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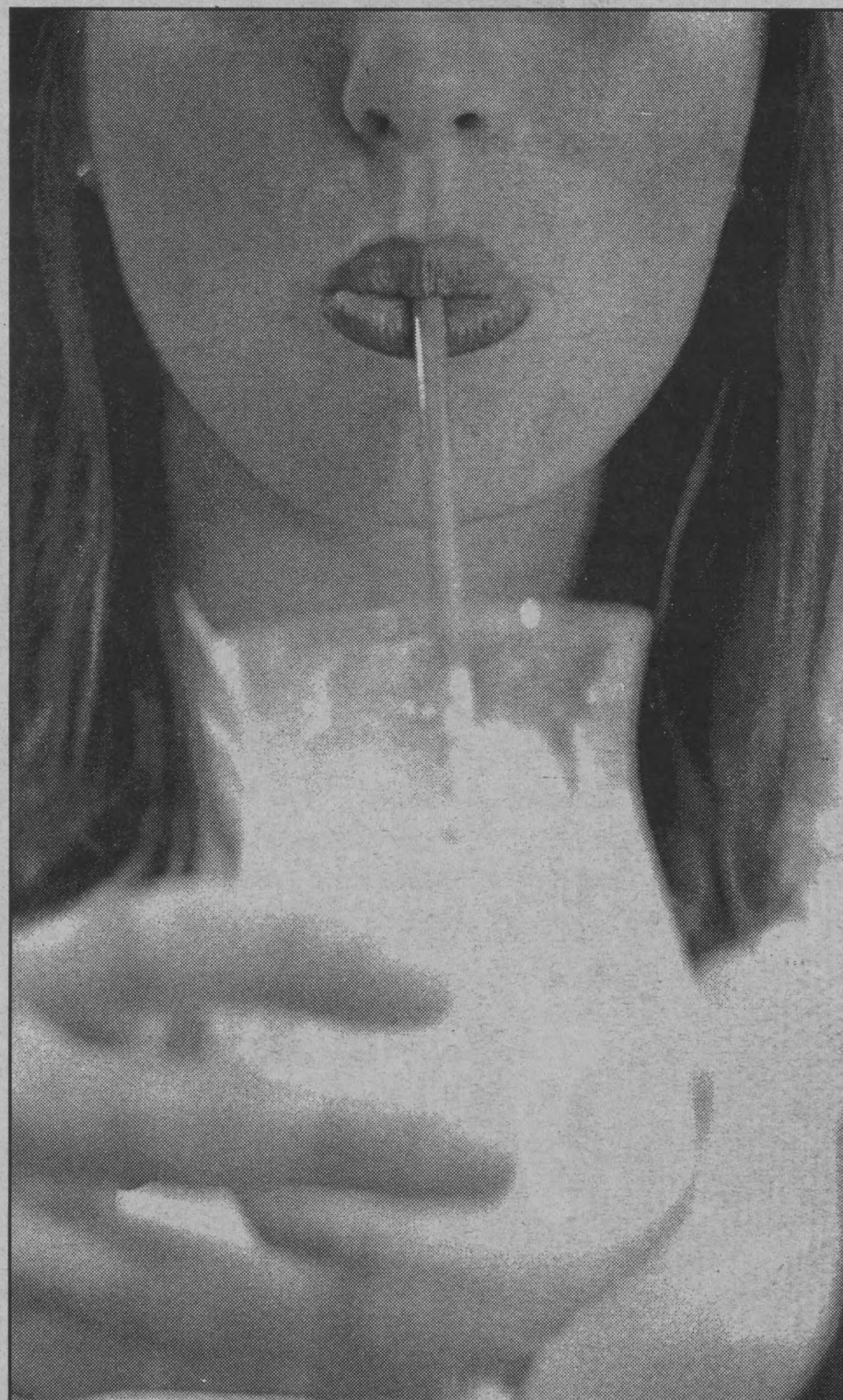
Elephant Bar

With the amazingly hectic schedule that every decently studious college student has, sometimes we don't have time for those friends we don't live with. And sometimes not even the ones we do live with. So instead of the usual, "let's hang out sometime," which we mean, but never ever happens, I made a date with some of my girlfriends. "Wednesday, dammit, we're going to the E-Bar!"

So on Wednesday, we ventured to the Elephant Bar for happy hour and the Padres game on the tube! By the time we had a few "coco-locos," a few mudslides (drink of my choice), and the designated driver's (Bless her heart) one token beer, we had made a whole new group of new pals in our new happy place. Not only were the drinks and company great, but there was one of those "pay-cheap-money-for-a-plate-and-eat-all-you-can-eat thangs. Mmm, good!

Even when I had to stand up on the bar and take everyone's photo, it was all good. The waitress even told me the best angle! (She got good tips!)

So mean what you say and take those friends you never have time to hang out with to E-BAR! Even with the game rained out for awhile, we hardly missed a thing.



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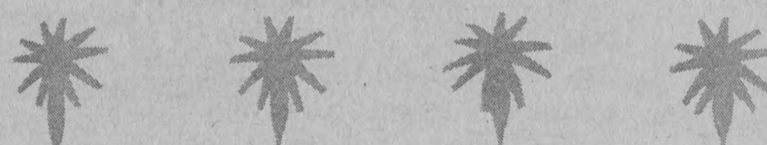
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For a good time, call IVBC... or just go there.

Isla Vista Beer Company



photos by Erin Derby

The Awakening

Amazingly, there was nothing that Monkey wanted more out of life. He had been thoroughly satisfied with his life with other monkeys in the jungle for years, until he'd heard there was more on the outside. He was intrigued by the unknown with a fervor that was not shared by his simian siblings, and so one day he abandoned his territory of birth and resigned his existence to experiencing everything he could. Monkey had traveled far and wide, and had filled his life with fire and light so extreme as to consume a lesser creation. So, now, when I stumble across my old friend, why was he found at a bar, crying into his beer at one end of a dusty brass rail alone?

Monkey pronounced with a thick but mellow moan, in clumps like many drunken throats, and spoke less sense now than you'd expect from a drunken monkey. "Tawday," he says to me, "as you know, I've traveled far and wide. And I've learned that between humans and monkeys, only monkeys can tell the difference."

I hesitated. I almost said, "Who cares?" Monkey was real blitzed, talking jibberish. I respected him enough to give him a response if he desired, but had no clue what to talk about. This happened a lot. Has this ever happened to you?

"Well, monkey," I began, "in all my time spent with you, I have received nothing but the most decent and fair appreciation. I feel that you deserve no less from me no matter if you are a monkey or a human." I continued. "I could scarcely tell the difference myself after our initial meeting. That's how I'm wired. You must forgive the fools who impugn you for things that are beyond your control."

This came out of my mouth! The liquor! I'd fancied around with some thick million-dollar words before (as I probably would afterwards), but I had fiddled around and moistened my mind a bit too many times with my beverage to have lubricated that kind of tongue exercise. It sounded good, though. I don't know what Monkey thought. I'd have liked to have recorded it. But here's a little more of our conversation. Meanwhile...

Monkey wasn't biting the bait. "It's just that I have hope, is all. Hope for alcohol to wash away the pain of the fucked-up things I do like drinking. Hope for freedom in a world where people



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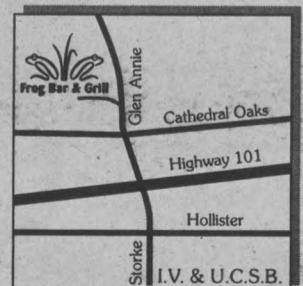
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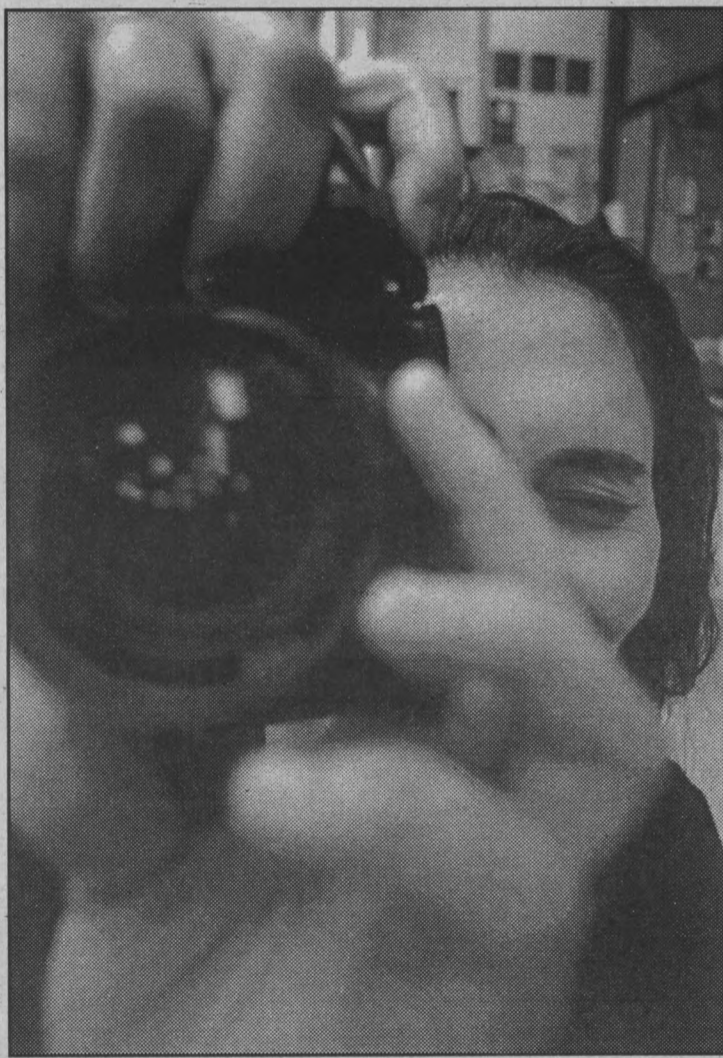
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Goleta Camera Center is located on Calle Real, conveniently close to many eateries and Isla Vista, which some of us call home. I am not a writer, but I am a photographer, and I know my camera stores. Today was my first opportunity to visit this fine establishment and I was pleasantly surprised. First off, it's a Pop-and-Son-owned establishment, always a good sign for discount and friendliness. (When I was introduced to the duo, a coworker joked, "It's 'bring-your-son-to-work' day!" Well, I thought it was funny)

Second, many camera stores seriously lack in the stock department. If you want a new lens, they have to order it, and you have to wait for it. But not here! They had a ton of stuff, and they had it *right there*. Also, they have *used!* I love used! I mainly buy used! Used is good, very good. (Have I gotten my point across yet?)

Now, don't get me wrong. They don't have only camera equipment, but also video equipment, frames, film, lots o' film, film processing, and every other little gadget that has broken off your camera and needs to be replaced.

Lastly, but not least, how can you not go to a store where the owner was actually willing to sit on the floor and place his head in the cabinet with the equipment for my picture!? It won my heart!

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do fucked-up shit to get their kicks instead of constructive, honorable deeds. Then they all complain about their predicament in a self-fulfilling prophesy that's getting a little old."

He was rambling. He knew he was losing me, his only audience.

"Just today, I saw some people in a theater on television. They had all come for a screening of films in which other people have photographed each other being caught in practical jokes and unfortunate circumstances. They all roared with laughter as the emcees mocked and exploited them. Then they all voted to see who was the worst one. For a plainly ideal form of democracy, the forum was indeed peculiar."

I knew of what he spoke, but I figured that if a bunch of people want to cram into a studio where nothing is going on but what they can't make up themselves or see on tv anyways, then they get what they deserve, and live and let live.

The regular patrons of the bar (I mean the other ones, besides us. We were there all the time together, I mean what else is there in life but to get "trashed?") gathered near the both of us, sensing inner philosophical antagonism. They circled and readied their views. Even though, they had drunk plenty too, this was generally okay. They thought they knew what they were talking about, and the liquor would have given them the patience to keep talking without noticing that Monkey was being conspicuously nonresponsive.

They spoke rather gruffly, with whiskey throats and a bully's sense of strength. They knew him. "What's your problem, little buddy? What's getting you down?" Kind thoughts after all. Maybe Monkey would give these last humans a chance for redeeming the whole flock. But he had already turned and sunk his head in the crook of his arm, hanging a "closed for business" sign in the window, motionless and still unhappy. But he was all cried out by then.

I quietly told them that if it was any consolation, I didn't think I was being much help, either, and they laughed it off and went back to darts or something profane. The pressure in the ambient atmosphere restabilized, and the turtle head came out of his shell. And it wasn't that I was sick of Monkey or anything. I didn't want to

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send him back into his shell. I only wanted to punish him slightly for clamming up the first time. I'm his friend to give him a piece of my mind. So I did.

"Monkey," I said, "you didn't even give those guys a chance, dude. How do you expect people to learn to like you and recognize your individuality if you pretend to be a superstar? Being a thinking, talking monkey is no big thing, so acting all aloof will get you nowhere with anybody. That's as much a self-fulfilling prophesy as the one you condemned earlier."

Monkey blinked and sniffed. The tears were definitely gone. "See, dude, you just don't get it."

What you just said right now tries real hard to make me feel insignificant and humble (he pronounced "humble" in a mocking tone like when a sporting crowd makes fun of an opponent. He just did that cause I'm big on doing the right thing, and he was in a bad mood on account of he didn't eat a lot before drinking), and what's more, proves what I said! You treat me as though I weren't special or something, when I know in my heart that I'm right. And you should trust me; I've seen and thought more with my brain than you have just because I can recognize that it was so rare and delicate and unusual a gift."

He was being irrational. I stalled for time. "But get real, monkey, we're all each special in our own ways. The world doesn't owe you anything."

"I've met these types before," Monkey said. This time he was grossly generalizing. "They're called humans, and all they do is fuck with the monkey. I just wish they could see it like me, like it should be, a life where love and happiness exist if you get your shit done. I love justice, Tawday, if only because I figure under those rules, I could come out ahead. The very fact that I get no love over here proves to me that there is no justice. And it's about time, is all. My patience is running out, and my drink is getting low. I'm all dehydrated from the emotion, so I'm going to get a well-deserved refill from the beautiful tap third from left."

I thought about what Monkey had said. I really couldn't see that his brain was any better or worse than the average intelligent life form on Earth, but you gotta figure that if he's the only talking monkey, it follows that whatever voices are



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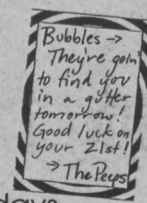
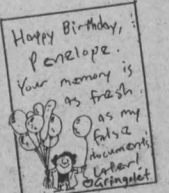
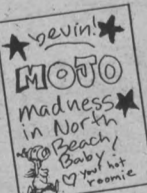
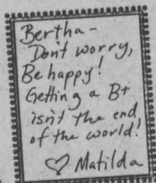


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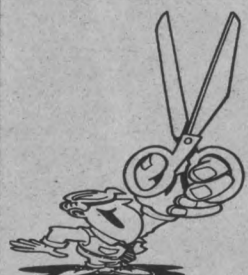
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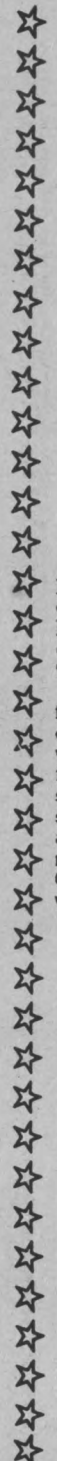
"Hey, you damn monkey, you drink too much!" Without even breaking his uneven tread, he said, "that's probably because I go to the bathroom too much, y'know."

He got his mug of foam, but it was too much for him. He slipped on some spilled condiment juice on the counter and hit his head on the brass rail. He lost consciousness before that, though; he just went limp. He slumped to a horizontal position on the filthy bar and his wooden hands unclosed and allowed his froth to flow gently onto the stool underneath and to the left of him.

Now, no one was sitting in that chair at the time, mind you, but it had been previously occupied with the fellows that had engaged us in conversation earlier. They appeared to be the only ones in the bar remaining (it being a bit past closing time) and they seemed to be off in the bathroom, all at once. The door was not closed, and I could discern silhouettes flickering on the wall behind and hiccupping and choking over a faint mechanical buzzing sound. Still, I figured they were okay. I picked up Monkey's tall glass from the chair that had soaked up its contents and cushioned its fall and made haste, noticing that there was no bartender (how did Monkey get his foam filled anyway?), to pour him another cool draft while I could before the help closed the tap in the back.

About halfway through, the buzzing sound stopped and then resumed, but louder, somewhere from the depths of the empty room behind me. I thought nothing out of the ordinary when I turn around to see Monkey's latest resting place vacated. I would check the floor, I remember telling myself.

He was not there. I went back to the bathroom, where all that was left of a big practical joke was shaved onto the floor. Too much for any one mane, this hair had collected here as



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the result of the madly extended locals losing numerous gentlemanly bets. This was extreme but normal. But where were they now?

Monkey was still missing, presumed drunk. He had no hair to speak of to shave, so it would be logical to find him elsewhere. Upstairs in the manager's office I heard another different buzzing sound (you realize everything I'm hearing now I'm going to describe as a buzzing sound because of my inebriation) and went to investigate.

On the floor of the office, Monkey was passed out. The owner of the tavern (by the way, nowhere to be found at all that night for unrelated reasons - that's another story) had a tattoo parlor in his office, and the locals were going to work on their newest creation on Monkey's body. Two of them were passed out on the floor with shaved heads, themselves previous victims. There were two guys on their knees around Monkey, chanting, ha ha ha, you passed out, you dumb monkey. These guys had freshly shaved heads, too, not from that night, but possibly any other night in the week. The group of them had a code about lynching those with larger thirsts and lower tolerances. These people often had a shaky grip on being aware, anyways, and their dome vegetation was their record. By the way, Tawday has a full head of "Irish red" hair.

Anyways, so I asked them why Monkey had to be tattooed when he passed out, when all the other guys just got their heads shaved. "Isn't that a little permanent?" I said. Plus I knew that tattoos don't set well when the alcohol thins young monkeys' blood, plus it was done by a real drunk fool, too, so there was no way in hell it would look good. Hardly any of the others Monkey had gotten this way were legible.

The two guys left standing stopping chanting and faced me in unison, from their position crouched over the body, resting on their haunches as predators, enjoying fresh meat, having hunted out the weak and available in the flock. Their eyes stared at me, but I know not what they saw when they simply replied, "well, he's a monkey, right? And we sure as hell can't shave him all too well, hell, we'd have to shave his whole body to get the effect, right? Different rules for different players, man, we all voted on this earlier. Besides, he doesn't care, really. Otherwise he wouldn't pass out all the time, right?"



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I laughed, looking at the slobbering sickos as they bled my friend with their tattoos and attention. Monkey had gotten what he wanted, acknowledgement as a unique individual, from people who do fucked-up shit to get their kicks. Too bad he wasn't awake to remember it.



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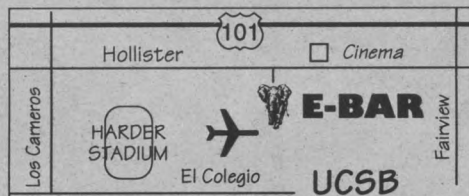
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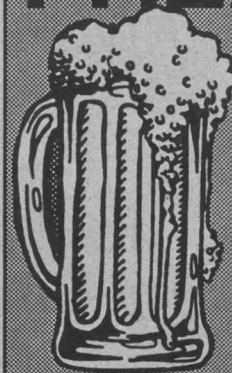
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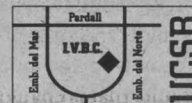
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