear that Mom hadn't been through these boxes in almost 20 years.

"If you think about it, this is a good thing that happened," said Jane. "It gives you a reason to purge a lot of this stuff you don't need or use." With indirect help from our desperate and most likely drug-induced "friends," we filled four large garbage bags with crap and left the

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dressing room in better order than the robbers had found it.

"Did you already put the drawers back in here?" I asked, indicating the two dressers and bedside tables in Mom's room that appeared unmolested. Mom laughed. "What's so funny?" I asked.

"I just tried to picture the look on their faces as they opened these," she said. "I bought all of this furniture last week. It's empty!" Jane and I joined in laughter. I imagined the disconcerted reaction the robbers must have had to fling open empty drawers in what must usually be the "jackpot master bedroom" after going through a house packed to the brim with 20 years' worth of accumulated things. "Stupid shits," Mom said between giggles.

Jane and I asked what else was missing. Mom's beloved Lladro collection, comprised of porcelain statues my father selected as he traveled the world and a few smaller statues that her daughters saved up to get her

over the years, still sat in its glass case. The television still rested in the corner, and the DVDs had not been touched. We didn't want to say the word, but Mom knew what we were getting at.

"You mean the jewelry?" Mom asked. My sister and I shared a knowing look, preparing for the rationalization to come. Silently, Jane agreed to launch in with, "They're only material items," and I nodded, indicating I would follow up with, "What good are a few stupid rocks anyway?"

Mom smiled smugly. While waiting for her to divulge the reason for her smile, I entertained the possibility that she was having some kind of breakdown. "They must not have looked in the chicken," she said, ending the suspense. Finally, it all made sense — despite the fact that we had always chastised her for keeping her most sentimental pieces in what we thought was an obvious hiding place, Mom's stubbornness had paid off.

My mother has some-

thing of a chicken fetish. Chicken calendars, chicken printed fabrics, chicken kitchen utensils and dishware, likenesses of chickens made from metal, wood, straw, and every other conceivable material; she is to chickens as Bubba Gump is to shrimp. So it was no surprise to us that, rather than in a jewelry box or under clothes in a bedroom drawer, Mom had stashed her few favorite pieces inside one of the thousands of chickens that live in her home.

It didn't take us long to put everything back in order, but we were concerned to leave Mom alone. "Are you going to be okay?" Jane asked her.

"This place is like Fort Knox now," Mom answered with a smirk. Then her face became serious and she said, "You know, sometimes I feel like I'm really alone in the world. But after this happened, my friends and family were here for me in a heartbeat, and I realized, I'm not alone at all. So, yeah, I'm fine. I'll be just fine." ■

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WHEN DEAN HAAS considers his career so far, he describes its most emotionally difficult period as a two-week “hostage situation” involving a group of Americans “who’d gone to look for Noah’s ark.” There was, of course, the gunplay and murder at the upscale mall in Bogotá, Colombia. There was, of course, the bomb that exploded in the consulate parking lot in Adana, Turkey. That Haas isn’t quick to mention these things is a hint that his job is unlike like most others.

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“I usually say it this way, ‘I’m just a poor boy from Chula Vista. We were middle class at best. To be honest, I find my job representing my country most fulfilling when I explain my background and say that I made it on merit. A lot of countries, most countries, don’t give their citizens that opportunity.’”

When I spoke with Haas last spring via Internet instant messages, he was ending a three-year tour as deputy chief of mission, or deputy ambassador, at the U.S. embassy in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

“My parents had high expectations of both my sister and me, even though neither of my parents went to college.

“I’m really a Chula Vista native. My dad, who is now deceased, was from Binghamton, New York. My mom was from Duluth, Minnesota. They migrated to California in the

mid-’50s and met there, in San Diego. They married in 1958. They lived in Chula Vista, where I was born. My dad owned a small business in Chula Vista called Radio Service Co. He repaired and sold communications equipment. He did TV and stereo repair and sales as well.”

Over the nights and mornings Haas and I typed away at each other (Slovenia is nine hours ahead of Pacific Standard Time), I talked with Haas about the peculiarities



Arrests

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of foreign service life.

"I'm often surprised," Haas told me, "by how little most Americans understand about the work we do."

I understood a little. A friend of mine served in the mid-1990s at the U.S. consulate in Karachi, Pakistan. It was only recently, after having known my friend for several years, that he told me a colleague he'd much admired was killed in Pakistan. At about 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday,

March 8, 1995, at a downtown Karachi intersection, masked gunmen opened fire on a U.S. Consulate van, killing two consulate workers and wounding a third.

My friend didn't say much about the incident. I couldn't tell if this was because what happened was difficult for him to discuss, or if there were intelligence concerns that kept him mum, or if he thought there were aspects of foreign service life that civilians couldn't easily understand. The more I heard about what the State Department refers to as the "foreign service lifestyle," the more unusual it seemed.

"It's really not all that strange," my friend told me. "There are Americans in Tijuana in the 'foreign service lifestyle.' There's a U.S. consulate in Tijuana. It's big. It's a consulate general. You should talk to them."

Liza Davis, a 34-year-old Virginia native with a creamy complexion and shoulder-length brown hair, is the person journalists talk to when they want to find out what's going on at the U.S. Consulate General in Tijuana. Davis's title is public affairs officer, and she creates the official face the consulate presents to Mexico and Mexicans and to the Americans whom the consulate serves.

"We're the busiest U.S. consulate in the world," Davis said on the late-spring afternoon we first met. Her tone was upbeat, can-do. "We deal with more deaths, arrests, and injuries of American citizens than any other U.S. consulate.

"We estimate that, at any given moment, there are 250,000 American citizens either living in or visiting the Baja peninsula. And all of those American citizens are deserving of our consular services. We have a whole section for American citizen services. Three or four of our Mexican staff are lawyers. The most

senior Mexican employee in our American citizens services section is a lawyer.

"The fundamental reason that consulates and embassies exist is twofold. First, we represent the interests of the United States in foreign affairs — Benjamin Franklin, our first diplomat, was sent to Europe to do that. And, secondly, we protect Americans overseas. Traditionally, those Americans were sailors, and that's why a lot of consulates were in ports. Our fundamental mission is to protect Americans overseas.

"Let's say you come to Tijuana and you get arrested. At this consulate we're so ramped-up on American citizens' services, we don't even wait for you to call. We call the jails, the morgue, and the hospitals every day, in our *whole* consular district, all the way down to Baja South. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, on holidays and on weekends, we have duty officers who are making those calls. We all take turns as duty officers. We have such good local relationships that we don't usually have a problem where someone molders for a week because no one knew he was an American. We're in there every day saying, 'OK, who have you got?'"

"I've seen some of our fellow citizens do some of the *stupidest*, most illegal things possible. But I've also seen plenty of people who were just in the wrong place at the wrong time and through no fault of their own were injured or arrested."

The number of stupid or unlucky Americans whom the consulate helps amazed me.

"About 25 percent of *all* Americans arrested overseas are arrested in our consular district," Davis said. "In the fiscal year 2004, the total arrests of American citizens in the entire Baja peninsula was 2956. We didn't directly come to the aid of all of them, but someone at the very least took a phone call about



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them and filled out a form. At the very least the consulate knew they were arrested and was prepared to intervene if necessary. There's everything from arrests for drunk and disorderly conduct to people who were picked up for drug possession or violent crimes. Of those 2956 people arrested, I'd estimate that one-tenth required that we visit them in jail and help them find a lawyer."

To meet Davis, I spent 20 minutes passing through consulate security. A series of large concrete traffic dividers painted Day-Glo orange create an irregular perimeter around the consulate. A dozen or so gray-uniformed guards, all Mexican nationals, patrol this perimeter. The guards wear laminated ID tags that, on the back, describe in English and Spanish the symptoms of

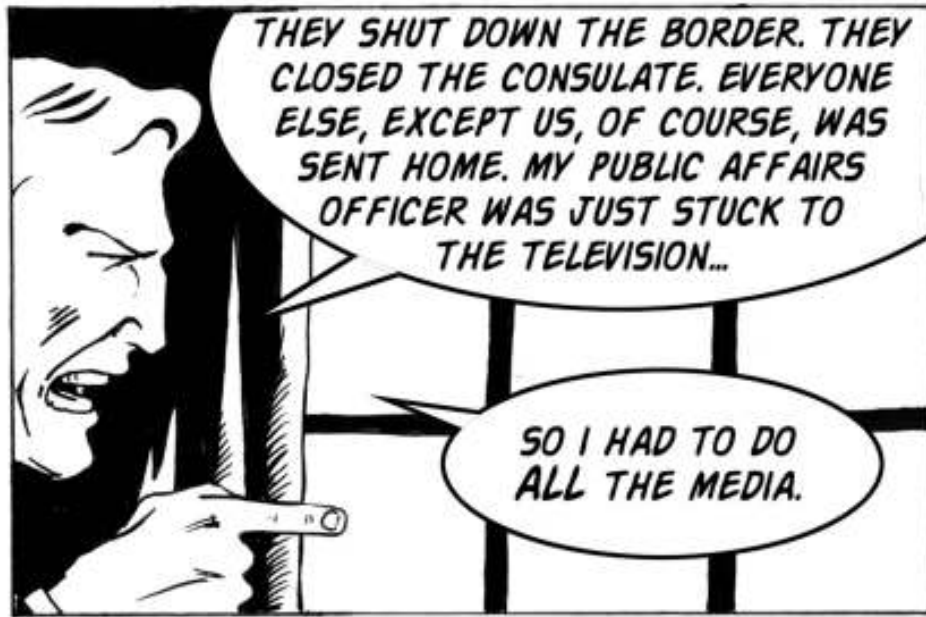


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exposure to biological and chemical agents.

Sitting on a slight rise across the street from the Tijuana racetrack, the consulate, built in 1961, is a spare three-story rectangular structure faced in white marble. The building's simplicity, and its proximity to, of all things, a racetrack, sug-

gest an era when American power in general and America's relationship with Mexico were less complex. If the consulate's present security arrangement appears provisional, it's because, as Liza Davis told me, the State Department is now looking to buy land for a new and much larger

Tijuana consulate. Real estate prices in central Tijuana mean that the new consulate will likely be built farther out.

"The consulate's permanent staff," Davis said, "are already dreading the commute."

Before I could meet Davis, I had to pass through the security

booth on the consulate's west side, where two armed guards flanked a heavily reinforced window. Another guard, behind the window, communicated via intercom with all visitors. Inside the booth, three other guards manned an X-ray machine and metal detector. No cigarettes, cigarette lighters, or matches, no cell phones or other "electronic equipment" are allowed to be taken into the consulate. The guards examined my blazer and my blazer's pockets. They examined my shoulder bag and its contents. There was debate as to whether or not my tape recorder constituted "electronic equipment." While one guard made calls regarding the tape recorder, another scrutinized my photo ID and business card. The phone rang; my tape recorder could enter the

consulate.

The consulate's lobby resembles every waiting room you've ever seen in any U.S. government agency: rows of plastic chairs face a wall of bank-teller-type windows. Above the windows hang framed headshots of President Bush, Vice President Cheney, and former Secretary of State Colin Powell. (As of this writing, the consulate had yet to receive Secretary Rice's official photograph from the U.S. embassy in Mexico City.) To the lobby's left, a massive metal gate opens to a stairwell leading to the consulate's offices. Upstairs, the surroundings would soothe even the most ardent small-government zealot. Bookcases packed with books on American art, history, and literature line narrow hallways. Posters about Fulbright scholarships adorn office doors.

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If anything, the consulate's offices resemble those of a small community college.

"I have many bosses. My ultimate boss is, of course, the Secretary of State," Davis said when I finally sat down with her. "But my orders, writ large, come from the ambassador in Mexico City. He is the president's

representative in Mexico. He is the highest-ranking U.S. government official in Mexico. What he says goes in Mexico. Also, my boss is the public affairs officer at the embassy in Mexico City. He's technically in charge of the public affairs programming in Mexico. I also report to the consul general here. And I also report to the

Western Hemisphere Bureau at the State Department in Washington.

"If the ambassador wants to do something in a big policy way, if he wants to change U.S. policy in Mexico, I'm not doing that. And I'm not talking directly to Washington about that, nor should I be. That's all

going through the U.S. embassy in Mexico City to the State Department and sometimes to the White House. As far as the consul general here is concerned, his boss is the ambassador.

"We have about 125 employees in Tijuana. We've got two facilities, this one here and one down in the Zona Rio

district, which is just for visa processing. We have foreign service staff, and civil service staff — people who commute from San Diego, and what we now call 'locally engaged staff' — Mexican citizens, like my assistant Lorena Blanco. For most of the foreign service staff, a tour at this consulate is three years, and you can

extend for an additional year. The civil service and locally engaged staff are permanent.

"In the foreign service, on your first tour you are what we call an 'entry-level officer.' The way it works now is that as an entry-level officer, your first tour is what we call a 'visa tour,' which is a two-year tour at a consulate or embassy somewhere in the world where you're going to do visa interviews. We have a lot of those entry-level officers here in Mexico, and we've got five or six here in Tijuana. So, any given summer there are three or four entry-level officers rotating in or out. And next summer, I will leave and the consul general will leave. It's not fixed: everybody's on their own schedule. It's not like the House of Representatives, where every two years everybody's reelected.

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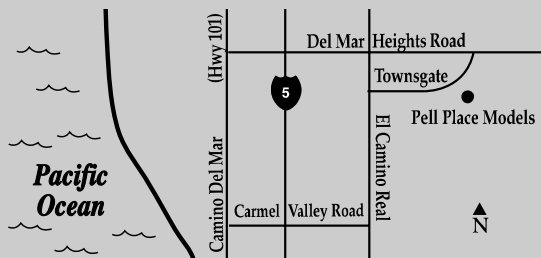
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With a constantly changing staff, who maintains the consulate's institutional memory?

"To a large extent it's our locally engaged staff. That's why every embassy and consulate has a majority of locally engaged staff. My staff, for example, are professional staff members. Lorena is like a media executive in many senses. She's in charge of all our press relations, and it's her job to maintain those relations no matter who the public affairs officer is. Lorena knows who all the players are in the media."

Davis's manner was casual and outgoing, and when I asked about her personal history, her accent changed, little by little, from generic American to soft Southern drawl.

"I was born and raised in Lexington, Virginia, three hours south of DC. I majored in German at the University of Virginia, and I have yet to serve in Germany. I had the classic liberal arts education. I also studied French and a little bit of Russian. You'll find that you really can't generalize about foreign service officers. There are a lot of international relations majors, journalists, everything. Some went to the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, and some went to the University of Oregon. They come from all over.

"Right after college, I took the foreign service exam. I heard about it at a cocktail party. A distant relative said, 'Oh, you majored in German. You should take the foreign service exam.' And I said, 'Really, what's that?' And it just sort of snowballed from there. I took the exam at the University of Virginia in 1986. I was literally *laughing* while I was taking the exam, because it was so hard. It's changed some since I took it, but generally speaking, it's not like all those tests that you took



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as a kid that measure your ability to learn. It tests what you *know*.

"There are sections on economics, macroeconomics, on world history. There are questions on the arts. For example, when I took the exam there was a Dorothea Lange photo and you had to identify who the photographer was. Another question was, 'Who is the director of the American Ballet Theatre?' — at that time it was Mikhail Baryshnikov, which I knew. The exam was very broad and very difficult. There was and still is a part of the exam devoted to English and English grammar. You must pass that section in order to pass the exam. I know that nonnative speakers of English find that section very difficult.

"So, you take the exam and you wait months and months to hear if you've passed. If you do pass, then you schedule the oral exam, which you can take in DC or at several other locations across the country. It's a day-long series of activities with other exam-takers. Generally speaking, it's role-playing. I took the oral exam in DC. We had to role-play an embassy staff meeting. They don't tell you what they're grading you on. They give you a situation and they refuse to answer questions. At our 'embassy staff meeting,' we'd each been given a program that we had to defend funding for. I was given a proposal for giving a radical student group a photocopier and a van. Obviously, they were grading us on our interpersonal skills. I defended the photocopier but not the van, because I felt that it would be 'irresponsible' to give a student group a van. On and on it went. A whole day of this kind of stuff. Now, apparently, they do talk to you about yourself. Back when I did the oral exam, they didn't. They asked me, 'Name five

American authors who you think best represent U.S. literature and explain why.'

"Mysteriously, I passed the oral exam as well. If you pass the oral exam, you're given a background clearance in

which they literally interview just about everyone you've ever known. They interviewed every landlord of every student apartment I lived in when I was in college, some of whom had never met me. They interviewed every

employer I'd ever had for every job I'd ever had, even as a teenager. They spoke to friends. They work from a list that you give them, but they also ask each person they interview, 'Who else should I talk to?' So, they

descended on my hometown. It was just the *talk of the town* the day they were there, because they fanned out through the town, doing it as quickly as possible. For some people it takes longer. If I had traveled all over commu-

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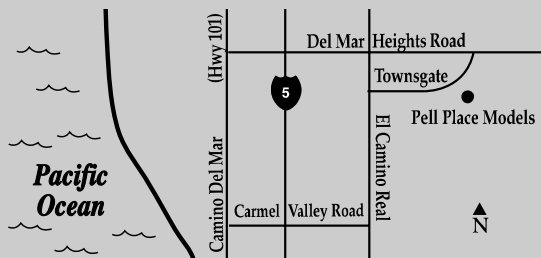
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that, you're put on a waiting list for jobs, and you're rank-ordered on that waiting list. I don't understand the mysteries of it. But apparently now, for example, you can get a 'veteran's preference' that will put you above other people on the list. You have a certain amount of time to be offered a job from that waiting list, or it's over. If you want to try again, you have to start all over from the beginning and take the exam again. When I was on the list, the waiting period was 18 months.

"The year that I took the written foreign service exam, 15,000 other people took it. Of that 15,000, 250 people were eventually hired."

Davis's first post was, she told me, at the U.S. embassy in Buenos Aires. She explained that early in the exam process, the career of a potential foreign service officer, or FSO, is directed toward one of five employment tracks or "cones": *management*, which deals with the day-to-day financial, logistical, and personnel concerns of running an embassy or consulate; *consular*, which handles issuing visas to foreign nationals and troubleshooting the many problems Americans encounter while abroad, such as imprisonment, death, and lost passports; *economic*, which involves advocacy for American business interests and analysis of foreign markets and the economic policies of foreign governments; *political*, which requires monitoring foreign political events and forming recommendations for U.S. policy; and *public diplomacy*, which tackles the promotion and explanation of U.S. policy and culture via media relations, education, conferences, and exchange programs.

Davis was directed to the public diplomacy cone.

"I was in DC for one year, being trained, and

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then I was in Buenos Aires for three years. At the embassy level, the public diplomacy, or public affairs, section is *huge*. We have a cultural attaché, a press attaché. Each has an American officers staff. The public affairs section does everything from running libraries to making sure that U.S. policy is correctly stated in the local media. All of those jobs fall within the 'public diplomacy cone.' The training for those jobs takes place in DC.

"I know it's better now than when I did it. I know they now train you on how to give an interview. They have a course where they tape you giving interviews, and they critique them. My cone tends to attract people who have some experience in those things — educators, journalists, art historians. But that doesn't necessarily mean that they know how to give a good press interview or a speech or program an event. So, there's a certain amount of training and a certain amount of on-the-job experience that's involved.

"When I went to Buenos Aires I was the 'exchanges officer,' which meant that I had a staff and we managed the 'professional program' in which we sent Argentine professionals to the U.S. for study tours and we also brought Americans down to give speeches and conferences. I had a professional Argentine staff who all had 20 years of experience and I had the support of the bureau back in Washington. So I did learn a lot on the job, but it wasn't as though I was immediately in charge of the entire embassy."

I asked Davis who kept tabs on the personnel needs of all U.S. consulates and embassies.

"It's out of Washington. It's pre-programmed. I know when I get to a post when it is that I'll be leaving. So does Washing-

ton. For example, if I were posted in China, which requires two years of language study, by the time I got to my post, my successor would have already been chosen and would be studying Chinese.

"After my tour in

Buenos Aires, I went to Managua, Nicaragua, for two years. I was there during the 'good time.' I was there during the last two years of Violeta Chamorro's presidency. The way it works is that the length of a tour

depends on where you are. A tour in Baghdad right now could be only one month. Western Europe, it's four years. It depends on the place, the hardship level, the danger level. At the time I was in Nicaragua, it was a

'greater hardship post.' It was still on the cusp of potential unrest politically. It was tropical, so the weather was a factor. There are a lot of factors that go into the designation of 'hardship post.'

"Buenos Aires, for

instance, probably doesn't now have a 'hardship level,' but it probably does have a cost-of-living allowance. There are three types of extra pay you can get. There's a cost-of-living allowance for posts like Tokyo, where prices

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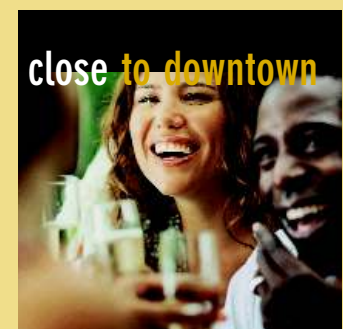
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are outrageous. Then there's 'danger pay' for posts like Baghdad or Bogotá. That's a percentage of salary depending on the level of danger and can be anywhere from 5 to 25 percent of your salary. And then there's hardship pay, which can be between 5 to 20 percent of your salary. There are different kinds of hardship — weather, remoteness, pollution, altitude. Mexico City, for example, has altitude and bad air pollution.

"After Nicaragua, I was in DC for six years and did two different jobs there based on my cone. And then I came here."

It seemed to me that while it might be nice to get extra compensation for air pollution and stress, the "foreign service lifestyle" had to have its own costs.

"I'm single, so I don't have any of the issues of having a family," Davis said. "But I still haven't decided if I want to do this for a living. Even being a single person, to move every two to four years? Well, I don't have any junk in my closet, that's for sure. It's difficult. Every two to four years you get a new job, a new place to live, new culture, new language, new friends, new coworkers.

In the civilian world, you might change one or two of those things every now and then. But, in the foreign service, yes, it's difficult."

This difficulty interested me, and I told Davis that I was interested in meeting people who, given other options, had chosen the "foreign service lifestyle." A while later, Davis introduced me to Susan Page, the consulate's management officer.

"She's the person who makes the consulate run," said Davis.

Chic, blonde, somewhere in her forties, Page has a firm handshake and

is, as her title suggests, in the "management cone." Page told me she was from Seattle and had entered the foreign service in 1990.

"And in Seattle you were..." I hear myself ask in the recording of our interview.

I count five seconds between the time when my breathy, nasal voice fades away and when Page, her voice clear, declarative, answers.

"I was sort of a lawyer. In Seattle."

"Yeah," laughed Liza Davis, who sat in on the interview. "Sort of a lawyer."

Davis's tone sug-

gested that Page was engaging in understatement.

There was another pause.

"Well, I was sort of a contract lawyer," Page continued. "And then I was sort of a beach bum. I was doing a lot of things."

How had Page learned about the foreign service?

"I think I was looking for another job, and it was in some sort of legal-job newsletter or something. And I just took the test and I passed the *first time*."

"This is my fourth or fifth post. I was in Bogotá, Colombia. Shanghai. Bar-

bados. Lithuania. And now Tijuana. This is my *fifth* post. They were all great. Bogotá was OK, but all the rest of them were very good."

I asked Page at what point in her career the difficulty of foreign service life was made clear to her.

"It was pretty much what I expected. If you've already lived overseas on your own, then living overseas under the aegis of the U.S. government is pretty nice. I'd already lived overseas, in Puerto Vallarta, and so I had a good idea of what I was getting into."

I said that the foreign



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service must present challenges even to people who've already lived overseas.

"You have to learn how to make friends with people quickly. I'll tell you, I have an extra burden because I'm single. If you're single, you don't have a built-in companion to go out to try restaurants and go places with. I don't have that. And so I don't experience as much as a married couple does. And that's...unfortunate.

"But I'm kind of a loner anyway, so I'm perfectly content. I sort of take whatever social life there is and make the best of it. People say to me, 'Oh, social life in the foreign service must be difficult for a single woman.' Well, let me tell you, a middle-aged single woman in Washington DC has no social life with *men*, you know, or in San Francisco. A woman of a certain age doesn't have a social life *anywhere*. So, wherever you are doesn't really matter, frankly."

A young man in blazer and tie dropped by to join our conversation.

"Susan," the young man said, "could have fun at an insurance convention."

He introduced himself as Chris Bronk, said he was a vice consul.

"He just got back from defending his Ph.D.," said Davis.

"Political science," said Bronk. "Syracuse."

Bronk said he grew up in New York, in Westchester County, and that he joined the foreign service in 2002.

"This is my first tour. It's been my 'visa tour.' I'm right at the end of it. I'll be going to DC for kind of a goofy job. I'm going to be a consultant in the Office of E-Diplomacy. It's basically figuring out how to use computers more effectively in various levels of the State Department. Using cutting-edge resources."

Bronk said that before entering the for-

ign service, he and his wife, a corporate lawyer, had lived in Seoul, South Korea, a "crushingly xenophobic place," where he worked for a Korean government agency. He said he loved living overseas.

"But when I got out of college in the early 1990s, the foreign service wasn't hiring," he said.

"Oh, yeah," said Page. "There was pretty much a hiring freeze after I got in."

"At the close of Madeleine Albright's tenure running the Department," Bronk continued, "she initiated some hiring, which became what is now known as the 'Diplomatic Readiness Initiative,' which eventually hired 1500 foreign service officers. I was one of those. The hiring process was streamlined under Secretary Powell. I passed the exam in 2000 and eventually received an offer of employment eight weeks after 9/11."

"Fundamentally, [hiring] all comes down to money," said Davis. "So, for example, when you have to open a new gigantic embassy like the one in Baghdad, new money just doesn't appear. In that case they had what was referred to in shorthand as the 'Iraq tax,' which was that bureaus and posts all over the world had to give up positions and budget in order to transfer *not* the people but the positions and the money to fund them for Baghdad. The problem is that it comes down to money and what Congress allocates. And Congress, of course, doesn't give you everything you ask for."

The prospect of serving in Baghdad reminded me that on unofficial foreign service websites I'd perused, foreign service officers who'd served at the consulate in Tijuana were very enthusiastic about it. I asked Davis, Page, and Bronk what made the Tijuana post

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"We're ten minutes from San Diego," said Page, "which is probably the most livable city in the United States. And if you've lived overseas for 15 straight years, like I have, this is like doing a stateside assignment while still living overseas and having your housing provided. I feel like I'm living in a Mexican barrio in the United States, but I'm having my housing provided and I'm still in the foreign service."

I asked if the State Department required all foreign service officers at the consulate to live in Tijuana.

"We have to," said Davis. "And we *all* do."

"This is," said Page, "a foreign service post."

"And we're all on call," said Bronk, "all the time."

"But we don't live across the border from any dumpy city," said Page. "We live across the border from San Diego."

"And people with kids can send them to school in San Diego," said Davis.

"Although there's one family at this post that sends their kids to a

school here," said Page. "The British-American school, which is excellent."

I said that I'd also read that morale was high at the U.S. consulate in Tijuana. I said I'd noticed reports of low morale at consulates in more physically glamorous locations.

"I think it's all personality-driven," said Page. "And I think it's all a moveable feast. It changes

as people come in and go out. I saw the morale change practically overnight [at the embassy] in Vilnius, Lithuania, where a whole bunch of unhappy people who didn't like each other all happened to leave at the same time. A new group came in who happened to like each other. It was like the difference between night and day.

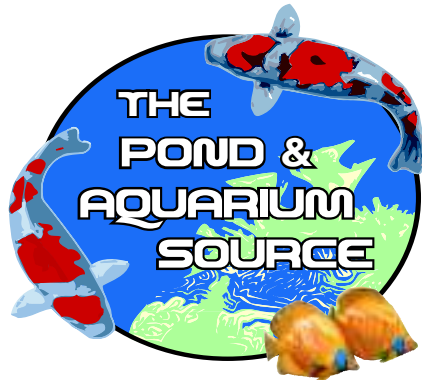
"Especially at a small

post, you can see the morale change the minute a new person comes in. The mix changes a little. At a big embassy, it's different. A small post is very much personality-driven."

"Part of morale is obviously work issues," said Bronk. "At this post, leadership is routinely extended to give the newest officers opportunities to go out on their

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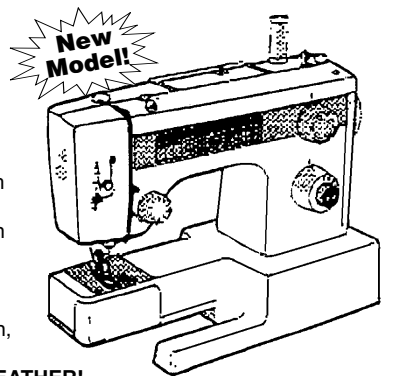
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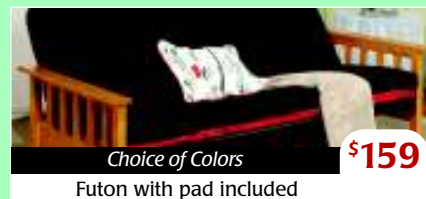
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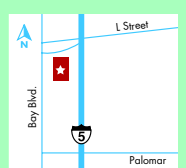
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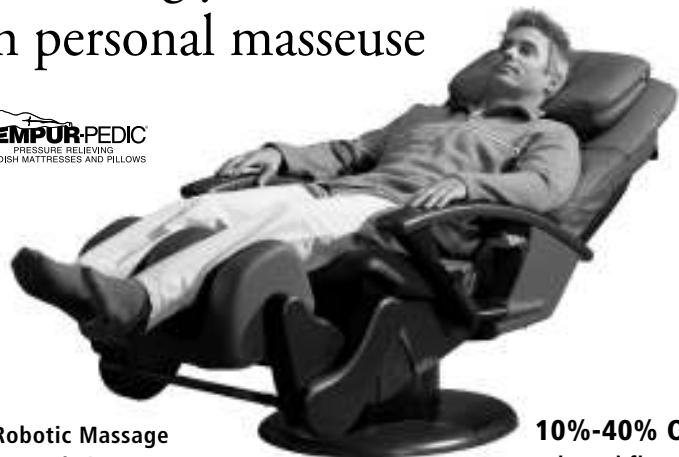
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"But I don't think you'd get as many people interested in serving here if it wasn't ten minutes from San Diego," said Davis. "Let's be real."

"I was offered

Juárez," said Page, "which I was told had more challenges that were more career-enhancing, but I said, 'No way.' I'm not interested in living across the border from El Paso."

"I was offered a position in Matamoros," said Bronk, "but I wasn't interested in living across the border from Texas."

"Our joke here," said Page, "is that you hear these first-tour officers debating the merits of

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"But here in Tijuana we do get a 5-percent hardship allowance," said Davis.

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"We get a 5 percent allowance for crime and pollution," Davis, Page, and Bronk said almost in unison.

"It's a straight 5 percent of your salary," said Davis. "Like all hardship allowances, it's taxed."

"Every year," said Bronk, "we write a report that says all the things that make it harder to live in Tijuana than anywhere

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“There are two things every post submits,” explained Page. “A post submits a ‘differential report’ and a ‘post report.’ The differential report is to get as high an allowance as possible. Differential reports make every post sound like a hellhole. The ‘post report’ makes every post sound very desirable because it’s a recruiting tool, and it’s to make people want to go and live there.”

“Baghdad has a hardship differential of 25 percent,” said Davis. “Kabul has 25 percent. For all posts in Argentina, it’s zero. Dacca, Bangladesh, is 25. Micronesia, 20. Mexico City, 15.”

The salaries in question are difficult for a civilian to get a feel for. Like salaries for all government jobs, those in the foreign service follow a pay scale. But the foreign service pay scale sometimes changes as administrations come and go, and as Congress warms or cools toward the State Department.

From listening to Davis, Page, and Bronk, the consensus seemed to be that the more “policy-minded” secretaries of state tended to pay less attention to the financial needs of the State Department. Colin Powell, everyone seemed to agree, was very “hands-on” with managing the Department and diligent about lobbying for resources. “He had a lot of pull with Congress.” Their attitude toward Secretary Rice was wait-and-see. Their discussion of their salaries went as follows:

“I came in as a 5,” said Davis, referring to her initial pay grade. “My starting salary 15 years ago was \$35,000. Technically, the lowest starting salary right now for a foreign service officer is \$24,677. The top salary now for a foreign service officer is for an ambassador who’s been a career diplomat, and that’s \$180,000. The top salary

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for a political appointee, meaning an ambassador appointed by the president, is \$149,000."

"I came in as a 5.13," said Page. "My starting salary was \$37,500."

"I came in as a 4.9," said Bronk.

"You came in as a

4.9?" gasped Davis. "Sixty grand? Man!"

"Well," said Bronk shyly. "I was making a lot of money before I entered the foreign service."

David Stewart, U.S. Consul General in Tijuana, probably has, according to the Ameri-

can Foreign Service Association, an EX-V pay grade. This means his annual salary is, according to the inscrutable Foreign Service Salary Table, somewhere around \$131,000. This salary is either generous or so-so depending on how much you might enjoy moving back and forth, as Stewart has, between Washington DC and Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Germany, Romania, the Bahamas, and Pakistan, for more than 20 years with a wife and five kids, including a daughter with a severe developmental disability.

Several weeks after

my first visit to the consulate in Tijuana, Liza Davis introduced me to Stewart, a tall, trim, amiable Texan, handsome in the way that father figures in commercials for brokerage houses or engagement rings are handsome. Stewart projected a calm optimism that was most apparent in the all-in-a-day's-work way he described some of the "challenges" he's faced at this post.

"We had the closure down here of these behavior-modification centers, these sort of tough-love centers for American kids who have drug-abuse or emotional

problems. The Mexican government decided to close them down. We got notice that morning that they'd decided to close them down. We immediately sent people to each of the three places around Ensenada. The [Mexican government] was in the process of deporting people. We had one junior officer at one of these schools where there were four or five hundred kids. All U.S. nationals. And these are kids who were sent there because of emotional or drug problems. This happened on a parent weekend when there were 100 parents down there getting rein-

troduced to their kids, who were in a very structured environment. All of a sudden they see these guys in black uniforms blockading the school. It looked pretty ominous. You know, 'men in black' The parents didn't know what was going on. We had a consular officer, a first-year junior officer, who went down there and was holding town-hall meetings, telling the parents, 'Your kids are OK!'

"The Mexican government closed the schools down, which meant that the schools lost their authority real fast. And these kids figured out, 'Hey, we're going home!' So, our security officer was also there. Our staff was there trying to manage the situation before it degenerated into a *Lord of the Flies* scenario, which was a very, very real possibility. At one point there

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("The baby was eventually repatriated," Liza Davis later told me. "We had to track it through footprints on baby records. It was a *nightmare*.")

Incidents like those, Stewart said, demonstrate what makes the Tijuana post unique. The border itself, the constant interplay between the U.S. and Mexico, creates the sorts of problems "you certainly wouldn't deal with if you were posted in

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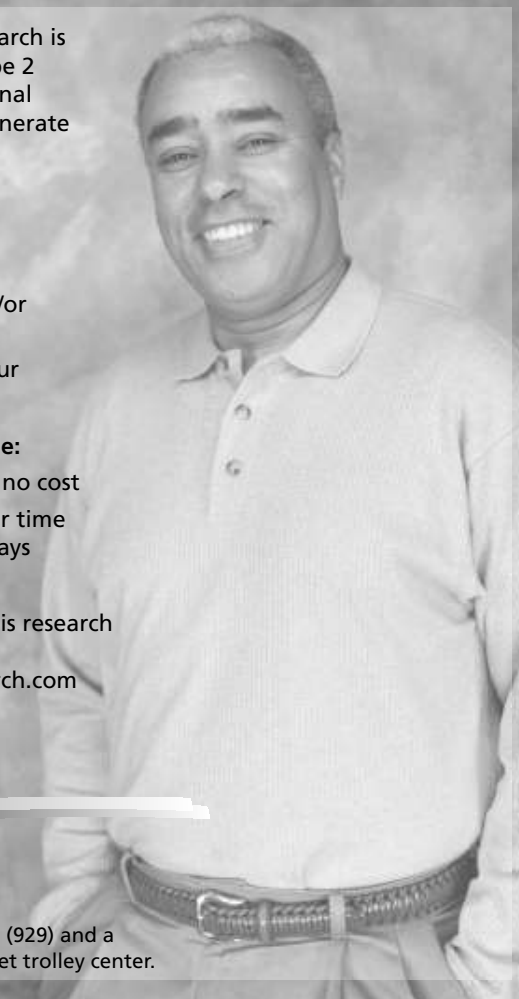
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Stewart, who said he entered the foreign service in 1981, seemed so unflappable that I wondered about his background.

"I went to college at Harvard, where I studied economics. I got a master's at Duke. After college, my wife and I took a year and traveled around the world. We had two shoulder bags. We were on a ten-dollar-a-day budget. Actually, our first child was born in the Philippines. That was my first contact with the State Department, when I went to the embassy to register our daughter as an Amer-

ican citizen.

"My wife is from Austria and was the daughter of missionaries in Africa. She was the first European baby born in the kingdom of Rey Bouba in northern Cameroon. The king proposed to her family, and she would have been his 51st wife. But they didn't take him up on the offer. Thank goodness they turned him down.

"I taught high school for two years in Virginia. And I taught a year in India at an embassy school. My background isn't like that of military or foreign service brats for whom going into government service is just something that you do. There was no tradition of that in my family, but all four of my adult kids are all working for the government.

"I took the foreign service exam before I went to India. It was very

interesting because I was teaching the children of diplomats and that sort of gave me insight into foreign service life. One of my concerns was the stress and strain on the family. My personal view is that most people I know who leave the foreign service leave for family reasons. It's not the terrorism or the hardship. Most of us adapt to that. Spousal employment issues. Children's educational issues. Those are some of the big issues that cause people to leave.

"When I joined the foreign service, I said I'd never go to Mexico. It's so close you think you know it. But I've ended up serving in Mexico twice. I was in the consular cone. In the old days the political and economics officers were the ones who generally got the leadership jobs and became ambassadors. That's really changed. The consular

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- Not experiencing pain as a result of cancer

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work is sort of natural for a schoolteacher. Because we take care of Americans, we tend to get that social-worker attitude. I chose consular work because I like being around people. It has the same sort of attraction as the helping professions."

I asked Stewart to give me an idea of what he did as consul general.

"The border posts are unique in the foreign

service. We spend a great deal of our time interacting with U.S. officials and Americans. Yesterday, for example, I was at PetCo Park on third base for the national anthem. I escorted a Mexican boy out to throw the first pitch, which was to Ronald McDonald. I was there because the owner of the team dedicated that game to this outstanding children's hospital here in

Baja. This is the only foreign service post where I would be representing the United States in the United States at an event that Americans had organized. As far as the hospital was concerned, I was representing Mexico.

"Most of my time is spent dealing with Mexican officials, the Mexican media. Because we have a very high rate of American visitors, we deal a lot with Tijuana's city officials. At the state level, we deal with a variety of issues. I would deal with the governor, attorney general, as needed. On the federal level, I would deal with immigration issues, customs issues. I would deal with the Mexican federal police and the Mexican foreign ministry's fraud division regarding things like passport fraud.

"We deal with the press a lot. The focus in Tijuana is very much on port-of-entry issues, waiting times, facilitation. We

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get very involved in protecting American citizens. Where I would get involved would generally be in instances of *avoiding* problems. We worked with the Tijuana mayor's office to have students pass out flyers during spring break that discouraged students from buying drugs. I'd also deal with problems of police extortion.

"Something that I and the Mexican consul general in San Diego organized, with my initiative, is a mechanism through which officials from all three levels of both governments can get together and address problems. Back in the old days, if you had a problem such as, say, a Tijuana policeman came across the border with his gun and got arrested, you'd have to go through Washington and Mexico City to deal with it. Now we can deal with it locally.

"Regarding the issue of Mexican police mistreating American visitors, we were able to use this mechanism to get the San Diego chief of police over here to meet with the Baja attorney general and work out an arrangement. A victim of crime here, especially if the perpetrator was a policeman, would usually want to get out of Mexico. The first person to hear about the crime was usually a U.S. law-enforcement official. Now we've worked out a way for U.S. law enforcement to take down the information, send it to us here at the consulate, and let us make sure it gets to the Mexicans. We don't want criminals to benefit either way."

I asked Stewart what he had learned about Tijuana through his interaction with the city.

"I think in a lot of ways Tijuana looks very, very different from the

United States. But in a lot of ways they share many of the values that we have, because Tijuana is a city of migrants. In most parts of the world where we foreign service officers serve, we interact with elites in traditional societies that have always been in charge. You know, their grandfather was a friend of the British governor, and now they're a friend of the U.S. consul general. In Tijuana, it's like many parts of our country; it's a very young city. Most of the leaders here in Tijuana, hardly any of their grandparents are from here.

"In some ways, that can make my work harder. In most places in the world, there are only a few players. And even in Mexico, it can be that way. When I talk to a colleague in, say, Mérida or Guadalajara, I hear that these are 500-year-old cities where the So-and-

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- Constipated, or show other signs of bowel dysfunction
- Not experiencing pain as a result of cancer

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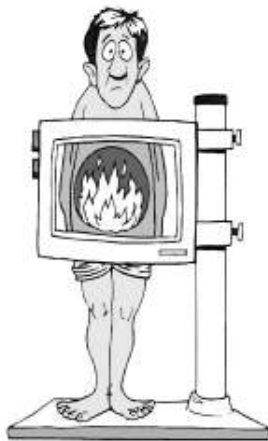
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“So, Tijuana’s got a rough kind of appearance, but at its core it’s got a lot of the values we have. People who are not so well off in other parts of Mexico, who have the spunk and the courage and the get-up-and-go attitude, come up here. And that’s basically our story. It’s a self-made town. Another aspect is that Tijuana doesn’t get a lot of resources from the federal government in Mexico City. Mexico City may have a heavily federally funded opera or sym-

phony, but here it’s very grassroots. And that’s very American, too. It’s very from-the-ground-up.”

Since Stewart was entering the final year of his tour in Tijuana, I asked what his plans were.

“I thought very seriously about quitting the foreign service during my third tour, when I was in Pakistan. There were family reasons, and career reasons. Later on I spoke with the director general of the Foreign Service, who’s in charge of all personnel. I thought I was really unique. And the director general basically said, ‘Everyone thinks about quitting on their third tour.’ And a lot do. Your first tour is your excursion tour, your

tourist tour, you’re overseas in a new country and you’re loving it. On your second tour you go somewhere else, and it’s different and you love it. You’ve gone from China to Africa or to Europe. By the third tour you think, ‘This is getting old.’ It’s like the seven-year itch. So, a lot of people on their third tour leave before it’s too late. But the director general told me, ‘Listen, David, if you haven’t left by your third tour, quit complainin’. Quit complainin’. If you haven’t quit by your third tour, you’re too vested. You’re not gonna leave.’ So, obviously, I never left. I’m in for the long haul.

“For my next post, either I will go to a real difficult, hard place, and

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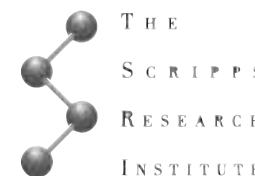
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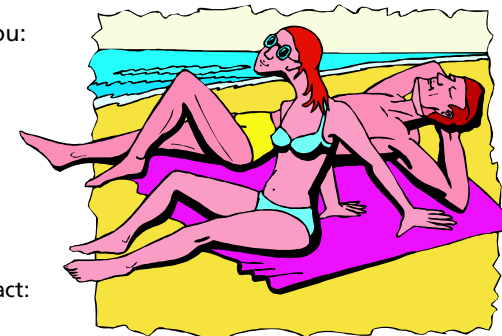
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my wife and daughter will go to New Mexico, where we have a home, or my wife, daughter, and I will go to London, Paris, Rome, or Madrid. We'd like to be in Europe."

Stewart's main concern was, he said, his daughter with Down syndrome, who will soon be leaving the Kentucky boarding school she's attended since 1998.

"The continuity's been better for her there. She's on the basketball team. She has a boyfriend. She has a very full life there. We're very grateful for that. She flies out here every couple of months, and that's one of the reasons why Mexico and the Caribbean worked out for us. She had to be able to fly to us easily.

"The problem with foreign service assignments is that you're always trying to find a place that's good for your career and that's good for your family. It's always a compromise. The fact of the matter is that the State Department has been very supportive, but the reality is that most of the world doesn't provide what your average American takes for granted in an American public school."

Lorena Blanco, Liza Davis's assistant and the consulate's media coordinator, is planning to move on, too. Although, she says, "It will probably take me at least five years to get American citizenship. I don't get any special treatment just because I

work at an American consulate."

Blanco is a petite woman, a mother of two sons, who's one of those Tijuana natives who learned to speak excellent English by watching American television.

"I remember I used to watch *The Brady Bunch*, and *The Osmonds*, and that cartoon, *Underdog*.

"My dad learned to speak English after he came here from Sonora in the 1930s. Sometime in the 1940s, he got a job at the racetrack. Back then, the racetrack was a main source of employment for people coming to Tijuana. They used to pay them in dollars. It was a big deal. He was a cashier there. The racetrack was a

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rate to me. They blended into a region.

“I went to a high school here in Tijuana where I was able to study about hotels and tourism for three years. Since I already spoke English, I had an advantage. The English courses were very easy for me. After high school I went to work for an airline, Aeroméxico. I started out working at passenger check-in at the airport. The job gave me a lot of opportunities to travel. All over Mexico, Europe, the Bahamas,

New York. It was wonderful. The pay was really good. I was 18 years old when I started working there, and I stayed for ten years.

“When I was working at the airport, the American consul, Larry Colbert, whom everyone liked a lot, used to travel often to Hermosillo. One time, the public-relations manager at the airport said, ‘Oh, the American consul is traveling, and I don’t have the VIP room set up. You speak English, can you help me out?’ I

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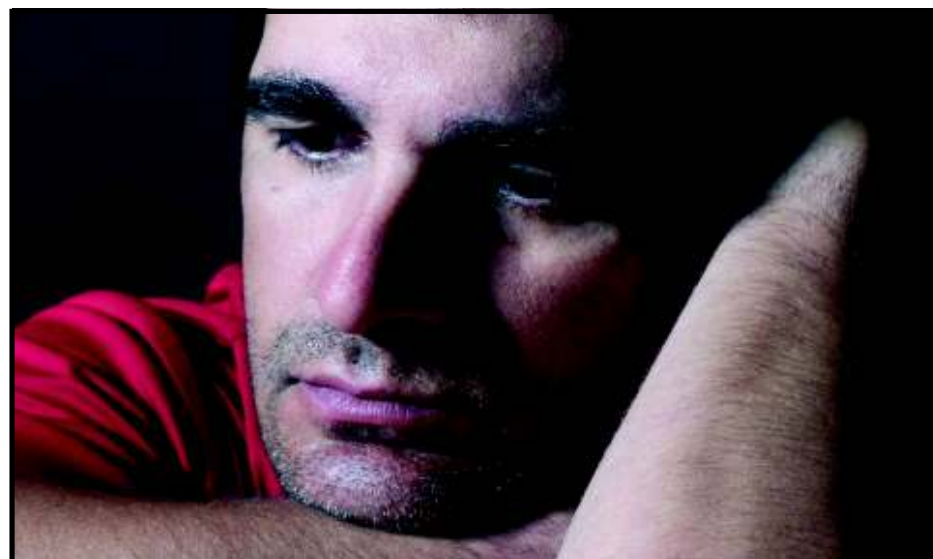
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and said, 'Give him a call and tell him that you're calling on behalf of Larry Colbert.' "

Eventually, Blanco was hired as a clerk in the immigrant-visa section.

"What many people probably don't know is that in order for the State Department to hire foreign service nationals like me, we have to get approval, as a matter of protocol, from the Mexican foreign ministry to be allowed to work for the

U.S. government. I got approval.

"By 1993 the immigrant-visa section was closed, and all the immigrant-visa work for all of Mexico was sent to Ciudad Juárez. So, here, they laid off around 30 people. But there was one job opening, and that was as receptionist for the consul general. Five people applied, including me, and I got the job. Previous receptionists didn't speak any Spanish. After work-

ing in that job for two years, I got this position.

"I had three weeks of training in Washington and two other U.S. cities, Atlanta and Portland. We were taken to newspapers to meet editors. We were taken to CNN. In Portland, we visited local newspapers. In Washington, we got to know the State Department and learned how to treat the media. It was pretty useful.

"The highlight of this position is creating channels of communication between the U.S. government, which we repre-

sent, and the Mexican public. I deal with all the media here in Tijuana, radio, TV, print. I'd guess around 20 different media outlets. We also deal with U.S. media. Any media who call from either side of the border talk to me. Only three people at the consulate are authorized to talk to the media: the consul general, Liza, and me.

"Every day I read all the local papers and read all the news. I tape and watch one news broadcast from Mexico City. I monitor the local radio stations in Tijuana, which is

important because people will call in to complain about how they get treated at the consulate, or they call in with visa questions. All the radio announcers refer those people to me."

During her time as the consulate's media coordinator, Blanco has, she said, weathered several "extremely, extremely difficult situations": first, the eviction in 1999 of more than 100 Americans who owned property at the Punta Banda beachfront development in Baja California. Also in 1999, San Diegoan Donald Kraft,

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September 11, however, was "really, really terrible" for Blanco.

"They shut down the border. They closed the consulate. Everyone else, except us, of course, was sent home. My public affairs officer was just stuck to the television, and he wasn't taking care of the media. So, I had to do *all* of the media. And we were getting *tons* of media. We had one TV reporter, a woman, who came down here to the consulate *in her pajamas* to get a statement from us. Of course I talked to them all, saying, 'We're in shock. We had to close the consulate.' So at 1:00 a.m. I went out in back of the consulate and started crying and crying. I don't even want to remember it."

Had her job changed her perception of America?

"I went from a 100 percent Mexican company to working for a 'foreign' enterprise. It's odd, isn't it? My perception of the United States has always been that it was a very strong and important country. Although I've always lived here in Tijuana, my goal is to someday live in the States. I don't want to remain here.

"I know it's not good to compare. When I worked for Aeroméxico, I loved my job. But, to make the comparison, it's so much better for me to work with U.S. employers. I loved my job with a Mexican company, but Mexican employers, although they care for their employees, they like them to be very simple and subservient. I didn't like that.

"It's totally different

working for a U.S. entity or place like this one, as opposed to working for Mexicans. Where I worked, for example, there was always favoritism, and that *doesn't* happen here at the

consulate. Everyone is more equally treated, and I really appreciate that.

"I basically know that Americans are so different from us. We're more driven by heart. We're very, I don't want to say

sentimental, but we're very warm. I don't know if that's a virtue or not. We're driven more by emotions. We're more open in some ways than Americans. Americans can be cold, but in a job

situation, I would prefer that, because Americans like people to bring results to what you're doing. I remember at Aeroméxico, we were closely monitored by the management. Here at the

consulate, I have a lot of freedom to do whatever I need to do. I can make my own decisions. I can talk to whomever I want. That's something I admire about U.S. culture. It's very work-ori-

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"I am a Tijuana native, but things have gotten so bad here. In terms of crime, in terms of public safety. I read the papers every day. I know what's going on here. Crossing the border has become so difficult. In the past two years, it's been more and more on my mind. In the past two years, it's gotten more difficult to live here.

"I have two sons, and they were born in the United States. We paid for our own medical expenses. Our sons can have dual nationality. I would eventually like to live in the United States, work as something like, I don't know, a spokesperson for CalTrans. I know there are plenty of openings, because the need for bilingual professionals is growing and will continue to grow."

I asked if Blanco's

work at the consulate had made her in some ways American.

"I think that I've always been American. In the sense that I've always spent half of my time there. I live and work here, but I tend to spend all of my free time there. It's like I'm split. I'm 50-50. I'm a very typical Baja Californian.

"I love my city. I love Tijuana. I was born and raised here. But things have changed so much that I don't want to spend the rest of my life here. And that makes me sad, because I love Tijuana so much."

As Blanco and I were finishing up, Liza Davis stopped by Blanco's office and offered to take me to her apartment to see "how a public affairs officer lives." Davis and I cruised out of the consulate's parking lot in a hefty SUV with diplomatic plates. A few min-

utes later we were pulling into her two-car garage in Chapultepec, one of Tijuana's swankier neighborhoods.

"My commute takes as much time as listening to one song on the radio," said Davis, ushering me inside her white, airy, three-bedroom, two-bath home. A two-level patio at the back of the house looks out over the Tijuana golf course and, beyond the green, to the Tijuana Country Club where, a few days before my visit, ten masked gunmen dressed in black had in full daylight abducted a gentleman from the club's entrance.

"The State Department rents places all over the world and owns only a few," Davis said. "Here in Tijuana, we own a couple of apartments. In all cases, a security officer has to come around and check out the place's security. They will usually

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“My hometown is in Rockbridge County,” said Davis. “It was at one time part of property owned by Thomas Jefferson. And George Washington as a very young man surveyed it, and his initials are still carved into the side of the land bridge. Now a highway goes across the top of it.”

Our voices echo in the large room.

“The weight allowance for every move is 9000 pounds for a single person,” explained Davis. “I don't have anywhere near 9000 pounds. If you're going to a place that's completely unfurnished, it's 18,000 pounds.”

Davis patted the back of a chair upholstered in cream-colored damask.

“This place is semi-furnished. This chair belongs to the State Department. That ‘charming’ oak-veneer chest over there belongs to the government, too. There's a catalog, but you don't get to choose from it. It shows all the State Department furniture's basic sets in three or four different styles. So when we go to each other's houses, we say things like, ‘Oh, I had that same furniture in Eritrea!’ If you're very unlucky you end up in a place where they've kinda cobbled together stuff. In the dining room, for example, the table will be one style and the chairs another.”

Among the few pieces of furniture Davis brought with her to Tijuana is a Shaker rocking chair. I asked if anything in the apartment was particularly meaningful to her.

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In a den to one side of the living room stood a card table on which Davis had heaped a confusion of papers, magazines, photographs.

"In the foreign service, you're always purging," Davis explained. "You're always getting rid of things you don't really

need."

Looking at the jumble of stuff, I had a sense of the demands that globe-trotting makes on a person's life. I thought of a conversation I'd had with someone who's lived next door to people in the foreign service.

Two thousand six hundred eighty miles from Liza Davis's home, Robin Yi, a 40-year-old San Diego native and SDSU graduate, lives in Vienna, Virginia. Yi, who did postdoc work in psychology at Johns Hopkins, lives in Vienna with her husband and 3-year-old daughter. Yi describes her community as a "parklike suburb about 15 miles west of Washington DC." She says many foreign service families choose Vienna because its schools are good and its housing is less expensive than that of areas nearer the capital.

Since moving to

Vienna five years ago, Yi has gotten to know a half-dozen or so foreign service families.

"They're usually not slow-to-warm-up types. They tend to be very bright and very friendly. They're all very smart. The foreign service seems to have a lot of we-want-to-save-the-world, hard-working, idealistic types. At least one of the foreign service people we've gotten to know had been a former Peace Corps volunteer.

"We've met several of these families through our daughter. We all share the same playgrounds. My impression has been that because foreign service people know they may be moving around a lot, they make friendships quickly. Because they're so well informed about politics and culture and world events, and because they're so personable, they're great people to

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have as friends. But the downside to having them as friends is that they move around a lot.

"In one of these families we made friends with, the plan was that the husband was here in DC to learn some Slavic language. He was suddenly posted in Iraq, and because of the security situation there, his family couldn't go with him. The wife moved to be closer to her family in southern Virginia. In another family we know, the husband was here learning Arabic and expected to be posted in Saudi Arabia. But he was suddenly sent to Iraq. His wife returned to Mex-

ico City, where she was from, so that she and the kids could be near her family. Another family we got close to fairly quickly has suddenly left for Singapore. Our kids had just two playdates before the family left for Singapore.

"I don't regret meeting or making friends with any of these people. I'm sure we'll make friends with other foreign service families in the future. Nobody has a guarantee that they're going to be doing just one thing and be staying in just one place. These folks are guaranteed that they're *not* going to be staying in any one place

for very long. They're very good about keeping in touch. We exchange e-mail addresses and write back and forth. We sometimes talk on the phone. What I've realized, now that I understand the foreign service a little better, is that these folks come back to DC eventually, so it's not as though we'll *never* see them again. It's something we can look forward to."

After we left Davis's house, she dropped me near my car, not far from the consulate. Wind blowing from the southwest smelled of rain. Sunlight slanting through coastal clouds illuminated

the hillsides north of Zona Rio. The contrast between the rickety homes on those hills and the gardens and high walls of Chapultepec is one you find all over Latin America, all over the developing world. For an instant I had the sensation of not knowing where I was, that I could have been anywhere, really, far from home. It requires a certain personality to take disorientation in stride.

"I've always been pretty straitlaced and disciplined," Dean Haas told me the last time we spoke. "I was a good student always. No smoking, no

drinking, no rebellion, no drugs. *Never*. My parents always had high expectations, and I learned later in life that parental expectations are a key to success for many kids. My parents insisted on good behavior in school even more than good grades. The nuns at Catholic school helped with this a bit, too.

"I attended St. Pius X Elementary School, then Bonita Vista Junior and senior High Schools. I graduated UCSD in 1983 with a major in history and with minors in economics and English literature. In 1985, at Point Loma College, I took the

foreign service exam pretty much on a lark. And I passed! The more I heard about the career, the more I realized it was something I might enjoy, especially the fact that you change jobs every two to three years and can do completely different assignments.

"I was hired by the State Department in 1987, and after about four months of initial training, I went to Ottawa, Canada, to our embassy. I worked a lot of time in the consular section, issuing visas and also assisting American citizens, but I also worked in the management section in the

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embassy and in the political section for a while. In political, I helped follow and report on a Canadian federal election campaign (Brian Mulroney's second mandate). In management, I learned a lot about how the embassy works logistically. I also helped support two presidential visits to Canada. When our presidents travel, it involves a lot of people and organization with the embassy in the middle of it all.

"The way it's worked out is that I spent two years in Canada, two years in Adana, Turkey, three years in DC, two and a half years in Bogotá, Colombia, four years in DC, and now three years in Slovenia."

The turning point in Haas's career occurred, he told me, in 1990.

"I had been headed to do consular and management work at a three-American consulate, kind

of a sleeper, it could be argued, in southern Turkey. I was literally on the way to Turkey, on a stop in Paris, when Saddam invaded Kuwait.

"With the invasion, life changed completely. Within two weeks of arriving in Adana, I was at the Iraqi/Turkish border doing political reporting and trying to figure out if any Americans were trying to escape across the border.

"We entered a period of buildup for the war. Incirlik Air Base is about eight miles from Adana, and most of our work was centered on the military side of things. About 5000 military members and their families were on the base. We worked closely with the Command. Things got dicey all over. We ended up with a bomb going off in our consulate parking lot one evening. CNN came, etc. No injuries, but dam-

age to vehicles. My boss, the consul, had his life threatened by a terrorist group. His picture and the threat were in the newspaper, and he was pulled from the post. I moved onto the base during the actual Gulf War.

"After the war, you'll recall that the Kurds started to flee northern Iraq. They all came into our consular district, and the refugee operation called Provide Comfort began. This ultimately morphed into Operation Northern Watch, which guarded the skies of northern Iraq for years, up to our going in a couple years ago. That operation had General Shalikhshvili at its helm at one point, then General Tony Zinni. Those names became very well known as time went on, you'll recall. Our deputy chief of mission in Ankara at the time was Marc Grossman. He returned later as

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ambassador and also served in very high places in Washington. I got to work with him and his team a lot. Grossman just retired, having served last for Secretary Powell as our undersecretary for political affairs, number three in the State Department.

"So, the 'sleeper post' turned wild, and I got the chance to work with people who were truly fantastic to deal with and learn from. *Voila*. It's largely about luck."

Of course, what Dean regards as "luck" is not what civilians often

regard as "luck." Successful, or at least fruitful, foreign service careers involve what civilians would regard as unlucky situations.

"During my time in Turkey," Haas told me, "a group of Americans who were 'searching for Noah's ark' was kidnapped by a Turkish terrorist group, the PKK. I was sent out to talk to local government officials about the case. My colleagues and I took turns monitoring it from closer in to the likely kidnapping site in eastern Turkey. I don't recall how many days they were

held. It was at least two weeks. In the end, we had pulled back some from the area, and then we got word they were being released.

"So, I flew back out to the area and was the first American they saw when they were let go. We flew them out of the area on Black Hawk helicopters, as I recall. That was a God-bless-America moment."

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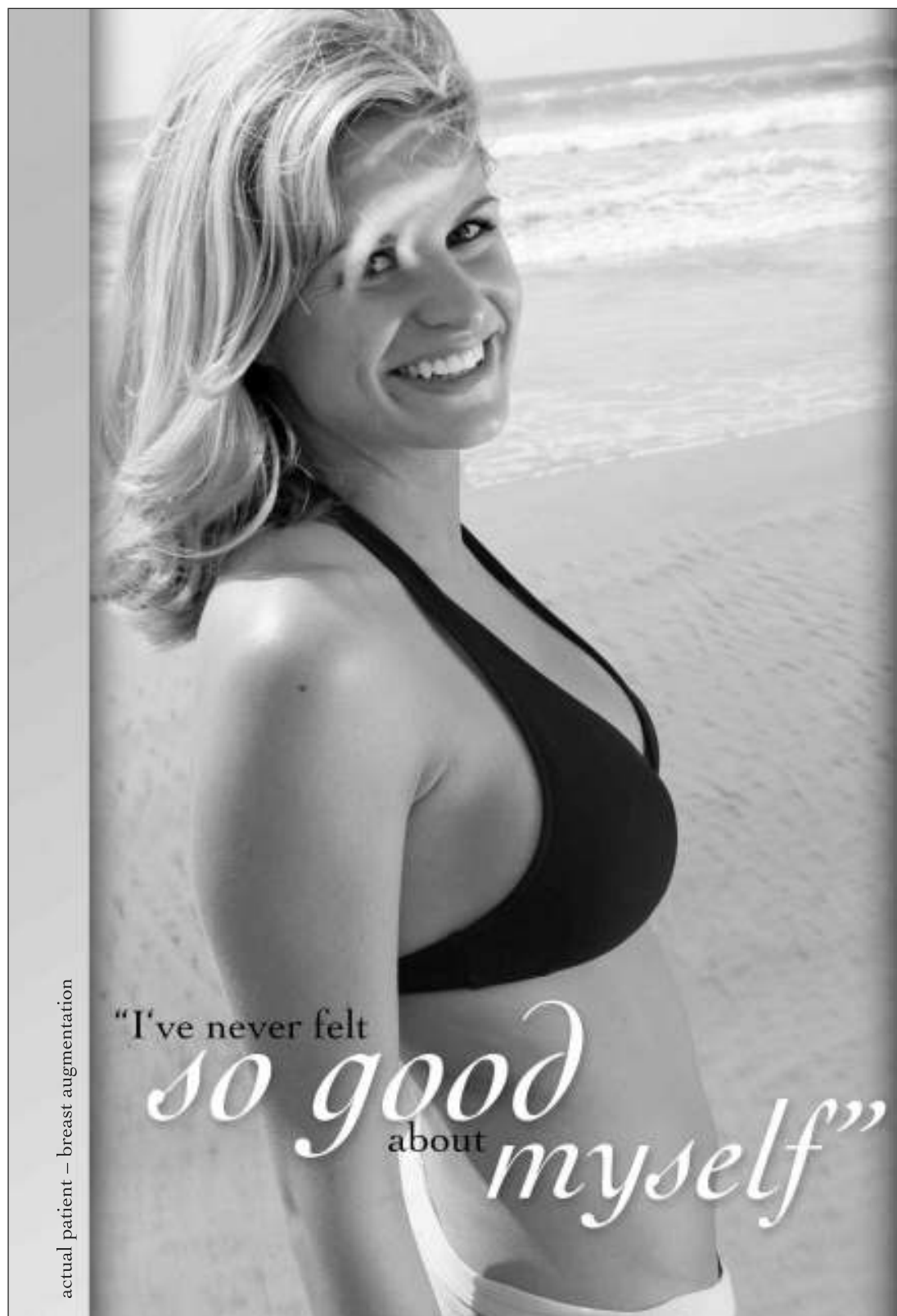
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was robbed and shots were fired. We were locked down in the theater not knowing what was going on outside. But there had been a robbery and a murder. I called our security, and they dispatched to the mall to whisk away me and a group of other diplomats (including Canadians). So, that was a dramatic highlight of my time in Bogotá. Every day we were driven to work from our homes in semi-armored vans. It was part of our security precautions.”

(And, later, as an aside, Haas said, “I get most nostalgic for Bogotá. Colombia is a tragic country because it has such incredible potential [natural resources] and people but has been torn apart by inner strife for so long that it is hard to imagine it ever becoming what it could be. But I loved the Colombians who worked for and with me and found the country truly incredibly beautiful, or at least that part I was allowed to visit. I have a deep love for the people and place and would return to work there again without a doubt.”)

Haas told me that after he ends his tour in Slovenia this summer, “I will return to Washington to be the director of the entry-level division of the office of career development and assignments in our Bureau of Human Resources. A mouthful. What it means is that I will oversee a staff of about 20. We’ll all work with our new hires into the Foreign Service. We’ll assign them to jobs, guide their early careers, and help resolve issues they might have during their probationary period. So, it’s a huge mentoring responsibility and something I’ve hoped to do for some time.”

At the very end of the time Haas and I spent typing at each other, I asked what things he kept in his Ljubljana apart-

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ment to remind him of home. He mentioned a brown leather chair he bought in DC, ceramics and textiles purchased in Turkey and Colombia, novels by Isabel Allende and Pat Conroy, nonfiction by Bob Woodward and Richard Holbrooke.

"I bring with me also a cookie jar from my childhood. It's a cookie jar in the shape of a pig's head, and it says on it, 'Go

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Dean Haas, U.S. deputy chief of mission, still thought of San Diego as home?

"I'll always be a San Diego boy.

"I own an apartment in DC that overlooks Rock Creek Park. And it's very beautiful. I have an

appreciation for 'inside the beltway.'

"But whenever I fly in over San Diego... Well, I fly a lot. I fly into a lot of cities in many different parts of the world. I can tell you that it's always impressive to fly in over San Diego. Whenever I fly in over San Diego and I see the California Tower in Balboa Park, I feel that I am home." ■

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For about a month after New Year's, people give up one bad habit or choose one trait they want to improve upon. So, soon after the gluttonous holidays, people tend to focus on the superficial — their waistlines. People swear off fattening food or try to work out. I've done the same thing. Every year, I've either sworn to stay in shape or eat less candy or, in enlightened moments, promise to be a nicer person to my little sister. However, these resolutions last about a week and the new year has never helped me make positive lifestyle changes.

Over the past few years, I've stopped drinking soda and coffee and eating red meat. I started to work out and began reading the newspaper and listening to NPR. I made these changes because I felt it was important, not because I felt guilty about taking an extra helping of pumpkin pie. A few weeks without junk appease a guilty conscience but do not really make you healthier or happier.

This year, my resolution is to give up New Year's resolutions. This way, I won't waste my time pretending that I'm going to change my life; instead, I'll acknowledge defeat before it happens. No, I'm not a quitter. I'm fighting the angel on my shoulder who makes me feel guilty for indulging. I deserve that piece of pie, the mashed potatoes, the pumpkin bread, and the pansit (a Filipino noodle dish present at all my family gatherings). And I refuse to feel bad for it. I'll work out because I need to stay in shape for field hockey, not because of the holiday gluttony. The lifestyle makes the difference, not the short stretches of over- or under-eating.

— Megan Zapanta,
El Capitan H.S.

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This year I am going to eat out less. I am not going into economically induced anorexia or anything, but I'm going to try to spend less money on food. I have recently been spending too much money and not making enough money. I don't know how this is going to work out because my social life is based on eating out, but I will cope.

I will be my dog's best friend. In my family, our beagle is the neglected child. None of us make an effort to play with her. So I will. One year I made a resolution to walk my dog about once a day, but that failed in about a month. I want to love my dog the way I loved her when we first got her when I was in the third grade.

I will be more generous, pay for my friends' coffee every once in a while or buy someone a gift just because it reminded me of them. I want to think less about the money and more about others. This task seems to be easy enough, but I have a feeling that this is one of those resolutions that I will forget about in a couple of weeks. It seems too idealistic. Let's face it: I'm a poor teenager.

I vaguely remember making resolutions in the past. That is because they never work out and, come December, I can't recall what resolutions I made the previous January. But this year could be different...right?

— Derrick Sun,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

We all make resolutions we want to keep, but after a week or two, we just give up. Kind of depressing, huh? When I was about ten and my brother Hayden was eight, I resolved not to fight with him for a whole year. I kept my resolution...for about five hours. I tried so hard. The first morning after I'd resolved to not fight with my brother, he began jump-



ing on my bed — while I was still in it! I wanted to scream at him, but I forced myself to smile and say, "Good morning, Hayden, may I jump with you?"

I was happy that I had avoided a fight with him. I did an excellent job of restraining myself until lunch. Hayden sat in my favorite seat at the table. So, I shoved him off the seat and sat there myself. We argued over who should get the seat, and we both ended up running off to pout. By dinner, we had fought over several things, including whether G.I. Joe could use Barbie's convertible. It all went downhill from there.

Although I fought with my brother throughout the year, I thought twice before opening my mouth to argue with him. Nine out of ten times, I thought and decided to argue anyway. But, on rare occasions, I remembered my resolution and kept my mouth shut.

Should people make New Year's resolutions? Of course! But they should make the resolutions realistic — they shouldn't resolve to learn to breathe underwater or anything like that. They should resolve to change something for the better, such as watching less TV and spending more time with their family every week. They should

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have a friend who knows their resolutions and will support them in following through with those resolutions so they succeed in losing the 20 pounds instead of gaining it.

— Emma Seemann,
Carlsbad H.S.

I use my New Year's resolutions as a promise to myself that I will move forward in life and not dwell on the past. Every year since fifth grade has been the same: I set out to remedy my list of faults and tell myself that this year will be different from the last. I analyze the past year and consider the major mistakes. I attempt to establish resolutions that thwart history from repeating itself.

At the dawn of my high school career, I started a tradition of placing "end procrastinating habits" at the top of my New Year's resolutions. One year, I attempted to stop eating fast food. I lasted for a few months, but then gave in to the succulent hamburgers and greasy fries that contribute to

America's obesity and high cholesterol count. I even tried to not cuss for a whole year. Disappointment and frustration oftentimes led to unfortunate slips in dialogue; I did not last long.

I have, however, succeeded in attempts to get straight A's, pass advanced-placement exams, and I started a new club at our school.

I typically fail in upholding most of my resolutions. It's easier to blame my seemingly impossible resolutions (such as "no candy" or "no online chatting") rather than my lethargy, but the truth is, I never take on a vigorous action plan to carry through on these promises to myself. I never write these resolutions down. Every resolution I make is verbal. Yes, I talk to myself. I lie on my bed and mutter these resolutions to myself sometimes in December.

— Vivian Pham,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

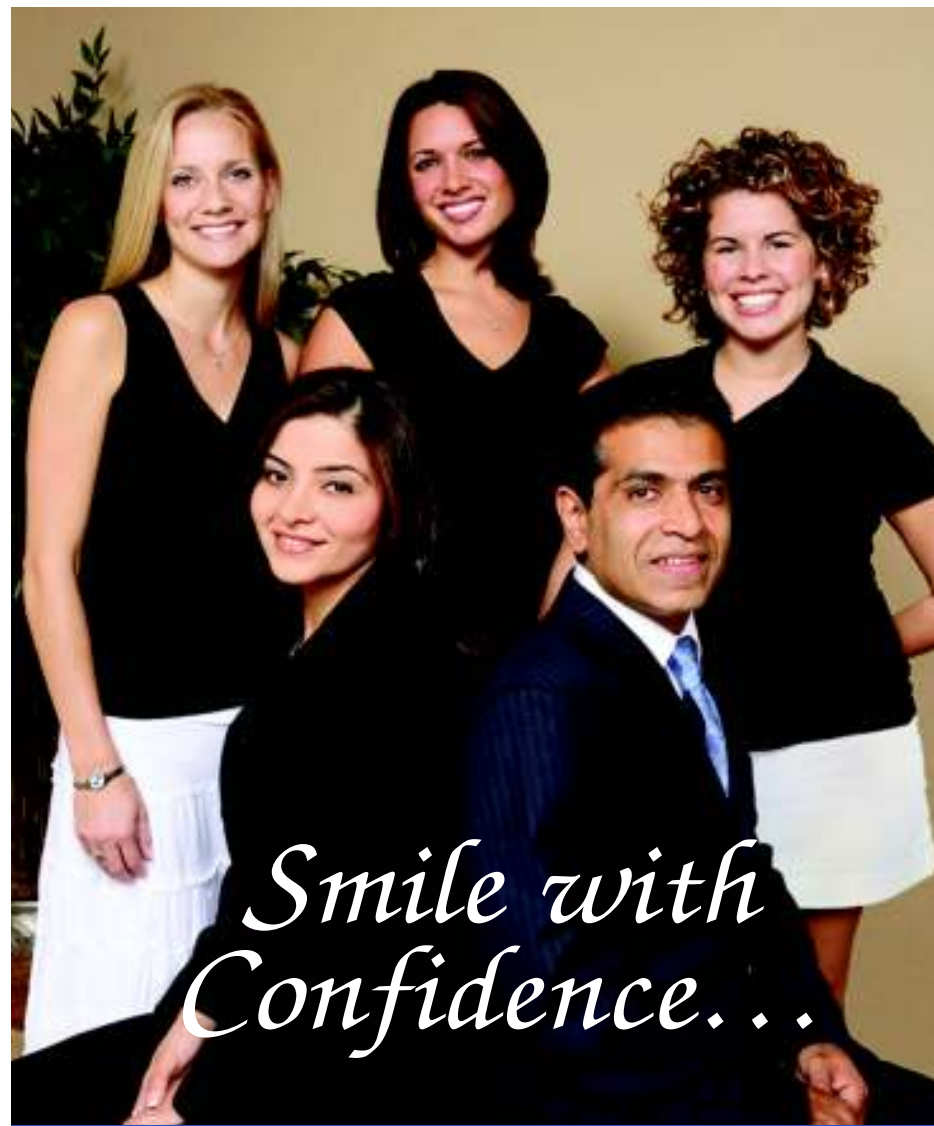
Considering the low opinion I have of myself, it's not dif-

ficult to think of things that I'd like to change. The one thing that I felt I could make a serious effort to change is my frequent failure to act responsibly. Not that I make any terrible decisions, but I am often unsuccessful at doing everything the way I should. For example, I'll save homework for the last minute, or I'll go to bed later than is good for me. So, my resolution for this year in which I will turn 18 is to begin to act like an adult.

I've never made New Year's resolutions in the past, but this time I'm thinking that it makes sense for me to try to change for the better.

It seems that the majority of people who make resolutions do little to try and adhere to them. However, even if people make resolutions and don't follow through, I believe they should always try again. Determination is the key; if you try hard enough, you'll realize what you have to do to make yourself be the way you want to be.

— Michelle Diaz,
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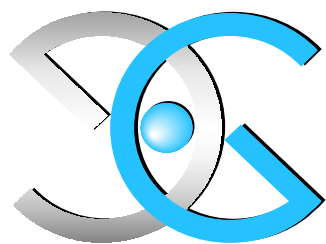
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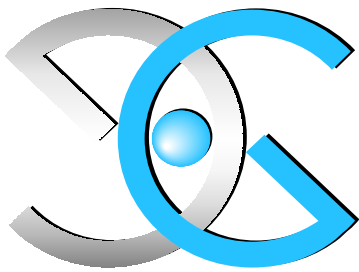
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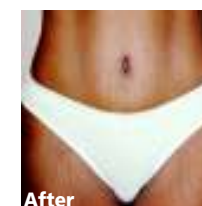
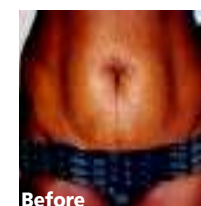
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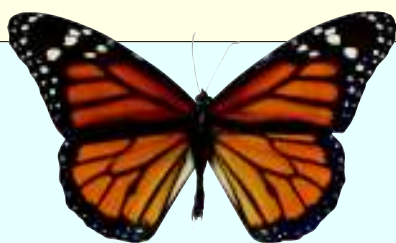
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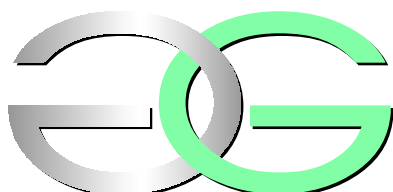
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his B-team back in the fourth quarter and gone on to win a playoff game. This time against Houston, the hottest team in the NFL, winners of 11 games in a row, with a defense so evil that they've driven 9 out of the last 16 quarterbacks they've faced out of the game.

Joe is slow on his feet nowadays. This year, for the first time, his face seems old. His play during the first half against Pittsburgh, and the first half against Houston was, frankly, ugly. His ribs are cracked, his elbow looks like a grapefruit, his knees hurt, and that's for openers.

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sometime this year.

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See, they wanted the young guy, the one with those fabulous stats, so Joe dragged his 37-year-old banged-up body away from the Tiffany's of football, the 49ers, and glamorous San Francisco, for some Midwestern, fly-over town, a mediocre team and coach and owner, to join a football club that last played in a conference title game 25 years ago. And, as I write this, Montana is one game away from the Super Bowl. But, that's Joe. You let football players get around him, and suddenly everyone plays on another level. That's the real question Buddy Ryan should have asked, "Joe, how in the hell do you do that?" The stone-cold fact is he's always done that, and yet, he is old, he is banged up, he is old, he is old, he is old, it is impossible.

"It's impossible," you always say to yourself. But now, now it's really impossible. I didn't think Kansas City could beat Pittsburgh, certainly couldn't beat Houston, absolutely cannot beat Buffalo. It would be impossible for ancient Joe Montana to take the medium team and lift them beyond themselves and then hold them up there on his back for three weeks in a row. That's impossible. It is impossible to make that much magic flow like water from the kitchen tap. On demand. He's too old, it's too impossible, life doesn't work that way.

I don't think K.C. can beat Buffalo, but absolutely nothing in the world is going to keep me away from the biggest television set I can find this Sunday morning start at 9:30 PST.

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keeping, or his *moral*ity.

That's very well; however, I looked at your book this afternoon, and I think that, Mr. Kimball, *you* are the victim, also, of nostalgia.

Mr. Kimball?

I think a woman would be a better judge of that. Hello, Debra.

Hello. I've come from an abusive marriage.

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I would like to date other men now.

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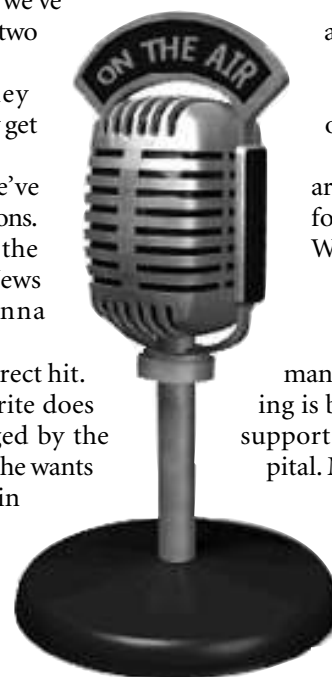
I object!

Mr. Kimball?

Debra, police say that a man dressed in women's clothing is being kept alive on a life-support system in Palomar Hospital. May I ask you something?

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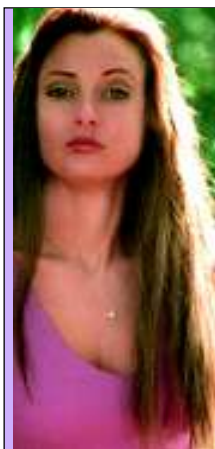
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Okay, but do you, um, do you ever have a habit of doing other things at night other than — I mean, do, do you, uh, like...

Yeah.

Yeah. Do you go out, or do you cruise, or do

you watch TV, or...

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Good for you. Yeah. Wide-open places.

Ya kinda *have* to — someone that works those clocks that are against the natural body clock. And what's tran — trans-Mars injection? Just...?

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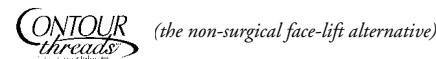
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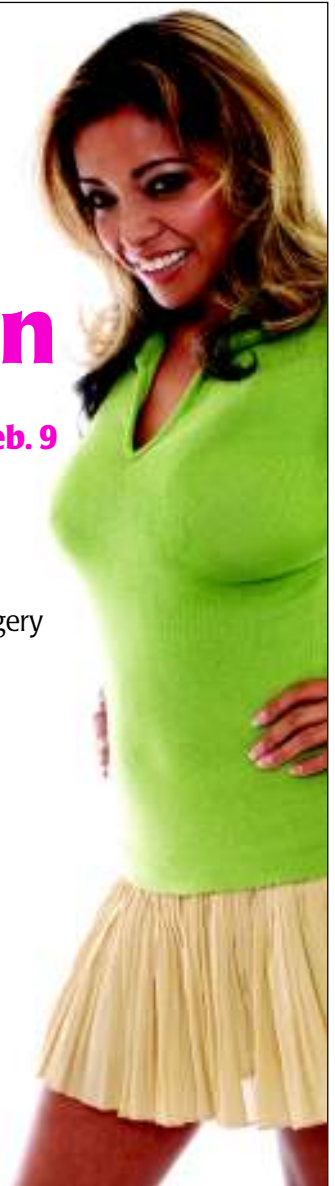
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This is partly because of the poor piercing and the use and abuse of weighty, gaudy '80s earrings. These markings took place during my adolescent rebellion in eighth grade at an upper-class-to-wealthy Catholic grade school quivering in its orthodoxy. The nuns were gone, but the lay teachers would still look askance at an ear with more than one earring. Adorning oneself in such a way harkened back to our pagan beginnings; at the very least, it was countercultural.

Reflecting back, I wish I hadn't done it. We were silly girls, up late, blowing off homework,

desperate to grab onto some meaning. The only thing I garnered was numbness — literal and figurative — and a scarred earlobe. Now, 15 years later, with an explosion of body piercing on the youth-culture scene — a culture far more edgy than it was in my day — I wonder what their reasons are.

Jeffrey Fagan, also known as Dr. Jefe, owns two body-piercing shops in San Diego, one in Ocean Beach and one in North Park/University Heights. He offers me some answers. "There are a lot of reasons why people get pierced. You have your younger crowd, who are doing it as

a rebellious type of thing or because it's cool; you have your people who like to wear jewelry and adorn their bodies; and to many people, getting a piercing is something that can be spiritual or really meaningful. A lot of times, I hear, 'I've been wanting to do it for years. I finally just worked up my nerve to get it done.' Or, 'I broke up with my boyfriend, he never wanted me to do it, and now I'm gonna do it.' Or, 'It's my birthday. I'm turning 40 years old and marking it.' "

Fagan tells me that when he got divorced, he got a piercing; he says his piercings give him strength. "When I'm having a problem with myself, having an inner struggle, I remember getting a piercing, why and when I got that piercing, what part of my life is in that piercing, and what

kind of release it was to get that piercing."

Brandon, a 19-year-old counter clerk at Pannikin, echoes some of Fagan's sentiments.

"My first pierce was my ear at 13. I was rebelling. I did it with a safety pin, let it close, and later repierced it with a drapery needle. I did my tongue because it was the cool thing to do at the time, but when I was older — well, sometimes, when you're going through a hard time in your life, to go and get a pierce at the moment, the pain, it just clears your head. It helps you get through. It's a permanent reminder that you survived, that you made it."

Marie, a friend of Fagan's, wears a tiny, delicate silver stud in her nose. "I have piercings in my nose, tongue, nipple, navel, and genitals,

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and lots in my ears. I got my tongue pierced when I was 26; it was an impulse thing. A friend of mine had it done, and it looked cute. You can get really pretty jewelry for your piercings." Fagan points out her tongue jewelry: "It's small; it's really pretty and feminine." Marie continues, "I could look hard if I wanted to. I could have gotten my lip or my eyebrow done. My best friend has a lot of those, with really big jewelry. That's just her thing." Comments Fagan, "Some people do, like, a nice, tiny little nose ring, or a little charm with a stone — something soft, something gentle. But some people like getting big thick hoops in their nose and their lips and their ears and their eyebrows. And if that's going to build your self-esteem or make you feel better about yourself, okay, then, let it be."

I've noticed several of Fagan's television and newspaper ads. He agrees with my suggestion that he is mainstreaming body piercing. "I like to think that I'm getting a lot of different people to look at piercings and understand. I can't tell you how

many times somebody comes in here in a business suit, male or female, and asks a couple of questions.

"The average age of piercees around here [the O.B. store] is about 26, but we do get a lot of people in their 30s and 40s, teenagers and college kids. If you're in a sorority and one of the bigwigs in the sorority has her navel done, you can bet your bottom dollar that every other girl in that sorority is going to get her navel done too. We get a lot of people in the Navy SEALs, and they get two piercings done: their tongue and their penis. It marks them when they're together; they're bonded."

Fagan has experience piercing a wide selection of the populace, but not everybody is game in the free market. "We don't pierce minors — anybody under 18 — unless they're with a parent, and even then, we will only go down to 16. At that age, we will only do navel or facial piercings. We won't do any kind of genital piercing or nipple piercing, because there are still growth patterns left. Younger

kids aren't quite as responsible, and those kinds of piercings can be problematic in their healing if they're not taken care of properly. It also can be considered sexual assault."

Fagan got into piercing in part through a longtime interest in the workings of the human body. "When I was a kid, I was such a roughouser, and I got hurt a lot. I was in the hospital so many times, getting stitches or casts, and I always paid attention to what was happening to me. I was really intrigued by it. In fact, I wanted to go to med school but later decided I wanted to travel and have a little freer lifestyle."

Fagan spent those freer years backpacking through Asia, Europe, Central America, and Northern Africa. His interest in medicine got him branded "the Medic" among his traveling companions. He'd stitch them up or give them temporary settings when they were injured. "Because I played the medic part, a lot of my friends that were interested in getting pierced trusted me with their bodies. So I

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started learning about piercing, reading different magazines, looking up *Gray's Anatomy*, *Clemente's Anatomy*, learning a little more about the body. I even went to a school out of Sacramento, the Michael Hare Exotic Body Piercing School. It was a good school for learning, very basic.

"I started doing piercings out of my house for about a year and a half before I opened up my store. People at parties and clubs were telling me there was a market for it, so I sold a motorcycle, maxed out my American Express card, took a cash advance on my Visa, and maxed out another card, because I believed the idea was going to work. When we first opened, we did only basic piercings. We wouldn't do any genital piercing—I didn't have the proper training. It's very important to understand the anatomy, especially in the genital area. I mean, ruining somebody for life is a possibility if you have no clue what you're doing."

Fagan tells me all of his piercers have a minimum six years' piercing experience and a thorough knowledge of sterilization techniques. Every day

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a needle in a bottle of alcohol is not going to kill the hepatitis or the HIV. Hepatitis can live on the surface of something for up to two weeks. Alcohol is not going to clean it off; that's why you need the autoclave." All the jewelry used in initial piercings is made from surgical steel.

The emphasis on body awareness and health is reassuring, especially to a mother, but I wonder if such cleaned-up rebellion is really rebellion. "Sure," answers Fagan.

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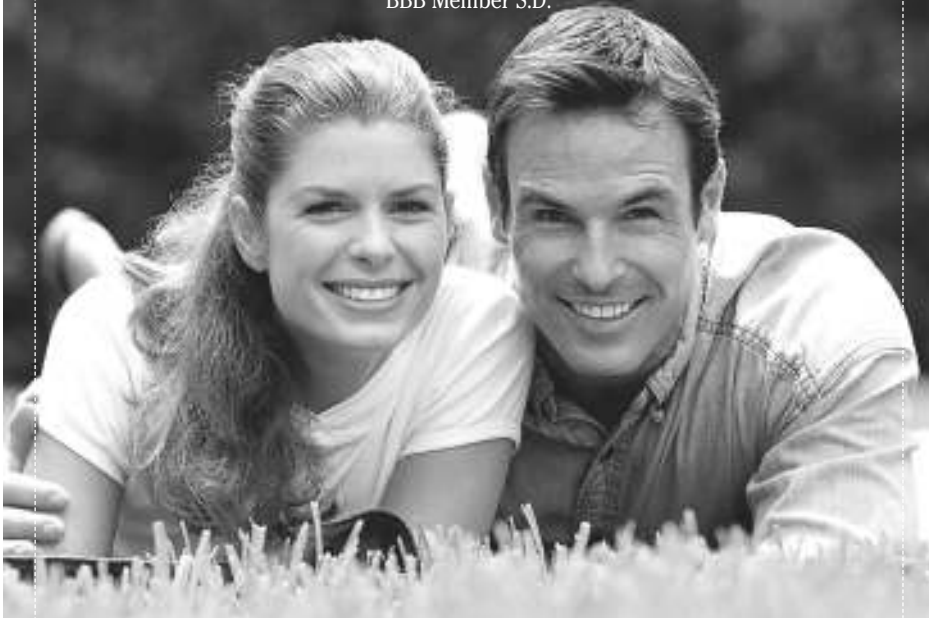
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Fagan says the most common pierces are done in the tongue, the nose, and the navel. "Ninety-five percent of navel piercings are obtained by women, because it's a cute pierce. And you can always get great jewelry for it—something subtle, just to look sexy. But it's important to suit the piercing to the person, whether it's the size of the ball or the type of stone. In navel piercing, some girls might like large balls because they're a bigger girl, and they want it to be seen. Very dainty girls like something a little smaller.

"It's also important to get the right kind of jewelry for the pierce in there. Curved barbells tend to be the easiest piercing to get, because 90 percent of that jewelry is inside

of your body. But with a hoop or a circular barbell, only about one-third of that jewelry is in your body. The other two-thirds is out there to be hit by all the elements—like your jeans, shirt, or just the air—and collect bacteria. Your body is secreting fluids from the pierced area that harden and form a scab, and these fluids also harden onto the jewelry. When jewelry, like a hoop, rotates freely, the dried plasma, or the crusties that have formed onto the jewelry, go into your piercing and scratch it." And once it gets scratched, it can get infected. The danger lessens with time, as the skin forms a protective epidermal track—a skin tube—around the jewelry, just as it would around an ear piercing.

"Getting a tight stud in there might also be a problem, because when you're cleaning it, you're not able to extract it and move it around. When you have a barbell, you can slide it up and down. You're able to clean the upper 50 percent, push it down through the skin, extract the other 50 percent, and clean that. Some people may need

longer, curved barbells, like a half-inch, while others only need three-eighths."

But not everyone seeking navel adornment leaves with it. "We turn people away all the time. Some women come in and want their navel done. If they're too heavyset, they might have thicker skin or less of a lip, and the way the stomach will fold or sit may create a problem for the piercing to breathe, causing a kind of stagnation. Then it won't heal properly. Or, if they're too skinny, and they have a flat stomach with no lip on their navel, the body might reject the piercing and push it out.

"There's a lot of things [said] about navel piercing, like, 'Oh, they get infected all the time. They're problematic.' Well, they can be, if somebody is pierced who shouldn't be. The old school was: you pierce deep. But if you pierce deep, it takes a long time to heal. There's a fine line between too deep and not deep enough. When it's not deep enough, the surface layers over the jewelry can actually lose the circulation of blood and turn

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into a scab—the jewelry will fall out. But when it's deep...the more meat you go through, the longer it takes to heal. It's like a steak cooking. The thinner the steak, the quicker it will cook; the thicker it is, the longer it will take."

I wonder also about the pain. Piercing all those sensitive body parts seems like it could be torturous. "Piercings are not very painful," Fagan assures me. "They don't even take one second to get, for the most part. You feel either a quick burn or a little

body rush, like getting a shot but without the liquid getting injected into you, which is what really hurts." Marie adds, "I think it's the apprehension before you go in that's the hardest. You're thinking, 'Oh, my God, I wonder if this is going to hurt.' But it's so quick..."

Mark, a client of Fagan's who has piercings in his tongue, ears, nipples, and penis, jumps in. "It's really quick, really efficient. It's not like they're grinding or drilling it into you. My first genital pierce was through

the foreskin. That hurt quite a bit; it was probably the worst of all the piercings, but it was a brief pain. My nipple piercings were a little sore. I didn't sleep too well that night, because I rolled over on them."

Fagan goes up and down the pain scale for me. "The most painful pierces are through the cartilage in your upper ear, because cartilage is basically one stage down from bone. But the tongue is absolutely minimal pain; it's nothing to get it done. It's a very simple piercing. What



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cause gum deterioration. But if you shorten the barbell, you still have a piece of jewelry in there, and it will still be effective during oral sex for clitoral stimulation. Also, you reduce the risk of problems like slurred speech or others I mentioned."

The willingness to run a piece of metal through your tongue for the sake of greater stimulation reflects a deep devotion to the sensual world, a devotion exceeded perhaps only by those willing to pierce their most sensitive organs—their genitalia. Fagan backs me up. "To be perfectly honest with you, it's for stimula-

tion purposes."

Which is not to say that the barbell is a magic bead. "People ask, 'Will it really make me that much better in bed?' My answer to them is, 'No, it's probably just going to make them feel a little bit more.' If you don't know what you're doing now, it's not going to make you know what you're doing. 'When I get my tongue pierced, is it really that much more sensitive for my girlfriend when I'm having oral sex with her?' Well, of course, the ball is a much smaller object; it can really manipulate the clitoris better. But if you don't know what you're

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Besides enhancing more conventional practices, piercing can open new horizons. "I have a nipple piercing," says Fagan. "I was always intrigued by the fact that women had such sensitivity in their nipples. Men do, too, but men just don't really know how to bring it out; it has a mental aspect. I was intrigued by the fact that when I would kiss a woman's breast, she would moan, enjoy it. When I found out that a male nipple piercing makes it more sensitive, I decided to feel what it was like. If a woman could enjoy it so much, then maybe I could,

too. It's about sensitizing your body so you can feel better while you're touching yourself or making love with your partner." Further, "It's also a self-esteem booster. I've never met a gentleman who has a genital pierce who hasn't been more proud of it, showed it off, and had more confidence."

Along the confidence line, he explains to me how piercings can help women with inverted nipples. "Women with inverted nipples are usually bothered by them, because it's a self-conscious thing. And

when a woman is in bed, and she's feeling uncomfortable about that particular thing, it may disenable her to climax.

"The problem with the inverted nipple is that the tendon that the nipple is attached to sometimes doesn't stretch enough in order for the nipple to come out, or it's underdeveloped. So we pierce it with a straight barbell in order to pull it out and stretch the tendon, so that it becomes relaxed. Since the barbell is straight, it can't be sucked in. We couldn't use a hoop, because it would

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be sucked back by the tendon, and the hoop would sit outward and just stand out. It would get caught on things and be in the way all the time."

Mark explored genital piercing on the Internet, and it intrigued him. "I thought it was cool. I decided to try something different. I surprised my girlfriend. At first, she freaked out and thought I was crazy. I told her to keep an open mind, and when she got used to the idea, she kind of got turned on." What's the sensation like? "I haven't had a chance to really experiment yet as far as having sex, because the pierce in my penis is still

healing. But the idea of it excites me. Like right now, I'm walking around, and I hear a little jingle once in a while, because I have rings in my scrotum that I call the Ladder of Truth. This is a little turn-on for me. I've got a little secret, and people don't know." Marie chimes in, referring to her pierced nipple, "The sensation is wonderful, and it's kind of a secret little thing, which adds to the erotic quality of it."

Curious for intimate detail, I push for more information. Fagan tells me, "Usually, with genital piercing, it's the female who receives more

pleasure, and when a man knows he's doing a good job getting his woman off, he knows that she's going to reciprocate. Also, some piercings tickle when you're having intercourse. They could tickle the male—it could be a urethra tickle, depending on the piercing. It may tickle different parts of your partner. I don't want to say male or female, because not everybody is straight. Male genital piercings work on other males; it stimulates the prostate gland."

What exactly have these men had done to their penises? Fagan gives four examples, though more exist. "Well, there's the ampallang, which goes straight across the entire head of the penis, through the urethra. That can take a year to heal." From the pictures he shows me, the jewelry used for this pierce is usually a barbell. "Then there is the Prince Albert, which loops from the underside of the penis through the urethra, coming out the opening. Then you have a frenum, which is in the same area as a Prince Albert—the soft tissue right below the corona of the penis gland." Those latter two are the most common, "but you

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can also do a piercing straight down the shaft, going vertically through the penis."

Fagan tells me a frenum piercing might bring more inner wall stimulation to one's partner, while a ReSearch book on *Modern Primitives* that he shows me offers this about the Prince Albert: "The Prince Albert, called a 'dressing ring' by Victorian haberdashers, was originally used to firmly secure the male genitalia in either the left or right pant leg during that era's craze for extremely tight, crotch-binding trousers, thus minimizing the man's natural endowment. Legend has it that Prince Albert wore such a ring to retract his foreskin and thus keep his member sweet-

smelling so as not to offend the Queen. Today its function is strictly erotic, providing the ultimate in sexual pleasure to men of both persuasions." Depending on the piercing, healing can take anywhere from three months to a year.

We move on to what the women use to adorn their pearly gates. "What women usually get done is a hood piercing. You're piercing the skin above the clitoris, not the clitoris itself. This causes direct stimulation to the clitoris; it takes two to four weeks to heal." Fagan emphasizes that he doesn't pierce the clitoris because "it has about 6000 nerves, and if you hit that thing, you're going to ruin it. It's going to die. That's why

we won't do it. People do get it done, but I personally believe it's a risky piercing."

What else do the girls go for? "We do a labia minora or a labia majora piercing—the inner and outer layers of skin. The inner labia is the softer, thinner tissue that leads to the vaginal orifice. This thinner tissue goes upward in a very thin line of skin that's going to surround the clitoris, called the frenula. That's where you do your hood piercing. The outer labia are mostly pierced for looks. I've even gotten requests for two piercings in the inner labia, so that when their men go overseas, they can put a little padlock on it." ■

—Deirdre Lickona

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It is clear to me now that Jay Allen Sanford is an irresponsible journalist. When he doesn't have all the facts, he fills in the blanks by making things up. I have been a fan of his writing for some time. I am disillusioned that his fiction passes for journalism. I am disappointed that he betrayed my trust and is not worthy of my trust. He won't be eligible for writing my authorized biography, to say the most.

I am aware that I bear the 21st-century equivalent of the scarlet letter. No matter what good I do, there will always be a stigma attached to my persona. I can live with that. My true friends know that I have always been a gentleman and a scholar. I have made decisions in the past that I regret, and I know that I brought this all on myself. Nonetheless, I have never harmed anyone as much as I have harmed myself. I am truly sorry for all the hell my friends have to put up with for continuing to associate with me. Jay Allen Sanford is no friend of mine. He doesn't even know me.

Johnny Love
Serra Mesa

Jay Allen Sanford responds: While Mr. Pertle, whose stage name is Johnny Love, expressed great interest in talking to me further after his sentencing (for what he said in an e-mail would be a "fascinating feature"), I eventually declined. I felt there was no more to the story worth reporting. I never "agreed to wait," though Mr. Pertle did say once during a phone conversation that he wanted to wait until after sentencing before telling me "the whole story."

Get It Straight, People

Just a couple of things to point out here.

(A) So now we know what Ollie looks like, eh? Hmm...so that's what an arrogant wise*** looks like, *nicht wahr?* From what I constantly see in "The Remote Control King," it's rather obvious that Ollie is merely using that "column" to spew his vitriol about any- and everyone within reach!

If Mr. Ollie truly wants to act like the "Remote Control King of Pain," then he had best remember Redd Foxx's quote regarding schmucks like him. It is all too true that one moment a ruler is seated on his throne, and the next minute he is thrown out on his seat.

(B) As for that yutz who wrote that letter about how "all" females are gold diggers (Letters, January 5)? Pretty mean-spirited, to begin with, I'll give you that. However, the writer crossed over into being a real triple-decker slimeburger by not giving his name!

Get it straight, people! Such conduct is more reminiscent of junior-high-level swinishness than anything else. Like I always say, if you don't have the guts to put your name to your epistle, then don't bother sending it!

You might think that it looks funny to write such dreck and not own it. In reality, however, you have just been exposed for the gutless swine that you truly are!

Other than that, good issue! Look forward to seeing next week's issue. Shame that you don't have home delivery or private-party subscriptions (and I do mean that most sincerely). Having a San Diego *Reader* show up in my mailbox every weekend would be worth it!

Robert K. Johnston
Escondido

The Heehaw Will Die Out

Reading your "Sheep and Goats" column leads me to comment on what most of these megachurches and similar congregations are doing. It's all show biz; that's all it is. In one church they have a little play, and everybody is going *ooh* and *aah*. And they have a band in some churches, and other churches you go there and everybody's clapping and yelling and so forth. But what does this tell us? It tells us that we have a man-centered church, and it cuts across all denominations and churches.

In the Roman church, of which I am a member, we've got priests who give little jokes — you know, they give a moral homily based on some jokes or popular reading — and this homily is worthless because the focus of all worship in Christian

churches should be Jesus Christ our Lord. But the priests, ministers, divines, parsons, preachers, the whole gamut, are man-centered, celebrities, joke-tellers, men of the flesh instead of the spirit. Coming from a long line of priests in my family, I remember when priests focused on Christ the Lord and not on their own personalities. The same goes for all churches, and probably for the non-Christian situation as well. This is a world that is centered on the pleasures and on the show-biz aspirations of men; therefore, Christianity as it is organized today is dying. But a revival of true Christianity will come from the young, who are tired of all this nonsense. We are not going to fail. It is the organized churches that have failed, and we will continue. The show biz will die out, the clapping will die out, the heehaw will die out, because the true worship of Christ the Lord is paramount among the people, and they will reestablish it.

Name Withheld

A Larger Affront

Re "Eyesore Antenna Invades La Jolla" by Ernie Grimm ("City Lights," October 13). I saw a mention of this on an amateur site and read it. I am a Canadian amateur radio operator (VE3GXR). It looks as if Mr. White has done his best to minimize the visual impact of his antenna by only using it in the extended position when needed. The rest of the time it sits, like a dragonfly, in a resting and folded-down position. At that time it is hardly an affront. I also have heard from other local amateurs that the hilly area behind his house has a large constellation of commercial antennas that are taking advantage of the heights and are very prominent against the skyline. I do not live in the area (I live in Toronto, Canada) and have never been to San Diego, but in my area, large commercial hilltop antennas often have flashing lights on them. Was there any outcry from anyone about these commercial antennas with their flashing lights? They must be a far larger affront than Mr. White's.

Bill Jackson
via e-mail

Suppose Reality Exists

Great Books Discussion

One way to discover reality is through science. Another way is through philosophy. Both are complementary to one another, not oppositional," says Thom Pham, cofounder of the San Diego Philosophy Reading Group. "We [approach philosophy from] a realist position, taking the presupposition that reality exists instead of doubting everything, like Descartes."

On Monday, January 23, the San Diego Philosophy Reading Group will discuss its

latest biweekly reading assignment, Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics*, Book 1b. "This philosophy discussion group is

very similar to the Great Books Foundation discussion group," says Pham. "They choose their [reading] selections once a year and have a full calendar, and we choose every six months. We focus more specifically on philosophy, whereas Great Books Foundation focuses more on literature, fictional, short stories, and stuff like that." Pham belongs to both discussion groups.

"Mortimer J. Adler, a realist, started the Great Books Foundation reading-discussion groups all over the United States in 1947, so we're latecomers in a sense." According to greatbooks.org, the foundation is "a nonprofit educational organization whose mission is to promote reading and discussion of outstanding literature by people of all ages."

In regard to spirituality and its role in philosophy, Pham says, "We reject Platonic idealism, the idea that this world is not that real because there is something beyond us that is more real — that's Plato. In this group we've carved out a niche for our reading selection and have limited certain

selections as being beyond our presupposition. We use the word 'spirituality' in a naturalistic sense, meaning that spirituality refers to our conscious mind and our conscious mind is real, we each have one, and we can think about our lives, our friendship, and love as spiritual things, but all in a natural realm." Pham is an atheist, but he says the group never speaks of religion as each person (of approximately five regulars) "comes from a different walk of life."

The 17-page selection from *Posterior Analytics*, translated by G.R.G. Mure, involves work reminiscent of the general education course Logic 101. "Logic is a method for discovering knowledge," says Pham. "If you need to know anything in the universe, logic is the first tool that anyone who wants to discover the world has to master. Then you can talk about physics, metaphysics, or any branch of science or history."

"The connection between logic and philosophy is that it is philosophy, in a way, that defines method. You chisel your logical hammer to become suitable only for that view [you have]." Before the holidays, the group read work by Henry Veatch, who had "made the contention that modern logic has taken the transcendental turn and that anyone who [follows] this modern logic is bound up into the notion that we cannot discover knowledge from an empirical standpoint. Most modern logicians, according to Veatch, are almost Platonists and Kantians. So, if Veatch is correct, and we're partaking the presupposition that he is, then we should go back to an older form of logic and study the method. Before Christmas we read a 20th-century text on logic, and now we're reading a 4th-century B.C. logic text."

Two types of questions — interpretative and evaluative — are posed for each

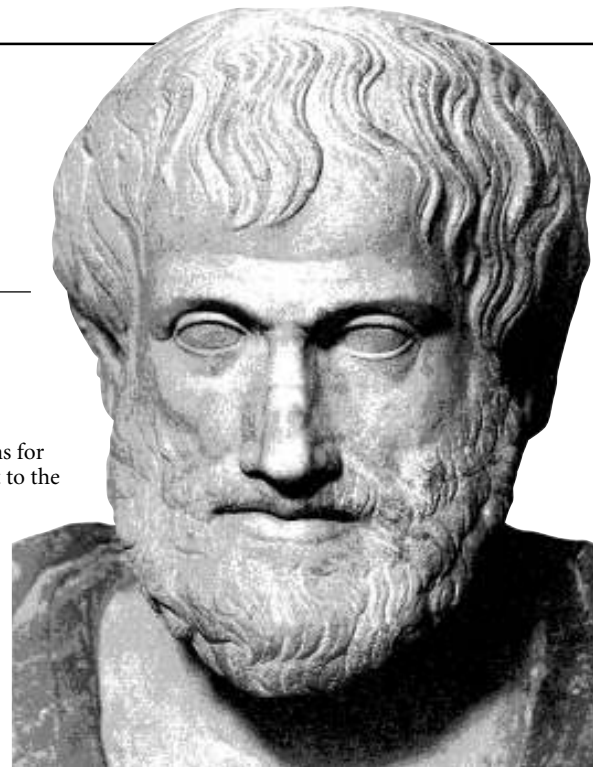
reading selection. The questions for interpretive discussion are sent to the group in advance. In this case, there were 27 (some of which have up to 6 sub questions) e-mailed to group members by cofounder Rich Franklin.

Among them: "How does Aristotle resolve the dilemma about how demonstration could produce new knowledge?" and "If epagoge yields intuitive or undemonstrable knowledge, how can it also be a form of dialectical reasoning?"

The group will spend the first portion of its discussion interpreting the text. This, as Pham explains, raises questions like, "What does this word, sentence, or passage mean, in your opinion? We try to help each other come to a common understanding."

After approximately two hours of interpretation, evaluative comments are allowed into the discussion. "This is where the fun begins," says Pham. "One of the chief lessons we learned from Adler is that before you can criticize anything, you need to understand it. [During evaluative questioning] a person can say, 'Now that I understand this, I don't like this idea. Let me give you the reason why.'"

Though disagreements and the resultant debates do occur, logic dictates that everyone must agree in the end, because, according to the group's presupposition, there is only one logical truth. "When we express an opinion, we're claiming an exclusive truth. So when we debate it and someone has a stronger argument, we have to back down our opinion because in logical truth, if one is true, the others are false," says Pham.



Aristotle

Pham insists that even philosophers know how to have fun. "I just injured my back because I was snowboarding. I like road trips and that kind of stuff," he says. In Pham's opinion, philosophy is "in the air," something that has been "predigested" for most people to "absorb through osmosis." Philosophy, according to Pham, contains three parts: "Your view of the universe, which is metaphysics; your view of yourself, which is ethics; and your view of the relationship between the universe and yourself, which is epistemology, or the study of knowledge."

— Barbarella

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"Carlos Monsiváis Celebration" planned during lecture on this contemporary author by Leobardo Sarabia, Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Taurus's Son," hypnosis show by John Milton continues through Thursday, February 9, at Tijuana

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and Canis Minor are best seen during the early-evening hours of late January. By February 1, the waxing crescent moon's increasingly bright glare will begin to diminish the impact of the starry scene, and that interference will worsen as the moon progresses toward full phase on February 12.

The bright winter constellations happen to include about one-third of the most luminous stars appearing in the night sky. The brightest star of all, Sirius, lies in the constellation of Canis Major. Sirius appears as a scintillating, bluish point of light high over the southeast or south horizon during winter early-evening hours. The second-brightest star of the night sky, Canopus, can be seen hovering very low over the south horizon whenever Sirius is nearing its highest altitude (about 40 degrees) in the southern sky. In late January, this happens around 10 p.m.

Venus emerges from the morning twilight glare around Friday, January 20, and assumes an increasingly prominent position as a brilliant "morning star" in the eastern sky over the next several

weeks. Venus will remain a morning star until October, when it will pass behind the sun and thereafter reappear as an "evening star" again (as it was during most of 2005) in the west after sunset.

Look for Golden Eagles, Lewis's woodpeckers during Audubon Society field trip to Pamo Valley, Saturday, January 21, 8 a.m.–noon. Considerable hiking of moderately strenuous nature. Bring lunch, drinking water. Directions: 619-280-7710. (PAMO VALLEY)

"Our Backcountry Landscape — Should We Care?" Which nonnative plants are invading local desert and mountains? Learn about the problematic species, how to help, during Anza-Borrego Institute program, Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Program includes outing to site being restored. Donation: \$5. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Wintering Birds Sought during docent-led nature walk, Saturday, January 21, 9–11 a.m., at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Visit a Variety of Desert Habitats on an easy hike in Coyote Canyon led by Canyoners, Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Visit year-round stream providing mecca for wildlife. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Birding Expert Claude Edwards leads guided bird walk on Saturday, January 21, starting at 9:30 a.m. in front of Cabrillo National Monument visitors' center (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Bring binoculars. \$5 per vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Look for Migrating Shorebirds during bird walk hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough, Saturday, January 21. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat starts at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

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

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Hike to Ridge High Above Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve with docent on Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m. Bring lunch, water, good shoes, hat for five- or six-hour hike to 3000-foot ridge. Find preserve at 19324 Santee Lane; 760-749-5320. Free. (VALLEY CENTER)

Trail Cleanup hosted by REI Encinitas on Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m., at Indianhead Canyon trailhead (at Quail Hollow Drive and Saxony Road). Supplies provided. 858-279-4400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Enhance Your Awareness of Open Space during guided nature walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, January 21, 22, and 25, 9:30 to 11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

A Well-Kept Ocean Beach Secret? Volunteers are beckoned to help ready Point Loma Native Plant Garden for spring and do some planting, Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m.–noon. Free. 619-297-7380. Garden is found at intersection of Mendocino Boulevard and Greene Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Mind, Body, Heart, and Soul Nature Hikes planned by San Dieguito River Park guides, Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22, 8 a.m., around San Pasqual Valley. Join group at Highland Valley staging area (on

Highland Valley Road, off Pomerado Road/West Bernardo Drive). Free. 858-674-2275 x5. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, January 21, 8 a.m., and Sunday, January 22, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

A Guided Nature Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on January 21, at Te-colote Nature Center (5180 Te-colote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

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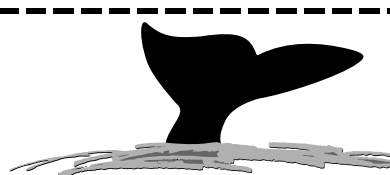
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Early Sunday Morning Fitness Hike incorporating parts of six different trails in Daley Ranch led by Rita, Sunday, January 22. Expect approximately 7.5-miles with some steep uphill and downhill trails. Free. Hike starts at 7:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

"Intimate Cabaret Dances: New Works by Jean Isaacs" presented January 19–22 at San Diego Museum of Art. Three new dance pieces premiered, including *Sippie*, with music by jazz pianist Steve Baker. Dancing begins at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Information: 858-484-7791. (BALBOA PARK)

Climbing high into the chaparraled, boulder-frosted hills at the east end of San Pasqual Valley, the San Dieguito River Park's San Pasqual/Clevenger Canyon trail system offers a variety of challenges for weekend hiking warriors. In the early 1990s the trails here were rather hastily carved out of a patchwork of public lands that had recently been incorporated into the emerging San Dieguito River Park. Since then, the rapid regrowth of vegetation following wildfires has obliterated some of the outermost trails, especially in the north section of the trail system, which is profiled here.



Near the summit, on San Pasqual north trail

You'll find the trailhead on the north side of Highway 78 at 5.6 miles east of the Wild Animal Park and 2.6 miles east of Bandy Canyon Road. When headed east on 78, the turnoff comes unexpectedly; it is 0.3 mile beyond the parking lot for the south trail system.

The initial 0.3-mile stretch of trail slanting down to the oak- and sycamore-shaded bank of Santa Ysabel Creek is easy enough. Forging the creek to get to the other side, though, could be problematical or downright dangerous. That depends solely on the water flow, which is normally indolent, but occasionally (in a wet year) powerful.

Beyond the Santa Ysabel Creek crossing, the narrowing trail ascends in a zigzag pattern up the hillside, and the view west toward San Pasqual Valley and the coast gets ever better and ever wider. You come to a trail junction about 2.5 miles from the creek crossing, about 1300 feet higher in elevation. At the trail fork there, decide where you want to go: right toward any of three viewpoints, or left toward any of six viewpoints. You aren't likely to get very far in any short peri-

od of time by either route, since most of this upper part of the trail system has been sorely neglected in the past decade. Emergent chaparral vege-

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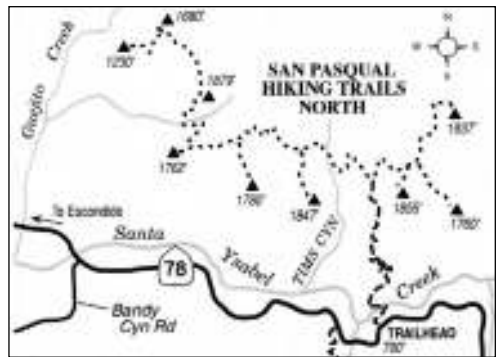
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Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$31, \$42. 858-272-8663. (NORTH PARK)

"Hips" — this "new documentary in dance sharing stories" and experiences of 14 San Diego women "doing the hardest and most important job ever known to man" is presented by Eveoke Dance Theatre, January 20–February 12. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays, at Tenth Avenue Theatre (930 Tenth Avenue). \$20 general, with discounts for students, seniors; pay what you can each Thursday and Sunday one hour before curtain. 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

Calling All Jitterbugs! Cafe-Savoy Dance Productions hosts jitterbug/Lindy dance club, Friday, January 20, at Jitterbox (at Kava Gallery, 2804 Kettner Boulevard). Beginning jitterbug lessons at 9 p.m.; swing dancing from 9:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m. DJ is Giselle Anguizola from Los Angeles. All ages. \$7. 858-395-6060. (DOWNTOWN)

Ranting Banshee makes the music, Graham Hempel calls for contradance on Friday, January 20, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Ragtime-Era Dances featured at beginner-friendly dance on Friday, January 20, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Macedonian Dance Workshop taught by Ljupco Manevsk on Saturday, January 21, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Accompaniment by accordionist Goran Alacki. Workshop, 4–6:30 p.m. (\$8); potluck dinner, 6:30–7:30 p.m.; dance party with live music, workshop dances, request dances, 7:45 p.m. onward (\$10). 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, January 21, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30–10 p.m. Dance lesson: 8 p.m. \$7. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Instruction by Steve Maranto on January 22. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Learn Modern Square Dancing with Ruffles 'n Beaus Square Dance Club at beginners' class, Sunday, January 22, 6 to 7:45 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. First class is free, \$4 adults, \$30 for youths 10–18 (accompanied by adult) thereafter. Partners not required. 619-469-4865. Final day of open enrollment. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Swing Club hosts West Coast swing dance party ev-

ery Sunday, 3-7 p.m., at La Mesa Women's Club (5220 Wilson Avenue). Beginner's lesson: 3-4 p.m. \$7. 858-274-6422. (LA MESA)

Israeli and Eastern European Folk Dancing, six-week session led by Mary Marshall starts Tuesday, January 24, 10:30 a.m., at Qualcomm Sports, Fitness, Aquatics Complex (4126 Executive Drive). No experience necessary. \$36. 858-362-1337. (LA JOLLA)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including January 24, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8 to 10 p.m. \$5 (first visit free). 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

Belly Jam, bellydancing to live music by Al Samoud, Wednesday, January 25, 8-10 p.m., at Ali Baba Restaurant (421 East Main Street). Fee for food. 442-3622. (EL CAJON)

Foxtrot, Samba, Jitterbug, salsa, waltz featured during swing and ballroom dance party, Wednesday, January 25, 7:30-10:30 p.m., at Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Introductory dance lesson by Mary Manzella. \$8. 619-229-0141. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Wednesday-Night Club, dance break for West Coast swing, New York hustle, plus ballroom and social dance mix, January 25, 7 to 11 p.m., at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (upstairs above Valley Tavern, 875 Hotel Circle South). \$7. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE, dance company "steeped in West African, hop-hop, and older American pop-style techniques" performs *Order My Steps, Come Ye*, and *Grace*, 8 p.m., Thursday, January 26, in Mandeville Auditorium. \$34. 858-534-8497. (UCSD)

FILM

"The World of Apu," Satyajit Ray's third film in *Apu Trilogy* screens Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Diego Gutierrez's 2005 Film *The Valley of the Dog Songs* screens Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Screening followed by reception, performance by Maquiladora. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Fifth Annual "Media That Matters Film Festival," Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Films to "make you laugh, make you think, inspire you to take action." Free. Reservations: 646-230-6288. (LINDA VISTA)

Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes for *Enchanted April*, nominated for three Academy Awards in 1992, Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Cinema chat at 1:30 p.m. Free. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Memory and Regret explored in Wong Kar Wai's *2046* screens for Sunday Matinee on January 22, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Cantonese, Mandarin, Japanese, with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, January 22, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Requested donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x123. (GOLDEN HILL)

Set Just a Few Moments into the Future, Michael Almereyda's *Happy Here and Now* may be seen during Film Forum screening on Monday, January 23, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Stars include David Arquette, Ally Sheedy, Shalom Harlow. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Operation Iraqi Freedom II," video replay of presentation by Lt. Colonel Scott Shuster planned when North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council meets Monday, January 23, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Film School Confidential: A Showcase of San Diego and Tijuana Filmmakers" slated for Wednesday, January 25, 7:30 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. Featured films from local high schools, colleges, universities; curated by KPBS film critic Beth Accomando. \$10. 619-697-4976. (BALBOA PARK)

The Documentary *Swimming Through the Clouds* screens, with artist and film subject Luc Leestemaker on hand, Wednesday, January 25, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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LOCAL EVENTS

January 25, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Mystic India: An Incredible Journey of Inspiration* (through February), *Mystery of the Nile* (through February 16). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Tracking and Tracing: Contemporary Acquisitions 2000-2005" discussed by curator Lucia Sanroman during Insight Gallery Talk, Thursday, January 19, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Among Stone Giants: Archaeological Mapping of Rano Raraku Quarry" is topic when UCLA Rock Art Archive director Jo Anne van Tilburg speaks for Archaeological Institute of America, Friday, January 20, 7:15 p.m., in room G-101 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Role of Easter Island statues, their artisan creators. Free. 619-232-6203 x119. (KEARNY MESA)

Self-Described Wide-Eyed Wanderers Amanda and Rich Ligato quit

corporate jobs and traveled world in their 1978 Volkswagen bus. Ligatos sign books, discuss their trek when Sierra Club meets, Friday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Tales of a Tree: Invasive Tamarisk in the Tijuana Estuary" presented by Christine Whitcraft — whose research focuses on effects of tamarisk on salt marsh soil ecosystems — Friday, January 20, noon, at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Beading Their Way Out of Poverty, Peace Corps volunteer Kirsten Green shares knowledge of far-away places and how corps has worked in her life to allow her to help those less fortunate. Green and partner started a business to buy and sell west African handcrafts, especially beads. Green speaks Saturday, January 21, for Bead Society of San Diego County. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. at Mingei Museum. Nonmember fee: \$8.50 (includes museum admission). 858-566-7778. (BALBOA PARK)

"Kul Shay/All Things," images from Lebanon, Syria, and Iran by Doris Bittar are on view through Saturday, February 11, at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004). Artist lecture by Bittar, Saturday, January 21, 3 p.m. (LITTLE ITALY)

Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego gathers to hear Joan Lowrey present "Exploring Steve

OUT & ABOUT

GUITAR ALL-STAR NIGHT with Michael Chapdelaine, Sunday, January 22, Dizzy's.

(see In Person)



Morse's Website, A One-Step Portal for On-Line Genealogy," Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

Convair Flight Test Engineer Bill Chana speaks for Pacific Beach Historical Society, Saturday, January 21, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). He'll sign his book, *Over the Wing*. 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Polishing the First Three Chapters: What I Think Got Me Published" presented by Cheryl Howe and Mary Leo when San Diego Romance Writers meet, Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North).

In afternoon, Judy Reeves argues "The Truth Is in the Details." Fee is \$25. 866-907-6667. (MISSION VALLEY)

Gravity-Defying New Sculpture and other recent work discussed by artist Nancy Rubins, Saturday, January 21, 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$5. 858-454-3541 x119. (LA JOLLA)

"Art to Go — Watercolor Pencils for the Absolute Beginner," Sandra Angelo presents program, with focus on flowers, Saturday, January 21, 1-4:30 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$49. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Smart Growth, Environmentalism, and Affordable Housing: Are They Compatible?" Urban

planner Nico Calavita offers his perspective, Saturday, January 21, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

Drug War 101, what's the war on drugs? Who's waging it? Who's the enemy? Is drug use a moral issue? Ethan Nadelmann, director of Drug Policy Alliance, answers questions on Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Free. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Finding the Family Farm! Evelyn Bayna speaks on her recent trip to Ireland, including detailed help she received at Valuation Office in Dublin, when British Isles Genealogical Research Association meets Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m., at San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Firescaping With Native Plants" is subject for seminar by Greg Rubin, owner of California's Own Native Landscape Design, Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Progressive Christian Bishop John Shelby Spong appears all over 92103 this weekend. Spong is author of 15 books; each talk is followed by question-and-answer period, book signing. Fee is \$15 per talk. 619-295-4146.

Spong focuses on "Envisioning an Interfaith Future in a Plu-

ralistic World" at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street). Later on 21st, topic is "Left vs. Right: The Need to Discover Common Ground in Our Faith," 7 p.m., at University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue).

"Jewish Symbols Used to Interpret Jesus" illuminated by Spong on Sunday, January 22, 5 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). (MISSION HILLS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, HILLCREST)

"Growing Into Vegan" is topic when chef, cookbook author (*The New Vegan*) Janet Hudson speaks Saturday, January 21, 1 p.m., at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Food to sample, cookbooks to purchase. Admission is free. Required reservations: 760-435-5640. (OCEANSIDE)

"Introduction to Shorebirds" explored in class and field trips on Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22, hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. After brief classroom introduction, participants head to marshes and mud flats to look at birds. \$33. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Life in the Solar System" contemplated when SDSU geology professor Gary Peterson speaks for Association for Rational Inquiry, Sunday, January 22, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Donation. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

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"Geologic Drama in the Desert," see textbook example of structural geology in eastern edge of San Diego County during San Diego Natural History Museum excursions on Sunday, January 22, and Saturday, January 28, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. \$72 fee for either outing includes transportation. Registration: 619-255-0203. (SPLIT MOUNTAIN)

Rose Society Arrangement Seminars, Sunday and Monday, January 22 and 23, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. Details: 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

"Nigeria: Old Culture, New Democracy" presented by Carl LeVan for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man, Monday, January 23. Will Nigeria be ready for elections in 2007? \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Examine *The Barber of Seville* during opera preview examining music, drama, and history of upcoming San Diego Opera production, Monday, January 23, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Speaker is pianist, composer Nicolas Reveles, education director at San Diego Opera. \$8. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Art of the Renaissance" illuminated by Linda Blair for lecture series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Next: "The Quattrocento," Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 p.m. \$17. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Cole Library Genealogy Librarian Mary Van Orsdol discusses "Using PERSI for Genealogical Research" for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, January 24, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

Up for Mount Whitney? Expert Kurt Wedberg discusses gear, trip planning, popular routes on Tuesday, January 24, at Adventure 16 at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700); and on Wednesday, January 25, at A-16 found at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374). 7 p.m. Free. (OCEANSIDE, MISSION VALLEY)

REI is also offering Whitney clinics, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020); and on January 25 at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"How to Improve Insight and Intuition," class on Tuesday, January 24, 6 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Donation. 760-505-0004. (CARLSBAD)

Learn About *The Barber of Seville* when USD music instructor Ron Shaheen lectures on Tuesday, January 24, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street; 619-236-5800). Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Wilderness Basics Courses with lectures and four weekend field trips offered by Sierra Club. Courses run Tuesdays, January 24–March 28, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Subjects include wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass, more. \$110. 858-581-9312. (MISSION VALLEY)

"I'm There for You, Baby: The Entrepreneur's Guide to the Galaxy" divulged by Neil Senturia, CEO of Blackbird Ventures, Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.,

at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. Registration: 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Japanese Flower Arranging demonstration by Akiko Bourland of Ohara School for Ikebana International meeting, Wednesday, January 25, 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 760-728-5586. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Understanding the Bahá'í Faith" is topic on Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m., at Living Room

Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Effects of Some Literature, Art, and Other Influences on Scots' Sense of National Identity" divulged when Jackie Webster addresses Scottish Interest Group of British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, January 25, 10 a.m., at San Diego Family History Center (4195

Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-465-7326. (MISSION VALLEY)

Polarized Glasses Are Provided when San Diego Stereo Camera Club gathers to view "award-winning stereo slides," Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m., in Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent to and east of Spanish Village). 619-296-2255. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Blackbirds and Their Kin" provide topic for class (Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.) and

field trip (Saturday, January 28, 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.) offered by San Diego Natural History Museum. \$69 fee includes van transportation. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Art, Architecture, and Ecology: Reviving Our Social Environment" is theme for ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series. Columbia University's Michael Bell, whose eponymous firm specializes in housing and urban development,

speaks Thursday, January 26, 6:30 p.m., at Woodbury University (1060 Eighth Avenue, suite 200). Free. 858-454-5872. (SAN DIEGO)

IN PERSON

Playwright Athol Fugard's Daughter Lisa Fugard debuts her first novel, *Skinner's Drift*, Thursday, January 19, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore

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The 21st Season of "Plays by Young Writers" presented by Playwrights Project and Old Globe, continues through Sunday, January 22. Full productions presented of *This Girl Is a Bird*, *Triping*, *Step Into the Night*, *Spanish Rhapsody*, *A Man of His Word*; readings of scripts *I'll Always Remember*, *Idaho Lament*, *Sara's Volleyball Dreams*, *Joe the Tomato*.

Project convenes on Cassius Carter Centre Stage at Old Globe Theatres. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 for students, seniors, military. Times, reservations: 619-239-8222. (BALBOA PARK)

Author James Valliant signs *The Passion of Ayn Rand's Critics*, Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North; 619-295-2201). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Busy on 19th? Valliant also appears Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m., at Borders at 1905 Calle Barcelona (760-479-0242). Free. (LA COSTA)

"Elevated," poetry reading featuring Sekou the Misfit, Thursday, January 19, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). \$5. 619-795-9587. (NORTH PARK)

Eliza Gilkyson performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, January 20, followed by Honeyboy Edwards on Thursday, January 26. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

San Diego Poet Tomas Gayton reads from his new book, *Winds of Change*, Northern California poet John Peterson reads from his *Dark*

OUT & ABOUT

PRINCE OF KOSHER GOSPEL?

Joshua Nelson, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, Saturday, January 21.

(see In Person)



Hills and Wild Mountains on Friday, January 20, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Drawing Upon a Career as an Animal Scientist and her experiences with autism, Temple Grandin answers all kinds of animal questions in *Animals in Translation*, which she'll sign and discuss on Friday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

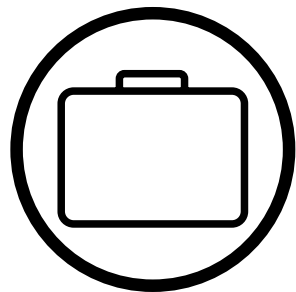
TMI (Too Much Information) hosts "queer and feminist performance extravaganza" and open mike, Friday, January 20, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Expect to see "sketch-driven performance ensemble" Butchlalis de Panochtlan; bring something *original* (under five minutes) to read or perform. Sliding scale: \$5-\$10. All ages. 619-260-1731. (NORTH PARK)

Unraveled, student improv troupe presents "completely improvised musical comedy," Friday, January 20, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Donation. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Author J. Carson Black signs *Dark Side of the Moon*, Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Prince of Kosher Gospel? Joshua Nelson — whose music "blends Jewish liturgical, gospel, and African-American spiritual styles" — plans concert, Saturday, January 21, 7:30 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$25. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

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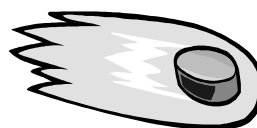
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LOCAL EVENTS

Don McEvoy, Saturday, January 21, 7 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Tickets: \$15 per person, \$25 couples, \$35 for families. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

Poster Artist Jay Ryan signs and discusses his new book, *100 Posters, 134 Squirrels*, Saturday, January 21, 2-6 p.m., at Ducky Waddle's Emporium (414 North Coast Highway 101). Book offers look at Ryan's "unusual approach to poster art." 760-632-0488. (LEUCADIA)

Photographer and SDSU professor Kim Stringfellow discusses her new book, *Greetings from the Salton Sea: Folly and Intervention in the Southern California Landscape, 1905-2005*, Saturday, January 21, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Local Aviation History recounted by ex-San Diegoan Chuck Walker, who will sign his book *Atlas — The Ultimate Weapon by Those Who Built It*, which details Convair's development of the rocket. Walker, a member of Atlas program starting in 1953, appears Saturday, January 21, at 1 p.m. at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Balboa Park. 619-238-1233 or 970-613-1682. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Cabaret Variety and Blacklight Show, Saturday, January 21, 8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). Flea circus, music, cabaret (9 p.m.),

blacklight show (10 p.m.). \$15. 619-231-1950. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Chants from the World" presented by Rosetta Stone Choir, Saturday, January 21, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$15. 760-612-5922 or 760-484-3397. (CARLSBAD)

New Writers Event featuring Sue Young (*Lethal Friendship*), Steve Scott (*Twelve-Furlong Mile*), and Courtenay Harrold (*Rose Doyle*), Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

The Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego performs Sunday, January 22, 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4781 Cass Street). Reception follows. Offering. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Author Barbara Seranella signs *An Unacceptable Death* at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) on Sunday, January 22, 2 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Guitar All-Star Night with Claus Boesser-Ferrari, Michael Chapdelaine, Teja Gerken is Sunday, January 22, 8 p.m., at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue). Solo performances, collaborations from classical to acoustic fingerstyle to improvised jazz. \$10. 858-261-8831. (DOWNTOWN)

"Psychic Sundays with the Psy Chicks," an intuitive artist, medium, and psychic reader talk about life, love, "your place in the New Year," Sunday, January 22, 2 p.m., at E Street Cafe (128/130 West E Street). Consultations: \$20 for 15 minutes. 760-230-2038. (ENCINITAS)

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I got that dust pneumony, pneumony in my lung,
I got the dust pneumony, pneumony in my lung,
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I went to the doctor, and the doctor said, "My son,
You got that dust pneumony an' you ain't got long, not long."

Now there ought to be some yodelin' in this song;
Yeah, there ought to be some yodelin' in this song;
But I can't yodel for the rattlin' in my lung.
My good gal sings the dust pneumony blues,
My good gal sings the dust pneumony blues,
She loves me 'cause she's got the dust pneumony, too.
It it wasn't for choppin', my hoe would turn to rust,
If it wasn't for choppin', my hoe would turn to rust,

I can't find a woman
in this black ol'
Texas dust.
Down in Oklahoma,
the wind blows
mighty strong,
Down in Oklahoma, the
wind blows mighty strong,
If you want to get a mama, just sing a California
song.
Down in Texas, my gal fainted in the rain,
Down in Texas, my gal fainted in the rain,
I throwed a bucket o' dirt in her face just to bring
her back again.



Woody Guthrie

— Woody Guthrie, 1938

Rob Thorson and Mike Wofford perform for mini-concert at noon on Monday, January 23, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Classic Reading Series continues with *Dr. Faustus* by Christopher Marlow, Monday, January 23, 7:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

Judge, Perform, or Just Enjoy watching San Diego Poetry Slam on Monday, January 23, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Donation. 619-239-3872. (EAST VILLAGE)

Open-Mike Poetry hosted by Larry Dossey, Monday, January 23, at Twigg's 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)

Stories from a Childhood Spent in Chinatown of Los Angeles grew into Lisa See's first book, *On Gold Mountain: The One-Hundred-Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family*. See talks about researching and writing her book, Tuesday, January 24, 2 p.m., at Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard). Free. Recommended reservations: 858-755-1666. (DEL MAR)

Comedy Grill showcases Wally Wang, Justin Decker, Quartez, Tim Begley, Aaron Rockwell, Tuesday, January 24, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). For those 18 and over. Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Klezmer Afternoon, members of Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble perform Thursday, January 26, 12:30 p.m., for Concert Hour series in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

The Anonymous World Is Transformed into "a place of hope and connection" in Cirque du

Soleil's "Quidam," hitting the blue and yellow Grand Chapiteau at Del Mar Fairgrounds, January 19-February 12. Production offers combination of acrobatic artistry, technical expertise, music "woven into...an emotional dramatic thread."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 4 p.m. matinees on Saturday, 1 and 5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$35-\$70 general, \$24.50-\$49 for children, \$31.50-\$63 for students, seniors, all available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DEL MAR)

SPORTS

San Diego Gulls host Las Vegas Wranglers on Friday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., and Bakersfield Condors on Sunday, January 22, 5:05 p.m., at iPayOne Center. Tickets: \$12-\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Visit Hills and Beaches with Knickerbikers bicyclists during ride, Saturday, January 21, starting at 9 a.m. in the north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). On 22.5-mile ride, head up Mount Soledad, down to Mission Bay, Ocean Beach. Bring money for lunch. 858-279-9863. (MISSION BAY)

Monster Jam Monster Truck Racing, Saturday, January 21, 7 p.m., at Qualcomm Stadium. General admission: \$10, \$20, \$25; children 2-12 pay \$10 or \$25. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

Coastal Middle/High School Surf Team Competition, Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., on south side of Oceanside Pier. 760-931-1450. Free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

Board and Brew the Long Way, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 50-mile ride starting at 8:45 a.m., Saturday, January 21, at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch. 619-243-8617. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Boulevard Express Ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists on Sunday, January 22. Meet group at 9 a.m. at Buckman Springs Road rest area on I-8 (2 miles east of Sunrise Highway). Expect 40-mile loop ride, with long climb up Old Highway 80, winding downhill into Cameron Corners. Bring money "for lunch and chocolate in Boulevard." 858-483-5877. (BOULEVARD)



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Thursday January 26 - Sign in at 5:30 pm
or Saturday, January 28 - Sign in at 11:30 am

Lighting & Stage/Audio-Video Crew Positions:

People skills and personal responsibility are a must! Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to apply for crew positions. Spotlight, video camera, soundboards, and stagehand skills required. Information and applications will be available at the Costume Character auditions from 5:30-7 pm on Thursday and 11:30 am-1 pm on Saturday.

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Reading

The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl



Timothy Egan

By Timothy Egan
Houghton Mifflin Company, 2006;
\$28; 340 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

The dust storms that terrorized America's High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since, and the stories of the people who held on have never been fully told. Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* journalist and author Timothy Egan follows a half-dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, going from

sod homes to new framed houses to huddling in basements with the windows sealed by damp sheets in a futile effort to keep the dust out. He follows their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black blizzards, crop failure, and the deaths of loved ones. Drawing on the voices of those who stayed and survived — those who, now in their 80s and 90s, will soon carry their memories to the grave — Egan tells a story of

endurance and heroism against the backdrop of the Great Depression.

As only great history can, Egan's book captures the very voice of the times: its grit, pathos, and abiding courage. Combining the human drama of *Isaac's Storm* with the sweep of *The American People in the Great Depression*, *The Worst Hard Time* is a lasting and important work of American history.

"This is can't-put-it-down history." — *Walter Cronkite*

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: Egan tells an extraordinary tale in this visceral account of how America's great, grassy plains turned to dust, and how the ferocious Plains winds stirred up an endless series of "black blizzards" that were like a biblical plague: "Dust clouds boiled up, ten thousand feet or more in the sky, and rolled like moving mountains" in what became known as the Dust Bowl. But the plague

was man-made, as Egan shows: the plains weren't suited to farming, and plowing up the grass to plant wheat, along with a confluence of economic disaster — the Depression — and natural disaster — eight years of drought — resulted in an ecological and human catastrophe that Egan details with stunning specificity.... With characters who seem to have sprung from a novel by Sinclair Lewis or Steinbeck, and Egan's powerful writing, this account will long remain in readers' minds.

Kirkus Reviews: Grim, riveting account by *New York Times* reporter Egan makes clear that although hurricanes and floods have grabbed recent headlines, America's worst assault from Mother Nature came in the form of ten long years of drought and dust.

The "dust bowl" of the 1930s covered 100 million acres spread over five states: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska, and Colorado. From 1930 to 1935, nearly

a million people left their farms, littered with animal corpses and stunted crops. Towns simply disappeared. Thousands died from "dust pneumonia," a new condition born of swallowing and inhaling the swirling topsoil.... The great southern plains, once covered with native grasses that fed the buffalo and held the soil in place, were essentially stripped bare in the 1920s by wheat farmers eager to cash in on cheap land and high grain prices. The newly invented tractor made the job easier, and unusually wet weather in the late '20s made farming on the arid plains seem feasible. But then the Depression hit, wheat prices crashed, and once-bountiful farms went fallow, abandoned to the deepening drought and everblowing winds that literally sent the soil skyward.

Stark and powerful, a gripping if depressing read and a timely reminder that a Nature abused can exact a terrible retribution.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Timothy Egan, born in Seattle in 1954 and raised, primarily, in Spokane, is a national enterprise reporter for the *New York Times*. He is the author of four books and the recipient of several awards, including the Pulitzer Prize. He lives in Seattle with his wife and children.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Tim Egan, from his home in Seattle, said that his parents had nine children and little money. They moved the family across the state, to Spokane, when Egan still was relatively young.

In a *New York Times* article, Mr. Egan wrote: "At age seven, I walked into first grade at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary elementary school in Spokane and was confronted by an enormous poster depicting the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Our school was blue-collar,

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The Depression hit, wheat prices crashed, and once-bountiful farms went fallow.

Family Paddle on Mission Bay, Sunday, January 22, hosted by and starting at Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando Place). Easy two-hour trip is good for families with young children. No experience required. Equipment provided. \$30. Reservations: 858-488-5599. (MISSION BAY)

2006 Buick Invitational Golf Tournament, with field of 156 players, runs January 23–29 at Torrey Pines Golf Course. Times, ticket prices, reservations: 619-281-4653. (LA JOLLA)

SPECIAL

Superstar Art School convenes every day of the week at Amazing Comics and Collectibles (600 F Street, suite E). Program — open to kids, teens, adults — "exists to promote fine art through continued encouragement." Learn American cartooning, manga, realism, perspective, comic book illustration, storyboarding. Free. Hours, details: 619-498-0445. (CHULA VISTA)

Play Duplicate Bridge every day of week except Thursday and Sunday, 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., at Redwood Bridge Club (3111 Sixth Avenue). \$2 per play. 619-296-4274. (BALBOA PARK)

Green Guide's "Festival of Life," Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). "Earth-friendly activities" for families, eco-fashion show (11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m.), "eco-style marketplace," yoga demonstrations, crafts, games for kids, live music, tours of "green home" display. 760-489-8999. Included in regular admission (\$8 general). (ENCINITAS)

San Diego Orchid Society Winter Show, Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free admission. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pick Me Up: The Art of Chinese Baskets" opens with reception on Saturday, January 21, 2–4 p.m., at Chinese Historical Museum's Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension (328 J Street). Exhibit — on view

through Wednesday, March 1, features numerous hand-woven pieces of this ancient Chinese art form. \$2 general, free for those 12 and younger. 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

The Newest Public Artwork in the Tideland Collection is Annika Nelson's *Tails of the Big Bay*, opening with dedication on Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m., in play area at Coronado Tideland Park. Chalk drawing activity of children at 9:30 a.m. 619-686-6200. Free. (CORONADO)

Tea for Two, Vista High School's Wind Ensemble I performs in the New York Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall in March. To raise funds for trip, student musicians serve tea and finger food, play music in small ensembles, Saturday, January 21, noon–3 p.m., at Gloria E. McClellan Senior Center (in Brengle Terrace Park, 1400 Vale Terrace Drive). \$10. 760-734-4572. (VISTA)

Learn About Sochi Teas from tea specialist Michael Figgins during tea tasting exploring character-

istics and elements of teas, Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at Caffè Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Walt Whitman's "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking" examined when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. (JULIAN)

The "Cannon Art Gallery 2005 Invitational" is on view through Sunday, January 22, in William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane), with work by Christie Beniston (ceramics), Wendy Richmond

(photography), Robert Treat (large-scale abstract painting), Jeff Yeomans (small-scale narrative painting). 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

Discuss Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics* when San Diego Philosophy Reading Group meets Monday, January 23, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. Newcomers welcome. 619-291-5754. (HILLOREST)

Get a Creativity/Humor Workout and exercise your humor and creativity with "variety of active and interactive exercises" led by Jacquie Lowell, Wednesday, January 25, 7:35–10 p.m., Radiance Studio (1618 West Lewis Street). 858-581-0050. \$20. (MISSION HILLS)

"The Harris Site: 9000 Years Ago in Rancho Bernardo," this exhibit by San Diego Archaeological Center is on view through January at Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Exhibition documents peoples who lived in area more than 10,000 years ago and evidence they left behind. Free. 619-538-8163. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

The Annual Scion Exchange hosted by California Rare Fruit Growers is Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. A cutting is a scion if it is to be grafted onto another tree. Bring dormant cuttings of fruit trees, to trade and share. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

Sweden provides focus for Tower After Hours series at San Diego Museum of Man on Thursday, January 26, 6 p.m. \$20 fee includes Swedish food and drink, traditional and contemporary music and dance. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Transition Time at San Diego Natural History Museum, and admission is free to the exhibitions open in January. For first time, behind-the-scenes tours of three different research departments (two separate tours available) are on offer (\$5 general). See *Ocean Oasis* and *Bugs!* for \$4. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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Reading

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the second- and third-generation Irish and Italian children from huge families. We had nine in ours, but could not compete with the Flynns, down the street, who had 13, or the Phillippses, who had 19."

"The Jesuits," Mr. Egan told me, from his study desk, "saved me at Gonzaga. Gonzaga Prep was a school that went out of its way to help blue-collar people. They took us in. I worked in the kitchen and got a great education."

After graduation from Gonzaga in 1973, Mr. Egan enrolled at the University of Washington.

He also began work. "I got my degree in 1980. What happened was, I took a job [on the staff of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*] before I got my degree, so I had to go back and get it a few years later." In 1989, he joined the *New York Times*.

Mr. Egan is concerned that readers will not care about the Dust Bowl days. "It seems so long ago to so many people. One point I tried to make fairly high up in the book, in the introduction, is that those people who lived through that, at least some of them are with us now, and this is their story. It didn't happen in long ago, far away.

"These people lived through the most dramatic technological innovations in the Great Plains. Those innovations did change the Great Plains overnight. Without those changes you still would have had relatively small family farms, people working the land within the scale of what they could sustain. But with tractors you brought industrial might to what was a family agrarian situation. And then you throw in the wild volatility of wheat prices, which have never done any swing since — today the price of wheat is almost below what it was 80 years ago.

So you had this convergence of one-time-only economics and technology."

I asked about the April 14, 1935, "Black Sunday" dust storm. "To listen to people talk about that is extraordinary. Their memories are as if it did happen yesterday. They describe what it smelled like and what it felt like, how abrasive the wind was, how their heart was racing, how the sun was snuffed from the sky, how they thought the world was coming to an end. I tried to imagine myself being a boy and looking up and seeing the sky go dark at noon.

"That Black Sunday storm had a drama of its own. The day started pleasantly. People were fooled into thinking that the worst was over. I heard that repeatedly from people I talked to, that they woke up on this Sunday morning, it was a crystal clear, robin's-egg-blue sky; there weren't any winds. The sun shone, the Plains showed a hint of promise and optimism, and people came out of their dusty little homes, their dugouts, and their plank houses and underground homes."

"Those underground houses," I said, "amazed me."

"Yes. A lot of people lived completely underground. On this

April Sunday they came out and started to stretch and clean their clothes, and fire up their cars and go to church, and do things that they hadn't been able to do because they'd been prisoners of the weather.

"Around noon, starting in the far north, this enormous storm kicked up and moved its way south, and as it approached these individual communities, people were pointed to it and it was like looking at a three- to five-thousand-foot wall. I described it once I think as a 'moving mountain.' It's brown and raging and moving toward you.

"One of the great things about the Plains is you can see forever. So you would see this thing off in a distance, and it scared them — they'd been used to dust storms but nothing like this. As it got closer, static electricity was so intense that you couldn't touch the person next to you, because it would actually throw you back.

"I hadn't known that these storms had that kind of kinetic power. But they do, and they did, and everyone spoke about that. I remember one guy telling me, 'We stopped shaking hands,' because you could get a shock, there was so much static in the air after one of these things.

"Around noon, starting in the far north, this enormous storm kicked up."

"Everyone spoke about not being able to see your hand. That was the most consistent image. You'd hold up your hand in front of your face, and you couldn't see it.

"The first time I heard that about not seeing your hand, I thought that was preposterous. People tell stories, 'I remember the day the snowstorm was so bad.' I thought, that can't be true. But two things told me it was true. First, the contemporaneous accounts printed in newspapers at the time repeated that. Second, people I interviewed, and oral histories I listened to, time and again, described it the same way."

"But the sound of this storm," I said. "Amazing."

"Yes, this thing, at first, it was quiet. It was deadly quiet. You'd see it and you wouldn't hear anything. And then when it was on you — of course things were ticking around and stuff was flying. You'd lie on the floor, you'd

cover your face. You thought you were going to suffocate. You thought, 'I'm going to drown in this thing.' And imagine falling underwater. And that's what it was like. Like falling underwater at dusk.

"The wonder is, if there's any historical value of this story I tell, is that we all did think that most of these folks fled to California or got out of it. We don't have the sense of what it was like to be in the middle of it for so long. But there are so many terrific memories of it."

"You avoided the caricatures — the Okie, Arkie, all that. You avoided the Woody Guthrie songs."

"Exactly. That's one of the things that was interesting to me as a writer. Suddenly you realize you have a great story to tell that hasn't been told in full detail. That our image of the Dust Bowl comes in large part from this balladeer, who didn't stick around — I credit

Harbor Excursions through Friday, March 31. Scripps naturalists and assistants are on hand during cruises to search for whales, on their way to lagoons in Baja California to calve. Fee: \$25 weekdays, \$30 weekends for adults, \$15 for those 4-12. Registration: 619-234-4111. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

FOR KIDS

"The Little Engine That Could" pulls into Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater for performances by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, January 22. The Chinese fairy tale *Weaving of a Dream* performed by Weavers Tales, January 25-29.

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

Stanley Yelnats IV digs up adventure in *Holes*, production by San Diego Junior Theatre continuing through January 22, in Casa del Prado Theater. Recommended for those ten and older. Book by Louis Sachar, based on his book.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Performance on January 21 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9-\$12 adults, \$7-\$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sea Schoolers: W Is for Whale" offered on Saturday, January 21, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Aquarium scavenger hunt, live animal encounters, stories, crafts. For kids three and four years old with chaperone; \$30 per pair. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Repeats January 29. (LA JOLLA)

"Greys on Parade," discover facts about gray whales and their travels during family program, Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Included in regular museum admission. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Explore Sound when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, January 21, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Whale of a Tale," learn all about whales during family per-

formance, Saturday, January 21, 1-3 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Magic Flute," celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday with Classics for Kids performance (in English), Sunday, January 22, 1 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Led by a comical bird catcher and his magic flute, Prince Tamino must save Princess Pamina from Queen of the Night. Dana Mambourg Zimbric leads Classics Philharmonic, joined by San Diego Ballet dancers, opera vocalists. Tickets: \$11-\$15 for children, \$19-\$25 for adults. Reservations: 619-435-9111. (NORTH PARK)

Korean-American Pianist Alpin Hong performs for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, January 22, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). "Prelude to the Afternoon" with local 14-year-old pianist Mario Ramirez III at 2:30 p.m. \$5 for students, \$30 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Wintertime" Is Theme for story times at Borders Books and Music shops this week. Stories told on Sunday, January 22, 4 p.m., at

Gaslamp Borders (668 Sixth Avenue, 619-702-7420); on Tuesday, January 24, 10 a.m., at La Costa Borders (1905 Calle Barcelona, 760-479-0242); and on Wednesday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m. in Mission Valley (1072 Camino del Rio North, 619-295-2201) and Carmel Mountain (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, 858-618-1814); and at 3:30 p.m. on 25th in El Cajon (159 Fletcher Parkway, 619-593-5119). Free. (GASLAMP QUARTER, LA COSTA, MISSION VALLEY, CARMEL MOUNTAIN, EL CAJON)

MUSEUMS

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 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 2006, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities

and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, "Pick Me Up: The Art of Chinese Baskets" opens with reception on Saturday, January 21,

2-4 p.m. Exhibit — on view through Wednesday, March 1, features numerous hand-woven pieces of this ancient Chinese art form.

View artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

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-Cen-

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Woody Guthrie, but he left."

"But he left. Yes."

"Right after that Sunday. He went to Hollywood and to the Pacific Northwest. He didn't stick around. The struggle was a class diaspora like we have with Hurricane Katrina. At least two-thirds of the people stayed behind. So if you look at the big story, the big story was not so much the movement, it was people who put up with this."

Mr. Egan reminded me that most of these homes were without electricity. They were lucky if they had a telephone. "Some of them," he said, "got all this during the wheat boom and then lost it soon as the Depression hit. But most of these houses, and most of the rural Southern plains, did not have electricity. That was a great Roosevelt initiative to bring rural electricity. So they were living in conditions that we can't understand. And it made me admire them, tremendously."

"How did these people deal with this in terms of their religious faith?"

"These people were very religious, and they had very strong faith, and a lot of them interpreted the Bible literally. They thought that Revelations predicted this — the end was near, the Rapture was

coming. But this is the surprising thing. A fair amount of them lost faith. I read a lot of diaries and talked to a lot of people who said, 'What sort of God would betray us like this?'

"There were two sides of it. There were people who thought 'the end is near,' 'the apocalypse is upon us.' The Germans were different. The Germans from Russia. They're not extroverts, they're very 'hold it in.' They'd been through hell, coming from Russia to here. So they were used to quite a bit of bad stuff. They were Lutheran. They approached it differently."

"In your book," I said, "you've made the land seem almost a character."

"Yes, I wanted to write it like the land was a character; I didn't anthropomorphize it, but it seemed it was like Mother Nature, it got teased and pushed and beat up and finally got its revenge. I've always written stories about the outdoors. Growing up in the Northwest you can't help but love the outdoors, but you work on a story like this and you realize that the land has a limit, and if you abuse it, there's a terrible toll. Some people think there's a parallel to what's going to happen with global warming. I'm not sure I'll go that step."

"As a reader, I was glad that you stayed away from the global warming discussion. That discussion would have taken away from the immediacy of your story."

"I'm glad to hear you say that because my editor wanted to push me into that. I wanted to stick with the story. I wanted to let the story tell itself, like a parable, and lay it out and let people see what's obvious. I didn't think I needed to draw in the global warming."

"Did you think a lot about James Agee when you did this?"

"Certainly, he was one of the people I read going into this. But he wasn't a role model. Agee was trying to stir a conscience. I'm mostly trying to bring this almost lost era back to life. So he wrote out of urgency. I'm writing out of 'Wait a minute, wait a minute. Most of these guys are going to die. Let's not forget this.'"

"So as a journalist who tries to write history as well, I know that there's a sense of urgency and you want people to wake up. That's what Agee was motivated by."

"Both you and Agee allow the vanquished rather than the victor tell the story."

"We always write from the point of view of the victor. History is always written in the sun-

shine, while they're drinking from the goblet. The first take is the most accurate take. I wanted to get those voices. I wanted to get them. I wanted to let them talk."

Mr. Egan, in libraries, looked at people's Bibles. "The interesting thing about that is that in a lot of households in that part of the country, the family Bible is more sacred than anything. It's the heirloom that gets passed down. The story of that family is in that Bible."

"The family Bible," I said, "is one thing people will grab."

"You finished my sentence. It's the one thing they'll grab. That's exactly right. I did hear people saying, you also need your gun. But the family Bible was the one thing."

"Can you describe for me what the dust felt like?"

"At one point, I tried to illustrate this in my book. A dust particle is about one-fifth the size of a period at the end of a sentence. As much earth as was excavated to create the Panama Canal was thrown to the air during a single storm, the Black Sunday storm. It has this sandpaper quality, fine sandpaper, people often said. It was like someone was rubbing sandpaper against your face."

"I kept trying to come up

"Young man, you are filled up with dirt."

with ways to try to describe this. But it comes from the way the people talked about it. That when it was that concentrated, there was abrasiveness to it. It scratched at you. It got in your eyes, your nose, your throat."

"Your lungs."

"There's a kid, a doctor looked at him, he was a young, healthy man, and the doctor said, 'Young man, you are filled up with dirt.' And the kid died the next day. I mean that's why I said people would literally drown from the stuff."

"You could go out in your back yard, what was left of it, and you'd see a dust snowdrift. It would be misshapen one way. And then a day would go by and everything would have moved to one side, or it would have buried something that was not buried. People would have their cars buried in a day or two."

"Women worked so hard. You'd get old real quickly. A beautiful young woman, getting married in her 20s, by the time she's

30, would be broken down and beaten up."

"I quote a woman as saying, 'People get old very quickly in this part of the country. You age very quickly.' But women would talk about how they'd turn the pots over all the time, upside down. And you'd only flip it up to cook. You knew the dust was going to filter most of those rooms. Those houses were not insulated. They were plank boards."

"Dust would get in your house. It doesn't take much for it to get in. One woman told me the entire ceiling of the house caved. They saw it swelling, swelling, and it opened and it caved, and all the dust came down on them inside their house."

"Why didn't they all flee? Well, they always thought things would get better, that it had to end. They also didn't have any real choice. I mean it wasn't like they had spare cash lying around. These people were living a subsistence existence, even in towns."

— Judith Moore

tery 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)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

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 lo-

cated in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, ongoing exhibitions include "The Swing of Things: The Science of Motion and Perception" (closing Sunday, June 4, 2006), "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," "TryScience!" and

"Skyscapes." "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find

the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at

2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

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Mozart's Overture to The Marriage of Figaro and his "Symphony No. 35 (Haffner)" are on tap, along with pieces by Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky, in San Diego Symphony "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts, January 20-22. Orchestra is joined by violinist Jeff Thayer. Mu-

sic begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20-\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Recorder Society convenes for instruction and playing, Friday, January 20. Beginner instruction at 6:30 p.m., guest conductor Claire Rottemborg leads group at 7:30 p.m. Tiersanta Recreation Center, 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). 619-334-1993. First visit free. (TIERRASANTA)

Pat Stein County Concert Series features pianist Alpin Hong, Friday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$20 general, \$5 for those under 18. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA COSTA)

Faculty Recital by violinist Phil Tyler, Friday, January 20, boasts pieces by Mozart, Franck, Stravinsky. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

A Cappella Medieval and Renaissance Works promised when Early Music Ensemble of San Diego performs Friday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Donation: \$10. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

Pipe Organ Concert with organist Hollace Koman Jones and mezzo-soprano Elena Vizuet, Friday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

UCLA Organist Christoph Bull is joined by soprano I-Chin Lee in concert, Sunday, January 22, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Magic Flute," celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday with Classics for Kids performance (in English), Sunday, January 22, 1 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Led by a comical bird catcher and his magic flute, Prince Tamino must save Princess Pamina from Queen of the Night. Dana Mambourg Zimbric leads Classics Philharmonic, joined by San Diego Ballet dancers, opera vocalists. Tickets: \$11-\$15 for children, \$19-\$25 for adults. Reservations: 619-435-9111. (NORTH PARK)

Korean-American Pianist Alpin Hong performs for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, January 22, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). "Prelude to the Afternoon" with local 14-year-old pianist Mario Ramirez III at 2:30 p.m. \$5 for students, \$30 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Music by California Composers is emphasized in Noise at the Library series, continuing with retrospective of miniatures by Iannis Xenakis, a percussion solo by Brian Ferneyhough, works by Philip Glass, Ulrich Gasser. Concert is Sunday, January 22, 3 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Preconcert chat, 2:30 p.m. \$17. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Fireworks over Paris" promised when former civic organist Jared Jacobsen presents concert with sparklers by Dupré, Messiaen, Langlais, Daquin, and others in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, January 22, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Bach to Broadway" presented by Hector Olivera featuring "the king and queen of instruments," Tuesday, January 24, 8 p.m., at Cathedral Catholic High School (5555 Del Mar Heights Road). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 858-487-3387. (DEL MAR)

UCSD Violin Virtuosos, János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter play modern music, Tuesday, January 24, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Hear "Short Circuits" by Igor Kornetichouk, Drake Mabry's "Négyesy's Gallery," "Sonata" by Henryk Górecki, "Chrissietina's Magic Fantasy" by Matthew Hindson. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

The Improvising Trio — made up of Paul Rutherford (trombone), Torsten Muller (contrabass), and Harris Eisenstadt (drums) — performs Wednesday, January 25, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series convenes early this year to commemorate 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth. Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra plans all-Mozart programs in period attire, led by David Atherton. Program includes "Serenade No. 13 (Eine kleine Nachtmusik)," "Concertone in C," "Adagio and Fugue in C Minor," "Symphony No. 30 in D."

Concerts presented Wednesday, January 25, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), \$10-\$100, benefiting charitable organizations; Thursday, January 26, 8 p.m., at CECUT (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), \$15-\$50. Concert on Friday, January 27 — Mozart's actual birthday — begins at 8 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), \$55. Orchestra heads to Mexicali's Centro Estatal de las Artes (Calle Cuidad Victoria) on Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m., \$30. Last opportunity to catch this particular concert is Sunday, January 29, 2 p.m., at Bob Burton Center for Performing Arts at Fallbrook High School (2400 South Stage Coach Lane). \$25. Reservations: 619-239-0100.

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Celebrate Mozart's 250th "Birthday" all day on Friday, January 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Violinist Victoria Martino and pianist James Lent will perform Mozart's complete works for violin and piano. Free! 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"Looking Back/Looking Forward" by Will Gibson and images by photographer Art Myers open with reception on Thursday, January 19, 6 p.m., at Ordover Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Closes Sunday, February 12. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

"A Fresh Look at the Arts" offered by seven artists through Sunday, January 22, at La Jolla Art Association's Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Reception: Friday, January 20, 6 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

"Seeking Equilibrium" by Caroline Shine Benkendorf is featured at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado) through Sunday, February 12. Juried and awarded artwork from "Outstanding Visual Artists" of re-

gion also on view. Reception for artists: Friday, January 20, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

The "Petite Picasso" was nickname for painter, sculptor Alexandra Nechita, who visits receptions on Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21, 6 p.m., at Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street). RSVP 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

"Life as I Know It," exhibit of work by Janet Mackaig is on view through Friday, February 10, in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Meet artist during reception, Saturday, January 21, 4:30 p.m. 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

"Faces of the Tarahumara of Copper Canyon, Mexico" — exhibit of work by digital artist Renata Spiazzi opens with reception on Saturday, January 21, 5 p.m., at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 César Chávez Parkway; 619-232-1699). Closes Friday, February 17. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Quintessential Plein Air Painter Ken Roberts' exhibition opens with reception, Saturday, January 21, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). New works include plein air paintings and large studio landscapes inspired by outdoor plein air work. Continues through Sunday, February 19. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Haiti: Where Spirits Dance" is an exhibition of rare, early, and some never-before-seen paintings, sculpture, and *vodou* flags by Haiti's "self-taught masters" including Hector Hyppolite, Georges Liautaud, Philome Obin. "Vodou is a theme which runs through most of the artworks" in this exhibit.

Niki de Saint Phalle's "Tableaux Eclatés" are "exploding/moving paintings," in which the artist sought to go beyond limits of painting. "After Hours: Works by Center Staff and Volunteers" surveys "the budding and established artists roaming the hallways of the center on a daily basis." Show includes paintings,

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sculpture, textiles, furniture. "Little Is Big Too: Paintings by Dan Adams" boasts small-scale portraits of dogs done with heavy impasto and bright colors.

All four exhibits close Sunday, February 12. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, more than 90 bottles, bowls, platters, and tiles made between 1940 and 2004 are included in retrospective "The Art of Vivika and Otto Heino." Vivika Heino died in 1995, but Otto Heino continues to make pots in his Ojai pottery, throwing 100 pounds of clay at a time.

"Norway — Art of the Land and the People" celebrates 100 years of Norwegian independence. Exhibit includes arts of daily life such as metalwork, jewelry, *bunads* (festival costumes), textiles, *rose-maling* (decorated pottery and furniture), and Norwegian-American immigrant chests from 18th Century. Closes on Sunday, May 21.

Art and significance of Japanese dolls from the Edo period showcased in "Ningyō: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, *ningyō* embody the customs, tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, February 26.

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly," includes a blown-glass chandelier, *macchias*, and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudennath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through Sunday, February 19.

"Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India,

China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Jay Bolotin: The Jackleg Testament," is "latest project by this prolific writer, composer, performer, and visual artist." The piece comprises two interrelated parts, a print portfolio and a woodcut motion picture. Each of the pieces in exhibit, closing Sunday, April 30, demonstrates Bolotin's "continued interest in weaving Judeo-Christian creation stories and personal mythologies as a means to better understand the human condition."

"Cerca Series: Jessica Bronson: Landing Grounding Finding Founding" continues through Sunday, February 19, in which Los Angeles-based video artist explores landscapes and how they are represented. The four-channel video installation was created in 2004, filmed while Bronson walked through streambed in Arroyo Seco Park in Pasadena.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in

"Southern Exposure," continuing through Sunday, September 3. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

"La Dolce Vita: Selections from the Ruth and Murray Gribin Collection" opening on Sunday, January 22, and closing on Sunday, May 7, features a broad range of works by Southern California artists including John Altoon, Baldessari, Vija Celmins, Robert Therrien, Irwin, and "a seminal 1958 painting by Ed Ruscha."

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is also on view through Sunday, September 3. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Eye to Eye: Photographs by Graham Nash," on view through Sunday, April 30, includes works from the rocker's recent book (*Eye to Eye*) and new additions from his current work. Nash is considered a "pioneer innovator in the world of digital photography and printing."

Color photographs of rural America "both intimate and monumental" on view in "Mike Smith: You're Not From Around Here." Work depicts "places where the forest stops and agriculture begins...combined with more omi-

nous images of what may have taken place out behind the shed." Closes on Sunday, May 7.

"John Gutmann's Century," also on view through May 7, features the German-born photographer's focus on "America's joie de vivre, its parades, billboards, cars, and sports" during the 1930s.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, the museum's growing contemporary collection and acquisition strategies are chronicled in "Tracking and Tracing: Contemporary Acquisitions 2000-2005," on display through Sunday, July 9. Exhibition includes 90 works in wide range of media, dating from 1960s to present, representing a variety of artistic approaches.

"The Eye of the Collector, the Wishes of the Donor, the Spirit of the Philanthropist: Modern European Paintings at San Diego Museum of Art," on exhibit through Saturday, April 15, groups modern European works according to their donor in honor of the museum's 80th anniversary.

Paintings, sculptures, and objects from Nepal, Tibet, and India featured in "Devotional Arts of Nepal." Buddhism and Hinduism have "enjoyed a peaceful coexistence for over 1500 years" in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley; exhibit "explores fruits of this commingling." Closes Sunday, April 2.

"Domains of Wonder: Selected Masterworks of Indian Painting" may be seen through Sunday, Jan-

uary 22. Exhibit features 124 paintings, two bound manuscripts from museum's Edwin Binney 3rd Collection, ranging from 14th through late 19th Century. Concurrently: "Indian Colours," exploring materials, pigments, tools, techniques of Indian painting used by South Asian artists to create the intricately detailed paintings on display.

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Rembrandt Harmensz Van Rijn created a number of half-length portraits of religious figures. Paintings were created during difficult time in Rembrandt's life. "Rembrandt's Apostles," on exhibit through Sunday, January 22, includes *The Apostle Bartholomew*, along with four other linked paintings.

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Rank The Kings of Leon played the biggest-grossing San Diego concert of 2005...only because they opened for U2 at the Sports

June 12 show took in \$13.3 million; 76,000 fans paid at least \$146 per ticket.

This year, no S.D. artist made the top-100 list of biggest-grossing concert tours. However, Carlsbad skater/tour organizer Tony Hawk and his Boom Boom Huckjam tour was the 146th biggest-grossing tour of 2005;

(the 9:30 Club in Washington D.C. rated number 1), 7 of the 10 House of Blues nightclubs were in the top 15; HoB San Diego was the least successful, coming in at number 43. Soma was the only other S.D. club to make the top-100 list, at 66.

Pollstar reported that the most successful local music venue was Coors Amphitheatre. In 2004, the Chula Vista concert site sold 173,000 tickets; last year, 241,000. The venue ranked as the 15th most successful large venue in America.

— Ken Leighton

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Arena. According to *Pollstar* magazine, the March 30 sell-out brought in \$2.9 million, the 86th biggest one-night take of 2005. The show was the only S.D. concert that appeared on the magazine's list of top 200 concerts of the year.

The biggest U.S. concert, according to *Pollstar*, was the Bonnaroo Music Festival (Widespread Panic, Dave Matthews Band) in Manchester, Tennessee. The



U2 DELIVERS BIG GROSS-OUT

the tour took in \$3.5 million. On *Pollstar*'s list of the most successful club venues

Clear Violation? Local country radio station U.S. 95.7 has a blue-and-red shield logo that resembles an interstate freeway sign. That's a problem.

"The actual route shield is trademarked by a group called the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials," says Caltrans attorney Jeffrey Joseph. "The reason I know this is because there was a strip club in Riverside called Club 215. They were using the 215 route shield. [The association] wrote them a letter and said, 'Cease and desist because you're using

our trademark.'"

According to the state Outdoor Advertising Act, Clear Channel-owned 95.7 was in violation two years ago when its billboards displayed the shield logo near freeways. The billboards, along



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Interstate 8 in Mission Valley and the University Avenue exit off the 163, promoted morning DJs Tony and Kris. The station painted over the emblem.

A spokesman for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Shane Artim, says he wasn't aware that 95.7 was using the route shield as its logo. Artim points out that

the Washington, D.C.-based association, which represents the highway and transportation departments from all 50 states, allows for use of the logo when compensated.

"For example," says Artim, "the shield logo is going to be used in a Pixar movie coming out in the summer."

Caltrans' Joseph isn't so much concerned about possible trademark violation; Caltrans' only interest is that commercial signs don't confuse drivers.

"If they're not next to the freeway, it's not going to create any motorist confusion problem," says Joseph. "At this point, I would tell you it's between U.S. 95.7 and the [association]."

Current billboard promotions for 95.7 prominently feature the shield logo, but they aren't located next to freeways or on-ramps.

— Larry Harmon

Nixon to Barnstorm

Texas "I need to help my friend Kinky Friedman get elected governor of Texas," says Mojo Nixon, whose last live performance was at 2004's South by Southwest

music fest. Friedman, the musician/politician who calls himself the "Texas Jew-boy," "has five weeks to get 50,000 people to sign his petition so he can get on the ballot," says Nixon, who plans to do a few shows in Texas. "I'm done touring five weeks or even two weeks in a row. I'm old and fat and gray."

Since 2004, from his Coronado home studio, Nixon has uploaded his daily alterna-country show for Sirius satellite radio. He says



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he left KGB/101.5 (Clear Channel's local classic-rock station) partly because of free speech.

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'bullshit'... I got in enormous trouble for playing Loudon Wainwright's 'Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road.' They said it wasn't on their playlist and that I didn't get permission. They also said it was too hillbilly.... [On Sirius], I play George Jones, Steve Earle, the Derailers, Son Volt, Waylon Jennings, and the Beat Farmers."

Nixon and his partner Skid Roper opened a number of '80s shows for the Beat Farmers before Country Dick Montana died onstage in 1995.

Besides his Outlaw Country channel DJ program, Nixon has a talk show he launched on Sirius channel 103 six months ago. Since Howard Stern signed on with the satellite network, annual subscriptions have surged from 700,000 to 3.3 million. Yet, the satellite channel is losing millions of dollars.

"If [the Sirius job] works out, great," says Nixon. "I still make money off that song ['Elvis Is Everywhere']. It just got played on German TV. I got \$8000. They played a minute of it on TV."

— Ken Leighton

Aaargh! Even though the FCC and U.S. marshals shut down Free Radio 96.9 in July 2005, transmissions resumed in November, and the station seems to be operating from the same rented building in

South Park.

"We are currently fine tuning our signal and working on our audio source," reads a post at www.pirate969.org. "Steps are of course being taken to minimize future outages and [we] plan to recover from them quickly. And on a personal note to the San Diego FCC, we roll much deeper than you. Take our shit again, and we'll only clown you even harder when we come back."



PIRATE-RADIO PARTY CREW

Free Radio's landlord, contacted by phone, says he's unconcerned about any FCC violations.

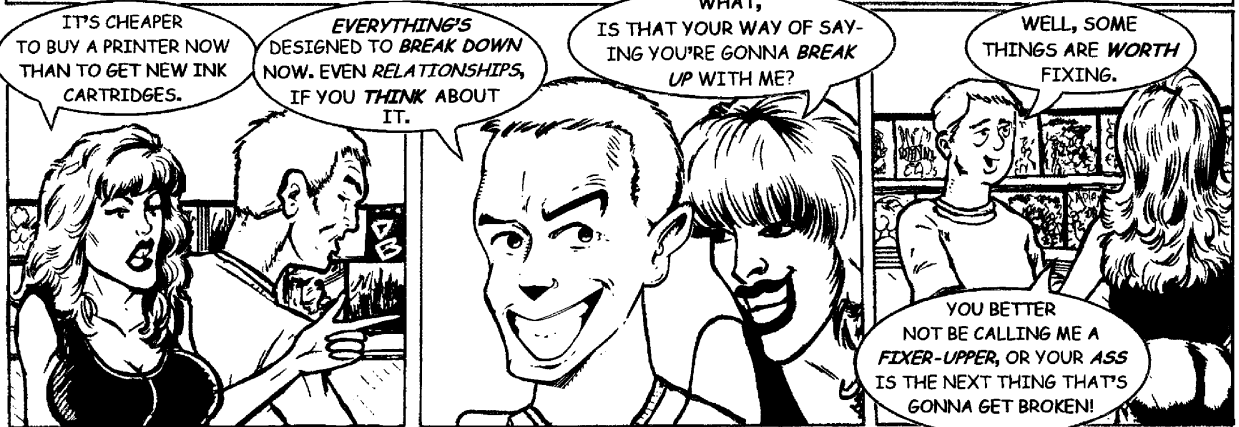
"I think they pay around \$500 a month," says the landlord. "It's a legal rental.... I don't believe they're breaking any laws, and I know I'm not." If the station is shut down again, besides having their new antenna dismantled, operators could be fined between \$1000 and \$150,000. Anyone wishing to donate money to the station can contact freeradiosandiego@hushmail.com.

"Don't send checks made out to 'Pirate Radio,'" says DJ "Bloody" Jack Reed. "We can't cash those. We're outlaws, remember?"

— Jay Allen Sanford

Jukebox Stakeout At the Tomcat Bar and Grill in Mira Mesa last Thursday, Judy Wenker slipped some quarters into the machine.

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What song brings back a memory?

"The Doors, 'Light My Fire,'" she said. "I sometimes pick songs from Queen or the Rolling Stones. I like all the Beatles' stuff, too, but 'Light My Fire' reminds me of when I moved to San Diego in the '60s. I was a kindergarten teacher living in South Mission [Beach]. There was a bar I used to hang out at called the Beachcomber, I think. This guy would try to put the moves on me, and he'd play that song. Maybe he thought because it was six minutes and 50 seconds that gave him enough time. Usually the jukeboxes don't have the short version of the



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song, which is good. I was a good Catholic girl back then, so he wasn't successful. I think about him when I play that song and just that time in my

life, in general — the '60s."

— Josh Board

"We were begging and hoping at the last minute [ticket sales] would pick up," says 4th&B owner Ali Niforshan. He pulled the plug



MARK HUMMEL DIDN'T WANT HIS FACE SAVED

on a January 10 "Superstars of the Blues Harp" concert. Besides harmonica player Mark Hummel, who organized the show, Magic Dick (J. Geils), Lee Oskar (War), Jerry Portnoy (Eric Clapton), and Kim Wilson (Fabulous Thunderbirds) were on the bill. Hours before doors were to open, the musicians learned the show wouldn't go on.

"Our name was still on the marquee when we got there," says Hummel. "We did the same show last year at 4th&B and drew 700.... I had a funny feeling when I first booked it four months ago.

Last year they had this really good advertising person named Hester [Hamman]. She did a real good job, but they replaced her."

Why were ticket sales so sluggish?

"It was too close after New Year's," says Niforshan. "It was in the middle of the week. I couldn't give those tickets away, literally. To fill the house we would have to do it with a bunch of homeless people. It would have been embarrassing for [the musicians] to take the stage. It was better to lose money and save face for the artist."

The musicians were paid. "We got two-thirds of the money of our guarantee," says Hummel. "I reminded the owner that we were way past the 40-day cut-off where they can cancel the show and just give us 50 percent of the guarantee and that we could sue. He said, 'Are you threatening me?' I told him I was just telling him of our legal option." Hummel says he hopes to return to San Diego with a blues-harp fest in October.

— Ken Leighton

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"He was never in the band," says bassist George Bunnell. "He was only around long enough to sing the song; it was supposed to be a demo. Lee [Freeman], the singer, didn't want to do it.... Greg happened to be in the studio that day; he had the same manager as us, and he ended up being the guy on the single."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Asked to describe his music, Gnade says, "For someone who's never heard it, I'd say the louder songs are like a midnight head-on collision on the 70 west — the sounds of cars hitting cars, metal crunching, glass shattering and spraying across the highway — then silence, followed by God and the devil trying to figure out which one gets you. The quieter ones are like [Led Zeppelin's] 'Going to California' played by big-rig drivers or sad waitresses."

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4. Coco Rosie, *La Maison de Mon Rêve* ("Two sisters junkyarding together a sound that's something like Elizabeth Cotton plus Tim Kinsella [Joan of Arc, Cap'n Jazz], recorded on the worst four-track ever. Family bands are the way to go.")

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Adam Gnade

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A LOCAL DESTINED FOR FAME?

"Ray Raposa from Castanets. His last record was great, got solid reviews, but his new one, *First*

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Pennywise [268] and **No Use For a Name [216]**: Soma, Friday, January 20, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Rodney Crowell: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, January 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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JANUARY

Social Distortion [481]: House of Blues, Friday, January 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

There are two problems with the so-called freak-folk scene. Well, make that three. The first is that the musicians look like hippies, and I don't trust hippies. Second, it's hard to tell what's folk about **Devendra Banhart**, **Joanna Newsom**, **Coco Rosie**, and many of the other related artists who have been the toast of the music press for the past year or so. Their music shows only the loosest relationship to folk tradition — it's usually performed in rock clubs and it sometimes uses electric instruments.

That brings us to problem No. 3: Most of these artists sing like cartoon characters

who have just discovered the Syd Barrett songbook. There may be great things to be found in their music, but first you have to get around the vocal affectation. That and the creepy lyrics about little boys. Am I up to four?

An exception is the Bay Area's **Vetiver**. Make that a partial exception: Banhart joined the band in 2003 and brings his crazy-lady-in-the-attic mannerisms to the backup vocals. But chief singer **Andy Cabic**'s voice is clear and honest and his lyrics straightforward. While Vetiver's use of drums and cello might have elicited cries of "Judas!" from folk purists back in the day, Cabic's songs always sound, to me at least, as if they have deep roots. Even when the band uses a cheap drum machine, as it does on "Busted (Brokedown Version)," the vocals



VETIVER

work in a close harmony that wouldn't sound out of place on the soundtrack to *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

VETIVER, The Casbah, Sunday, January 22, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10.

Social Distortion [481]: House of Blues, Saturday, January 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Johnny Gill [611]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, January 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

The Dead Kennedys: House of Blues, Sunday, January 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Cake: House of Blues, Monday, January 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Violent Femmes [168]: House of Blues, Tuesday, January 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

FEBRUARY

Air Supply: California Center for the Arts, Friday, February 3, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Gerry Beckley: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Willie Nelson [763]: Pala Events Center, Thursday, February 9, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Jars of Clay [475]: House of Blues, Thursday, February 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Alex de Grassi: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, February 9, 4650

Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Josh Gracin: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Aerosmith [529] and **Lenny Kravitz**: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, February 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

Kirk Whalum [674]: 4th & B, Friday, February 10, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Keller Williams [817]: 4th & B, Saturday, February 11, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Tiger Army: House of Blues, Saturday, February 11, 1055 Fifth

Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Jeff Tweedy: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, February 11, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Bonnie Raitt [533]: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, February 13, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [582]: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 15, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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The Robert Cray Band [941]: House of Blues, Saturday, February 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

"Bob Marley Day Festival": San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 20, 3500 San Diego Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena. 619-220-8497.

Nada Surf [194]: House of Blues, Tuesday, February 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

X [219]: House of Blues, Wednesday, February 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Robyn Hitchcock [509]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

The Derek Trucks Band [950]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [476]: House of Blues, Friday, February 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

"San Diego Brazil Carnaval 2006": 4th & B, Saturday, February 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sevendust [261]: House of Blues, Saturday, February 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Tom Russell: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 26, 4650

Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

MARCH

Styx [523]: House of Blues, Thursday, March 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips [528]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: House of Blues, Saturday, March 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips [528]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Arlo Guthrie: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, March 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Cesaria Evora [885]: 4th & B, Sunday, March 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

David Gray [610]: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, March 20, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Kem: 4th & B, Thursday, March 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Chuck Pyle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 24, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Dave Stamey: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, March 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Pretenders [558]: House of Blues, Monday, March 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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UB40 [737]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 28, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Stereolab [116]: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

APRIL

Queen and Paul Rodgers: Cox Arena, Saturday, April 1, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Fall Out Boy, the All-American Rejects, and Hawthorne Heights: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, April 1, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald [605]: Pala Events Center, Saturday, April 1, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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High on Fire: The Casbah

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The Kingdom of Snakes: The Casbah

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Old Man Hands: The Casbah

Pennywise [268]: 4th & B

Plastic Parachute: Blind Melons

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BY DAVE GOOD

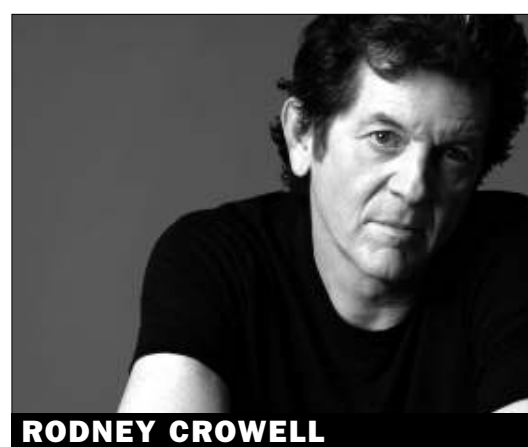
"With a few bucks in our pockets," writes singer-songwriter-guitarist **Rodney Crowell** in his autobiography, "we arrived in Nashville on an August night in 1972." How many times have you heard a story start out like that? But cliché or not, in Rodney Crowell's case it's true. He fell in with emerging talents like Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark, peddled his tunes on music row, and eventually sold a few to Emmylou Harris. She drafted Crowell into her Hot Band and moved to L.A.

This was in the mid-'70s, just ahead of Nashville's implosion into formulaic slop. Good timing. In the decades following, country music became little more than a dispatch of red-state sentiments to the rest of humanity, music as empty-headed and grandiose as the hair-sprayed televangelists who rose from

the bedrock communities of the Bible Belt. Emotions were for sale, something to be manipulated right down to the last teardrop.

Still, Crowell remained a member in good standing of country's solid-gold elite. He married into Nashville's first family when he hitched with Roseanne Cash. He produced some of her best records and eventually produced or wrote songs for everyone from Waylon Jennings to Keith Urban.

It's when Crowell performs his own work that the Nashville sheen comes off and the truer emotions begin to reveal themselves through layers of smoky garage rock. Last year's album *The Outsider* was one of country music's brightest moments. It is a work of ingenuous clarity and alacrity, parsimonious, at times enraged. *The Outsider* works on me in the same way that past poet laureate Robert Pinsky once described a book of photographs: "They peel away my automatic responses and invite me to look again."



RODNEY CROWELL

This album completes a trifecta begun in 2001 with the release of *The Houston Kid* and 2003's *Fate's Right Hand*. Rodney Crowell is the outsider, and as such he lends hope that intelligence in country music is not an oxymoron.

RODNEY CROWELL, Belly Up Tavern, Friday, January 20, 8 p.m. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497. \$20.

Wise Monkey [101]: Winstons

Withdrawal: Tio Leo's Lounge

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Rodney Crowell: Belly Up Tavern

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Disturbed: House of Blues

Thomas Dolby: House of Blues

Downspell: The Jumping Turtle

Dramarama: House of Blues

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Echo View Drive: The Jumping Turtle

Eighty-Four: The Jumping Turtle

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

The Elevators: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The English Beat: House of Blues

The Ex-Friends: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Exit 21: Blind Melons

The Finish: The Jumping Turtle

Firstwavehello [487]: The Casbah

5 O'Clock Shadow: Humphrey's

The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken

Four of a Kind: Winstons

The Fryday Band: Belly Up Tavern

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Tainted Love: 'Canes

Talk to the Fist: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Thunderhead [532]: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

TNT: Dirk's Niteclub

Undecided: Island Sports & Spirits

The Underhills: Blind Melons

Uptown Groove: Second Wind (Santee)

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

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Heartland: La Playa Cantina & Grill

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The New Breed Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), Belly Up Tavern

Reaganomics: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: 'Canes

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

The Big Daddy Orchestra [657]: Tio Leo's Lounge

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective: Thrusters

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

Jorge Camberos & His Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Excelsior

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Delta Nove: Blind Melons

ESP: Dizzy's

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

The Jim Guerin Duo: Jack & Giulio's Italian Restaurant

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The K-Flow Trio: The Arts & Entertainment Center

The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Mark Lessman: Coyote Bar and Grill

Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

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

Mystique: Jimmy Love's, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Riley's Sports Bar

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The Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott
The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare
The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar and American Grill
Jason Weber: Mister A's, Humphrey's
Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Chapter 11: Blind Melons
Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations [748]: Winstons
The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill
Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The Calypso Cafe
The Spoonfed Tribe: Winstons
The Stone Senses: Blind Melons
Trade Roots Contraband: Blind Melons
Tribal Seeds: 'Canes

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club
The Honky Tonk Kings: Renegade Inn
Shoestring Strap: Winstons
The Tall Dudes: Don's Cocktail Lounge
Whiskey Tango [774]: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Acoustic Underground: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Afterglow: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
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Steve Brewer: Dirk's Niteclub
Tom Brousseau: The Casbah
Joe Cardillo: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Brandi Carlile: The Casbah
The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Michael Chapdelaine: Dizzy's
Lee Coulter: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub
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Trevor Davis: Lestat's Coffeehouse
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Kate Earl: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Alex Esther: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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Tim Fallen: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
The Flounders: The Calypso Cafe
Andrew Foshee: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Teja Gerken: Dizzy's
The Gooses: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Patty Hall: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)
Trevor Hall: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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Robin Henkel [914]: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Ben Hernandez: Humphrey's

Nathan James: Humphrey's

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Ramada Inn, Patrick's II

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: Coyote Bar and Grill

Nite Life [934]: Pal Joey's

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Plato Soul: The Kraken

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

Soul Diego: Patrick's II

The Soul Persuaders [945]: Humphrey's

3 EZ Pieces: The Kraken

Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects: Patrick's II, Belly Up Tavern

Billy Watson: The Calypso Cafe

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

All Tide: The Jumping Turtle

Neema Baraka: The Arts & Entertainment Center

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub & Grille

Ashley Broder: Dizzy's

Calima [984]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Manny Capeda: It's a Grind

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Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

Crash Carter [991]: The Calypso Cafe

Deverb: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant

Rudy Francisco: The Arts and Entertainment Center

Ghetto Sage: The Jumping Turtle

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DJ EVENTS

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Angels in Agony: Second Friday of the month, synthpop, industrial, and gothic with DJs DarkAngel, NoSleepDamon, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and EBM with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to

2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallcrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, Istr, and Tom King. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163. DJs Adam Atom,

Decay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spins house and breaks; guests on live horns and percussion. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

CLUBS BY AREA

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday,

Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Friday, *Rodney Crowell* and *Whiskey Tango*, country. Saturday, *Tommy Castro* and *Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects*, blues. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Primo*, salsa/Latin jazz. Tuesday, *Jaz, 3rd Degree, Faded Chroniclez, Celio Skilz, Young Getty, Heat, Nathan Soultrain, Rockstar, and DJ Dee Jay Fortee*. Wednesday, *Roxy Monoxide, New Breed Band, and the Fryday Band*, rock.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Carlos Rull*, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *DJ Big Dude*.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Calima*, jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Lee Tyler Post*, acoustic/rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Irish Wanderers*, traditional Irish folk.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Crash Carter*. Friday, *Semisi & Fulubula*, reggae. Saturday,

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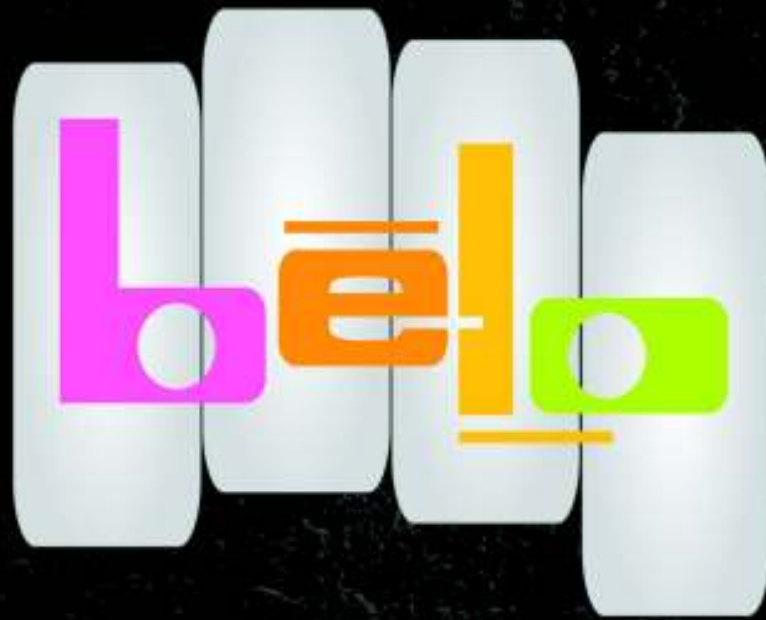
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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Laguna, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Rhythm Method, classic rock, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Jerry McCann Band, reggae/R&B, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Mark Lessman, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Red Lane, rock/blues.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, Bradley Leighton, R&B/jazz/dance.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, the New Breed Band, jazz/pop. Friday, Ron's Garage, classic rock. Saturday, Deverb.

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McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

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Artist: J.D. Boucharde

Label: self-released

Songs: 1) Prelude 2) Against the World 3) Shadow People 4) D.P. 5) Tears of Angels 6) Mathilda May (Lust) 7) High Country 8) Galahad 9) Me, Myself, and You 10) Invitation (0 Out of 3) 11) Until I Saw You

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Band: J.D. Boucharde and studio artists

Extra info: "*Contra mundum*" is Latin for "against the world." *Contra Mundum Volume 1* is the first of a four-album project. Boucharde plays at the Princess Pub and Grille every Saturday night. He's also an Elvis impersonator.

Website: contramundummusic.com

Contra Mundum is a mish-mash of musical styles and recorded sounds. Each song is centered around skillful

piano work, but all have a noise effect, chorus, or backup instruments.

"Mathilda May (Lust)"

features a harmonica and singers belting out a cheery "bop bop bop." The title suggests prurient content, but the song is shiny and adolescent. At the end of the song, the backup voices slow down and grind to a halt like a merry-go-round that's been switched off and is rotating half a turn until it winds down very slowly. Behind that, a woman screams...very confused stuff. Other songs include snippets of television shows, a scratchy recording of a child singing, and a long train whistle.

The lyrics vacillate from noir pleadings to an abusive father on "Daddy Please" to schmaltzy sentimental syrup on "Tears of Angels": "Your tears made all the angels cry and the stars hid their faces as they sighed / Take my head into your hands, and let me say, 'I love you, and I'm sorry



J.D. Boucharde

for the rain.' "

This CD is about abuse, addiction, and rebirth, but it's set to misaligned, peppy music with a few melancholy piano ballads that feature background sound effects. (Sounds confused, doesn't it?) (To hear a sample from *Contra Mundum*, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4985.)

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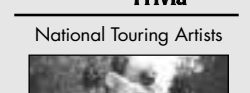
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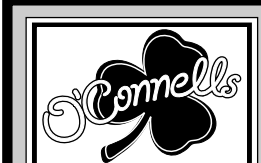
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Another legend, however, claimed that throughout his 91 “beautiful” years the Greek tragedian lived as if his life could shatter in an instant. Evidence comes from his plays. Many of his protagonists — Oedipus, Antigone, Ajax — have their world pulled out from under them.

Shakespeare calls him “blockish”; Homer, a “stubborn donkey.” Nevertheless, during the Trojan War, the giant Ajax was renowned for his prowess in battle, second only to Achilles among the Greeks. When Achilles dies, both Ajax and wily Odysseus covet his god-forged armor. Favoring brains over brawn, the Greek leaders give the trophy to Odysseus. Ajax explodes. In a heart-beat, he falls from grace.

He vows to slay the Greek leaders. But the goddess Athena clouds his mind. Thinking he’s murdering Agamemnon, Menelaus, and Odysseus, Ajax butchers a herd of stolen cattle and the men tending them. Sophocles’ tragedy, *Ajax*, begins after the slaughter.

“Death changes life into destiny,” wrote Andre Malraux. “One day makes or breaks a man,” Marianne McDonald’s lively new translation of *Ajax* observes. Ajax plummets from zenith to nadir, then falls on his sword. In a fit of anger (and in defiance of the gods), Menelaus denies him burial. But, Sophocles asks, how should Ajax be remembered: for one act of madness or a life of valiant deeds?

Ajax is the earliest of Sophocles’s plays that survived. You can detect the seeds of *Antigone* (who obeys the “higher laws” of burial) and the Oedipus cycle in the text. But Sophocles also does something else. Anyone reading the *Iliad* for the first time — and if you haven’t, make it this year’s project; Fagles’s translation — will be struck im-

mediately by how crabby, childish, and unheroic the Greeks are: Achilles mopes in his tent, Agamemnon and Menelaus are spoiled jerks; when a “common man” protests, Odysseus beats him up, and Ajax comes off as a big baby. The Greek leaders hate each other much more than they do Trojans.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

In *Ajax*, Sophocles attempts a kind of old-school restoration. Famous for writing about people not as they are but “should be,” Sophocles looks past Ajax’s foibles, which may have been Athena-inspired, and stresses his nobler achievements.

Marianne McDonald’s translation combines crisp dialogue and contemporary relevance (the *Iliad* is ever-so, especially the Greeks using Helen — a weapon of mass beauty? — as a pretext for going to war). Running through her text is a question: along with being a hero, does Ajax qualify as a tragic figure? *Ajax* argues against, and ultimately for, its inclusion into the genre.

In McDonald’s hands, the play’s many existential questions don’t feel like didactic chin-stroking. But owing to stiff, strident performances at 6th@Penn, they don’t come off as all that human either. With few exceptions, and when they aren’t just shouting, the cast gives wooden deliveries. Instead of reaching tragic stature — which Laurence Brown’s Ajax hints at but, owing to quirky, sometimes indecipherable readings, never reaches — they end up mere costume-pageant declamation.

Exceptions highlight the rule: Fred Harlow’s forceful Agamemnon, Patricia Elmore Costa’s fierce, slimy Menelaus, and Brandon Walker’s angry Teucer (who speaks for the “common man” absent, save for Thersites, in Homer) — each brings life to a production sorely in need of a lift.

The technical elements solve more problems in staging the Greeks than the cast. Amanda Stephen’s black and gold set suggests the Trojan plain and provides a boulder to conceal the self-slain Ajax for the play’s last third. Another problem: how do you represent a Greek god live?

Since they often took human form, the only way to recognize them was their immortal eyes. Paul Savage slide-projects Athena’s onto the tent: wide, irate orbs make the goddess of wisdom look equally capable of madness.

Sophocles wrote that Fortune’s Wheel could ruin a life in an instant. Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen’s docudrama offers contemporary examples. Taken from court transcripts, interviews, and case files, *The Exonerated* follows the fates of six Death Row inmates wrongly convicted of capital crimes.

Witnesses said the African-American perps were under six feet, and he was six-two. Nonetheless, a Florida court sentenced David Keaton to death for murdering a police officer. “A prayin’ man,” Keaton sustained hope, even though his cell stood just doors away from the electric chair. Eight years later, he was released. But even then the authorities “still didn’t want to admit they were wrong.”

Each of the six subjects in *Exonerated* was set free after facing death. But just how free is that? Keaton, who couldn’t watch a prison movie without feeling locked inside it, never returned to “normal.” Neither did Kerry Max Cook, incarcerated for 22 years. Her reprieve haunted Sunny Jacobs, a self-styled hippie whose life plunged from justice for all to something out of Kafka.

Though one could wish it spent more time on the re-entry shock of dead men suddenly walking free — the Lazarus Effect — and that it went deeper into fewer victims, *Exonerated* is an important docudrama. In the hands of Lynx Performance Theatre it’s often quite moving.

Like *The Vagina Monologues* and *The Guys*, the play’s become a national event, performed by stars (Susan Sarandon, Charles Dutton, Richard Dreyfuss) and even by some of the actual people. It’s done, script in hand, as a staged reading. Lynx director Al Germani and a strong ensemble cast give it a full performance. This makes for stark immediacy. As does the production’s reverse theater-in-the-round configuration. The audience faces the condemned, a



Ajax, by Henri Serrur, 1820

Ajax, by Sophocles, translated by Marianne McDonald
6th@Penn Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest
Directed by Forrest Aylsworth; cast: Laurence Brown, Patricia Elmore Costa, Fred Harlow, Morgan Trant, Max Macke, Tara Donovan, Brandon Walker, Megan Fonseca, Erin McKown, Zachary Michael Guzk; scenic design, Amanda Stephens; costumes, Jeannie Galioto; lighting, Elvira Perez; projections, Paul Savage
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The Exonerated, by Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen
Lynx Performance Theatre, 2653-R Ariane Drive, Rose Canyon
Directed by Al Germani; cast: Darrell Allbritton, Ed Hofmeister, Linda Libby, David B. Phillips, Walter Ritter, Lloyd Robertson II, Che Lyons, Veronica Murphy, Julie Sachs, Jonathan Sachs, Andrew Kennedy, Bill Kehayias; scenic and lighting design, Germani
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Ajax

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Beautiful Thing

Diversions Theatre presents Jonathan Harvey's tale of two London lads who fall in love. Rosina Reynolds directed.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Biedermann and the Firebugs

Cygnnet Theatre stages Max Frisch's "dark little comedy" set in a town attacked by arsonists. Murray directed.
CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3.

The Birthday Party

Actors Alliance's OnBook OnStage series presents a reading of Harold Pinter's early absurdist piece. Even though it isn't, strangers celebrate Stanley Webber's birthday (and call him "a plague gone bad"). George Flint directed.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, MONDAY, JANUARY 23, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-640-3900.

Evita

The Welk Resort Theatre opens its new season with Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's Tony Award-winner about the second wife of Argentine dictator Juan Perón. Sha Newman directed.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH APRIL 2; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

The Exonerated

Reviewed this issue.
LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, ROSE CANYON, THROUGH FEBRUARY 9; TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT 9:00 P.M., THURSDAY AT 9:15 P.M., SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-280-2641.

The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of Jeff Whitty's irreverent comedy about Ibsen's heroine, cursed to live on in an "alternative hell." Bill Rauch directed.
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The North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Lionel Goldstein's bittersweet comedy about "two very different men with one thing very much in common." David Ellenstein directed.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American



National Comedy Theatre

football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against

players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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OnStage Playhouse stages Craig Lucas's comedy-romance about what happens "in a soul-transference between totally different people." Daniel Ziskso directed.

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Quidam

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than the material. *Too Old* has three or four catchy/moving numbers (especially "Lunch Hour Lift," about quickie plastic surgery; the Wordsworthian piece "The Child Is Father to the Man"; and Holmes' touching rendition of "Dog Passages," in which the singer marks the years by the dogs he's had). The rest, though always well done (and the cast snappily dressed by Jill K. Mesaros), are negligible. They hold down slots till better songs come along — of which *Too Old* could use at least six. The revue has a frame: the five performers are auditioning for a chorus, and, of course, for the next phase of their lives. To merit a callback, *Too Old* needs major reinventing. THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS

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The Mandarin Mystique

The holiday deluge of relatives hit at gale force during the week after Christmas, bringing my partner's son Gary, his wife Tina, and their four children from the suburban outback northeast of L.A. This incursion presented a trinity of logistical problems: how to lodge, entertain, and feed them for a day. In preference to setting up tents on our front lawn, we put them up at a motel near City College and started the afternoon by turning the kids loose at the beach at the Hotel Del Coronado, followed by early-evening ice skating on the beach-side rink.

Dinner was a tougher decision: The kids range from 7 to 17 and have spent their lives in Palmdale and Lancaster — not exactly hubs of sophisticated cuisine. They're well-mannered, but I still wanted a place where nobody would be shocked at any possible "kid" behavior. They eat enough fast food in the normal course of life that burgers were out of the question. Plus, the oldest, Chris, has the beginnings of a palate, and little Sara has an adventurous spirit, so we were aiming for a big-city treat without dropping a lot of cash. Initially, I thought we'd eat at Miguel's Cocina, near the Del, but by day's end all four young'uns were dripping with ocean water overlaid with ice water and desperately needed a motel-stop to change into dry clothes.

Then I remembered the Panda Inn at the top of Horton Plaza. I decided it would serve to introduce my step-family to the ancient customs of my people: In New York, tribal gatherings ceremonially conclude with a Chinese feast served around a lazy Susan on a big, circular table. From thence comes the adage: "With six you get egg roll."

With eight at Panda Inn, you get spring rolls — and lots more. Instead of having to hammer out compromises over the ancestral "four from Column A, three from Column B," Panda offers three prix-fixe banquet menus ranging from \$20 to \$29 per person. The more sophisticated dishes that I'd normally choose (e.g., salt and pepper shrimp, sizzling-plate scallops and asparagus with black-bean sauce, meatball and Napa cabbage "Lion's Head" casserole) aren't offered on the banquets, but I didn't think the Palmdale contingent would want them anyway. Given the gang's diverse ages and tastes, I suggested that Gary choose one of the banquets. He picked the \$20 version because it included the highest percentage of suburb-familiar dishes. We soon found ourselves facing course after course of Mandarin treats calculated, as an assortment, to appeal to every taste, from the naïve to the worldly. Portions proved gigantic, so diners at our table could eat as much as they wanted of whichever dishes they liked best, and we still dog-



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gie-bagged enough to feed the whole crowd a second time.

Our banquet began with a cauldron of won ton soup, with a hearty, salty chicken broth (so earthy that Gary took it for beef-barley broth) afloat with crisp water chestnut disks, shrimp, roast pork, mushrooms, and ginger, and slightly gummy won ton skins filled with minced chicken. I'd have preferred classic pork-shrimp won tons, truth be told, and thinner pasta skins. Little Sara loved it but wouldn't eat the shrimps; second-oldest Matthew was happy to liberate them from her bowl.

Next came a quartet of dips: Chinese mustard; thin, tangerine-colored sweet-sour sauce; a dark Hoisin or plum sauce (it tasted sweeter than classic Hoisin, but spicier than plum); and bright red chunky chili-garlic sauce. These accompanied three appetizers. Spring rolls, filled with cabbage, carrots, mushrooms, and sesame seeds, pleased us all: Sara, green eyes aglow, liked them so much, she peeled off the dough layer by layer, to enjoy the crisp pastry before she chomped into the filling. The dip that went best with the rolls was the sweet-sour sauce. Tiny baby-back pork ribs were delightful: Glazed with honey, Chinese five-spice blend (redolent of star anise), and sesame seeds, they were fall-apart tender, and everybody at the table loved them except long, lanky Tina, who'll eat no fat. (Gary and Tina reverse the

"Jack Sprat" rhyme.) Pork pot-stickers had very soft skins and a nondescript filling and were supposed to be served with a soy-sesame dip that never showed up. The chili-garlic table sauce saved them from terminal blandness.

Then the entrées started coming, and coming, and coming. My favorite was a combination of eggplant and tofu, a sexy textural mix of slickness and sponginess, robed in a dark, piquant garlic sauce. The seasoning was complex — perhaps due to the fresh hot peppers and chili sesame oil. I found this the most purely "Chinese" dish we tasted. Chris, who is nearly vegetarian, also liked it a lot.

Mongolian beef with scallions was much spicier, appealing to the budding machismo of 14-year-old Matthew, as well as his dad. It featured red jalapeños, bamboo shoots, and garlic in a soy-based sauce thickened with cornstarch. Actually, all the males warmed to the spicy dish while the Palmdale gals barely touched it. I found it pleasant but ordinary.

Three of the banquet dishes of the Asian-for-Palmdalers mode were tasty for that genre, a reminder that once upon a time these were actual Chinese delicacies, not just grist for the sugar-craving gullets of the blue-eyed devils. I actually enjoyed the orange shrimp (which Panda Inn claims as its own invention), spicier and more complex than its gummy cousins at the 99-cent

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Slightly Americanized "Mandarin" cuisine with familiar dishes from northern and western China, a few from the south. Full bar with acceptable choices of wines, beers, and cocktails.

PICK HITS: pork ribs; tofu and eggplant; cashew chicken; orange-sauce shrimp or chicken.

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itive side: The faint smokiness of Lapsang Souchong black tea was pleasantly exotic. Sara had never tasted duck before. Grandpa gave her a clean, skinless piece. She liked it enough to ask for seconds.

Last and least was kitchen-sink lo mein — thick, house-made Shanghai egg noodles (as fat around as udon) with bamboo shoots, mushrooms, nicely sautéed sliced beef, Chinese cabbage, and spinach in yet another soy-sauce gravy.

What I liked was that \$20 per person bought a huge and decent dinner. What I didn't like: Nearly all our entrées fell into two categories of sauce, either spiced-up sweet-sour or spiced-up cornstarch-thickened soy, both obscuring the natural flavors of the ingredients. This was a fault specifically of the banquet menu — as mentioned earlier, a number of à la carte dishes promise greater subtlety and lightness for diners unburdened by backwoods kinfolk or passels of young'uns.

The wine list is conventional and not especially suited to Asian cuisine: There are decent California Chardonnays and Sauvignon Blancs and various reds by the bottle or glass, but no Gewürtz, Riesling, or Vouvray — fruitier whites that get along well with spices. Given the choices, I went for a "fresh-fruit margarita," which tasted good and was weak enough to earn a PG-13 rating. Maybe the bartender was careful to keep Granny sober in front of the kiddies. The guys downed beers, and the kids drank raspberry lemonades and sodas.

Full to the brim, we passed on dessert (vanilla ice cream comes with the banquet) but got a kick out of the fortune cookies — they were streaked with a tasty vanilla glaze. That evening ended happily for me when the whole Palmdale contingent chorused that the food

was good — "Way, way better than the Great Wall." I guess that's their local best Chinese! I've never eaten there, but yes, I'm sure Panda Inn is indeed way better.

THE MYTH OF MANDARIN CUISINE

Panda Inn specializes in the style known as "Mandarin cuisine," putatively the prerevolutionary dishes of Beijing's Forbidden City, centering on the cooking of northern China. There's a certain amount of confabulation in this description. First of all, the palace often favored Cantonese chefs from southern China, just as the Ottoman Turk moguls preferred Armenian chefs. (You conquer an area, then you hire its best cooks.) Dim sum, for example, was invented by Cantonese palace chefs for the "Empress of China," that fearsome Manchurian dowager with the 20-inch fingernails. As for authentic northern Chinese cooking,

when's the last time you saw boiled millet on a restaurant menu?

Nonetheless, the style called Mandarin does highlight the food of the prosperous merchant and bureaucrat classes of the northern provinces, with more meat dishes (vegetables separate, as in the west), darker gravies with a higher percentage of soy sauce, and more hot pepper than Cantonese cuisine — e.g., dishes like Mongolian beef. It also includes some deluxe palace dishes such as minced squab in lettuce cups and mushu pork. And, as with the food of any national capital (always a magnet for ambitious provincials), Mandarin cuisine includes favorite dishes from other regions, such as Shanghai's "Lion's Head" casserole and Szechwan's kung pao.

In the western hemisphere, before Mandarin cuisine arrived, pragmatic Cantonese immigrants dominated the Chinese restaurant business,

serving southern Chinese peasant cuisine adapted to New World ingredients and tastes. Northern Chinese food hit the big time in the 1960s, when the elegant Cecilia Chiang created a stir with the Mandarin in San Francisco's Ghirardelli Square. There may have been other restaurants serving this cuisine, but the Mandarin's precise, masterful cooking, upscale decor, and Chiang's charismatic persona made the genre chic. Soon, "Mandarin" cuisine was viewed as a high-class alternative to plebeian Chinese-American.

Mandarin restaurants awakened Americans to the world beyond chow mein and egg foo yong. But in cities with large Chinese populations, like New York, Vancouver, and San Francisco, their faddishness faded as new generations of chefs arrived from Szechwan, Hunan, Shanghai, and Hong Kong to open authentic, distinctly regional restaurants. In areas like San

Diego, with a chronic shortage of fresh Chinese immigrants, a Mandarin-Szechwan-Hunan-Shanghai hodgepodge became the dominant mode — like most of our upscale Italian food, a multiregional compendium of favorite dishes, universally offered on cookie-cutter menus.

Some 30 years ago, Panda Inn was founded in Pasadena by owner Andrew Cherng and his father, master chef Ming-Tsai

Cherng (probably an immigration agent's spelling of the more common Cheung). The restaurant, which grew to five locations in So-Cal, became one of the pioneers of the food fad that seized hold of this region and has never let go. Each location has its own head chef, with a few specialties of his own, but all epitomize the myth of Mandarin cuisine. Some 11,000 Panda Express fast-food spin-offs have institutionalized it. ■

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Hmm. Decision time. Pannikin coffee or free melons? Sigh. I love melons, but I'm addicted to those little Ethiopian beans. I risk life and limb to skedaddle across rush-hour 101, and — phew! — skittle up the steps of this ancient (1888) Santa Fe depot.

Inside is, as Billy Crystal would say, mahvelous. All sorts of memorabilia, old plank floors, ghosts of passengers past shimmering by. Only thing is they don't seem to have heavy breakfast stuff going on.

I order a coffee anyway and take it outside to the bench facing 101. *Brrr*. Even with the sun, that breeze is biting. Doesn't seem to bother the well-weathered gent on the other end. He sits in shorts and reads his paper.

"Hi, Billy," say a dozen people as they come out. Everybody knows Billy, it seems.

So I ask him where I should eat. "About half a mile up the road," he says.

Ten minutes later, the sign heaves into view. "A Little Moore Coffee Shop." Inside's sea-green-and-white cinder bricks, paintings of Encinitas on the wall, two bluey-gray Formica counters that snake around the center. Bunches of people sit at the counter.

"Good morning," says this guy at the cash register.

"Good morning!" says this perky gal carrying a coffeepot.

"Morning," says this hefty feller. He's sitting next to the stool I plop onto. A large Celtic cross is tattooed onto his right calf.

Gal hands me a menu. Oh, yes. Just what the doctor ordered — a brekky place. A dozen different omelets, from a cheese (\$5.50, with hash browns and toast), to shrimp and cheese

(\$8.50), to Polish sausage and cheese (\$7.25). They also have pancakes (\$6.50, with two eggs and bacon or sausage), egg dishes like Polish sausage and eggs (\$6.25), or hamburger patty and eggs (\$6.95), or even teriyaki beef and eggs (\$9.25). The cheapest item is two eggs any style for \$4.75.

The guy next to me is looking at the specials board. They've got something up there called the Billy, an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice), \$7.95. The Cindy is two French toast with two eggs and spuds (\$5.75), and the Pablo's a plate of grilled veggies over rice with chicken or beef, also \$7.95.

"The Billy," the guy says to the waitress. "The usual."

Think I detect an Irish lilt to his voice.

"Who's Billy?" I ask.

The gal, Amerlyn, says he's a regular, "a local guy who suggested that omelet combo, so we named it after him."

Huh. I make myself a bet it's Billy down at the Pannikin who's being honored here.

Amerlyn brings my neighbor his Billy.

Yo. It's big, with two slabs of hash browns, and toast. "I pretty much always have it," he says. "Coffee?" Amerlyn asks. It's \$1.40. I nod and she pours. "Decided on breakfast?"

"I'll have what he's having," I say, 'cause time's clicking on. Gotta catch the 9:17 Coaster south, and it's a half hour walk from here.

My neighbor's name is Declan Doyle. Is that a great Irish name or what? He was born in Chicago into a second-generation family. "Up there, the different ethnic groupings stick together," he says. "So the accent survives."

"Is this customer giving you trouble?" Amerlyn asks. She's kidding, of course. She's a spirited kid. Everybody likes her. "CD," which is what everybody calls the guy standing over at the cash register, says that Amerlyn started when she was 15, 4 years ago. But that's nothing. Turns out CD has been the owner for 22 years. "And I'm just a newcomer," he says. "This little place has been going for 50, 60 years."

Half an hour later, and I'm still yakkin', still chomping. So many ham chunks, so generous with the avocado. And the home fries crunch when you bite. I splot salsa plus Tabasco to up the omelet's whack factor.

Only moment of dissatisfaction comes when I see Amerlyn passing by with — oh, man. A way-big-looking plate of grilled veggies and chicken on a mountain of rice. The Pablo. Damn. Wish I'd chosen that.

Declan's talking about how he's lived all over the world. He's been to Ireland — of course — plus places like Malaysia, Australia. He's a carpenter, a good one, too, by the look of the drawings he's working on. They're for cabinetry in some loaded Leucadian's mansion. Have hammer, will travel.

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He drops me off at the Coaster. But then I remember Billy and decide I'll just have to hoof it back to the Pannikin to ask if he's ever had an omelet named after him. 'Course, once I get there, he's gone. And now the Coaster clangs past. That means a three-hour bus ride back home. I can already hear Carla. "You missed a train for an omelet name? Are you out of your egg? Man, you crack me up." ■



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Ramona Rising

"It's important to be able to name your dirt something."

As of January 6, there's a new American Viticultural Area in town: Ramona Valley. Before then, if you grew grapes outside of the San Pasqual or Temecula Valleys, the best you could do was South Coast — which basically means, "Somewhere south of Santa Barbara." In a business where location counts as much as it does in real estate, that's not especially helpful. Foggy-soggy coastline, searing desert, mountain microclimate, balmy lowland — all South Coast.

John Schwaesdall of Schwaesdall Winery — the one on the right as you drop down the hill and into Ramona proper — thought his vineyard and the surrounding region deserved better. He even went so far as to contact the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in '01 and start making inquiries. But inertia can set in when waiting on government agencies, and it wasn't until the Ramona Vineyard Association got wind of the idea that the project gained momentum. "I was talking to Johnny about it," says grower and Association member Bill Schweitzer, "and I thought it was a great idea." He and four other members formed a committee and wrote the government a formal request. Three years later, they got their final answer.

Why was it a great idea? First, because the numbers were there to make the effort worth-

while. Since founder Bill Jenkin gathered Ramona's growers into the Association three years ago, the planted acreage has jumped from 20 to 60. At least 20 growers are selling their grapes, "either to Ramona wineries or places like Witch

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Creek, Menghini, or La Jolla Canyon." Victor Edwards recalls that when he and his wife Beth filed to get bonding for Edwards Vineyard and Winery, the local government "was caught off guard. They said, 'All of a sudden, there's a big upsurge in interest.'"

There are now nine bonded wineries in Ramona, with more on the way.

Second, says Schweitzer, "because we're starting to grow some nice grapes here. Amateur winemakers have been winning medals at the San Diego County Fair with wines made from Ramona Valley grapes for years. We're seeing it with Schwaesdall's wines, with Edwards's," and with others. "Having an AVA doesn't give you quality, but it gives you the ability to make the connection between quality and the place where the grapes come from. If we're growing quality grapes, we ought to be able to say on our labels that they came from here — that's an advantage for grape growers. A winery's responsibility is to make good wine from the good grapes they get. If we can't give good grapes to them, they'll go elsewhere. They make their reputation with their label. Growers can only grow what their dirt will

create; it's important to be able to label your dirt as something."

Victor Edwards, besides offering bottled testimony with a tropical-fruity Chardonnay and a couple of intriguing red blends, shares this story: "I had always thought that Cabernet couldn't grow well south of Paso Robles. But then I got these grapes out of Rancho Santa Teresa. Phil Burton from Barrel Builders — that's a cooerage in Napa that builds and re-conditions barrels — was down here, and I poured him some of this Cabernet. His comment was, 'When you bottle this, I want a few bottles. I'm going to have so much fun with this up north.' I took that as a compliment — he's in Napa, and he thought that my Cabernet was at least worth playing with." (Edwards, who always intended to put Ramona Valley on his label, did the soil and climate workups for the AVA application.)

Third, because the valley really is its own place. "The nearest AVA is the San Pasqual Valley," says Schweitzer. "They're at 500 feet elevation; we're a thousand feet above that. They have alluvial soil; almost all of our stuff, even on the valley floors, is decomposed granite — very gravelly, with a lot of ability to absorb moisture and drive it down deep. The vines chase the water; it makes them work harder and go after more minerals."

But the biggest factor is the "onshore drift" — the influence of cool, cloudy air borne in from the coast. San Pasqual, says Schweitzer, gets a lot more cloud cover. "We have some ocean influence, but it always goes away by midday." Often, "By 10 in the morning, we are in bright sunlight. We are going to get the maximum possible tem-



Bill Schweitzer, Beth and Victor Edwards

perature for that day. But then, certainly where I live on the west side of the valley, we get this breeze coming in at 4:30 in the afternoon that cools everything off. We have a huge diurnal shift, from 100 degrees in the middle of the day to 60 degrees in the evening. In San Pasqual, the hot part of the day is much shorter. And if you go three miles east of the Ramona Valley, you've got complete desert influence: if it's going to be hot, it's hot by six in the morning and stays hot until nine at night. We like our climate, because we get the influence of both ocean and desert."

Edwards is on the eastern edge of the valley, and he says, "Our AVA is right at the point where the onshore drift comes in, stops, and goes back. Sometimes, during the hot part of the season, we'll get it two or three times a year, sometimes five or six. I can see it in the mornings; it comes in, and within a half an hour you can see it turn around and go back out. But that's all you need to keep the temperatures just a little bit cooler."

Why does onshore drift matter? When back

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labels on bottles laud warm days and cool nights, they talk about how it gives the grapes a chance to “rest.” Edwards and Schweitzer spell that out. If you get too much onshore drift, says Edwards, “especially as the grapes are ripening in late August and early September, the grapes just sit. They stall.” But if you don’t get enough onshore drift — if the sun has its way with your fruit all day long — then you may lose acid. “Your acid level is dropping as your sugars rise, and you’re trying to keep it as high as possible,” says Schweitzer. “A cool evening keeps the vine from pulling phosphates out of the ground and neutralizing the acids. If a grape — especially a red grape — is still keeping its acid while it’s making good sugars, then you get better tannins in the skin, better color...things that contribute to quality grapes.”

In applying for an AVA, says Edwards’s wife Beth, “you need to prove why you’re different” from the surrounding area. The Association committee thought they had a case, and apparently they weren’t the first to think so. Beth also notes that an early edition of Albert Winkler’s *General Viticulture* lists Ramona’s growing-degree days — a measure of available heat for vine development during the growing season — somewhere between Livermore and Florence. The rough equiv-

alent, according to Schweitzer: St. Helena, an AVA situated in the not-disreputable wine-growing region of Napa, California. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader’s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Big Jim’s Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can “Put Some South in Yo’ Mouth!” The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime “pulled pork,” smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don’t eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don’t miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you’ll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw.... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — “Iskender” means “Alexander.” Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and tzatziki sauce). The shepherd’s salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This “Calypso” has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there’s nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It’s New York pizza only here. “People back East are more traditional,” says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. “We don’t do California thick crust, we don’t do pineapple, we don’t do chicken. We don’t do ‘personal size,’ either. But we *do* do slices.” They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and “whitestone” (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the “Bronx Special,” an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker’n one of James’s right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Paul’s Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald’s or Wendy’s (the

building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it’s no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey-burger. Open seven days for all three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there’s a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. “Eat Healthy, Feel Good” is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat “Maui chicken” skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher’s shop. It’s a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the “*Es ist Wunderbar!*” sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John’s all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Vigilucci’s 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000

Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant’s motto, “a little piece of Italy,” is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that’s Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it’s crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci’s Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci’s Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01)

The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommy-burgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only “extra lean” meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusting manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Children’s and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe din-

ners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — N.W. (10/03)

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy’s), 858-693-3663. “The name ‘Bolsa’ isn’t Vietnamese,” says Kim Trang. “It’s Spanish for ‘bag.’” She’s playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam’s most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We’re talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as



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Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/04)

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/03)

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — N.W. (8/04)

GOLD COAST

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. Some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's own home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world-class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate;

dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M. (1/05)

Cafe Europa 667 San Rodolfo Drive, Suite 133, Marshall's Shopping Center, Solana Beach, 858-793-4693. The menu in this *gemütlich* dining room is mainly German but flirts with France and Italy. The Peruvian owners sometimes offer a South American special at lunch, and Cuzqueño is among the bottled beer brands. The standard German preparations here encompass sausage plates, rather thin-cut schnitzels, meat stews, et al. Lighter dishes include chicken breasts, seafood, and three vegetarian entrées. The outstanding veggie sides include succulent home fries, delicately sweet red cabbage, and a house salad featuring pickled cukes in sour cream. Nice, quiet service with no put-on oom-pah-pah. Beer and generic wines. Breakfast and lunch Sunday, Monday, Wednesday; three meals Thursday through Saturday. Closed Tuesdays. — N.W. (4/05)

Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. All bottles are also available by the glass; you can even get a sip before choosing. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Low corkage for BYO, too. Reservations urged. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/04)

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

910 Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb, a protégé of Trey Foshee (of George's at the Cove) carries on the 910 tradition of clean, flavorful Cal cuisine, based on the seasons and showcasing the fabulous foodstuffs of local farms. Dessert chef Jack Fisher contributes superlatively happy, avant-garde endings. The flies in the buttermilk? The service is Space Cadet Corps, and during dinner, the room is usually noisy. Open daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be

hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Mondays. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — E.B. (10/01)

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low fat, low calorie, low sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. No dinner Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 6 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — N.W. (5/02)

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between here-forever waitresses and

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Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple, and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with

two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, shawarma, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Hillcrest's new owners also offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean diners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Friday for lunch; daily for dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/03)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live

tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue (under the same ownership as next-door Dino's Greek Restaurant) has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are ten-

der and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports bar-patio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; diners moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks

like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

THE BEACHES

China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them

whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (Seacoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the tots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but



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Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Stickee Fingers Barbeque Smokehouse 1404 Garnet Avenue (at Gresham), Pacific Beach, 858-581-6526. Chef-owner Sonny Choudo is an Egyptian Jew from Mexico City who learned to cook in Israel but fell in love with barbecue on a trip to Texas. This bright little room has big windows and a few tables, with Mexican folk art and chile-pepper posters on the walls. Outside is a pleasant wooden patio with a few more wooden tables and an oil drum smoker where the meats are cooked over sweet hickory chunks. Best bets are the tender pork ribs and smoky brisket. Sauce is shallow-flavored and very tomatoey. Sides include a lively coleslaw and an unexpectedly sophisticated heart of romaine salad with Caesar dressing. Street parking (difficult). Italian sodas, but no alcohol. Free delivery in PB with minimum order. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished in-laid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like "Horseradish Crusted Salmon" and "Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako." Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the

other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B. (1/04)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsickle colors, noted dessert-chef Beryl Ann Byrd and co-chef Kurt Metzger offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode — very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Open three meals daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and

his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convo Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines, but you can bring your own. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *N.W. (3/04)*

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, very local watering hole started out serving savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage; now the whole city's flocking in. Chef Eric Wilburn learned his chops at Bradley Ogden's Lark Creek Inn; if he cooks "mom food," it's more than a cut above mom's. Appetizer/bar menu runs to ordinary pub-grub (but crab cakes or red pepper hummus stand out); entrées get interesting, including indulgent "Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops Florentine," a juicy rib-eye steak, and a light-textured meat loaf. Nightly specials are always worth a try. Considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Reservations only for parties of five or more, so expect a wait most nights. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu weekends until midnight; weekend brunches and weeknight reduced-price "early bird specials." Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-617. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honeymooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more

at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner seven days. — *N.W. (1/05)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Rancho sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (4/03)*

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even

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a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Sate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily for dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepest appetite. Expertly sautéed

onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. No lunch, but dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (2/04)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!" an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are ex-

traordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. — N.W. (5/05)

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowing red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — E.B. (3/01)

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and

thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the *quesadilla* with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean *tostada*. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

The Mission North Park and City Bakery 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also at Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," says the waitstaff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. Delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs come on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular sta-

ples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). Roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild but delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce. Comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. Interior has arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. — E.B. (2/05)

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypical Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot & spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — B.D. (6/05)

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

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619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950's pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/04)

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinis here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar,

with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/01)

The Latin Room 560 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-237-7800. This austere, concrete-floored space is mainly a tequila bar, offering at least 120 brands to sample and tasty Mexican cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interesting Mexican meal from a menu that's considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood's regular border-Mex yawns. It offers excellent tortilla soup, decent ceviche, and filet mignon strewn with *cuitlacoche* (a.k.a. "corn mushrooms," a mild and juicy black fungal delicacy), with recipes imported here by a chef who used to cook at Tijuana's revered Cien Años restaurant. A couple can easily make a meal of a few shared appetizers. At 10 p.m. weekends, the place goes disco, with cover charge (IDs checked). Open nightly for dinner, appetizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (1/04)

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from Idaho. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Angus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago

steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louché. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Puerto la Boca 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp "la boca." Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*ñoquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Lunch and dinner daily until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 8:30 p.m. Sunday. — N.W. (8/05)

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Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. Under inventive young French chef Fabrice Tissier, the fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes or the classic bouillabaisse. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the tastes of hotel diners, with 48 hours notice you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Shortstop's Grille at Tivoli Bar 505 Sixth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-6754. Ever heard of the Stingerie, downtown's old red light district? The 1885 Tivoli is one of its last survivors, the oldest bar in the Gaslamp, and Wyatt Earp was its most famous customer. The only thing new is Shortstop's Grille, but "Shortstop" Paulie is an old hand at feeding roaring appetites. He's an ex-Alaska fishing boat cook. Best deal: the Tivoli Special, a 1/3-pound burger with a domestic beer included. Other good fillers: the "Shortstop" sandwich (bacon, egg, tomato, cheese, on grilled sourdough), the tuna salad sandwich with fries, and grilled breast of chicken sandwich with fries. Remember to toast Wyatt and his wife Josie. They're on the wall. Lunch and dinner, Monday to Saturday. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Here you'll find sparkling-fresh seafood in creative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful off-beat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardonnays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a raucous noise level when full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed — the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eating has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open

from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This stand-out in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious osso buco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — *M.N. (11/98)*

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated

in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Cafe La Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café La Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bis-tek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlan" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albondigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the *cabicucho* (Mexican seabass), char-broiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (6/05)*

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada*, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *E.B. (5/05)*

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden ("escondida") mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*), the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat ("*cabrito tatemado*"). Desserts include the house *especial*, mango and ice cream with *rompopo* (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve*, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the "Rey del Pollo" sign. The *La Escondida* entrance sign is in red neon at the park's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/05)*

La Lena Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Lena ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/04)*

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("*la vuelta*") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/03)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

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Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive Branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real (at Arroyo Sorrento), Sorrento Hills, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled Portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 but reasonable markups and wines over \$100 offered at retail price. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Fridays only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — *B.D. (5/05)*

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Everything I knew about Captain John Smith and Pocahontas, I learned from Miss Peggy Lee: "When her daddy tried to kill him./ She said, 'Daddy, oh, don't you dare./ He gives me fever.'" (Name that tune.)

But now along comes Terrence Malick in *The New World* to broaden my knowledge with a two-and-a-half-hour

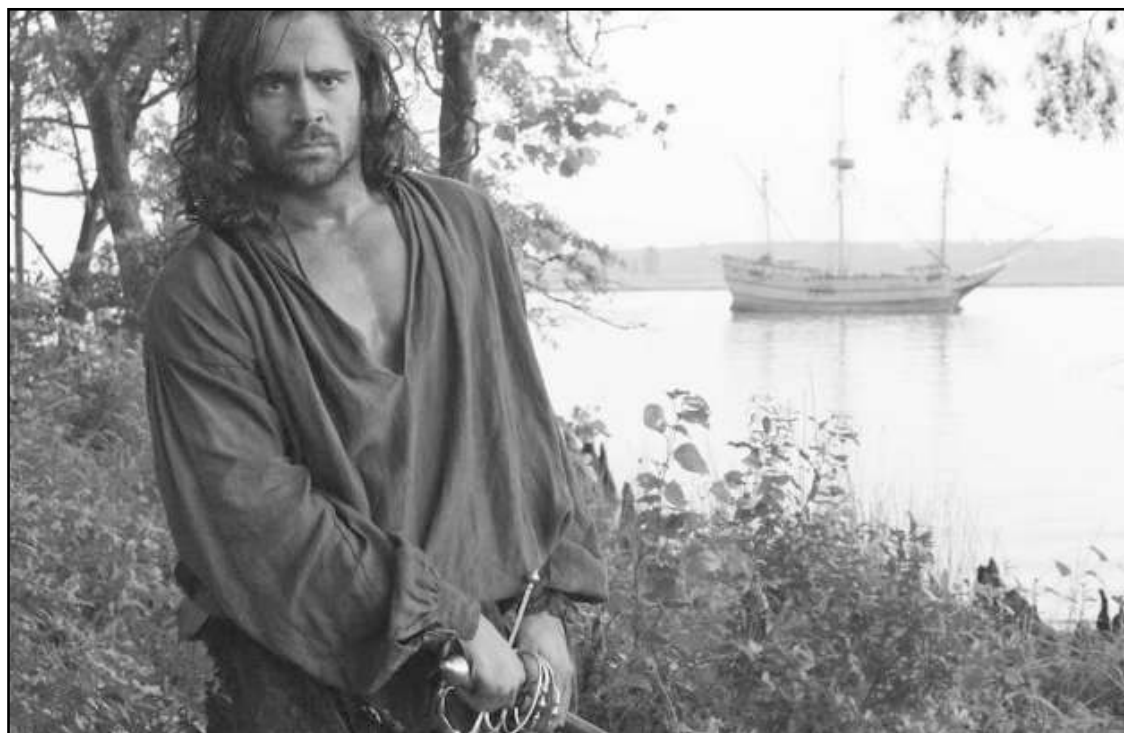
history lesson of fact and speculation, revising my mental image mainly by widening the picture frame, reminding me, if I was ever aware, of the Indian maid's marriage to another, John Rolfe, and of her intended sojourn in England which became instead her eternal rest. Malick's account, after all, is not a love story, or not just ("Love — shall we deny it when it visits us?"), but rather a vision of utopian idealism ("I shall make a new start, a fresh beginning") and the ineluctable progress of America from its native innocence ("They are gentle, loving, faithful, lacking in all guile or trickery") to its imported corruption ("Lord, they're gone away from You, they have not hearkened to Your voice").

No one could deny that Malick has a vision, or at the very least a favorite

shot: a solitary person (usually Colin Farrell, his blue-black eyebrows squirming like indigo snakes) meet in the middle of his forehead) adrift in a sea of tall grass or grain, engulfed by nature, enraptured in a state of child-

like wonder, wandering around confusedly as if trying to remember where he might have mislaid his script. Large

chunks of the words in a very sparse screenplay have been dubbed onto the soundtrack later, in murmurous, barely audible voice-overs from more than one narrator. (Most, if not all, of the parenthetical quotations above come from these first-person ruminations.) The employment of multiple narrators is of course a modernist storytelling device which Malick seized upon in *The Thin Red Line* — an advance on the solo, subliterate female narrators of his *Badlands* and *Days of Heaven* — and it sounds all the more anachronistic, all the more pretentious, in a setting of the early 17th Century than in one of the Second World War. Perhaps his tight hold on that hand-me-down crutch would help to explain how he was able to speed this project to completion a mere seven years after



The New World

his previous project, in stark contrast to the twenty-year hiatus prior to that one. After all this time, he still has fire on the brain: it wouldn't be a Malick film without a conflagration or two. Some of the water shots are almost worthy of Tarkovsky, though the sunlight strained through treetops — another favorite Malick shot — is an

art-film cliché, unworthy of anybody. And don't let the budget fool you. (The excellent set of the frontier fort must have cost a mint by itself.) This is a bona fide art film, one whose jump cuts — very tiny jumps — cannot juice up its stagnant pace, one whose integrity is declared most clearly in its ineptitude. It's too earnest, it seems to say,

to be bothered with entertainment. Malick keeps the Seventies alive like no one else: the dream of rapprochement between commercialism and art, or at any rate the revolutionist scheme of infiltrating the first with the second. That Rip Van Winkle slumber of twenty years, post-*Days of Heaven*, may have had a lot to do with keep-

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For me, the biggest excitement of the film — the biggest throwback to the Good Old Days, better and older than the Seventies, even — was the single corporate logo at the start of it: that of New Line. (By comparison, *The Matador*, not atypically these days, started with five!) From there, however, it was all downhill, nothing precipitous, just an endless, gentle, fifteen-degree grade, a potent stimulant to drowsiness. I have read that Malick has trimmed some seventeen minutes from the running time since I sat through it, not to mention since it opened in select markets for Oscar consideration, thus abridging the history lesson to two hours and a quarter. I can neither confirm these excisions first-hand nor gauge their effect. (Whole scenes of several minutes each? Or just another couple of hundred jump cuts?) A similar tinkering after initial release, and after pre-release press screenings, worked for Kubrick with *2001*. Maybe

that would account for some of the tempered critical response to the film in 1968. And maybe I should similarly have waited to see *The New World* till Malick was through tinkering on it. Then again, maybe whatever he took out will get put back anyway for the DVD release. I won't be sitting through it again. No maybe about it.

Transamerica amounts to a conventional road movie and male-bonding movie despite the unconventional natures of the fellow travellers, a druggy street hustler en route to Hollywood for a career in gay porn, and a pre-op transsexual, a week away from his "re-assignment" surgery, who his young companion does not at first realize is a man, much less realize is his — the companion's — long-lost father. It boasts a flat tire of a script, or anyhow a low-on-air tire (from first-time writer and director Duncan Tucker), but also a fascinating, disorienting performance by Felicity Huffman in a gender-blurring no-man's-land, moving as if she were balancing a jug of water on her head, talking in a tranquilized monotone, stiffening her face into a fragile mask, generally acting like she has a gun at her back, all very understandable for someone who lives in breathless dread

of being found out.

Tristan and Isolde gets printed out on screen as *Tristan + Isolde*, the way a jackknife might put it on a park bench. In it, Kevin Reynolds, the director of *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* and *Waterworld*, tries to rescue the legendary lovers from the clutches of Wagner and deliver them to the shopping mall. Deliver them, more exactly, to mushy, muddled action scenes, to dull, gray, lightless photography, to moonfaced, crêpe-flat closeups, to a Johnny Depp manqué (James Franco), a Kate Winslet wisp (Sophia Myles), and a glowering supporting cast of envious no-accounts. It's bearable, nevertheless, just for the story and its modifications. Such is the power of myth.

Hoodwinked is a fractured fairy tale, the Red Riding Hood tale, told in a fractured narrative after the fashion of stuff like *Pulp Fiction*, *Go*, *Snatch*, *Sin City*, with a dash of *Rashomon*, a whisper of *Citizen Kane*. The intersections of four narrative lines, from four differing points of view, are fun to spot; and the minor character of a banjo-picking bluegrass billy goat, who can say hardly anything without singing it, is truly funny. The bottom-drawer computer animation sets a useful low standard, a base baseline, against which to measure the quality-controlled slickness of Disney or DreamWorks: the nearest thing today to a George Pal Puppetoon in arthritic rigidity. Co-writers and directors Cory Edwards, Todd Edwards, and Tony Leech can fully match the big boys, though, in shoot-from-the-hip hipness. If that's what you want from your fairy tales.

Match Point and *Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World*, the Woody Allen and Albert Brooks movies, respectively, that I had mentioned were at the top of my Christmas Wish List, arrive simultaneously this Friday by some quirk of fate, stroke of irony, or dirty trick. To talk about them together, once I've had a chance to collect my thoughts, seems to be the

thing to do. In the meantime I can recommend them highly and higher. Respectively. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Aeon Flux — The live-action adaptation of an MTV cartoon remains so cartoonish — what with its computer-generated futuristic utopia, computer-animated internal organs, computer-manipulated stunts and body doubles, computer this and computer that — it's a wonder it bothered with flesh-and-blood actors at all. Charlize Theron, who may have been worried after *Monster* and *North Country* that you were beginning to view her as a frump, demonstrates that she can be as sleekly dehumanized as Kate Beckinsale in *Underworld* or Halle Berry in *Catwoman*. ("I want to know what it feels like to be a person," she says at one point, a tad disingenuously.) Frances McDormand, who played opposite Theron in *North Country*, cannot be dehumanized to quite that extent, but she can at any rate be given a monstrous Pre-Raphaelite hairdo. Director Karyn Kusama, once upon a time the maker of the gritty little *Girlfight*, might have persuaded herself she was still carrying the flag of feminist empowerment, but she could not very well persuade the rest of us unless maybe the computer was named HALLE 9000. With Marton Csokas, Jonny Lee Miller, Sophie Okonedo. 2005.

● (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Brokeback Mountain — Here's fulfillment of any desire for a homosexual cowboy movie, superseding all those inadmissible innuendos as to Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, the Lone Ranger and Tonto, the Cisco Kid and Pancho, et al. It fills out and plumps up a sketchy, skinny, yet ample short story by E. Annie Proulx, about a love that dare not speak its name in the unliberated time and place of 1963 Wyoming, a love that could not be denied despite de-

nials ("You know I ain't queer" and "Me neither"), a love that would survive each man's marriage and fatherhood, over a period approaching two decades, but a love that could never come down from the mountain where it sprang up: "This is a goddam bitch of an unsatisfactory situation." Though the story was quite presciently written before the murder of Matthew Shepard in that same territory, the movie arrives long after that, and with a clearer, cruder sense about it of payback, of axe-grinding, of remedial education. There is also a sense about it of material stretched too thin, a slow, uneventful, time-biding start, working up stealthily to the moment of maximal male bonding, and then a straightforward, chronological, but time-skipping follow-through. The greater detail and delay on screen, as against the page, do not equate to greater credibility. One credible detail: the horseplay that turns rough on the eve of their first parting, the eloquent expression of nonverbal types. Contrastingly, their first reunion, a clinch of sumo-wrestler ferocity, right under the nose of one of the wives, is miles from credible. Jake Gyllenhaal, with his choirboyish pretty face and lofty voice, is the more acceptably typecast of the two. But Heath Ledger, lowering his voice to a Scott Glenn register, inside a clamped jaw, and suppressing his native Aussie accent, conveys the more poignant image of inhibition and concealment. Both actors look good in their jeans, in their hats, on their horses, and with their Marlboro Man smokes. And the voluptuous landscape is lovingly photographed. Director Ang Lee already did a lot of that in *Ride with the Devil*, and did it, at the time, with more impact of surprise and revelation. (Ang Lee? Man of action?) What's new here feels frankly inevitable, not at all revelatory; and the director of *The Wedding Banquet*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *The Ice Storm* seems an unsurprising man for the job. Michelle Williams, Anne Hathaway. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 1/20; ESCONDIDO 16, FROM 1/20; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER, FROM 1/20; HILLCREST CINEMAS; KEN; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 1/20; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

Capote — Truman Capote, that is, during the six years it took to research and write his "nonfiction novel," *In Cold Blood*. Regardless of how true a story, it is truly a good story, whose claim on our attention is not that it's factual but that it's fascinating. It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at work; a writer in pursuit of a subject; an established novelist, a Manhattan dandy transplanted from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from *The New York Times* of November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, and who promptly gets the go-ahead from the editor at *The New Yorker* to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The story, then, of an exotic fruit in the Midwest breadbasket, with his nasally lisping castrato drawl and his ankle-length camel's-hair coat and flowing boa-like scarf. ("Bergdorf's," he volunteers, fingering the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, "Sears, Roebuck.") The story of a man who, in the end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It is not a story with a moral to it, although some viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put quotation marks around the name of Capote. His whole-souled commitment to the part, his concentration, his emotion, his expressiveness, his nuance, his multiplicity — all of that helps to make a good story better. Whether or not truer. With Catherine Keener, Chris Cooper, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Bruce Greenwood; written by Dan Futterman; directed by

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Cheaper by the Dozen 2 — A family feud, over Labor Day at Lake Winnetka, between the twelve-kid Bakers and the eight-kid Murtaughs, or anyway between their hotly competitive dads (Steve Martin, Eugene Levy). Humor and sentiment every bit as cheap as *Cheaper One*. The only notable change is in the suddenly sculpted Hilary Duff, who either has done some work or, odds are, had some work done. (The change in directors, Shawn Levy to Adam Shankman, is undetectable.) Bonnie Hunt finds a few crannies in which to do something resembling acting. With Piper Perabo, Tom Welling, Carmen Electra. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA

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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe — The mythic children's book by C.S. Lewis makes for a good children's film, better, to pick a couple of nearby co-ordinates, than any of the Harry Potters, better than any third of *The Lord of the Rings*, albeit still rather longish at two hours and twenty minutes. In the first place, and in spite of the existence of six other books in the Narnia series, it has a beginning, a middle, and an end — and all in one film! (What a concept!) In that respect, it calls to mind the original *Star Wars*, not the original trilogy, much less the following trilogy, but the single, solitary film. The stand-alone film. The ending of *Narnia* in particular, with all its triumphal pomp and circumstance, calls that film to mind. The beginning, on the other hand, calls to mind an even better children's film, *The Secret Garden* (the 1993 version at any rate), with four parentless children packed off during the London Blitz to a gloomy mansion of rigid rules ("No improper use of the dumbwaiter," etc.), where they soon discover, at the back of the wardrobe in the spare room, a portal to the alternative universe of Narnia, populated by talking animals and a messianic lion named Aslan. (The transitions between the two worlds are dreamily seamless.) A prophecy, they further discover, has foretold of their coming as well as their overthrow of the reigning Wicked White Witch, wonderfully visualized — an icicle crown, frozen-stiff hair, snowman's lump-of-coal eyes, clammy, oyster skin — and commandingly played by Tilda Swinton. The

narrative incidents unfold smoothly and swiftly and at times quite excitingly. And the execution of Aslan, in an atmosphere that reeks of a witches' Sabbath, is about as brutal as it could be without becoming as sadistic as *The Passion of the Christ*. His immediate resurrection, although the logic of it had been withheld from us, and although the Christian allegory of it cannot be ignored, is nevertheless easier to swallow than, subsequently, the prowess of the children on the battlefield or the wholesale resurrection of casualties on that field. The lesson in courage at that point, or those points, gets a bit muddled. It almost smacks of cowardice. With Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, and the voice of Liam Neeson; directed by Andrew Adamson. 2005.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Conformist — The enormous suspense potential of the Alberto Moravia novel, about an Italian Fascist whose yearning for normality and acceptance has brought him the assignment of murdering his former professor, remains buried beneath the hot-shot gimmickries and smart-aleckeries indulged in by Bertolucci — the shuffled time sequence, the overly choreographed snow-white insane asylum, the mountains of walnuts piled high around a bureaucrat's office, the virtuoso hand-held-camera scramble through the forest, and the like. With Jean-Louis Trintignant, Do-

minique Sanda, Stefania Sandrelli. 1970.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, 1/20 THROUGH 26)

The Family Stone — Christmas comedy about the gathering of a clan, and allies, in snowy New England at the holiday. The core family, name of Stone, numbers seven, so a lot is afoot: terminal cancer, a pregnancy, a gay-couple adoption (minorities within the minority: the couple is interracial and one-half hearing impaired), an old flame, a guttering flame, two new flames. It all sorts itself out, in a next-Christmas coda, with no sticky residue. The cast, including Sarah Jessica Parker, Claire Danes, Dermot Mulroney, Luke Wilson, Rachel McAdams, Elizabeth Reaser, Ty Giordano, Diane Keaton, and Craig T. Nelson, could use any help they can get, but what they get from the bilious photography is skin the complexion of uncooked chicken. Written and directed by Thomas Bezucha. 2005.

● (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

Fun with Dick and Jane — Fast and loose remake by Dean Parisot of the all but forgotten 1977 social satire by Ted Kotcheff, the American Nightmare reimagined specially for the epoch of Adelpia, Enron, and other corporate miscreants. Fast pac-

ing, that is, and loose plotting. Jim Carrey, as the out-of-work executive who stops his financial free fall with a spree of armed robbery (armed with a squirt gun), can still execute a pratfall and can still out-flex Gumbly, but now a little more restrained, a little more aged, he is starting to look less like the new Jerry Lewis and more like the new Johnny Carson. Ace cinematographer Jerzy Zielinski (Agnieszka Holland's *The Secret Garden*, *Washington Square*, and *The Third Miracle*, for three) sees to it that the star, his co-stars (Téa Leoni, Alec Baldwin, Richard Jenkins), and their antiseptic surroundings at least look good. 2005.

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Glory Road — Yet another Disney raid on the annals of sport for an Inspirational True Story: the 1966 NCAA basketball final in which the upstart Miners of Texas Western (today, UTEP) sent out five blacks for the opening tip against the "basketball royalty" of the all-white Kentucky Wildcats. This story, within a larger story of sports in America as an agency of social change and collective consciousness-raising, is such an

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intrinsically good one (what took so long to get to it?) that it cannot really benefit from dramatization, or more particularly, Disneyfication. Nor can it benefit from its transformation into a visual accompaniment for a double-disc collection of golden oldies. It does depict some good practice sessions and good coaching lessons, with the dagger-eyed Josh Lucas as Don Haskins, the fifth-year coach at Texas Western, not first-year, as portrayed here, much less straight from coaching a high-school girls' team. (Ah, Hollywood.) And Jon Voight, in a putty nose to rival the one he wore as Howard Cosell in *Ali*, creates a sizable diversion in his comical but not disrespectful portrait of the old-school Kentucky coach, Adolph Rupp. ("You're going to win this game," he assures his disarrayed troops in the desperate waning minutes. "Now go out there and make me a prophet.") And there are a couple of gratifying shots of UK black students huddled around a TV set in a dorm room and stifling their cheers for the opposition. With Derek Luke, Austin Nichols, Mehcad Brooks; directed by James Gartner. 2006.

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Good Night, and Good Luck — Unabashed hero worship of the "crusading" CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow, directed and co-written by George Clooney, who also plays Murrow's television producer, Fred Friendly. (In the lead role, David Strathairn has Murrow's somber countenance, speaks with his cadence, and goes through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal "Salute to Edward R. Murrow" in 1958, and by the guest-of-honor's scolding assessment of the current state of TV journalism, it centers on his famous face-off four years earlier with Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever-

widening circles as the Boogeyman. (McCarthy, seen only in grainy archive footage, looks even cruder than usual in opposition to the crisply photographed thespian smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV newscaster himself, and high-profile Hollywood liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the sitting duck of the past were taken to be a stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today — Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick — and pleased, too, if Murrow's example were held up to the news networks of half a century later. (But be careful, George, what you wish for: the network that appears to come closest to Murrow's stance of advocacy, if nowhere near his humanity or integrity, would be Fox.) Clooney can surely rival any of his targeted enemies, past or present, in piety; and even, albeit in a somewhat different sense, in reactionaryism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of *Fail-Safe* a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in black-and-white (not just matching the custom of the time, but Expressionistically matching the *Weltanschauung* of white hats versus black hats), scoring it with outmoded moody jazz, and treating it in the hectoring, lecturing style of the Rose-Serling-Schulberg screenwriters. In truth the message is gotten across with an altogether unacceptable amount of speechifying; and for all the feverishly overlapping dialogue and the occasional hustle-bustle of cast or camera, it is steadfastly a static film, nailed to a platform. With Robert Downey, Jr., Patricia Clarkson, Frank Langella, Jeff Daniels. 2005.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 1/19)

Grandma's Boy — From Adam Sandler's Happy Madison production outfit, a losers' comedy below the standard of the head man. Now, that's low. So, Allen Covert, instead, takes the lead role of an overaged video-game tester reduced to living with his grandmother and two old cronies (i.e., crones). It would play like a sitcom pilot if not for the potty mouth and the pot. With Linda Cardellini, Doris Roberts, Shirley Jones, and Shirley Knight; directed by Nicholas Goossen. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of

Fire — The fourth installment in J.K. Rowling's series of children's books yields a two-and-a-half-hour movie which, for all its furious activity, gets virtually nowhere. It gets, more specifically, through the "legendary" Triwizard Tournament, only to arrive at the dampening admonition, "Dark and difficult times lie ahead." Potterites, under the freedom-of-religion pact, ought not to be begrudged their mythology; and two and a half hours of lavish illustration might well strike their eyes as a feast. The skeptic or the mere apathetic is more apt to notice the presumptuousness of filmmakers who expect their audience to meet them seven-eighths of the way. (Have you done your homework, kiddies?) The skeptic or apathetic will also be quicker to sense that the unabated spectacle of special effects becomes almost routine, almost humdrum, regardless of how imaginative some of those effects may be: the sailing ship that surfaces and submerges like a submarine, the ghostly face of Sirius molded in the glowing embers of the hearth for a fire-side chat. Such a viewer will also be more prone to argue that this sort of anything-goes fantasy, with few established rules, fosters a feeling of passiveness if not instinctive, involuntary withdrawal. The new director, Mike Newell, is the best of the three to take the controls in the series to date (Chris Columbus for parts one and two, Alfonso Cuarón for part three), although a runaway train is open only to the most limited guidance. We are reminded of his capabilities not so much by any demonstration of them as by the presence of Miranda Richardson, his scintillating star in *Dance with a Stranger*, and quite delightful here in the new role of Rita Skeeter, nosy news reporter for the animated scandal sheet, *The Daily Profit*. With Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Brendan Gleeson, Michael Gambon, Ralph Fiennes. 2005.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Hoodwinked — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Anne Hathaway, Glenn Close, and Patrick Warburton; co-written and directed by Cory Edwards, Todd Edwards, and Tony Leech.

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Hostel — Sophomoric gore, "presented" by Quentin Tarantino but directed by Eli Roth. Youthful backpackers interrupt their tour of Amsterdam (a cannabis cafe, a disco, the red-light district, no time for Anne Frank House) in order to pursue the promise of beautiful and easy girls in Slovakia, where indeed a couple of beautiful and easy girls lead them straight to a torture chamber. The Slovakian tourism board cannot be pleased. Jay Hernandez, Derek Richardson, Eythor Gudjonsson. 2006.

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King Kong — Fresh from *The Lord of the Rings*, Peter Jackson could presumably have done anything he wanted. What he apparently wanted was to do a remake. Check that, a second remake. A 21st-century Kong. A CGI Kong. A kung-fu Kong. (Three T. rexes at a time, one hand tied up with a savory maiden.) And not least, a three-hour Kong, even though it takes over an hour to get to him, and though he must share screen time after that with an entire ecosystem of slimy, slithery critters. Jackson, remaking almost slavishly the 1933 version rather than the rerouted 1976 version, returns the action to the original period, plays up and jokes up, with help from the turtle-faced Jack Black, the film-within-the-film element (Fay Wray is unavailable because "she's shooting a picture with RKO"), and imbues the beauty-and-beast theme with the sort of modish, operatic amplification that says so much about our Age of Indulgence, squeezing every last drop of emotion from the death of the ape, all the way down to the emotion (among the most sensitive individuals) of mirth. The Kong films show a sharp decline, this one a farther step down from the last than the last was down from the first. Three hours are not automatically "better" than one and three-quarters or two and one-

quarter. Even the supposed progress in special effects — from stop-motion models to computer animation — is largely illusory. The former falsity of stiffness and creakiness has simply been replaced by the falsity of fluidness and faileness. Exhibit A: the stampepe of brontosaurus, an enlarged replication of the running of the bulls at Pamplona, wherein these nimble, fleet-footed behemoths scarcely seem to occupy the same space as the humans, even when stepping on them. Exhibit B: the attack of the giant bats on Kong, fluttering like shadows and creating a timely diversion that affords the boring romantic couple (Naomi Watts, Adrien Brody) a means of escape by hang-gliding from a bat's feet, easy as catching a ride on the trolley. In whatever measure such effects might be "better" than the old, it's too short a measure to make up for the falloff in imagination. 2005.

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Last Holiday — The old, old — fifty-six-year-old, to be exact — Alec Guinness vehicle retailed to the expansive personality and physique of Queen Latifah. As a mousy cookware clerk at a department store in New Orleans, given three weeks to live and determined to blow her bank account on a dream vacation at the Grandhotel Pupp (pronounced "Poop") in Karlovy Vary, the actress shows a bit more than her usual capital-A attitude — a reserve, a restraint, a wider range. That's hard to sustain, though, when she's doing things like snowboarding down a "black diamond" ski slope or BASE-jumping from the top of a hydroelectric dam. You go, girl. She is flatteringly photographed in the bargain, although the lighting that gives her (and a nonthreatening LL Cool J) a golden glow, gives the white folks jaundice and anemia. One of those is the pre-eminent French actor of his generation, Gerard Depardieu, in a subordinate role as the hotel master chef who holds the secret of life: "Butter." Which is tantamount to seeing a French comedy starring Firmine Richard wherein Robert De Niro would pop up intermittently, speaking broken subtitled French as a philosophical hotdog vendor. Wayne

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Wang, the director, appears to feel no urgency to correct the course that has led him away from *The Joy Luck Club* and *Eat a Bowl of Tea* toward *Maid in Manhattan* and *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Not the most credible source, in other words, for a moral homily on living without fear. Timothy Hutton, Alicia Witt, Jane Adams, Giancarlo Esposito. 2006.

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Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World — Reviewed next issue. With Albert Brooks, John Carroll Lynch, Jon Tenney, and Sheetal Sheth; written and directed by Brooks.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 1/20)

The Matador — Smarty-pants comedy-thriller written and directed by Richard Shepard. Pierce Brosnan, producer and star, further purges himself of James Bond (if *The Tailor from Panama* didn't do the trick) in his garish portrayal of "a facilitator of fatalities" who befriends a timid American businessman on a job in Mexico: "For an assassin, he's very nice." He certainly appears to be enjoying himself. The viewer will be hard pressed to match him. Greg Kinnear, Hope Davis. 2005.

★ (MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Match Point — Reviewed next issue. With Jonathan Rhys-Meyers, Scarlett Johansson, Emily Mortimer, Matthew Goode, and Brian Cox; written and directed by Woody Allen.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 1/20)

Memoirs of a Geisha — Nipponese bodice-ripper, from the best-seller by Arthur Golden, though it plays as if it could just as well have been by Danielle Steel, a Cinderella story of the rise and fall and rise and fall and rise of a blue-eyed geisha in pre-war and postwar Japan. "A story like mine," she starts out, meaning more than she means, "should never be told." Nor should it be illustrated with the frenzy, flamboyance, and insufficient illumination accorded it by the razzle-dazzle director of *Chicago*, Rob Marshall. (Earlier in the gestation, it was going to be Steven Spielberg.) Gong Li is still Gong Li, and still beautiful, but in the lead role Zhang Ziyi is now Ziyi Zhang: the boom in Asian imports has brought no consistency in appellation, only confusion. (The catty rivalry on screen between the older actress and the younger, and eventually the all-out catfight, gains an added dimension when you recall that the one was bumped by the other in the films and affections of Zhang Yimou, or Yimou Zhang.) Using Chinese actresses is of course defensible in a movie aimed at the American masses, just as their speaking in English is defensible. Their speaking in unintelligible English rather defeats the purpose. With Michelle Yeoh, Ken Watanabe, Koji Yakusho, Youki Kudoh. 2005.

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Munich — Steven Spielberg's profoundly pessimistic account of the terrorist massacre of eleven Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics and the bloody aftermath of tit-for-tat reprisals. The director, while he plainly wants to pay his respects to all parties, has not rid himself of his grandiosity and his self-indulgence. The overextended running time is simply, contradictory though it sounds to say so, a shortcut to Importance, a direct equation of size with significance. And the assorted lightening, whitening, fading effects in the cinematography of Janusz Kaminski (*Schindler's List*, *Amistad*, *Saving Private Ryan*, etc.) call attention to themselves in their inconsistency. For a very large fraction of its two-and-three-quarters hours, however, the action is tense and unpredictable, kept within the straits of credibility by various means: by a consciousness of, if not a strict fidelity to, the factuality of the case; by a care not to let the thrills overpower the aversion to violence; by an accent on the human factor. With Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Ciarán Hinds, Mathieu Kassovitz, Hanns Zischler, and Geoffrey Rush. 2005.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The New World — Reviewed this issue. With Colin Farrell, Q'orianka Kilcher, Christian Bale, Christopher Plummer, and David Thewlis; written and directed by Terrence Malick.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/20)

Pride and Prejudice — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darcys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from *Romeo and Juliet*. The team behind the present production of it, apart from their attempt to replace the titular conjunction with a dashing ampersand, earn no points for imagination or courage in finding their way to so trafficky a corner of the library. (Can no one, for a change, find his way to the shelf of Thomas Love Peacock? George Meredith?) And the prospect of again sitting through the machinations of the author's mating game (match four from Column A to four from Column B) sounds quite tedious in advance. Nevertheless, the filmmakers have not failed to make it involving. Austen herself made it hard for them to fail, as long as they stuck close to the text. Joe Wright, a British TV director in his feature debut, certainly did more than his share to gum up the works, with an anemic, coarse-grained image and a lot of mushy telephoto camerawork: a pale substitute for the MGM sheen of 1940. And Matthew MacFadyen makes a dull Darcy, a blank, more stuporous than brooding, a kind of waxwork Stan Laurel. Any doubts, however, as to the star potential of Keira Knightley — and after the likes of *Dominio* and *The Jacket* and *King Arthur*, how could there not have been doubts? — are decisively routed. She may be too pretty for

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One favorite anime is *One Piece*. I like the storyline and the characters, especially Monkey D. Luffy. I also like how there are these fruits that cause supernatural powers, like the gum-gum fruit, which makes your body stretch like rubber. The flower-flower fruit allows you to make your arms appear anywhere you see. That's cool.

I like *Full Metal Alchemist* because it shows a world where there's a skill called alchemy that has many different purposes. It can make weapons out of junk. It can also repair what was destroyed, combine two beings into one, and is able to control flames. My favorite character is Edward Elric, who lost his arm and leg when he tried to use alchemy to bring his mother back from the dead.

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FLCL is just so random and weird, I love it! Especially the dialogue. I watch it over and over just to try and understand it more clearly. It's usually quite an ordeal because while I try to figure out what in the world is happening, I also like to memorize the dialogue. That way I can say lines whenever I want. Besides, the artwork is absolutely fabulous!

I like how *Chobits* deals with the future. It has comedy, romance, science fiction, all splashed together. The music is very fun, upbeat most of the time. The artwork is awesome as well. There's something about extreme fantasy that I really love. Well then, I guess I love all anime. This DVD is so good that I'm now starting to collect the mangas.

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ANTHONY TRAN

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Naruto is a favorite anime and my favorite character is Uzumaki Naruto because of the way he acts. He's always complaining and wanting to be the best, and jealous of someone else. He kind of reminds me of myself. I also like him because when people make him mad, he gets super mad, then becomes powerful. Also, when he first started out, he was really weak then became super powerful.

I like *Dragonball Z* and the character of Goku. Goku is the strongest person in all of *Dragonball Z*. He's the first to meet many levels of Super Saiyen. He's also smart and kindhearted because he's always thinking of the safety of others. Altogether, Goku is a nice, strong guy and that's why I like him and the show.

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Elizabeth, she may be too young, but she is just sufficiently feisty, just sufficiently fiery, without being too and too. It's a tightrope she walks, and she keeps perfect balance. Two old pros, Brenda Blethyn and Judi Dench, bring solid support as two very dissimilar women, the high-strung Mrs. Bennet and the haughty Lady de Bourgh. Any well-bred young woman who can endure the one on a daily basis and stand up to the other in a moment of crisis must be made of stern stuff. Donald Sutherland, Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Tom Hollander. 2005.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18)

The Producers — For posterity, Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick reprise their roles in the Broadway musical, together with Gary Beach and Roger Bart, while Uma Thurman (with a funny SVEE-dish accent) appropriates the cheesecake, and Will Ferrell goose-steps into the part of the playwright of *Springtime for Hitler*, "A New Neo-Nazi Musical." (Director and choreographer Susan Stroman, too, reprises her offstage roles.) At first the actors might seem to be still projecting for live theater, but their energy eventually, or intermittently, pulls you in. The musical version reminds you of what was good about Mel Brooks's 1968 original (a bit less of a musical, but a bit of a musical all the same), and there is enough newness in it to keep it interesting: a chorus line of tap-dancing blue-haired old ladies on walkers (well, their walkers tap-dance at any rate), a delightful pas-de-deux between Broderick and Thurman, and more. The action is advisedly set in the Fifties (although some of the flaming gayness feels later), and its vaudeville roots

remain brazenly exposed. 2005.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Rumor Has It — Barren ground for the comic charms of Jennifer Aniston, as a hesitant fiancée investigating the possibility that her Pasadena family was the model for the Robinsons in *The Graduate*. That would make Shirley MacLaine Mrs. Robinson, and Kevin Costner the nuptial Lochinvar. (A self-described "dilettante Che biographer," he ignorantly pronounces his subject's surname as "Gwa-vara.") When those two once again come face to face at the climax, the music comes from a different 1967 movie, *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*. The script is similarly heavy-handed, a hammering rhythm of easy set-ups and smashes. With Mark Ruffalo, Richard Jenkins, and Mena Suvari; directed by Rob Reiner. 2005.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Squid and the Whale — Complex relationship film. Parents and children, husband and wife, brother and brother, in the main, but supplementarily wife and lover, male professor and female student, older boy and new girlfriend, among others. The uncommon specificity as to time and place and cultural milieu — 1986, Brooklyn, the bourgeois intelligentsia — is to some extent a limiting factor but more so an animating factor. These people live and breathe. (Or, in view of the time, lived and breathed.) The parents, the husband and wife, are respectively a has-been "serious" novelist, now a musty academic, and a

soon-to-be first novelist, presently excerpted in *The New Yorker*, and to make matters worse the wife's wing-spreading encompasses an occasional affair. When the couple try a joint-custody separation, the older boy sides with his aggrieved father, while the younger boy, barely into puberty, sides with his mother. Though well played by the sagely bearded Jeff Daniels, with his outer show of cultivation and his undertow of savagery, the character of the father is seen as a bit of a caricature; and though likewise well played by the cosmetic-free Laura Linney, the mother is seen more distantly, less distinctly. But the characters of the children are unqualified successes, especially the older one, whose age, by no mere coincidence, closely matches that of writer-director Noah Baumbach at that same period. The hunched shoulders, the sniffy nose, the sleepy eyes, the shrugging speech of Jesse Eisenberg capture perfectly the role-playing pretentiousness of the young, and the damning details of intellectual laziness all throughout the script complete the portrait. The younger brother, played under a cloud of moroseness (with passing squalls) by Owen Kline, registers as a total original, a self-proclaimed philistine, after careful consideration of Dad's disdainful definition ("Someone who doesn't care about books or interesting films"), and no less pretentious, in his inverted snobbery, than his faux-cultured older brother. This painfully funny film, put simply, is a comedy of character, a human comedy. And while the filmmaking itself is nothing special, the not too jiggly hand-held camera does achieve, in its positioning and its movement, a sort of natural rapport with the humans, an easy congeniality, a Frenchified nonchalance. William Baldwin,

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Anna Paquin. 2005.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 1/19)

Syriana — Serioso. Molto serioso. Not so much a drama as a diagram, didactic in purpose, of the chain-link interconnections, the slow-burn chain reactions, in the Middle Eastern oil trade. What screenwriter Stephen Gaghan did for the illicit drug business in *Traffic*, he attempts to do again, as both screenwriter and first-time director, for the even more intricate oil business, adopting some of the same “realistic” conventions (the unsteady camera, the intermittent subtitles, the egalitarian cast of characters, a lack of dramatic emphasis, an absence of heroics), and following the same pattern of crosscutting between plotlines in an apparently deliberate strategy of *suspensus interruptus*. Limpidity is not his aim. Complexity is, and no matter if the cost is confusion and incomprehension. You really need a scorecard to tell all the players, and even once you have figured out who’s who, it’s still hard to know which one, or ones, to root for; which outcome would be for the best; which course of action, if any, would clean up the mess. In the end, Gaghan convinces us he knows a lot more about how the world works than about how fiction works. George Clooney, Matt Damon, Jeffrey Wright, Chris Cooper, Christopher Plummer, Tim Blake Nelson, Amanda Peet. 2005.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Transamerica — Reviewed this issue. With Felicity Huffman, Kevin Zegers, Fionnula Flanagan, and Elizabeth Peña; written and directed by Duncan Tucker.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/20)

Tristan and Isolde — Reviewed this issue. With James Franco, Sophia Myles, Rufus Sewell, and David O’Hara; directed by Kevin Reynolds.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;



The Squid and the Whale

ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

2046 — After the concentrated perfection of “The Hand” — Wong Kar-wai’s fraction of the anthology film, *Eros* — the defects of this one are apt to appear the more glaring. Ostensibly it’s a sequel to his close-to-per-

fection *In the Mood for Love*. Or anyhow the action picks up shortly after it in 1966, and centers around the same protagonist (Tony Leung), although the love-’em-and-leave-’em libertine and spicy science-fiction writer of the current film bears little resemblance to the inhibited pinner and Grub Street drudge of its predecessor, even allowing for the ravages of a broken heart. (The title refers both to the time-setting of his s-f tales and to the number of his next-door hotel room.) There is a patchwork feeling here, jammed and jumbled, diffuse and desultory, partly the effect of a fragmented narrative and a heavy dependence on the

cement of voice-over, and partly the effect of a visual grab-bag that includes a lot of slow-motion, a bit of black-and-white, and extended re-enactments of the hero’s visions of the future, sometimes animated, sometimes live-action, always in an illustrational style that postdates the science fiction of the mid-Sixties. The director’s painterly eye ensures, at the same time, a great deal of beauty; and the wide, wide screen affords him more room than ever before for empty space, out-of-focus space, purely compositional and coloristic space. This thing of beauty, though, is rather a scatterbrained beauty, a gorgeous space

case. Some hefty ideas, to do with impermanence, loss, memory, alienation, are lugged up and down the arduous stair-step structure: we skip quickly past the characters played by Gong Li, Carina Lau, and Faye Wong, before we spend some quality time with Zhang Ziyi, and begin to work our way back, in reverse order, to Faye Wong (still going forward in chronology) and then (withdrawing into the past) Carina Lau and Gong Li. With small overlaps, the scheme goes more or less A-B-C-D-C-B-A. We can almost perceive that the top step — the peak of the pyramid — the Zhang Ziyi piece — might have attained the independent perfection of “The Hand,” if held to similar length. The lower steps are stubbier, and slipperier. And where the Antonioni and Soderbergh fractions dragged down *Eros*, Wong manages to drag down 2046 all by himself. 2005.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1/22, 2 P.M.)

Underworld Evolution — Horror sequel starring Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman, and Bill Nighy, directed by Len Wiseman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/20)

Walk the Line — The same line, that would be, as the previous year’s *Ray*, a musical biopic on a recently fallen giant of popular song, C&W instead of R&B, Johnny Cash instead of Ray Charles, two years dead instead of mere months, but the same backstage tale of early poverty and tragedy, meteoric ascent, marital discord, drug abuse, salvation. Fewer people this time, in describing Joaquin Phoenix’s impersonation of the Man in Black, will be inclined to link the adjective “uncanny” to the noun “likeness.” Though he has obviously studied hard for the part, copying the horselike head-toss and breaststroker’s air-

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gulf in performance on stage, he lacks both the stature and the weight: a sort of Cash shortage. It doesn't help that his singing (separate from his head-tossing and air-gulping) is of dog-howling caliber. Reese Witherspoon's June Carter — a ten-year-old voice on the radio in Cash's cotton-picking childhood, a touring mate in the mid-Fifties along with Jerry Lee, Buddy, and Elvis, and finally his second wife in the late-Sixties, when the movie ends — dances rings around him. And sings them, too. With Ginnifer Goodwin and Robert Patrick; directed by James Mangold. 2005. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)

The White Countess — A James Ivory film, and a posthumous film for his long-

time producer Ismail Merchant, on which their longtime screenwriter, Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, was supplanted by the novelist Kazuo Ishiguro, whose *Remains of the Day* yielded one of the better Ivory-Merchant-Jhabvala collaborations. The present collaboration is not nearly as good, which is a bit of a puzzle, even conceding a somewhat stilted and pedantic script, because it had plenty of other reasons to be good. It has the masterly cinematographer, Wong Kar-wai's main man, Christopher Doyle. It has a redolent romantic setting, Shanghai in the mid-to-late Thirties, a crossroads of political intrigue, a gathering place for the fallen and the dissolute, an exotic ambience worthy of von Sternberg (cf. *Shanghai Express* and *The Shanghai Gesture*, to stay strictly in the vicinity). It has Natasha Richardson,

who is no Dietrich, nor even a Tierney, but is more of an actress than either, as a widowed and exiled Russian noble, now toiling in disrepute as a taxi dancer in a single "shabby" gown, battling at home for control of her daughter against her disapproving in-laws. And it has Ralph Fiennes as a blind and also widowed American diplomat, once "the last hope for the League of Nations," but now dedicated to a less lofty goal, the creation of "the bar of my dreams," to be financed with winnings from the racetrack and hosted by, as well named after, the debased Russian noble, The White Countess of the title. Somehow the heady brew fails to come to a boil, remains stubbornly tepid, stubbornly placid, even upon entrance into the race-against-time climax, a cliffhanger with two kinds of

love in peril, the maternal and the amorous. Ivory has never been a natural, always been an earnest and lately a capable striver, and here his discreetness, his obliqueness, of approach (his, or his self-willed cinematographer's) strives to be Wong-ian, more than Sternberg-ian, but he lacks the eye for it, the feel for it. Soft focus, smudged color, smeary light will not fill in a deficient atmosphere. The hero's blindness, all too clearly metaphorical ("Why do you have such heavy doors? You think they'll keep out the world?"), might be a broader metaphor than intended. Vanessa Redgrave, Lynn Redgrave, Hiroyuki Sanada. 2005. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Yours, Mine, and Ours — Two old flames, a Coast Guard Admiral and a free-

lance designer, both widowed, reignite in later life, after he has got eight well-drilled children and she's got an anarchic Rainbow Coalition of ten (four biological, six adopted). That's a lot of kids when they all act with sitcom agreeableness and when the gags mostly derive from the comic prototypes of the banana peel and the cream pie. With Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo (it was Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball in the 1968 version); directed by Raja Gosnell. 2005.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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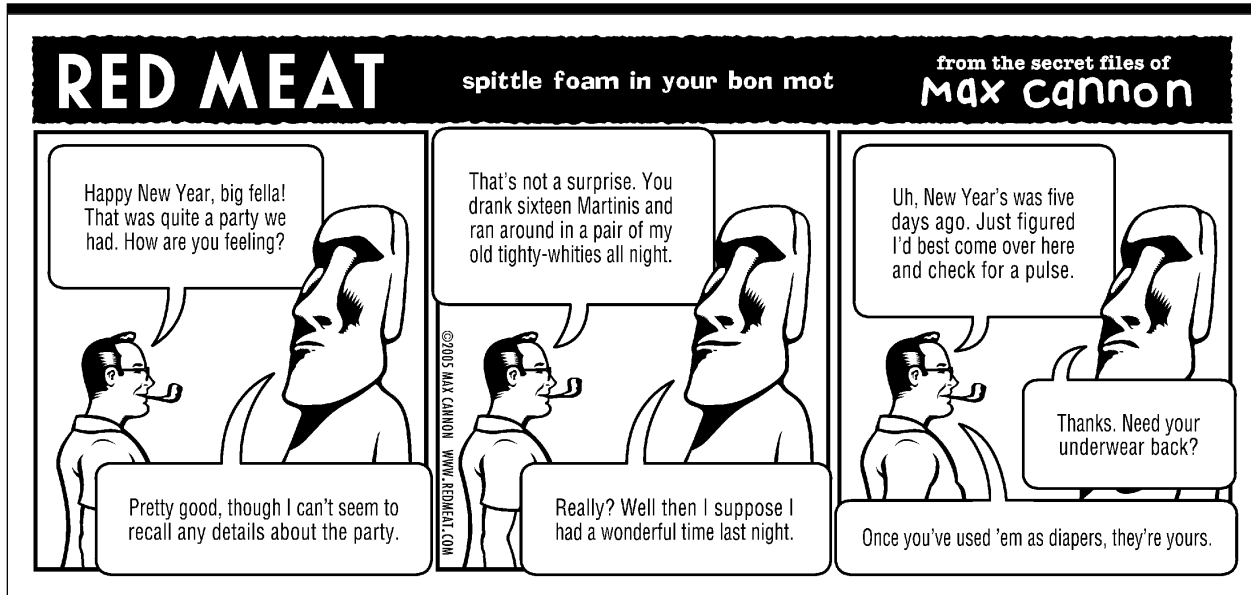
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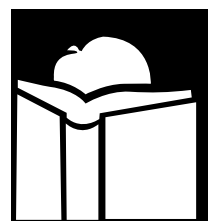
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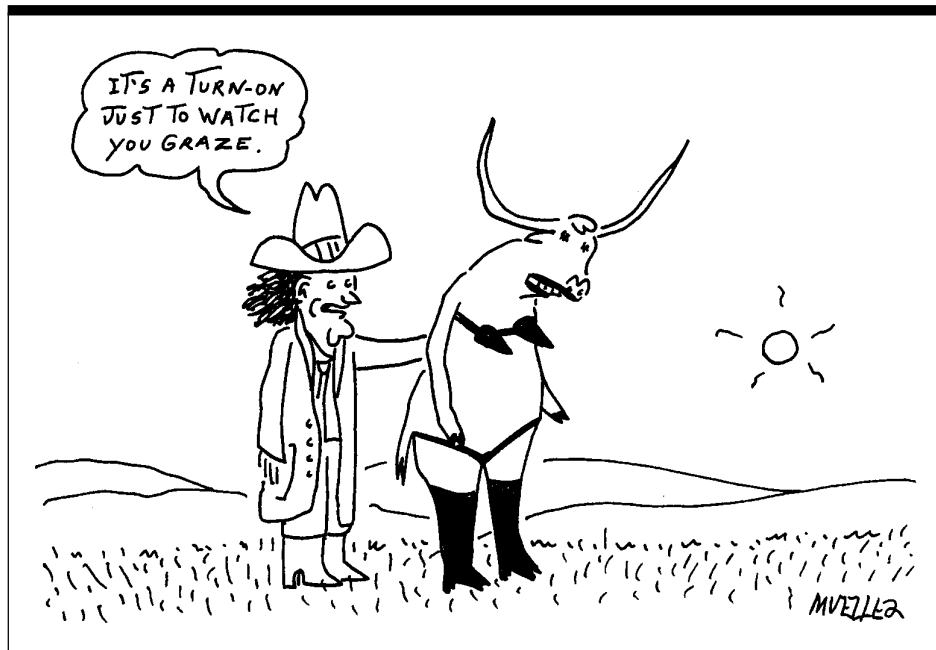
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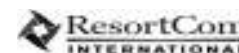
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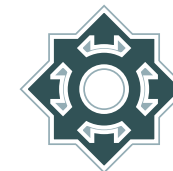
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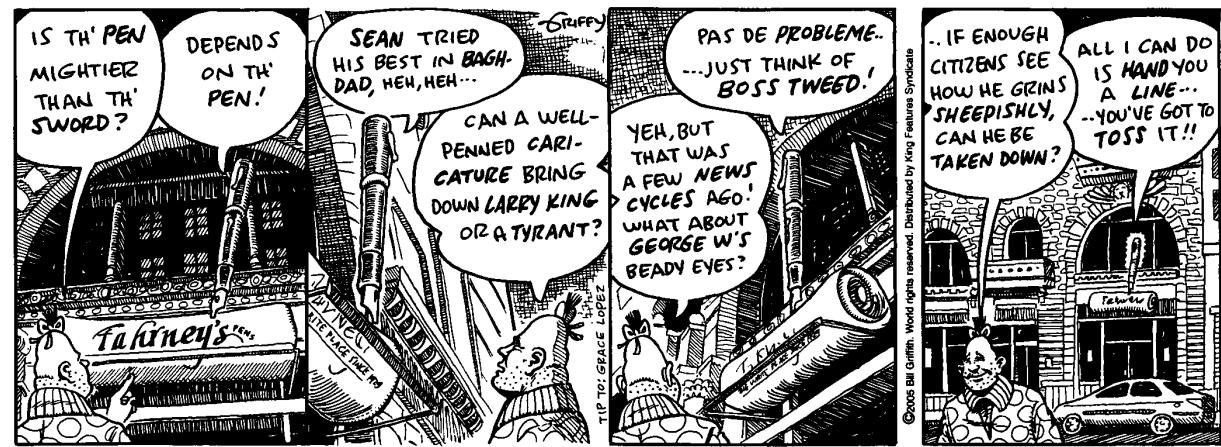
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36. Self-server
38. Did a number
39. 1979 novel by Nobel Laureate V.S. Naipaul
42. Battle of the bulgy?
43. Lacey's partner on TV
44. View
45. "____ you so!"
47. "It ____ add up!"
49. Guesser's words
51. Everest guide, often
54. Blues legend Smith
57. Show with many spinoffs
58. Glamour competitor
60. Skin lotion ingredient
62. Yankees and Red Sox, e.g.
64. Thurman of film
65. Ogles
66. Steakhouse servings
67. Disorderly do
68. Pretzel topping
69. Pastoral

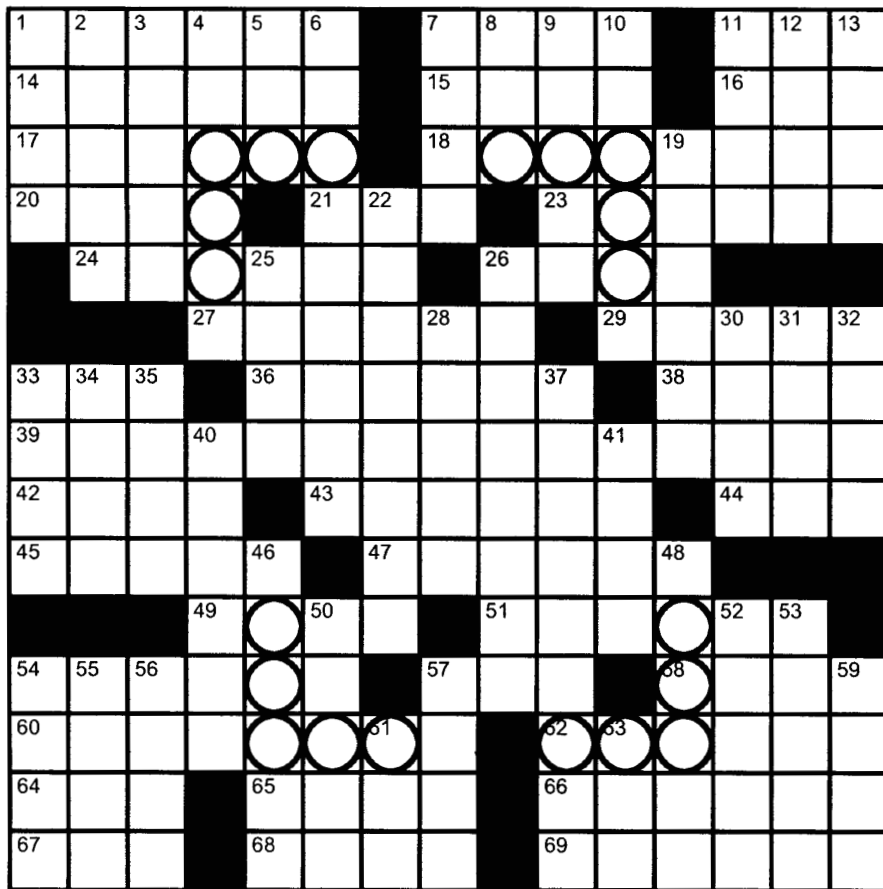
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1. Russia's Sea of ____
2. Palindromic tennis star
3. Heavenly figure
4. Cassandra Peterson, familiarly
5. Little piggy
6. The "S" in SDI
7. Ready to eat
8. Keep out
9. 1986 rock autobiography
10. Cuts off
11. Rocker Joan
12. Daredevil Knievell
13. Soldier's home
19. Umbria tourist town
22. 16th-century Spanish explorer
25. Mimicked
26. Opulence
28. Gas brand since 1965

30. Cleveland pros, for short
31. Toddler's perch
32. Brutish sort
33. "Now, where ____?"
34. Border on
35. It may be cut in a studio
37. Casual tops
40. Like a win-win situation
41. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Sandberg
46. Tees off
48. Irish novelist William ____
50. "Toodles!"
52. 747, e.g.
53. Woody of "Manhattan"
54. Creator of Oz
55. Ringbearer when Maria and Luis got married on "Sesame Street"
56. Afternoon TV fare
57. Invoke, as a spell
59. Latin 101 verb
61. Sibling, e.g.: Abbr.
63. "May ____ of service?"

RULES OF THE GAME

1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by your name and address.
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 1/12/06.

Of the 188 entrants, 182 were correct. The winners are:

1. Arlene Brent, Escondido
2. Dawndie Stahl, San Diego
3. Alan Horn, San Diego
4. Silveira Dillard, San Diego
5. Jennifer Gloria, San Diego

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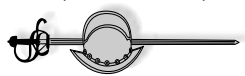
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parents. Information at www.CUBirthparents.org or 619-685-7673.

TWELVE STEPS NOT working for you? Try a self-empowering, skill-building approach with S.M.A.R.T. Recovery, free support groups. 858-546-1100.

VOLUNTEERS. San Diego's abused and neglected children need you to serve as a Court appointed Special Advocate. Training provided. Information sessions: Wednesday, 3/8 and 4/5. Voices for Children, 858-569-2019 or visit www.voices4children.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. UCSD's Doula Program needs women to help other women during labor. Be a part of this special time and make a difference in women's lives. 619-543-6269, #3.

WHOLESALE FUN, Need square dance partner. No experience necessary, will learn together. Great fun and exercise, call Carla 619-403-3711.

WOMEN AGES 18-30: get paid for talking about men for a research project. \$20 for 30 minutes of your time. Anonymity encouraged. Call 858-228-0471.

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AS MAN OUT-GROWS, Caves, and into some recognition of knowledge/capability, of the moment, any moment... methods of gaining (Evil) control are THE SAME on any list, protocol, manifesto. Aton.

DAVIEBABE Is on the East Coast! *Our Shirley McLaine of August 23 (or so), 1993, Las Vegas, is now "Mrs. Robinson." Still crazy after all these years!

I WANT TO BE FREE, Just me. I want to be free, just free. Love to all activists and Peacemakers.

MET AT THE ENCINITAS, Discount Tire, screw in your tire, friend at Solana Beach store. We talked, you left quickly, allow 1 chance, reply here.

UNLESS LUCKY, "Aging" another undeserved dimension in undeserved Hell... Excruciating pain from bones ("nuts/bolts") radiating throughout dynamic spaghetti-flesh veins, mush, like

"wind along the waste." (Please, God, strength!)

MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

FRIENDSHIP. Clairemont female, 53, retired pharmacist, positive attitude, fitness enthusiast, dancing, movies, dining, concert, trips. Nonsmoker pals in exploration of mutually enriching/fulfilling platonic friendship. (2/1) ☎ 49953

FRIENDSHIP. Trying to get a life? Seeking gal pals, 35-50, for happy hours, men-gazing at sports bars, movies; they don't come knocking at your door! (2/1) ☎ 49940

FRIENDSHIP. New to El Cajon area. Female seeks pals within reasonable distance for movies, clubs, shopping, dinners, etc. Platonic, over age 29. I'll call back! (2/1) ☎ 49952

TRAVEL. Independent female, travel companion sought by experienced budget world traveler to share travel experiences. Asia/India March 2006, interested? Let's meet/discuss future travel. (2/1) ☎ 49933

GOLF. Attractive, active, 58-year old woman looking for golf partners; men or women. If you're a man, maybe it can lead to a romance. (1/25) ☎ 49900

COUNTRY FANS. Female mid-50, seeks friends, male or female, who likes to listen or dance to country music, dining, movies, happy hours. (1/25) ☎ 49423

MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sensitive, down to earth lady, 53, wanting to share movies, dining out, walks, simple life with a special gentleman to enjoy happiness together. (2/1) ☎ 49457

ANY GOOD ONES LEFT? White, attractive, 32 years, outgoing, caring, giving. Seeking white or Hispanic male, 23-50 years, ready for serious relationship, same values must. (2/1) ☎ 49442

VERY ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, tall, smart and honest. Seeking professional, established, cultural, financially stable, sincere gentleman for a long-term relationship. 5'8"+, nonsmoker please, 40-56. (2/1) ☎ 49444

PRETTY WOMAN OF COLOR, 5'6", 130lbs., shapely, sexy, with long legs. Kind, honest, romantic, 40s. Seeking gentleman, 5'11"+, fit, clean face, equally attractive, nonsmoker, 44-55. Real Christian a plus. (1/25) ☎ 49422

NICE LADY, 48 YEARS young would like to be taken out for nice dinners and movies. Leave your name and number and we can talk. (1/25) ☎ 49438

CURVACEOUS BLONDE. Southern belle, 40s, 5'2", 150lbs. Seeking sweet gentleman, 30-50, nice-looking, positive; enjoys cooking, movies, beach walks, outdoor fun. Ready for southern hospitality? (2/1) ☎ 49440

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (1/25) ☎ 49418

NEW YEAR, NEW FRIENDS. Attractive, middle-age, down-to-earth sister. Seeking attractive, down-to-earth cool guy, someone fun to hang out with. (2/1) ☎ 49446

ATTRACTIVE, 58, BLONDE, widow, with traditional values. Love the theater, concerts, outings, many hobbies. Seeking single gentleman, 55-65, who loves the arts, nonsmoker, polite. (1/25) ☎ 49434

ACTIVE, CARING, ATTRACTIVE, single mom, 48. Enjoy kids, movies, music, outdoors, sports and quiet times. Seeking honest, optimistic, North County area, nonsmoker, nice guy. (2/1) ☎ 49447

ARE YOU INTELLIGENT, handsome, sense of humor, gent, 52-62, who desire friendship, romance and fun? This 57, intelligent, funny, sweet lady wants to meet you! (2/1) ☎ 49462

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Google has never shied away from challenging industry heavyweights in the past. So a platform where deals between buyers and sellers are settled using the company's still-unreleased online payment system seems like a natural move for the company.

Google Base allows users to post all kinds of goods and services to the Web — from used cars to concert tickets to dog walking — and make them easily searchable.

As of now, the service connects buyers with sellers, who then settle the transactions themselves.

Safa Rashtchy, a senior analyst at Piper Jaffray & Co., says Google Base will be more than just a listing service.

"It is a way for Google to

Rumors

By ZACHERY KC

Rumors that cable box in Atlanta Inc. could be acquired now fueled vigorous trading of the company's shares yesterday.

Traders pushed the stock up 2 percent while some of the company's options jumped by almost 5 percent yesterday, indicating that investors believe the company's stock is more volatile over the next few weeks.

"Somebody seems to know what's going on," said one trader who followed the market.

The trader pointed out that the company's Chairman, Janice Holtzman, gave a presentation yesterday at the UBS Global Conference in New York.

Texas town

EchoStar Communications Corp., the second-largest U.S. satellite-television provider, said a 125-person town in Texas changed its name to DISH in exchange for free TV services.

Clark, Texas, legally changed its name to DISH yesterday at a city council meeting.

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Megan Bankard
Graduate Student
Hillcrest

I'm new in town, but I guess anybody who's pretending to be who they're not is a poseur. I don't really pay attention to people enough to say whether they're poseurs or not. The gang members might come after me for this, but the guys who wear the big baggy white shirts...that's pretty poseur. There are those people who pretend like they have a lot of money; the guy who's on his cell phone with his babe, like he's going to take her out on his yacht. The yuppie poseur woman has the plastic surgery, bleached blond hair and she could really be a gold-digger looking for the man with money. Hummers are obnoxious; are you in war times driving through the desert? People think that they're cool, but they're really not.



Monya Kiam
Student
Bankers Hill

You know, San Diego isn't that bad for poseurs. I lived in Seattle, and everybody up there pretends to be hippies even though they're not. People here [in San Diego] are so much trendier. If I see a guy wearing the velvet jacket and has the geek chic look but has nowhere to go, he's gay, but if he's a businessman or something, that's sweet. In Hillcrest, you'll see guys really dressed up and they're just going shopping at Ralphs. Fake nails get me; like, half the girls I see have the long plastic, fake nails and tattoos. To me, the wannabes are the girls with the fake body parts and, like, the bleached blond hair, but San Diego's pretty chill.



Roman Rodriguez
Food Server
Chula Vista

There's a lot of punk rock going around lately in the downtown area. Guys buy skater shoes but don't skate and skater shirts who don't skate. There are a lot of people from out of town who live in PB and act like they're surfers or whatever. Chicks who dye their hair fake black is okay; I like chicks with black hair. There are a lot of kids wearing name-brand clothes but don't have enough to go out and have a decent meal. I have so many friends who have the most decked-out clothes and yet when I want to go to Chili's and have a steak and a beer, I have to buy their shit too because for some reason they don't have money. It's all about priorities, I guess.



Nic Berg
Restaurant Worker
Clairemont Mesa

Anyone in the service industry; you gotta be fake nice, no matter what. You start off being nice; it's understandable because everybody wants to be nice. But you get customers giving you a hard time, you can't turn around and give them a hard time back; you can't tell them "no." You have no say. Even if you're doing what's best for them, you have to get down on your knees at all times. We are being fakers, and I think it'd be better if we could be real and put some of these assholes in their place. You try to be nice to someone and do something for them, or they come up to you and ask you for something, but then they turn out to be a jerk to you; they should be taken outside and beaten with a stick. Stereotypes are overrated; names like surfer, skater, punk poseur, and wannabes don't concern me. Let people do what they want. I'm saying who gives a shit what clothes people wear. It's not your life. Stay out of their business.



Mark Unger
Student
College Area

I want to say the American Eagle and Abercrombie-shirt-wearing guy who pops his dress-shirt collar with the rolled sleeve. It's the stereotypical frat guy, it's just a face that they put over. I think that they think they're being formal but casual by wearing their flip-flops when you know they're douche bags. I don't think people are that daring to dress punk rock; they don't have mohawks, they have faux-hawks. You got a lot of beach-bum guys who you don't know if they surf or just go to the beach and walk around. You see a lot of the white guys dressing urban and they think they're Eminem cool or the girlie girls who think they're punk rock because they wear a studded belt.



Drew Reposar
Student
Clairemont

I'm originally from San Francisco and I notice differences between there and here, but it's still hard for me to tell who's fake and who's the real deal. I see people with the urban style down here too, but it seems like there's still that Southern California flair with the Hurley-style to whatever they're wearing. You see the preppy-metro look with a SoCal twist that makes it work and seem less like they're trying to be like someone else. Even the ghetto look works. The girls with fake boobs and fake blond hair in short shorts doesn't bother me as long as they have the body to pull it off.

HAPPY 2006 AND GOD BLESS America. Mature, Caucasian, busy, fun, active woman. To meet tall, Caucasian, 70+, active, nonsmoker man. For a possible long-term relationship. (1/25) ☎49419

ASIAN LADY, BEAUTIFUL, youthful, kindness, honest, 5'. Seeking Christian gentleman, ages 45-60, long-term relationship, leading to marriage, healthy, nonsmoker, no drugs. (1/25) ☎49424

I AM THAT SPECIAL, Unique lady, you have been looking for, English/Spanish speaking. Seeks a professional gentleman 55-65, who is mellow, caring, considerate, financially secure with a zest for life. (1/25) ☎49431

HOT TAMALE IS LOOKING for a good looking, outdoors type, age 45 to 65, must be financially stable. I'm 5'2", 108lbs., blonde, very sexy. (1/25) ☎49433

GENUINE, ATTRACTIVE, 45, Christian lady. Seeking quality companionship with stable, sincere, intelligent gentleman, 45-59. I enjoy traveling, movies, reading, photography, gardening and outdoors. (1/25) ☎49429

EXCITING, PRETTY, BRIGHT, caramel-colored teacher. Seeking exciting, smart, white, sensual, left wing, financially-stable man who makes me laugh and reads between lines. (1/25) ☎49415

60 YEARS YOUNG, OUTGOING, warm, adventurous. Seeking companionship and/or relationship. Photography, outdoors, staying home, museums, travel, computers, reading. Love pets, no smoking, social drinking. (1/25) ☎49437

HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN, Integrity, loyalty, never married, gourmet cook, artist, author, educated, athletic, dancer.

You: never married, quality, animal lover. Military experience a plus. (2/1) ☎49445

VERY PRETTY, CURVY figured lady. Seeking 59+, tall, affectionate, warm hearted, communicative gentleman who likes fine dining, hiking, movies, traveling, without a plan or map. (2/1) ☎49451

COSMOPOLITAN, EUROPEAN, attractive, intelligent, health-oriented. Interested in masculine scholar, gentleman, cultured, refined, financially stable, generous, genuine. Downtown San Diego, Seaport Village. 50-70 if useful. (2/1) ☎49455

ATTRACTIVE, EUROPEAN Mexican, 5'8", 145lbs., fun, sexy, easygoing, educated. Looking to meet attractive Caucasian, 39-50 years old, fun loving, romantic, for possible long-term relationship. (2/1) ☎49448

LEFTIST, 51, 5'9", natural, Ocean Beach-blues, classical, son (17), canine. Seeking progressive, young 50s, comely, easygoing, fit adventurer for sailing into sunset. Bonus: cook/handyman! (1/25) ☎49427

AGELESS ROMANTIC AWAITS thee! The picture frame hangs empty on the wall. Designed to embrace the image of my absentee love and kindred spirit! (1/25) ☎49435

ADVENTUROUS, SPONTANEOUS, energetic, 42-year-old single mom looking for adult companion for movies, sports, travel, whitewater rafting, humorous conversation or some bright idea you come up with. (1/25) ☎49430

ATTRACTIVE, EXOTIC, young black beauty seeks a cultured, financially stable, generous Caucasian gent, 45-80 years for a mutually fulfilling friendship. (1/25) ☎49428

WHITE FEMALE, RETIRED, single, 50s, attractive, good shape, flexible. Searching for single, white, genuine, 50s, early 70s, secure, mature, honest, sincere for monogamous relationship. (2/1) ☎49449

PRETTY, PLAYFUL, passionate, slender, 40, Caucasian. Seeking clean-cut, handsome, trim, 30-40, Caucasian, romantic, mellow, nonsmoking, sober, sweetie. Must love animals, amusement parks, arts, affection, etc. (1/25) ☎49432

WHITE KNIGHT, VERY ATTRACTIVE, tall, 30-45, financially stable, loves children, sought by beautiful, petite, strong, black princess, 37. Looking for love and happily ever after. (2/1) ☎49460

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, PETITE, real estate agent, 59, loves travel, outdoors and arts. Seeking a reasonably fit companion for conversation and a glass of wine. (2/1) ☎49450

37-YEAR-OLD QUALITY lady, 5'4", 125lbs., brunette/blue eyes and attractive. Seeking physically fit, kind gentleman, 35-47 years, for relationship. Must be presentable. (1/25) ☎49414

LATINA, CUBAN, sexy, good morals, 48. Seeking gentleman, honest, sincere, 43-52, that has passion for life, need a new soul mate. (1/25) ☎49439

PETITE LADY, SINCERE, attractive, affectionate, sensual. Seeking companion friend, lover, 55-65. If you are that man looking for the same, call and leave number. (2/1) ☎49461

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate. No baggage man, friendship, sportive. No previous

kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (1/25) ☎49436

FEMALE, 53, OCEANSIDE, born again Christian. Seeking long, sincere, non-judgmental relationship. Please see video 'Shallow Hal' before considering. I'm 5', very thin, great personality. (2/1) ☎49443

SEXY, BLACK LADY seeks open minded cutie. I'm fit, small, attractive. You're under 40, white or Latino, self-aware, spiritual, active, social, confident. Me: same. (2/1) ☎49452

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING blonde, intelligent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 47. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere, single gentleman who appreciates the best. (2/1) ☎49459

SINGLE LADY looking for single man, 60 to 65, for friendship and marriage. (2/1) ☎49458

BEAUTIFUL, 47 YEAR OLD striking bluish-green eyed lady. Like sports, beach, sunsets, animals. Seeking easygoing man, nonsmoker, between ages of 43 to 52, with similar interests. (2/1) ☎49453

BLACK WOMAN, 36, looking for you. You placed an ad in November. You're white male, 42, 6'3", 250lbs., hazel eyes, St. Louis Rams. Please call. (1/25) ☎49426

FRENCH, SEXY, ATTRACTIVE, fit, 41, 5'6", 130lbs., blond/blue, romantic, golden-hearted, sports, indoor/outdoor, dancing, travel. Gentleman, 41-55, athletic, handsome, secure, similar. (2/1) ☎49456

WARM, CREATIVE, INTELLIGENT, attractive, blonde/blue, spiritual, retired, navy widow. Enjoy healthy lifestyle cruises, cultural activities, swimming. Seeking Christian gentleman, companionship, British background. (1/25) ☎49420

ATTRACTIVE CAUCASIAN single mom, 40, size 18. Seeking a healthy long-term relationship with excitement and happi-

ness, family/quiet times. Must love children. No games. (2/1) ☎49454

STOP! SMOKER, WIDOW, 61, apartment manager, bored. Likes jolly, honest, country gentleman, smoker, 59+. Lunches, talks, quiet evenings, Chula Vista area. No drinking, drugs. Coffee? (1/25) ☎49416

AFRICAN QUEEN, professional nurse, secure, honest, caring, loving, great smile, travel. You: nonsmoker/drinker, no baggage, honest, financially stable, Christian gentleman, humor, under 50. (1/25) ☎49425

I'M A STUDENT, 50s, affectionate, sweet, warm personality. Looking for a real relationship. If you take a chance and call me, I'm worthy. (2/1) ☎49441

SLENDER, WHITE, adventurous, intelligent female. Seeking male who enjoys music, laughing, exploring out of the box, expanding the mind, let's try doing it together. (1/25) ☎49417

SPIRITUAL, VERY ATTRACTIVE, growth oriented, educated, holistic lifestyle, compassionate, heart connected, your best friend. Fit, 5'6", slender, blonde, loving, artist, musical, outdoors, oriented, beach lover. (1/25) ☎49421

MATCHES
MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HANDSOME, SINGLE, STILL searching for woman for long-term relationship. Not looking for casual dating or anyone not sincerely interested. You: 21-31, intelligent, funny, sweet. (1/25) ☎49901

HISPANIC MAN, 57, looking for lady for friendship. I'm a nonsmoker. I enjoy movies, quiet times together. I'm easygoing, honest and loyal. (1/25) ☎49919

CAUCASIAN, 50s, 6', 195lbs., architectural design builder, extroverted, world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open, communicative, loves life. No cats please. (2/1) ☎49951

HANDSOME HISPANIC, 44, young at heart, financially secure professional, very affectionate, passionate, romantic, loving, humorous, fun, 5'8", 155lbs. Seeking affectionate woman for relationship, any nationality. (1/25) ☎49913

HONEST, CARING, EASYGOING, 50, 5'6", white male, financially secure. Looking for same, old fashion values a plus, age/race open, for long-term relationship. (1/25) ☎49917

AUSTRALIAN TAZMANIAN DEVIL, 39, muscular, cute, 5'8", 190lbs., intelligent, educated professional, humorous, witty, sarcastic, father. Seeking attractive, intelligent, adventurous, spontaneous, addiction-free lady, 28-42. (2/1) ☎49942

HARD WORKING, NICE, handsome guy, 50. Seeking attractive, fit, sweetheart, 30-40ish, for hiking, riding dirt bikes, cooking, hanging out in the country, and much more. (2/1) ☎49943

PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, debonair, 6'11", 165lbs., 53, blue/red, bald, swing dancer, bicycle road racer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking someone with the right chemistry/connection. (1/25) ☎49906

GOOD-LOOKING WHITE MALE, 43, 6'3", 235lbs. Looking for attractive, down-to-earth lady for relationship, best friends, for travel, good times, adventure, romance, companionship. (2/1) ☎49935

6'2", EYES OF BLUE. Seeking Jewish woman, 35-50 with similar interests. Tennis, swimming, movies, theater, concerts and travel. (1/25) ☎49918

BOYISH GOOD LOOKS, 6'2", eyes blue, slim, athletic, college educated, professional, enjoys surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, family, friends, music, kids. Seeking slim, 35+, friends first. (2/1) ☎49959

WARM, LOVING, affectionate, tall, white male, easygoing, honest, open, financially secure. Seeking a mature, loving, older woman for dining, conversation, travel, romance, love, closeness, intimacy. (1/25) ☎49905

MALE MASSAGE THERAPIST, 45, nice looking, tall, intelligent, funny, skilled in Swedish, Tui Wa, and deep tissue. seeking female massage counterpart for friendship and trades. (1/25) ☎49932

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 35-50, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you. (2/1) ☎49938

SUPER NICE GUY! Young 55 (looks 40), cute, romantic, kind, humorous, sensitive, honest, musically inclined. Seeking quality lady, under 40 and under 5'2", without children. (1/25) ☎49920

RETIRED SENIOR (70s) lady, unencumbered, uninhibited, healthy, active, sought by comparable gentleman, financially secure, for friendship, companionship, travel, cruises, trips, whatever we enjoy doing together. (2/1) ☎49941

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HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL, South Bay, 52, divorced, healthy, fit. Enjoy life, travel, theater, concerts, movies, all sports, clean, neat, homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with pets. (2/1) ☎49948

ACTIVE, 78, FINANCIALLY secure, non-smoking, homeowner. Liking, quiet home life, barbecues, RV camping, travel, fishing. Seeking lady liking same for permanent caring and togetherness. (2/1) ☎49957

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WANTED: FEMALE, 45-49, white, non-smoker, slender, active, smart, playful, caring. Love music, movies, animals, great food, for fun, and more for attorney, 54. (2/1) ☎49949

I AM 34, I LOVE SPORTS, football, soccer, body boarding, poker and any other sport you can think of. Looking for a nice Asian lady. (2/1) ☎49944

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ATTRACTIVE WIDOWER, TALL, handsome, educated, healthy, virile, retired businessowner, affluent, financially secure, homeowner. Seeking sincere, attractive, affectionate, sensual, voluptuous lady, 48-65. Dates, fun, romance, trips. (1/25) ☎49923

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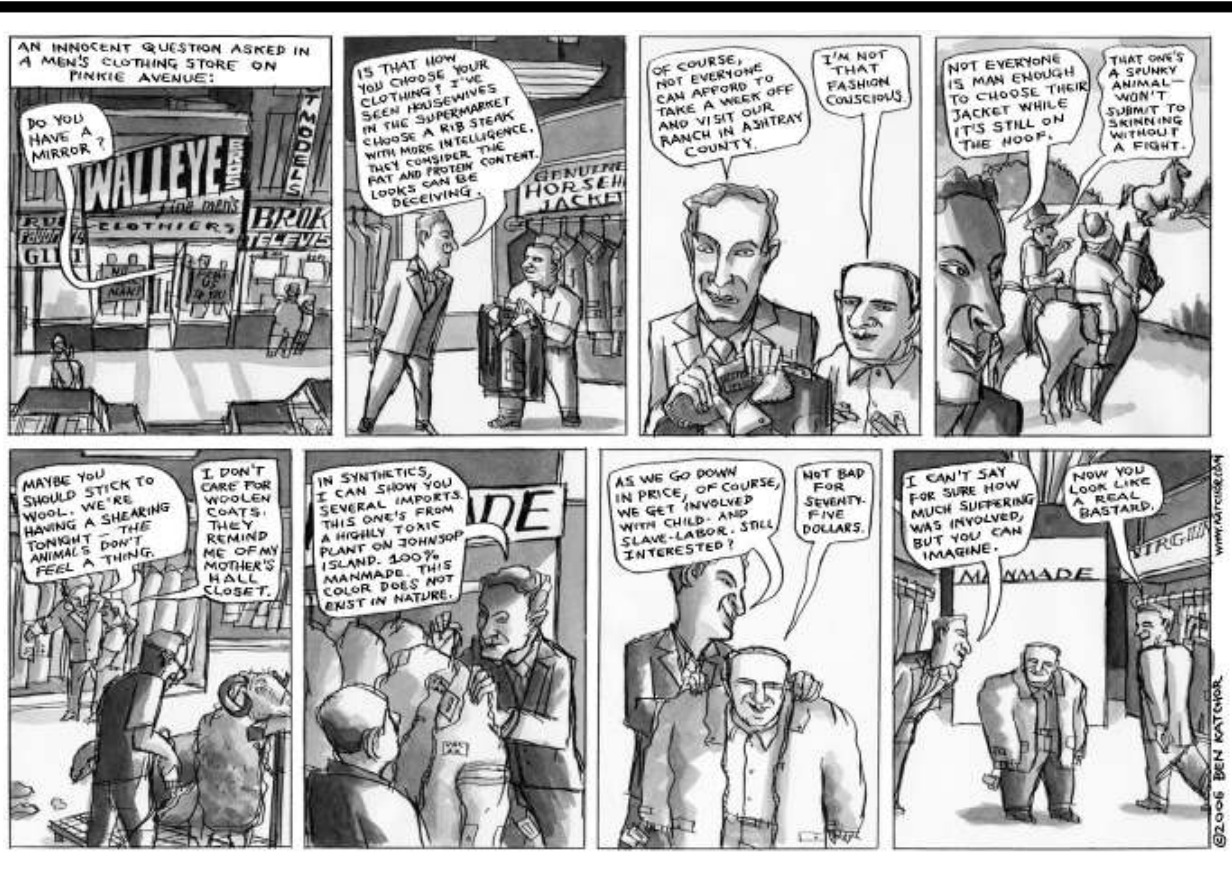
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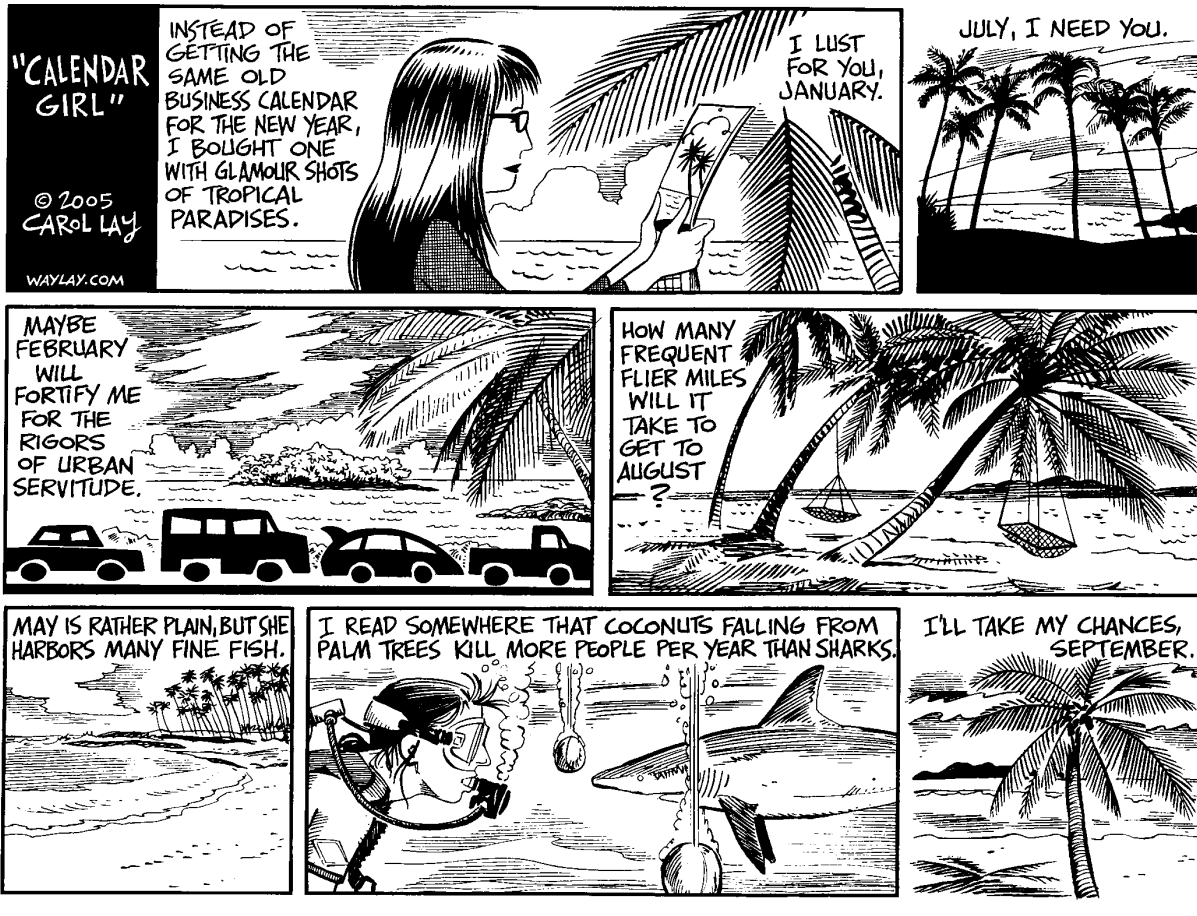
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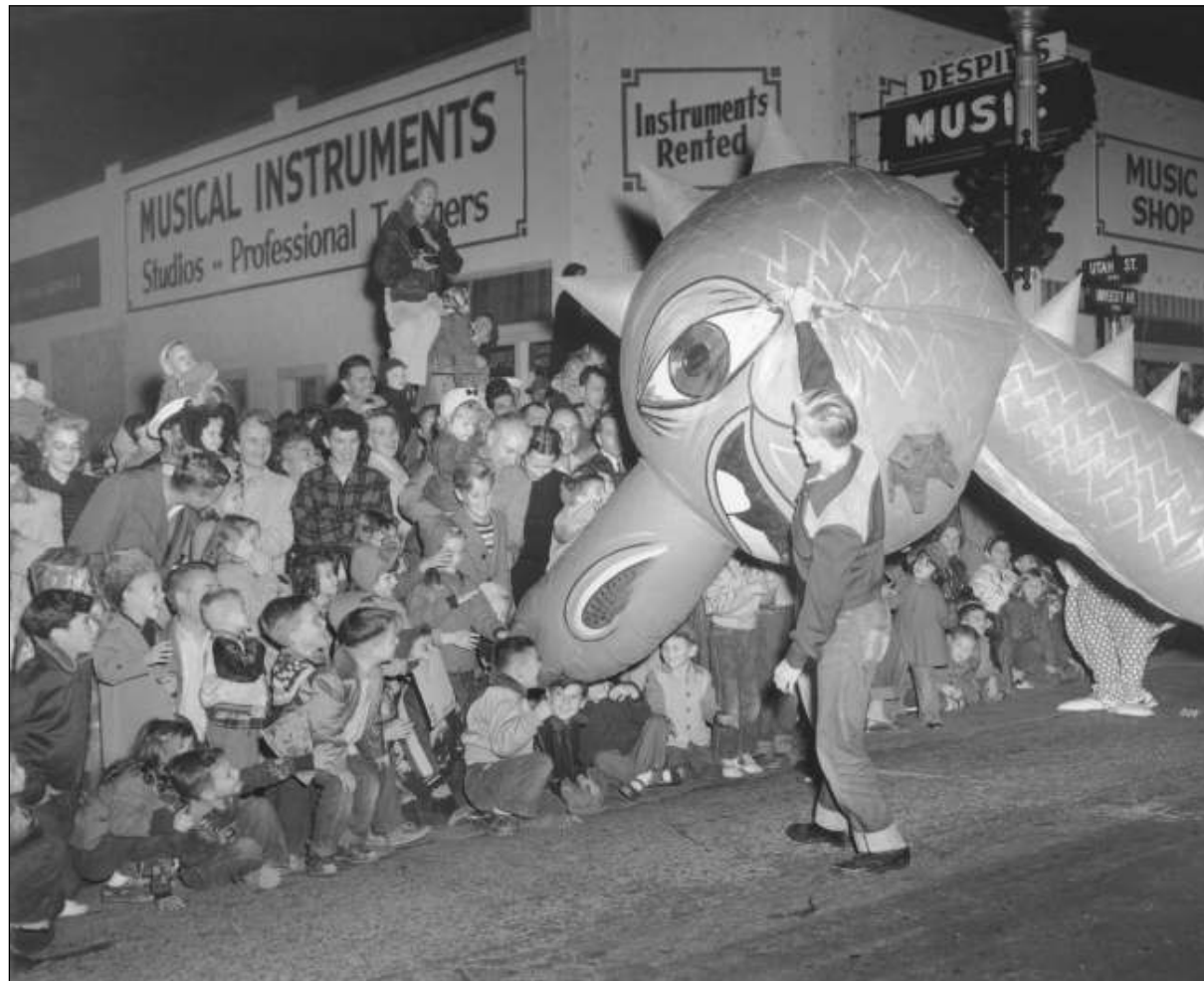
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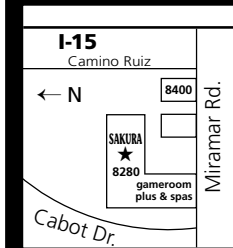
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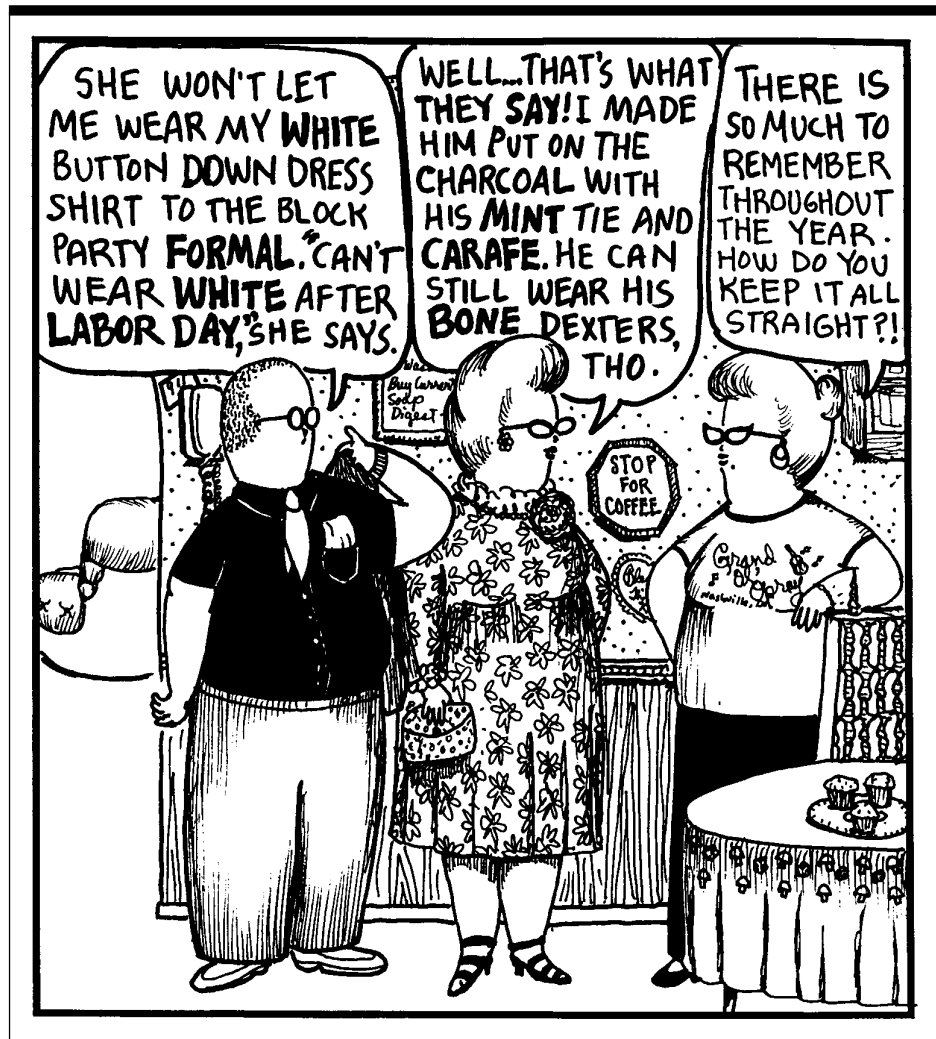
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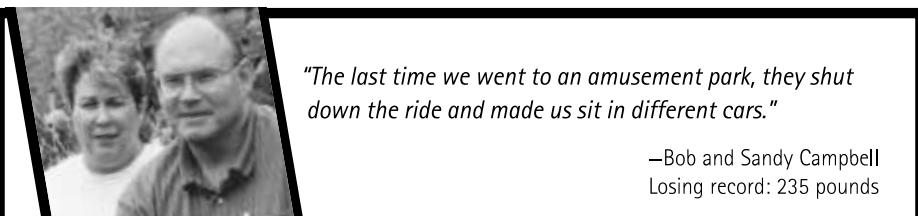
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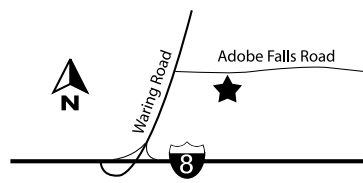


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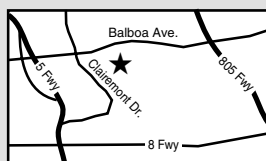


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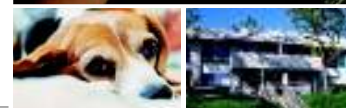
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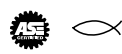
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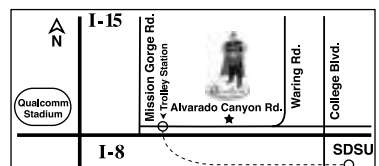
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— Bangkok economics student Panupol Sujjaya-korn interrupted his studies in November to defend his World Scrabble Championship in London, one of many non-English-speaking competitors who achieved top-of-the-line ranking by memorizing up to 100,000 words in English without ever knowing their meanings. Like the others, reported the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Mr. Panupol learned first those premium words that overuse the prominent Scrabble letter tiles (such as "aureolae"). (Alas, this time around, a native English speaker, Dr. Adam Logan, a number theory researcher, won the title, building actual words like "qanat" and "euripi.")

Cliches Come to Life

— Scientists at Syracuse University, recently describing for a British journal their study of body measurements of bats, found an inverse size relationship between a male bat's brain and testicles. The researchers hypothesized that both sperm and brains are metabolically costly to produce, and in species with relatively stable monogamous relationships, brains are allowed to grow, but where females are promiscuous, males that do not overdevelop testicles get left out of the race to procreate.

— (1) In November in Murfreesboro, Tenn., U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs bureaucrats Joseph Haymond and Natalie Coker were charged with taking kickbacks from suppliers on government purchases of 100,000 rolls of red tape. (The tape is distinctive, red "security" tape used on packages of VA pharmaceuticals.) (2) According to a November *Washington Post* profile of federal examiner Russell Stormer, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has, since 1790, granted about 30,000 patents to people who have imagined unique ways to reinvent the wheel (or at least improve upon it).

Ironies

— Most Convenient Ambulance Chase: In November, according to an *Indianapolis Star* report of a local accident, an SUV driver collided with another car, causing the SUV to crash into

an office building, partially smashing through a wall. Among the building's tenants: the personal-injury law firm Mitchell Hurst Jacobs & Dick, which specializes in automobile accidents.

— Mr. Rayfran das Neves Sales was convicted in Belem, Brazil, in December of the widely reported murder of an American nun, a rain-forest activist who was gunned down as she argued with Sales over who owned the land he was working. Sales claimed self-defense in that, according to him, the nun reached into her bag as she was proclaiming that "the weapon I have [for fighting for preservation of the rain forest] is this," and Sales, sensing that she was about to pull a gun, shot her. The nun's "weapon," was her copy of the Bible.

Can't Possibly Be True

— After trying for 22 years to get Hattie Siegel, now 83, to mow her lawn and clear the other critter-infested vegetation from her yard according to regulations of the village of Tequesta, Fla., officials finally cracked down on the accumulated \$1.8 million in fines they had levied, and in December, a bankruptcy court ruled that she must liquidate her estate to pay the tab. Two other properties of hers were sold, and she stands to lose more (everything except the Tequesta house itself, which is protected by state law). However, Siegel has finally sought help in the matter and plans to challenge the constitutionality of the village's fines.

— A bold weight-loss program of the Life of Life Healing Spa in Hong Kong involves actually setting fire briefly to the parts of the body holding the most fat, according to a December dispatch in London's *Daily Telegraph*. According to owner Karen Chu, the fire follows an energy flow "reading," full-body exfoliation, high-pressure hose spray, and herb-and-potion and alcohol rub-downs (but wet towels and a fire extinguisher are at the ready in case of problems). Chu said about 100 clients have undergone the treatment, with no complications, and the ones interviewed by the *Daily Telegraph* reporter praised the service. Chu said the treatment is based on traditional Chinese medicine, but a Hong Kong doctor interviewed by Agence France-Presse said, "I have never heard of such a thing."

Inexplicable

— The land developer Bigg Homes, creator of the Eagle Mountain community near Salt Lake City, touted in its online promotional materials the fact that the development's "black race population percentage [is] significantly below state average." After hearing complaints, Bigg co-owner David Adams removed the phrase in November, blaming the agency that designed Bigg's materials. (Whoever wrote the phrase must have thought that Utah's "state average" of 1.3 blacks per 100 was somehow suffocating.)

Unclear on the Concept

— In September, based on the complaint of only one letter-writer (and that man later said he was being provocative more than complaining), the band director of C.D. Hylton High School in Prince William County, Va., dropped from his playlist the popular Charlie Daniels Band song, "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" because it centers on Satan. Daniels, interviewed by the *Washington Post*, was appalled: "I am a Christian, and I don't write pro-devil songs."

Yee-Hah!

— Sidney Hale, 31, was arrested in Bluefield, Va., in November after enlisting a female friend to help him to, as he put it, sharpen his reflexes in case an intruder broke into his trailer home. The woman was to knock at the front door, and Hale was then to quickly grab his handgun. (A third person was to gauge Hale's reaction time.) According to a sheriff's detective, she knocked and Hale grabbed the gun. However, it accidentally fired a slug through the door into the woman's back (but she is fine following surgery). ... In December in Lake Worth, Fla., a 16-year-old boy found a .45-caliber bullet, began pounding it with a hammer and screwdriver, and shot himself in the stomach. He was treated and released at a hospital.

Hapless Criminals

— (1) Francisco Torres, 52, wanted for murder in New York City, was arrested at Lincoln Hospi-

tal in November after he checked in at the emergency room. According to police, he had suffered a severe asthma attack apparently triggered by the gunpowder residue from the bullet he fired at his victim. (2) Former Miami police officer Jesus Gutierrez, 35, charged with having sex with an underage girl, was initially offered a plea bargain that would have meant probation and no jail time, but he decided to go to trial. In September, he was convicted, and in December, a judge sentenced him to 20 years in prison.

Recurring Themes

— Guilty Despite Deformity: In November, engineering student Mischa Beutling, 22, became the most recent rape defendant to profess innocence by impossibility, arguing that his penis is simply too large to have committed the crime. Beutling, who stands 6' 7" and weighs 240 pounds, called a urologist to the stand in Newmarket, Ontario, to testify that Beutling's penis is 8 1/2 inches long "semi-relaxed" and 6 1/2 inches in circumference and that a woman who has not given birth could not accommodate it without serious injury. (In December, a judge named Margaret Eberhard found Beutling guilty.)

Undignified Deaths

— Same Gun? Same Bullet!: In November, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Jon Shuler, 20, aiming to settle an argument with Kenny Berry, 27, over a small amount of money, got a gun and shot Berry. Seriously wounded, Berry struggled for the gun, wrested it from Shuler, and shot him dead, just before Berry himself collapsed and died. ... In November, in Sun City, Calif., an 84-year-old man put a gun to his head after a quarrel with his wife and killed himself. However, according to sheriff's deputies, the woman, 71, standing about eight feet away, was also killed when the bullet passed through him and into her forehead.

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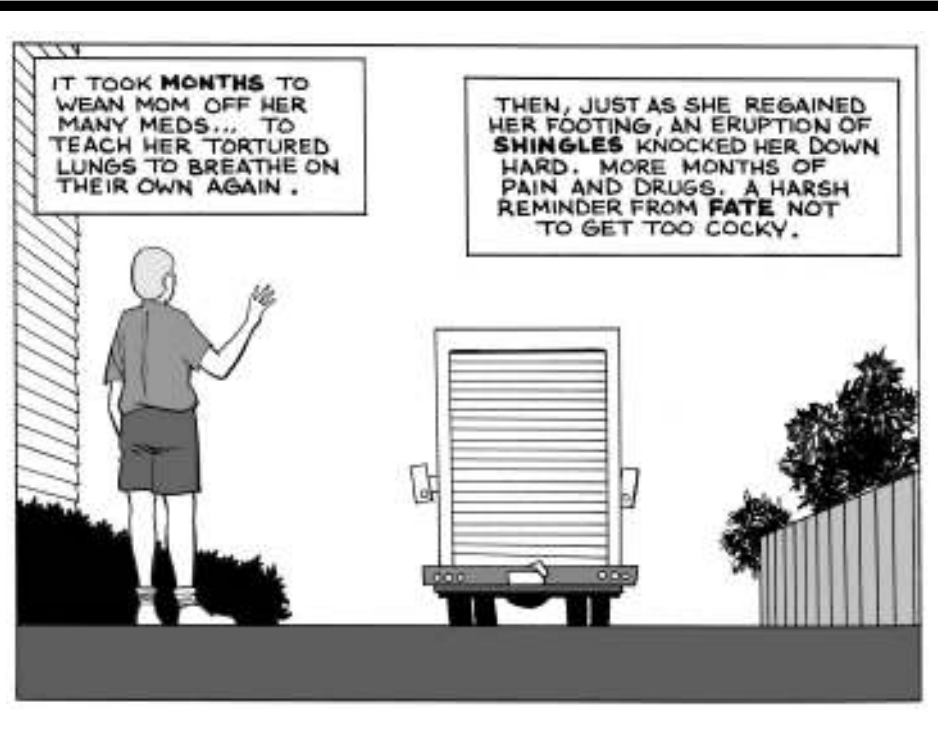
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Thirty Years Ago

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—“CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS. WHAT IS SEWAGE NEXT TO?” *Jon Simon, January 15, 1976*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

I'm staying in a one-room cabin in the hills outside the Barona Indian Reservation, north-east of Lakeside. The furnishings include a brass feather bed, a wood-burning stove, a table, a chair, and a sink. It's mid-December and I blow on my hands while waiting for the fire to take. I put bathwater on and step outside on the porch to check the woodbox and

chop some of the big hunks of wood into pieces that will fit into the stove.

—“TO WANDER NO MORE,” *Joan Bradley, January 22, 1981*

Twenty Years Ago

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—CLASSIFIEDS, *January 23, 1986*

Fifteen Years Ago

There is an underground music scene in San Diego. It's a small one for such a large metropolitan area. Such as it is, it begins along a stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway in Encinitas that mimics Haight Street or the hipper end of Melrose, or Second Avenue near the Bowery. On it there are used-clothing stores; a shop

where you can get leather studs, Doc Martens, and lace tights; and two independent record stores, Off the Record and Lou's. Go into one of them on a Saturday afternoon and you'd be surprised how packed they are with big-haired kids intent on finding the new Bad Religion or Jack Officers tape.

That's where the underground begins; where it ends is at Iguanas, an underage hard-rock palace just across the border, which fills to the brim with a thousand fans of Bad Religion and Soul Asylum.

—“NO FUN AT ALL,” *Gina Arnold, January 24, 1991*

Ten Years Ago

A month after the city selected Nielsen-Dillingham to build the addition to San Diego Stadium, top executives with the local builder pumped at least \$1500 into the mayor's reelection campaign. Early last month, vice presidents Tim Kelly, Dennis Walter, and George Moreau each gave \$250, the maximum amount allowable under local campaign laws, as did director Larry M. Geiser. Kelly says he and his fellow execs gave money to Golding “because we support the candidate. The stadium has nothing to do with it.”

—CITY LIGHTS: “GOLDING'S MONEY IS IN THE BALLPARK,” *Thomas K. Arnold, January 18, 1996*



San Diego Reader, January 22, 1981

Five Years Ago

On the odd occasions when I force myself into a gym, I'll notice the flat-board, six-pack abs on younger guys and a few in my age range. I overheard a couple of men talking about how women love that V-shaped torso: broad shoulders, flat stomach, no love handles to interrupt the eye's flow to narrow hips. I remember thinking, *These guys sound like a couple of chicks.*

—“MY BELLY,” *John Brizzolara, January 18, 2001*

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Dear Saffron,

I invited my friend whom I've known for 15 years to my work Christmas party. She brought her young daughter along, and they were both made welcome. The three of us arrived early to help since I was one of the co-hosts. My friend and her daughter enjoyed the drinks and hors d'oeuvres but kept asking where the "real food" was. After an hour or so my friend plants herself on the couch in the main room, pulls a throw over herself, and appears to go to sleep. I had been anxious for her to meet my coworkers — she lives out of town and had only met a few of them before. Her daughter was completely occupied, having a blast playing with another child who was there. I jokingly suggested to my friend that she get up and join the party, at which time she snapped at me and told me to get off her back. She said she had nothing else to say to anyone at the party and was concerned about keeping her daughter out too late. I told her I

would take her and her daughter home and then return to the party, which I did. How can I tell her how embarrassed I was at her rude behavior? She saw nothing wrong with her actions.

ANGRY CORONADO FRIEND

Dear Angry,

If your pal can't recognize that making disparaging remarks about refreshments, taking a mid-party snooze, and being generally anti-social is bad behavior, then she's seriously out of touch. You didn't mention whether alcohol was involved. Either she's a problem drunk, or she was having a bad night for some undisclosed reason, or her social skills are pathetic. All you can do is ask her, "What happened?" You can also let her know how her behavior made you feel, and see if she "gets it." She may realize that she screwed up and apologize. If not, I doubt you invite her anywhere again soon.

Dear Saffron,

My sister, my only sibling, has longstanding problems with our stepmother. Our mom died when we were teenagers. We're now in our 30s. My sister never got along well with our mother, but when dad remarried the wonderful, warm woman who is our stepmother, Sis acted like Dad had committed a capital offense. At this point, Sis acts fairly civil to "Joan," our stepmother, but you can tell it's a strain.

She is constantly imagining that Joan has slighted her in some way. Joan is very solicitous of my sister and always nice to her, despite Sis's occasional fits of rudeness. I know Sis's unkindness to Joan hurts our dad, though he never says so. Over the holidays, when we were together a lot, Sis acted badly towards Joan a few times and was always whispering mean things to me about her. I love Joan, and frankly I find her a lot easier to be with than with my sister. I've grown tired of my sister's attitude towards Joan. Joan says she understands that it's hard to be a teenage girl and lose your mom and then cope with Dad remarrying. Fine, but Sis is a grown woman with kids of her own now. Is there any way I can persuade Sis to treat Joan better?

WEARY BIG BROTHER IN DEL MAR

Dear Weary,

Have your sister and Joan ever spent time alone together? If not, they may need to get to know each other on their own terms, away from the complications of a family gathering. Your sister sounds like she has gnarly mom issues she never dealt with that are spilling over into her relationship with Joan. It might help her to find a sympathetic shrink, and try sorting things out. But no one can make her do this. She has to be ready and willing to revisit emotionally scary territory. You could take her out to lunch and tell her how much you love her and that for

the sake of family harmony she might want to try talking it out with a psychologist. If she's not up for it then perhaps you and Dad can appeal to her feelings for the two of you. Tell her that you know no one can replace your mom, and that you realize the situation is difficult for her. It's hard for Joan, too. Make it clear that it would mean the world to you and Dad if she could get a grip on her turbulent feelings and try to make Joan feel more like one of the family, instead of a tolerated stranger.

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I was a little girl dancing in the summer sun with no shirt on, surrounded by pansies and mint, flower boxes, hanging plants, garden tools, and mud boots. My collection of toys included potpie tins, shovels, buckets, flowers, grass, leaves, and cicada shells. I would make mud pies and decorate them with flower petals and grass. I would collect cicada shells and keep them in old Velveeta boxes; I would see how many I could find in the week I visited with my grandparents.

I stood by my grandmother's side at the kitchen counter, and she would hand me peeled, raw turnips to munch on while she fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cooked green beans in bacon, and we chatted away. I learned how to make the best gravy in the world from her, watching her with the same admiration with which I would watch my mother put on her make-up before she would leave for a night on the town. My grandmother was my idol when it came to cooking Southern food. I love to cook all kinds of food, but my favorite, most comforting way to cook is the way she used to cook. Salads and potatoes from her garden, beef from a cow in the field, jellies from the pantry canned a year or two earlier, same with the green beans, the dates written on masking tape stuck on the side of the jar.

I remember feeling privileged when my grandmother would instruct me to go down to the deep freeze and find ice

cream for the apple pie she had made earlier that morning. I told her how delicious her cooking was to me, and she would tell me that was why she did it, because she knew I loved it so much.

I was a city mouse in the country when I visited my grandmother. I remember lazing on the porch swing in the peak heat of day and tempting a barn cat to sit with me. With a saucer of milk I worked on one cat for the duration of my visit — I would name it, feed it, pet it, and chase it. I had for those brief times, no worries; I was allowed to be a little girl, a free little nature girl. I would wear a flower behind my ear and have dirt under my fingernails. I was okay at my grandma's house in the summertime; I was okay.

My grandmother converted from Mennonite to Catholicism in order to marry my German grandfather, my tall, dark, strong-willed, mysterious grandfather. I loved my grandparents' calm, steadfast

way of life. They showed me how to live happily and contentedly within one's means. They showed me what it was like to have a family stand by you, no matter what. I got to feel what it would be like to have a support system so strong that no matter what crime you had committed or disease you had contracted, you would always be taken care of. This was the life my



Little Jeri

father came from.

My father was a Vietnam vet with a temper and a propensity to get screwed up and locked up. My grandpar-

ents were always there for him. They were even there for him when I told them he had seduced me during my childhood. For years my father would sexualize our weekends together by dressing me up in furs and diamonds, taking me to fancy restaurants, and keeping me up all night to play. But he was my daddy, my one and only, my love.

I will always love my grandparents, and I miss them. I miss the family gatherings, the Christmases, the weddings, and even the funerals. I miss these times because I brought the truth out. I gave a voice to the whispers, to the best-kept family secret, which wasn't Grandmother's apple-pie recipe. I long for my grandmother. I wish I could learn more from her. I wish I could tell her how much she meant to me, how much she will always mean to me. But I can't forgive her for taking my dad's side and not mine.

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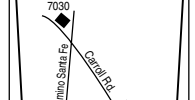
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Location: 1700 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on 12/25/05

Victim's Statement: On Christmas Day...I was on my way to World Famous restaurant. I noticed two black males approaching me. The younger-looking one



stopped in front of me and his friend walked around me. The younger one asked me for a dollar. I said I didn't have

any money and he insisted I give him a dollar. The next thing I remember is waking up in the street with blood all over my shirt. My mouth was bleeding and my wallet was lying next to me...there was \$120 missing. I was able to walk back home and bandage my chin. I didn't call the police immediately...because I have little faith in the department's ability to do anything about it.

BATTERY WITH SERIOUS BODILY INJURY

Location: [1400] Saturn Boulevard, Imperial Beach

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. on 12/25/05

Victim's Statement: I have known Joseph for approximately two years. I have been dating him for four months. Joseph has been living with me for two months. Joseph vandalized my car about a week ago. I forgave him because I had told his mother he was using meth and that is why he became upset. Joseph was sleeping when I left home today. I took my two children to my ex-husband's home. I was only gone for fifteen minutes because I did not want Joseph to think I was doing anything with my ex-husband.

When I returned home, I could see Joseph had knocked some things



over in the apartment. I went inside and took a shower. I was getting ready to go to my mother's house to celebrate Christmas. When I got out of the shower, I was wearing a bra and a towel. Joseph pushed me on the couch and slapped me in the face. He continued to destroy the apartment. I told him to stop before things got worse. I tried to pick up the telephone but he cut the telephone cord. I pushed the window screen out of the window to call for help but he covered my mouth [and] pulled me into the bedroom.

I told him to stop before things got worse. I put a shirt on and eventually put some pants on through all the fighting. Joseph pushed me. I fell and hit my head on the floor. He said, "Bitch, you like that?" Then he hit my head against the floor again. Joseph had a computer cord in both of his hands. He tried to put it around my neck. He did not use the cord but he used his hands...and strangled me. I passed out.

When I woke up, it was blurry and I could feel my hands and body shaking. I was still lying in the hall-

way. Joseph was standing over me and said, "You fucking bitch, you woke up." I ran to the bathroom because I was vomiting and could not breathe. Joseph pushed me in the bathtub and I hit my head against the wall. He ran the hot water on me. I was yelling because the water was hot and I wanted someone to help me. Then he turned the cold water on and let it run on my body.

I walked out of the bathroom. My nose and mouth was bleeding. Joseph told me he had cut the tires of my car so I could not get away. Joseph told me he wanted me to take him to the police. I knew he was not serious but I told him I would take him. I opened the door and ran out of the apartment.

FALSE IMPRISONMENT

Location: [8400] Capricorn Way, Mira Mesa

Time/Date: 3:00-5:00 p.m. on 12/24/05



Officer's Investigation: On 12/26/05, I made a traffic stop near the Northern substation. I made contact with the driver, Stephanie H. H. told me she was lost trying to find the police department and had driven

from Los Angeles to file a domestic violence report.

H. told me that on Christmas Eve, she was visiting her boyfriend [David C.] in San Diego when he assaulted her. H. told me she and C. had been dating for about six months. This is the first time C. had been violent with H. H. said she suffers from seizures and anxiety. She is prescribed Clonazepam.

She had taken her Clonazepam, which affects her heavily, and was sleeping on C.'s bed. She got up to walk to the bathroom and fell to the ground. C. came into the room, picked her up forcefully and started pushing her toward the bed. He shoved her onto the bed, calling her a "drunk" and a "nutcase." C. used what she believed was an extension cord to tie her hands behind her back and bind her feet. C. left the room after tying her up. H. was yelling for C. to release her as the bindings were very painful. C. came back into the room about thirty minutes later and untied her. C. [started] telling her to get out, that it was time to go, he had to leave.

H. walked into the living room...and noticed one of her CDs (*Isley Brothers Greatest Hits*) was missing. C. said the CD was his and became more upset, pushing her out the door. H. walked back in the house, asking for her CD back. C. told her, "We can do this the easy way or we can do this the hard way" and shoved H. back out the door, causing her to fall to the ground.

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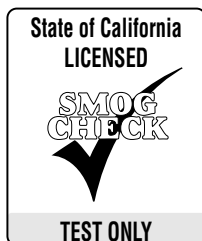
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"The next spring, Anne Marie bought a really cute convertible Saab. She lives in Washington, DC. And she was coming out to visit me, and we were going to drive up north and around the wine country and come back through Big Sur.

"When I was planning for this trip, I started wanting a convertible really bad. My daughter Megan and I flew up to San Francisco to see *Phantom of the Opera*, and then we went to Sonoma in a Sebring convertible, which I rented because I always thought they looked nice. And while driving it, I thought, this is the one for me.

"So Steve and I started looking for a used one. But all the used ones were in bad shape. Labor Day weekend we were up in Poway, and I test drove a used one and it was making all these noises. I told the salesman, and he said, 'Maybe you don't want a used car.' I said, 'Yeah, but I don't want to pay for a new one.' Then I saw this new one and it was my dream car, the color, the leather interior. I got in it, and Steve said, 'Why don't you test drive this one?' So I said I would; but when the salesman went to get the keys, I told Steve,

'I'm not going to buy it. I'm not going to spend this much money.'

"Steve got frustrated and he said, 'Then let's not test drive it if you're not going to think about buying it.' And I said, 'No, I want to test drive it.'

"It's the high-end model, a Limited, which means it's got the heated leather seats and the six-CD player. I got excited about it, and Steve did too. We called my brother, and he got on the Internet and looked up all the specs, and he helped me negotiate. I was there in the car lot talking to the salesman with my brother telling me what to say. Steve said, 'Just buy it and complain about it later.' But I wanted to negotiate.

"Two days after we bought the car, Anne Marie came out and we drove up to the wine country and back through Big Sur and all the way down on the coast roads. We felt like



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Thelma and Louise."

I ask, "Did you shoot your husband before you left, like Thelma or Louise did?"

"No," she says, "I couldn't shoot Steve. I left him with lots of work to do on the house. And when I came home, he had cleaned out the garage and installed an automatic door opener for me and my new car."

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"_____ is all I get on the cable box when I push "Power."

"Son of a bitch!" I exclaim, turning my focus toward finding the phone and releasing the remote back into the wild.

"Cox, how may I help you?"

"Hello, my cable's out again," I sigh in exasperation.

"Let me try to reset it from here," an office technician answers my plea, and the phone line drops off.

"Hello? Hello? Why, that dirty bastard hung up on me!"

The Byzantine labyrinth of choices and voices, options and menus gives way, and I'm finally on the phone with another technician.

"Yeah, you accidentally hung up on...hello? Hello?"

Five more dropped calls. Three more ineffectual instances of "Let me check your account" and one more hour after starting, I am on the phone with Lucy, and when it's her turn to speak I'm forcing my eye tooth into the index knuckle on my right hand so that the skin is bright and forced open and surrounded by blushing flesh, but it's not so deep that I'm bleeding.

I start my conversation with Lucy by saying, "Listen, I'm sure this is not your fault at all, Lucy. I'm sure you're a lovely person who is doing her job in a competent manner," but that's only how it starts. The platitudes and niceties peel away slowly until the naked roiling aggression makes my eyes puffy and red and then I'm belittling her education. Soon after, I'm questioning the relationship of her father to her mother. (Were they siblings? Was he a serial murderer and she a lonely fry cook at a fast-food restaurant?)

"Why?" the word her wailing mouth finally forms.

Her supervisor interrupts Lucy's sobs and coughing to say, "Mr. Olivieri, your cable has been turned back on," and the line goes dead.

Blood, hot in my neck, and my spine crackling with rage, I search to find another outlet. I need to vent on someone, someone who has been damning me slowly, grinding my knees in the gravel. Wiping tears and coughing, I dial a number.

Over the fuzzy waves a voice comes on with, "Cingular, how may I help you?"

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER

FX 7:00 A.M.

Unless she's cast as "third drooling idiot from the left" in the upcoming thriller *Retards on Tricycles*, I don't predict Sarah Michelle Gellar will have much work in the coming

years. I look forward to her eventual turn to pornography.

MY NAME IS EARL

NBC 9:00 P.M.

Here's a study in "keeping it indie." Vince Vaughn wrapped up the number-one com-

edy film of last year, drove his Porsche home to use Jennifer Aniston like a sock puppet, and then left her in a ditch. The "other guy" from *Swingers* maintained his artistic integrity, never sold out, gained 50 pounds, and he now makes cameo appearances on *My Name is Earl*. Good job, fellah. You're burning Hollywood to the ground with your ideals.



Buffy the Vampire Slayer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

WILL & GRACE

WB 7:30 P.M.

I'd like to dress the old busty one up in lederhosen and make her pull me around in a shiny red wagon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

FASHION POLICE: THE 2006 GOLDEN GLOBES

E! 11:00 A.M.

I'm swearing myself in as The Pretentious Ass Clown in Pancake Makeup Police and everyone in the Fashion Police is hereby under arrest.

GHOSTS OF MARS (2001)

TELEMUNDO 9:00 P.M.

¡Ay, caramba! Ice Cube battles zombies on a train traveling across Mars. EN ESPAÑOL!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

THE CHRISTOPHER LOWELL SHOW

DCHOME 3:00 P.M.

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T.G.I.F.

When, exactly, did I begin thinking of this place as home?

By John Brizzolara

It is Friday the 13th in the a.m. as I write this. (I always want to follow sentences like that with something like, "...time is running out. Within moments they will be upon me.") There is your Friday angle, anyway. It is Friday now.

I have not been out of town for an embarrassingly long time. Recently I decided it was time to visit a friend in Berkeley whom I hadn't seen in ages and booked a flight. I discovered what late-night talk-show hosts have been riffing about since 9/11 and the shoe bomber — airport security. With a pacemaker preventing me from walking through metal detectors, this becomes even more of a deal and somewhat more personal. I wonder how many times these security guys hear cracks about buying a passenger dinner before the body search. By now it must be hilarious.

Going to a drizzly and cool city with great bookstores was a pleasure tempered by my friend's ill health and old age. My old age, not his. Walking around Berkeley, hitting bookstores with a backpack and a wad of cash is a dream I've nurtured for decades, but the dream never included wheezing. It never included seeing roving gangs of Westernized East Indian or Pakistani lesbians with chopped hair and big butts in denim either, and that was an amusing feature. If it occurred to me that here was a particular brutalization of

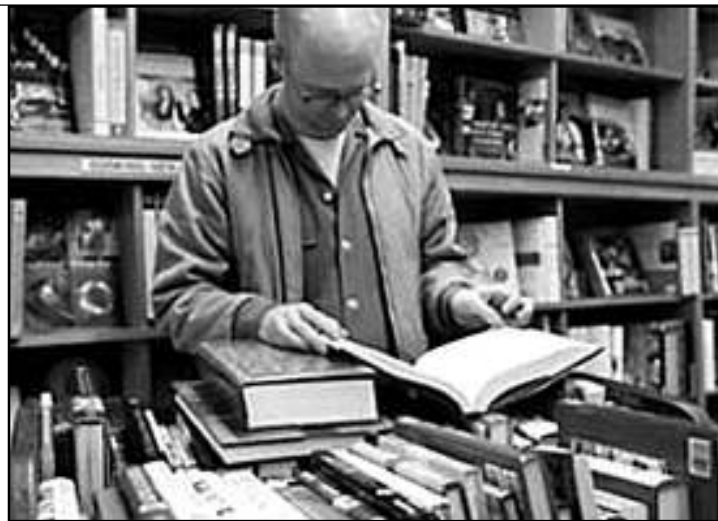
female beauty, it could only add fuel to the argument of those who consider me a pig. Whatever.

At one bookshop on Shattuck Avenue I had the maybe thin (maybe, some might say, pathetic) but real gratification of finding a bookseller who knew me by name and produced one of my old books from a dusty pile of pulp in the basement. He also handed me an envelope, which contained an original typescript: the first page of a poem from Clark Ashton Smith, dated, I think, 1932. In the upper right-hand corner Smith had typed something like, "For your usual rate," and I noticed his typewriter ribbon had needed changing. This was a little thrill hard to describe. If I were ever to find myself writing this kind of florid stuff, I would immediately acknowledge it as the onset of Alzheimer's or something equally serious, and so it is difficult to defend the kind of affection that I have for it.

It occurred to me at some point my second day there that the old hippies on the sidewalks, with their beads and crafts and pretty much useless oddities for sale in front of them, might well be the same people I saw, with the same stuff, in 1969. The Robin Williams joke — or whoever it was — that goes, "If you remember the '60s, you weren't there," completely applies to my recollections of the place in 1969. I remember patchouli, Gorilla Records, and Blind Faith coming from open windows, it seemed, everywhere. In this aspect, it had changed only in details.

The area, around Shattuck and University, seemed to have undergone a large influx of Indian, Afghan, and Pakistani immigrants over the decades, and this certainly satisfied my dinner ambitions. I asked one very tall, young guy at a convenience store which was the best, reasonably-priced, Northern Indian food bet on the strip, and he plugged a vegetarian restaurant two doors down that had won several awards, but added, "If you must have meat, if for some reason you simply must have meat," (sounding like Peter Sellers), "then you can go across the street. They have meat. All the meat you want." He had suddenly made me insist upon chicken, and I had an absolutely great vindaloo take-out in the Travel Lodge room, eating with one hand while I read a novel by Steve Erickson. I subliminally enjoyed the fact that I needed to turn on the heat in the room and did not. "There is no wine so sweet as thirst," Omar Khayyam once observed.

I really did nothing remarkable but sort of mentally tapped my foot, telling myself, well, I'm out of town. It's not that I missed San Diego for any reason,



and I'm not sure it's possible anyway to miss anywhere in only 24 hours or so, but I wondered when, exactly, did I begin thinking of this place as home? It wasn't when I bought a house here or, in October of this year, observed that I have been living here for a quarter of a century — but it was probably only a few weeks earlier, in September, when my son, as grown man, came to live with me again. I called him. I called my girlfriend. I did not call my sister who lives in San Rafael, not far away. Or my other sister who also, I think, lives in San Rafael. I thought this was interesting, and I walked around the streets of downtown Berkeley that night remembering being 19 years old, broke and homeless, out of a band and rock and roll dreams, joining a black soul and blues group out of Oakland, playing military bases and not being happy.

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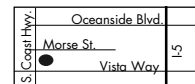
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