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Field of Screens

The first drive-in theater I snuck into in San Diego was also the first one built here, the Midway, on the northwest corner of Mission Bay Drive and Sports Arena Boulevard. It was December 1979, and I was already camping out for concert tix in the nearby arena parking lot (Frank Zappa, well worth the cold 'n' cramps). Friends held our spots while three of us went down the road to attempt sneaking into the single-screen Midway to see *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*, with no plan as to what we'd do once inside (I guess we assumed we could sit near **a speaker pole and not be noticed**). (STORY CONTINUED ON PAGE 26)

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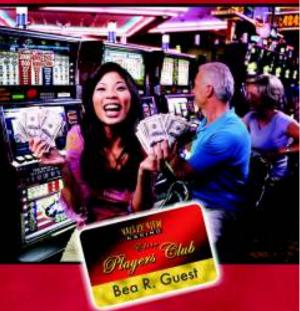
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Tough love Bay-front developer Doug Manchester, who has taken to calling himself"Papa



Doug," has made a big chunk of his multimillion-dollar fortune doing deals with the Port of San Diego. The onetime life-insurance salesman found his lifetime holy grail when he got the lease on the site that became the downtown Marriott Hotel on the bay. Then he backed Roger

Doug Manchester

Hedgecock for mayor and was rewarded with Hedgecock's support for a new convention center next door to the Marriott. Manchester also put up the nearby Hyatt Regency and later expanded it, thanks to yet more leases provided by the port. Now, the developer has wrangled negotiating rights for two other prime waterfront parcels. One is the big piece of Navy-owned property at the corner of Broadway and Harbor Drive, presently the subject of a raging controversy about how much park space the developer might be willing to provide as part of a new office project proposed for the location. The other is the old Lane Field site currently a parking lot — on the north side of Broadway at the same intersection. That land is owned by the port, and Manchester has gotten together with the Viejas Indian tribe in an attempt to cut a deal with port commissioners to develop yet another hotel and a new cruise-ship terminal there. And judging from a letter by Karen Jane Weymann, the port's assistant real estate director, Manchester is up to his usual game of hardball.

"At its May 6 meeting, the Board of Port Commissioners authorized District staff to enter into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with the Manchester-Viejas team for ninety days," Weymann wrote Manchester Financial Group's Perry Dealy on June 7. "Although you agreed to the terms of the ENA at our May 22 meeting, we still have not received the executed documents. Further, the response you sent on June 5 to our draft Term Sheet is inconsistent with the ENA and proposes to substantially change the Board's direction.

"You proposed to reduce the option consideration from a non-refundable \$4.5 million to a refundable \$800,000; remove the requirement to acquire the 1220 Pacific Highway leasehold from the U.S. Navy; and, delay negotiations of the economic terms of each of the development transactions to a later date. Manchester's obligation to advance predevelopment costs for the Cruise Ship Terminal and work proactively with the Port to obtain financing has also been revised." With the fate of the project seemingly hanging in the balance, Weymann is tight-lipped, saying only that negotiations will continue until early August, when they may or may not produce an agreement. Her letter chastising Manchester, she says, was inadvertently included in a packet of project updates provided to port commissioners.

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Meanwhile, a threat by Princess Cruises to discontinue calling on San Diego next year because of inadequate terminal facilities has been rescinded. In a June 6 e-mail to port marketing director Rita Vandergaw, Princess's "Director of Shore Operations-Europe and Exotics" Bruce Krumrine wrote, "I'm afraid I have some disappointing news for

you. Our plans to homeport a ship in San Diego for the 2007/2008 season have now changed and we will not be going forward with this deployment." The dispute, says Vandergaw, arose because two of Princess's 23 scheduled calls conflict with visits by other cruise ships, a situation that will force Princess to process their passengers in a temporary tent on the B Street pier rather than inside the perma-



But two weeks later,

Vandergaw says, the company changed its mind and agreed to use the tent in one case and the Broadway Pier in another.

Ethical fruits San Diego's city ethics commissioners and staff have filed their annual statements of economic interest for 2005, revealing a raft of gifts. Executive director Stacey Fulhorst reports getting "2 invites to a party" from San Diego Magazine in February that she said were worth \$300. Criterion Co., a New York firm whose business activity is listed as "film production & distribution," gave \$75 for an April dinner, and San Diego lawyer Jeffrey Krinsk paid \$325 for "Padres ticket & pkg" in September. Commissioner Charles H. Dick, Jr., a lawyer at Baker & McKenzie, got "Dinner and Tix to Wins" worth \$194 in October. The giver was Virginia C. Nelson, another attorney. Lawyer Robert Teaff kicked in a "Wine Gift" worth \$15 in December. Commissioner Guillermo Cabrera, another lawyer, got a \$56 ticket to California Adventure from the Walt Disney Company in October. San Diego Magazine provided him with two tickets to February's "50 to Watch Party," which he valued at \$140. Real estate agent Darren Schneider gave a \$250 Home Depot gift certificate.

Arnold's swells While Democratic candidates for governor were bloodying themselves in their bitter spring primary battle, GOP incumbent Arnold Schwarzenegger was quietly build-



chest. As usual, San Diego Republicans, along with some Democrats, were more than happy to oblige. There were the usual donors, including Liberty Station developer Mark D. McMillin (\$22,300); Mission Bay hotel mogul Ann Evans (\$11,150)

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Surprise? Peregrine **Was Pioneer in Backdating Scam**

By Don Bauder

• ou'd love to place a bet on a horse after the race is over and collect your winnings without getting caught and fitted for cement

boots. Don't laugh: almost daily we're finding out that top corporate executives have been pulling off such chimonths, about 50 corporations have admitted they are being investigated for backdating stock options. In the



canery. Not surprisingly, San Diego got in on the caper early. In the last couple of 1990s and into the early 2000s, it appears to have been one more way for greedy executives to screw their stock-



holders. The practice seems to have abated sharply in 2002 after Congress passed the tough Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which business lobbying organizations now want to emasculate.

Stock options give executives the future privilege of buying shares in their company at the price they were trading for when the board of directors approved the arrangement. Presumably, good management will cause the stock price to rise, netting the execs a nice profit and tying their performance to the stock's price.

But criminal and civil investigators are looking into a repugnant practice: secretly backdating that stock option to the lowest possible price. The executives then get a double-martini effect: because the original price was artificially low, their profit is artificially high. The practice can be legal if it is disclosed in corporate filings (as is typical, many smelly activities are technically legal if disclosed in legal Latin in fine print).

Early this year, the Wall Street Journal did a series of stories exposing options backdating. But one of San Diego's examples actually came to light three years ago in the continued on page 8

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Nearby Residents See Red Over **Nightly Fireworks**

By Ernie Grimm

rustration with the noise from SeaWorld's fireworks has long simmered in the neighborhoods near the theme park. In May,

the pot began to boil over when a local newspaper, the Peninsula Beacon, printed a letter written by Ocean Beach resident Karl Korhum. "SeaWorld's nightly fireworks ing height."Disneyland stated that they switched from using explosive powder to pressurized air," Korhum wrote, "to reduce the noise of the explosions, the smoke, and



season is about to begin," Korhum wrote. "Again, this year, they have been launching their fireworks using explosive powder, the con-

a war zone." Korhum noted that in June 2004, Disneyland switched its fireworks displays from a powder-launch system to a pneumatic system, which uses pressurized air to shoot the fireworks to their burst-

cussions of which resemble

the hazards to safety. Disney said they wanted to be 'good neighbors.' "

In a later issue, the Bea*con* ran a letter written by Annelie Brinkman and Carlos Gutierrez of Loma Portal."We are writing this letter because we are not happy with SeaWorld as our neighbor. The noise generated from the fireworks, especially during the summer months, is very disruptive to our lives.... We

are the owners of two beautiful greyhounds. They are quiet, obedient, and a pleasure to have around, except when the fireworks go off. They become nervous, anxious, and apprehensive.... In order to keep them calm, we have to close all windows and doors no matter how hot it is in the house. Some people, as well as small children we know in this area, have early bedtimes because of work or school schedules, and I'm sure they find the explosions disruptive as well."

Brinkman and Gutierrez added, "From 1965 to 1988, we owned a house [near] Saint Brigid's Catholic Church in Pacific Beach. Sometime prior to 1988, a few neighbors complained about the beautiful church bells we so enjoyed on Sunday mornings, and they were quieted.... The noise generated by SeaWorld's fireworks is by far not as pleasant as the church bells in Pacific Beach, yet no one seems to have enough clout to quiet them."

Picking up on Korhum's theme, the Loma Portal couple closed their letter asking "that SeaWorld consider converting to pressurized air to launch the fireworks in an effort to be a better neighbor."

At the end of his letter, Korhum exhorted readers to make their feelings known to the theme park. "If enough of us contact Mike Cross, an executive vice president for SeaWorld, we may be able to convince him that SeaWorld could also become a 'good neighbor' by converting to pressurized air to launch their



Arena apartment she shares

with a couple of cats, she says,

"I wrote the letter, and I said

I thought it would be a good

idea if they at least went to

pressurized air. It would still

give them their fireworks, but

it would also give peace and

quiet to the neighborhood.

Because if you come home

from work tired, and you want

to go to bed early, at ten o'clock

at night, when those things

go off, it doesn't matter how tired you are, you are wide

Smith's apartment sits across the San Diego River

and Interstate 8 from Sea-

World. It's 9:35 on the night

of Friday, June 23. On a cof-

fee table in front of her lie a pair of hard plastic earmuffs,

the type worn by gardeners

using power tools or cops

practicing at the firing range. "I bought that headset so I

can block the fireworks out," she says. "If I want to go to

awake."

fireworks."

At least one of his readers, 62-year-old legal secretary Barrie Smith, took the suggestion. Sitting on the couch in the nine-by-ninefoot living room of the Sports



SeaWorld's fireworks barge

Sea World fireworks

sleep before ten, I wear earplugs. I have no problem with fireworks. I like fireworks, but after a while it just gets to the point where you are sick and tired of them. For a special occasion, to emphasize something, they're great. But every single night of the week, no."

And every summer, for about 90 consecutive days starting in mid-June, Sea-World signals closing time with a six-minute fireworks display.

Between 9:50 and 9:55, a loud pop breaks the silence in Smith's apartment complex. "There they go," she says.

Though they color the fog \Re rolling upriver from the ocean, $\bigcup_{i=1}^{n}$ you can't see them burst. You can hear them though, and $\tilde{\underline{s}}$ the percussive pops are loud enough to make you jump. "With a pressurized-air system," Smith says, "you'd still 6

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Backdating scam

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charges by the Securities and Exchange Commission against Peregrine Systems, the biggest fraud in San Diego's history.

The agency charged in 2003, "At each quarterly board meeting, Peregrine's board of directors approved the total number of stock options that could be granted to employees before the next quarterly board meeting. Peregrine then allocated the options to employees during the quarter but did not price the options until the day after the next quarterly board meeting. On that day, Peregrine's stock administrator looked back at the market price of Peregrine's stock between the two quarterly board meetings to find the lowest price at which Peregrine's stock had traded. That is where Peregrine set the stock option exercise price, to benefit those who received *the stock option.*"(Italics mine.)

Under accounting rules, Peregrine should have recorded those nifty sub-rosa bonuses as compensation expenses. It didn't do so. So the Securities and Exchange Commission said that Peregrine had thereby understated its expenses by approximately \$90 million during the period of the fraud.

The company that backdates stock options may use other backdating techniques to rig its books. As criminal and civil charges have revealed, Peregrine was an expert at fraudulent backdating. It usually used backdating ruses to overstate sales, not understate expenses. Repeatedly, it used these tricks to shift sales from the quarter in which they had taken place to the previous quarter, so the company could meet Wall Street's expectations.

The U.S. Attorney's indictment of Peregrine officers in January 2003 listed several of those backdating bunco games. The defendants "would backdate, white-out, and remove fax headers from sales documentation in order to fraudulently conceal the fact that these deals had actually closed after the end of the fiscal quarter," charged the grand jury. Peregrine had a fax machine "that magically time-stamped any contract as having arrived before the end of the fiscal quarter."

Peregrine executives joked that contracts were signed on the 37th day of the month. One of the indicted executives, Douglas Powanda, joked that he wanted to start a company, "End of Quarter.com," that would "specialize in signing sham deals for public companies in exchange for money," said the grand jury. (Powanda had a knack for accumulating money. He sold \$25 million of Peregrine stock before the collapse. He also sold his Rancho Santa Fe digs to none other than former representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham for \$2.55 million.)

Many of the companies under backdating investigation behave the way Peregrine did: execs and board members are more interested in running up the stock than running a reputable company. The Securities and Exchange Commission and U.S. Attorneys' offices in both Northern and Southern California are looking into past practices at Applied Micro Circuits, which just recently moved its headquarters from San Diego to the Silicon Valley but still has a big plant here. This company's stock peaked at \$110 in 2000 and now trades below \$3.

Former chief executive David Rickey was known for his rich compensation. From early 1998 to early 2000, he reduced his number of shares from 3.5 million to 604,000 when the stock was zooming toward \$100. He had paid 7 cents apiece for his initial shares. In addition, by early 2000, he was sitting on options worth \$220 million. In early 2001, the New York Times reported that Rickey had amassed \$170 million by dumping 99 percent of his stock beginning in 1999. Rickey attacked the paper and said he still had options on 5.7 million shares.

Applied Micro Circuits named a new management team last year. It has delayed filing its annual report while it investigates options backdating over a seven-year period. It is not known whether the investigation involves shares granted Rickey.

Some prominent companies known for excessive executive pay are being probed for backdating. William McGuire, chief executive of Minnesota-based United-Health Group, holds options worth \$1.6 billion that are exercisable. He also is in line to get \$100 million in pension benefits. The chief financial officer could cash in \$663 million of options today. The state attorney general is looking into the company's option policies. So are the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and the Internal Revenue Service.

The Securities and Exchange Commission is looking into home-improvement retailer Home Depot, which is infamous for fat executive pay. The company found that some executives had been awarded options at belowmarket prices. Options expense of \$10 million had not been recorded.

In June, Home Depot made headlines for slighting stockholders at its annual

meeting. The shareholders had complained that chief executive Robert Nardelli had picked up \$123.7 million in pay over five years while the company's stock had gone down 9 percent. The stock of its major competitor, Lowe's, had soared 185 percent over the period. Stockholders came to the meeting loaded for bear, but Nardelli was the sole board member there. He stayed around only 30 minutes and cursorily fielded a few questions. Employees said he runs the company the same way he ran the meeting. "Arrogance will kill this company," complained one shareholder.

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Allegedly, the director who decided that most of the board would boycott the meeting was cofounder Kenneth Langone. He has played a key role in the controversy over Dick Grasso's pay as chairman of the New York Stock Exchange. Grasso, who was making \$12 million a year, wanted to cash in \$140 million of pension savings even while he kept working. Many on the exchange *continued on page 10*





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Backdating scam

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board were appalled — at the \$140 million, as well as at Grasso's desire to grab it before he retired. Not Langone, who as chairman of the compensation committee rooted for Grasso, whom he had put on the Home Depot board. Grasso was worth that kind of money, said Langone. He belonged in the Hall of Fame "with Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, and Mickey Mantle," he said.

Yes, in the Greed Hall of Fame, with countless other executives. Some have nowhere else to go: top executives of Camarillo's Vitesse Semiconductor, Mountain View's Mercury Interactive, and New York's Comverse Technology are out of jobs as a result of probes into options backdating.

Nightly fireworks

get the colorful display, but you wouldn't have that concussion."

Not true, says Pete Gillenberg, operations manager of Fireworks America, the Lakeside company that runs SeaWorld's pyrotechnic shows. Almost all of the noise, he says, "comes from the break of the shell up in the air. The launch makes a *foof* noise, which isn't very loud."

A source (who asked not to be named) at another local fireworks company, Pyro Spectaculars, confirmed Gillenberg's contention. "People who think a pressurized-air-launch system will reduce noise are completely mistaken. You get a little bit of noise from the launch, but 99 percent of the noise is in the break at the top of the rise, 300 to 500 feet up in the air. What you get with the pressurized-air launch is less smoke."

Gillenberg agrees, "That system [at Disneyland]," he says, "was developed to reduce smoke, not noise. With the pressurized-air launch, there's no smoke at ground level, only up in the atmosphere."

The July 7, 2004 Associated Press article by Tim Molloy on the Disneyland system confirms that point. "The move," Molloy wrote, "comes partly in response to about 70 complaints since 1991 by some of the park's neighbors in Anaheim to the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which regulates air quality in the Los Angeles area."

Molloy went on to quote Sam Atwood, spokesman for the air quality district, saying, "What they're doing now has reduced the smoke at the ground level, and that's probably the most effective place to reduce it, because that's where people are going to breathe it."

"That's a \$7 million system up there," Gillenberg says. "We'd be happy to use it, but it's cost-prohibitive."

Gillenberg insists Fireworks America has taken steps to reduce noise at the SeaWorld displays. "We don't use any salutes — those are the shells that make a flash and a loud bang — and we don't use any shells larger than six inches."

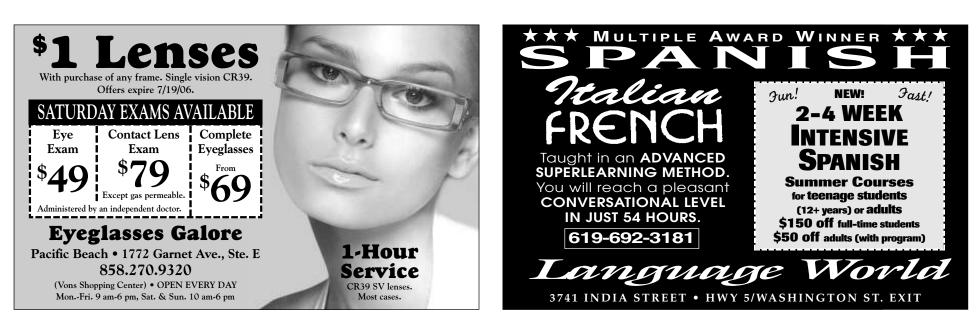
Fireworks shells, he says, can be as big as 24 inches in diameter. The bigger the shell, the more explosive powder it contains and the louder the bang it makes. By limiting the approximately 300 shells that are fired off each summer night at SeaWorld to six inches and smaller, Fireworks America limits the noise. Still, the source at Pyro Spectaculars says, "I've seen the SeaWorld show, and it's a little obnoxious. They have bigger shells than they really need. They could be more artistic and use fewer big shells, that's for sure. They could move the display in-park"— SeaWorld's fireworks are launched from a barge floating on Hidden Cove, between the park and Fiesta Island — "and go for smaller shells and a more artistic presentation instead of just lobbing big shells up there."

Reached by phone, David Koontz, communications director at SeaWorld, says there isn't room within the park for an in-park launch. And he stresses that the theme park complies with the city's regulations and Coastal Commission stipulations. Asked why the late hour for the display, he says, "The park is open in the summertime until 10:00 on weeknights, and it is open until 11:00 on Fridays and Saturdays. So the fireworks are basically the conclusion

of our day, like at many parks. We are allowed to do fireworks no later than 10:00 on a day that precedes a workday. And then you can actually do them until 11:00 on a day that precedes a weekend day or a holiday. But all our fireworks are done by 10:00, whether it is a weekend day or a weekday."

As for Gutierrez and Brinkman's skittish greyhounds, SeaWorld has a solution to offer. "Because there are some people that say that fireworks frighten their pets," Koontz says, "a couple of years ago, we worked with a local guy who is sort of a dog-behavior expert and put together a CD, which is basically fireworks noise. You play it at home for your pet and you start to increase the volume. It is basically a desensitizing process."

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Spirit Of Brazil

As someone who likes to find out about what is going on in the dining world of San Diego, I often read the restaurant reviews. I have never been a huge fan of Naomi Wise's style of reviewing, but I feel that she reached a new low with her June 15 review of Samba Grill ("Rabelais in Rio"). She quoted the owner of Samba Grill as saying that "another" Brazilian steakhouse in town is owned by Koreans and does not have Brazilian chefs. The owner then goes on to imply that for this reason it cannot possibly have the authenticity, spirit, and creativity of the Brazilian culture.

First, this is incorrect. As a lover of Brazilian food, I have eaten at Rei do Gado (the other Brazilian steakhouse) many times. I always enjoy the food but also love the way that the staff is so friendly and the atmosphere is so much fun. Because I have met most of the staff by now, I can attest to the fact that most of them are Brazilian. I have met some of the chefs, and most of them are Brazilian too. It is true that the owners are Korean, but they had been in Brazil for many, many years before moving to San Diego to open Rei do Gado. Anyone who questions if Rei do Gado has the authenticity, spirit, and creativity of the Brazilian culture has not been there during a Brazilian soccer game when the place is packed with not only Brazilian workers but also Brazilian patrons. On the many occasions that I have been to Rei do Gado, it has been clear that the spirit of Brazil is alive and well in San Diego.

Secondly, how does this completely negative slander of Rei do Gado help the review of Samba Grill as a restaurant? How is it relevant? It strikes me as totally irresponsible to include it in the article. Richard Fenton

San Diego Indian Immigrants Float

Thomas Larson writes interesting and informative articles. The piece on immigration patterns of those from India, "The Guest Is Like God," June 29 (Cover Story), unfortunately, is about ten years too late. Since the mid-'90s, the "ethnic niche" for most of the immigrants from India has been computer programming. Coupled with outsourcing of white-collar jobs to India, the influx of programmers and engineers has had a far-reaching effect on the American economy and the white-collar job market, and it continues to this day. Also, these immigrants have had a telling effect on the growth of Indian

businesses, mainly Indian grocery stores and restaurants. Ironically, the motel industry is the least affected by this influx. Contrary to Larson's claim few Americans identify

claim, few Americans identify this ethnic group with hotel ownership and management. I have been in this country for more than 30 years, and nobody has ever asked me whether I am a hotelier. On the contrary, quite often I am asked which computer company I work for.

Larson uses the term "Indian-American" very loosely. I think the term applies only to those Indian immigrants who are also citizens of this country. Larson, however, is successful in bringing out the struggle that Indian immigrants like Dr. Barry Lall have to deal with: adhering to the expectations of the Indian tradition on the one hand and, on the other, finding selffulfillment from what they personally like to do. In a subtle way, Larson points out that Indian immigrants float above the mainstream American society, keeping intact their cultural values, customs, and religion, but making use of the economic opportunities that America offers. The not-so-subtle, gaudy caricature of a Hindu goddess on the cover attests to the chasm that exists between these two cultures.

Poovan Murugesan via e-mail

Dog Beach Zone

I agree with some of the comments from the Imperial Beach residents quoted in the article, "Ruff, Ruff, Ruff in Imperial Beach" ("City Lights," June 29). There is a problem with dog crap and dogs running wild on the beach in IB. It is about time for IB to designate an official dog beach with enforced laws and rules. My pit bull companion and I recently discovered the "Dog Beach Zone" in Long Beach, a leash-free dog beach providing a clean and safe haven for canines and their humans to socialize and play. Any pet parents and community activists looking to solve IB's dog issues should take note of the efforts and achievements of the Haute Dogs organization of Long Beach. Check out their website, www.hautedogs.org.

Kimberly Z and Ace of Spades via e-mail

Five Sleepless Neighbors

My brother and I had the same problem with a neighbor whose rottweilers never stopped barking ("City Lights," "Ruff, Ruff, Ruff in Imperial Beach," June 29). San Diego Noise Abatement suggested the following: Sue. Five sleepless neighbors all threatened to file in small claims at \$5000 each. We gave the owner of the incessantly barking dogs a letter signed by all. A \$25,000 lawsuit convinced the offender to move away. Immediately. Problem solved. I hope this helps.

> W.G. Johnson via e-mail

Panama's Example

I propose a solution to the problem illuminated by Don Bauder in "Napoleon III Could Unclog Freeways" ("City Lights," June 29). As an expatriate living in Panama for the last year and a half, I traveled using only their public transit system and can report that San Diego County and city could learn from Panama's example. Theirs is not an expensive, high-tech creation from on high, but simply letting the free market dictate the terms of fulfillment of public policy. As a result, I was able to conveniently travel anywhere in the urban corridor (Panama City-Colón; about the size of the city of San Diego) by either bus or taxi and never missed my car. In addition, I was able to use the same system (bus and taxi in tandem) to get to anywhere in the country, despite the lack of paved roads in the remote rural areas. Sure, the carriers were regulated and fares were standardized, but unlike here, barriers to entry were not oppressive and confiscatory. As a result, economical transit services moved the vast majority of workers, homemakers, and seniors to their destinations. This is a "bottom-up"

solution, in contrast to the USA's "top-down" remedies. The liberal approach here appears to involve tormenting the automobile driver until he/she surrenders the wheel to an inadequate alternative. The conservatives seem to be working for the old-money families who own extensive lands and development concerns (as well as the political machine). To satisfy the desires of citizens from all four points of the political compass: (1) I suggest the Libertarian approach of letting Napoleon III, in the form of a free-market dictator over our servant bureaucrats, fill the freeways and streets with large and small carriers-for-hire who would attract the drivers out of their cars with good delivery times and significant savings (due to minimal carrier fees/taxes). (2) Authoritarians would be appeased by a blanket requirement that all carriers-for-hire be powered by alternatives to petrochemicals, beginning with existing carriers. Believe me, if you could smell the air in Panama City, you would agree to this restriction. (3) Liberals should be satisfied with an economic incentive for carriers such as access to wholesale-priced, tax-free volume purchasing of alternative fuels/power, facilitated by local government — all in service to reduced fares to the public. In addition, freeway lanes would be dedicated to these carriers. (4) Conservatives would enjoy the elimination of driver torment via restricted parking laws and clogged roads and freeways. And I expect that they would applaud this program's support for small-business entrepreneurs.

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This question might set off a small shoving match among brain-science types with varying answers to why you can do this, but I'd say it's a left brain/right brain switch you have cultivated and you reinforce each time you bore your friends with the trick. Writing is ordinarily thought of as a left-brain-dominated activity: orderly, disciplined, plodding along, following certain rules. Turn the right brain loose in this environment and it can produce a mirror image of your usual writing style. Some left-handed kids' first writing is a form of mirror writing, and they have to be trained to grasp the left-to-right tradition. Actually, just about anyone could develop this talent, though why they want to, I can't say. A little practice to release the left-brain stranglehold should do it.

Hey, Matt:

When I recently drove through Utah, I noticed that "regular"-grade gasoline (in addition to costing a lot less) is 85 octane, not 87 like it is here. I thought this was maybe some odd Mormon custom, perhaps to discourage wasteful consumption, until I saw the same thing in Colorado. What gives with these lower-cost, lower-octane fuels? My car runs fine on them. Why can't we get them here in California and maybe save a few pennies at the pump?

– *Robert Sheaffer, East County*

Your 85-octane trail must have gone through high-altitude locations — Salt Lake City, Denver, right? The lower atmospheric pressure and oxygen levels at these spots require a different gas blend so your carburetor has the right mix of air and fuel for proper combustion. (Octane is a measure of combustibility of the fuel.) If we used 85 octane here at sea level, or anywhere below about 5000 feet, we'd hack and cough our way down the road and eventually chug to a halt. True, 85 octane gas will be cheaper than 87, but the difference won't be huge. Any big cost differences you saw are more likely a result of the always-mysterious gas company pricing patterns you see around the country.

Hey, Matt:

What makes sauce lumpy? Or better yet, what is a guaranteed way to mix something like flour and water and never have lumps?

— Jerry in San Diego

Grandma is teary eyed. Someone out there actually makes gravy from scratch instead of buying that crap-in-a-bag powder or wimping out with mushroom soup! Between sobs, Grandma sez when hot liquid hits flour, the little flour molecules burst free and form a gooey web that congeals into lumps. A mixture of fat and flour will help prevent this. Try flour smooshed with butter dabs and added a few at a time to hot liquid. Or add flour to pan drippings, cook and stir until they're smooth, then add liquid. Or use Grandma's technique: find a jar, put in your flour, add cold water, screw on the lid, shake the heck out of it until the flour's suspended, then pour it into the pan. Make sure you cook away the raw flour taste, though. Grandma sends kisses.

Hey, Matt:

I was watching the NY Yankees vs. the Atlanta Braves this Wednesday, and one of the graphics showed a list of the injured Braves and their injuries. Amongst all of the twisted ankles, pulled groins, and Dense-Wallet-Elbow injuries there was "Tommy John" listed. I thought the network had mistakenly placed a player's name with all of the injuries, but it was listed twice. All right, who and/or what the heck is Tommy John? It sounds like a type of wrench to me.

- Jay, the net

Jeez, who's Tommy John? Sometimes you Alicelanders make me feel like a ranger at Jurassic Park. Through the 1970s he was one of the top pitchers in the majors. He retired in 1989, not exactly ancient history. Anyway, in 1974, when pitching for the Dodgers, John tore the ulnar (or medial) collateral ligament in his left elbow, his pitching arm. The UCL connects the lower arm bone (humerus) to one of the upper arm bones (ulna). It's critical to stabilizing the joint, and in the mid-'70s a UCL tear was considered a career ender. Not willing to take that for an answer, John found a skilled orthopedic surgeon, stuck out his elbow, and said, "Fix it." Dr. Frank Jobe took on the challenge and invented a new surgical technique to replace the UCL. He took a tendon from John's right wrist, drilled holes in the left humerus and ulna, and threaded the tendon, figure-8 style, through the holes. After rehab, John pitched for another 13 years.

The procedure today is done slightly differently, but it is so common and so successful it's acquired the nickname Tommy John surgery. I assume the doctor hoped it would be called Frank Jobe surgery, but no such luck.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Iron Butts

his was supposed to be a Tour de France drug-bust column. I wanted to talk to a knowledgeable San Diego bike rider about the sport and its habits. There are at least 18 bicycle clubs in and around San Diego. I chose Knickerbikers of San Diego County because I liked their self-description, "A bicycle touring club without formal organization, but with a website.'

I have Ken King on the phone. His Knickerbikers title is Club Servant. King is 68. "I was a financial guy for a big conglomerate." We talk about the tour for awhile and then, as is often the case, another, more interesting, topic surfaces. That thread begins when I ask, "How many Knickerbikers tour?"

King says, "We have about 120 members. All of us tour at one time or another. Typically, on any trip, there are 16. I just led one from Salinas to Carmel/Monterey then south to Santa Barbara.

"What's the longest tour you've been on?" "Last year, I did 3800 miles, from Tijuana to Bar Harbor [Maine]. It took ten weeks.

This is beyond my capacity to imagine. "What was your toughest day?"

"I think the toughest day was out of Pine Valley," King laughs. Pine Valley is 44 miles east of San Diego. "It was April 27th, and it was raining and blowing, a cold rain coming in from the north. We took off anyway because we were excited about the trip. We stopped in La Posta for hot chocolate, stopped in Jacumba for lunch, and then went down the freeway into the desert. We didn't get off the freeway when we were supposed to and a highway patrol guy pulled us over, made us climb through a barbed wire fence and walk along a dirt road. It was a 90-mile day. We finally finished in Brawley."

Cannot imagine self on bike riding into Brawley. "How many people in your group?"

"Eight started, six finished. Mostly, we rode on old federal highways, going through dying towns. We must be losing 100 towns a year. Places that used to be thriving, all they have now is a railroad track, grain elevator, a bar, and a post office. Saw a lot of those," King says sadly, "from Boulder through Julesburg, Colorado, and then through Nebraska. All of those places have dried up.'

Making progress. I can imagine self dressed in a bicyclist's uniform. Black tights,

red jersey. "How did you work the food and

"We camped about a dozen times, so we "We camped about a dozen times, so we'd cruise were in a motel 50 times or so. We'd cruise into a town, like Central City, Nebraska. There are two ma-and-pa motels, and they were both full. We talk to a policeman and he says, 'Hey, spend the night in the city park. I'll watch out, and it's perfectly safe.' Worked out great, except, in the middle of the night, the sprinklers went on."

Having trouble mounting the bike, but my tights look great. "Did locals fall in love with your group?

"Oh, yeah, in the Midwest, particularly. They'd look at us suspiciously, but if you said, 'Hi,' they'd inundate you with questions. They'd ask, 'Where did you come from?' We'd say, 'Denison,' which is 30 miles back. They'd say, 'That's great. What a long ride! Are you from Denison?' 'No, we started in San Diego.' King laughs. "That really blew them away.

"Every once in a while we'd find a cyclist. There was one guy in New York who was all excited. He said, 'Hold on just a second, I want to show you my bike.' And he ran out to his car and got his bike. 'Yeah, every Saturday I try to ride 80 or 100 miles.' And we're admiring his bike. He says, 'I want to do a cross-country, but my wife would never let me.' A few minutes later his wife came up and we said, He says he'd like to go, but you won't let him. 'Oh, that's nonsense,' she says, 'go for it!"

Poor bastard. But, I've got my own problems, my bike won't move. "What did you do for yourself that last day? You're in Bar Harbor, you've made it, the trip is over. Did you celebrate?"

"It was a cold, miserable day, but when we got to the ocean we celebrated a little bit, and then went into a bar that was right on the waterfront and had a big lobster feed. We had our picture taken, and the guy who owned the place said he would post the picture. We certainly looked happy and tanned and fit. We ate and then spent most of the day looking around for somebody to transport us and our bikes 45 miles back to Bangor, to meet our plane. We didn't want to ride one more mile."

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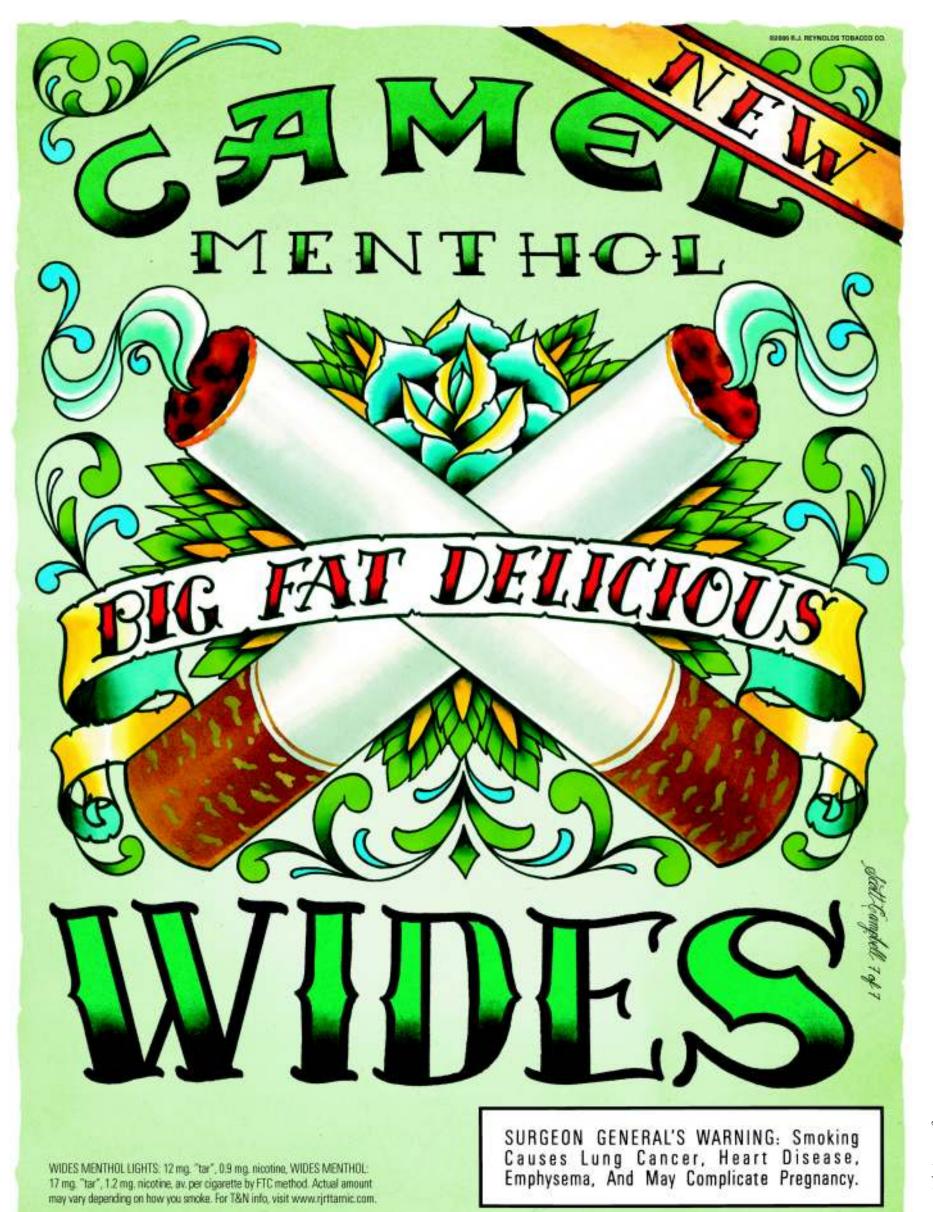
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Dress: Dressy — lots of suits and ties and dresses. Nearly all women wore mantillas, "as a symbol of respect."

Diversity: 80 percent Hispanic, some African-American, a smattering of others

Sunday worship: English service, 9 a.m.; Traditional service, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish service, 1:30 p.m.

Length of reviewed service: 2 hours, 15 minutes Website: http://apostolicassemblyofnc.org

Pastor Misael Zaragoza was a Navy Seal in the Vietnam War, and it was his idea to hold a patriotic celebration service, which bore a strong military emphasis. But it opened with straightforward praise: Eddie Zellars and the band (two keyboards, bass, drums, bongos) booming at top volume from the get-go. Often, the backup chorus — five women and one man carried the melody while Zellars surrounded their voices with blasts of song. "GREAT GOD AL-MIGHTY ... God Almighty... HE IS THE LORD OF GLORY ... Lord of Glory ... AND I'M SO GLAD TO KNOW ... that you have called me friend."

Half an hour in. assistant pastor James Herrera took the podium and urged the congregation to lift their hands to God. "If you are free indeed, if you have God's spirit, go ahead. Don't look around, look up!"

Then he said, "Today we're celebrating...men and women...who have given their lives for this thing we call freedom. But I'll tell you one thing: unless God has set you free on the inside, then there is something binding you. Today, you are in the best place because the greatest liberator is here. The word of God says if you are free in Him, you are free indeed."

Co-pastor Ezekiel Rodriguez stepped up and told the congregation, "I received an e-mail from an evangelist in China, and they had to hide in a basement so that 50 people could have the liberty to worship God. We're here to celebrate that we live in a country where we have the liberty to lift our hands to the Lord!"

Five graying men in olive uniforms and burgundy berets marched in half-step down the aisle. Two bore rifles, one an American flag, one the flag of the Airborne Honor Guard. The fifth man marched behind and carried a bugle. At the head of the aisle, the honor guard turned, faced the congregation, and presented arms. A children's choir - about 40 strong and dressed in various combinations of red, white, and bluefiled onto the stage and sang the National Anthem.

The guard parted, and two drill sergeants marched up the aisle, carrying the flags of the U.S. and California. One led the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance, the other in the Pledge of Christian Allegiance: "I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty to all who believe.

The choir departed, and as the bugler played taps, a sailor in dress whites carried a red, white, and blue wreath up to the stage. Behind him processed three women, two of them carrying flags in triangular cases. The sailor prayed: "When all the answers we are offered fail the questions that death asks each of us, we believe that you will provide for us 'Blessed are those who are mourning, for they are comforted.' Lord God, hold our troops in your loving arms.... Bless them and their families for the selfless act they perform for us in a time of need." After the guard

marched back down the aisle, a slideshow displayed images of soldiers from the congregation, past and present. A younger man

offered a prayer that thanked God for the Founding Fathers' fear of the Lord, apologized for national sins (racial prejudices, gender biases), thanked God for earthly blessings and the Pentecostal movement, and promised to fight against "the degeneration of society through worldly practices and selfish ambitions.... We choose one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. Let Thy will be done in America as it is in heaven."

Pastor Zaragoza's sermon praised "unknown heroes" - military and otherwise, religious and otherwisethat we often "neglect to mention." He mentioned them, and the congregation applauded as he did so. "I believe God is raising up Amer-

ica to be a light among the nations," he proclaimed, "because we were founded on biblical principles, and we still believe in God Almighty. God will always bless this country, as long as we don't deviate from the principles. He has given us the Bible, the book of truth." And he exhorted the young: "Who will be the heroes of tomorrow?... I want a free country for my children! I want my grandkids to be able to preach the Gospel!"

What happens when we die?

"When you die, you are responsible for your choices," says Zaragoza. "God made man to have a relationship with Him," but also, "he gave him the privilege of choice. You either receive the blessings of your choices or the consequence of your choices. We are on this earth to choose one of two things: to live eternally or not to live eternally. Jesus said, 'He that believeth in me, though he dies, he shall live, for I am the way, the life, and the resurrection."

— Matthew Lickona

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We go through an awful lot of beer," confided my dear friend Bernice recently. "I'm almost embarrassed to put out the recycling, it's so full of cans and bottles."

"Is your husband happy in his marriage?" I teased.

"It's not all Frank," she replied. "His brothers come over, and ever since

the World Cup started, there's been a herd of buddies lolling on the sectional. The same thing happened during March Madness." Frank will be

40 in a little bit. I suggested a birthday kegerator — and of course, I offered my services.

"There are two ways to go about getting beer in the home," said Craig Costanzo, owner of BeverageFactory.com in Miramar (1-800-710-9939). You can convert a refrigerator using a keg-conversion kit, or you can buy a complete keg refrigerator." A keg-beer system requires "a refrigerator, a CO_2 tank that uses pressure to push the beer out of the keg, a regulator to control the pressure coming out of the tank, hose lines, and a faucet."

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Keg refrigerators range from **\$500–\$2100**, depending on size and features. Conversion kits, of course, are much less expensive — \$56-\$95. "It comes with a five-pound CO₂ tank, which should last through about five kegs. We have a kit that doesn't require you to put any holes in your fridge. You just have to open the door every time you want to pour a beer. Or, you can get one with a faucet that goes through the door [\$95-\$200] - for that, you need to drill a 7/8-inch hole. But it only takes about half an hour and some common sense to install a conversion kit. And we offer phone support for anyone who has questions.

I thought I remembered an old fridge in Bernice's garage, and there was more good news. Turns out flavor has a lot to do with why people buy keg beer. "All canned or bottled beer is pasteurized. Pasteurization is a way to stabilize a liquid or food using heat. They take a liquid product like beer and raise it to 190 degrees, and hold it there for 15–20 minutes. That kills off a lot of bacteria, which sta-

bilizes the liquid. But it also alters the flavor. Keg beer is not pasteurized — it's fresh beer out of the tanks at the brewery." Properly chilled, said Costanzo, a keg of beer will last a few months. "Technically, it never loses its alcohol,

so from that standpoint, it's always good. But the flavor will slowly start to⁻ change."

If Frank needed the keg just for particular sports-related parties, said Costanzo, I could get him a Jockey Box (**\$140–\$450**, depending on coil length and number of faucets). "It's a remote mobile dispensing unit. You don't need electricity to keep the keg cold. It's useful for catering events or different types of parties. The keg sits outside the cooler. The beer runs through a coil in the cooler which is packed in ice," and is dispensed from a faucet mounted on the cooler. Coil length varies depending on "Keg beer is not pasteurized it's fresh beer out of the tanks at the brewery."

how fast you want to pour. "Once beer gets warm, it starts to foam. If you operate a concession stand and you're pouring beer after beer, you want a long coil. That's because of the makeup rate, which is a calculation based on the flow rate and the temperature exchange. With a short coil, if you pour beer after beer, the first few are fine but then it starts to come

out all foam." The ice doesn't have time to chill the bee.

The kits and the full kegerators are lowmaintenance, said Costanzo. "You do want to clean out the hose line periodically. We sell the cleaning kits (\$35), and some of the keg refrigerators come with them. It's a specially-formulated alkaline solution that breaks up buildup in the lines. Unclean lines affect the flavor. Now, if you're a group of guys who go through a keg every few days, you don't have to clean the lines, but if you're a guy who's going to have a beer a night, you should clean the lines every time you change the keg."

Lance Castiglione, owner of Kegerated Manufacturing and

Refrigeration Repair (619-339-3268), builds his own kegerators, and also does custom installation. "I've put keg refrigerators in kitchens, in bars, and outside barbecue enclosures. The freestanding ones are black metal with an aluminum top, and come with a five-year warranty [available at Beer King, 858-292-

9210, for **\$899**]."

Castiglione laid out a number of the advantages of going custom. "Most keg refrigerators have the regulator on the inside, even the highend ones. But the cold and moisture get in there and screw it up - it doesn't give a proper reading. I can put the parts anywhere," and so the regulator goes outside. Also, "when you slide most keg refrigerators under a bar, the refrigeration part is not accessible. The only way you can get them out for repairs is by removing parts of the cabinetry. I put all the moving parts in a separate location, so you can service it easily. That's especially important if it's in a brick barbecue enclosure. And most people don't plan - they have a bar, and then decide they want a kegerator. Most counter heights are too low for the standard kegerators on the market. When I build them, I can make them as low as 25 inches.

Cost for custom installation usually runs **\$1200–\$1500**. "I usually have to solder in the joints for the compressors outside, and drill a hole in the countertop, whether it's Corian or tile."

Castiglione left me with a couple of parting tips. "If you don't tighten the washer between the CO_2 tank and the regulator properly, your CO_2 will leak out. Also, make sure the beer line is not up against the cold plate — that's the evaporator in the back. If it is, it'll freeze. If it does freeze, take a warm rag and rub the line until it defrosts."

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Crasher

ON THE BUS

by Josh Board

Months ago, I decided to go to an art party in North Park after a racquetball game. It wasn't the best idea. It was a weeknight and I would be all sweaty. I planned to stay for an hour before going to see Johnny Winter at the Belly Up Tavern.

I couldn't find a place to park and circled the art school on Park Boulevard a few times. I found a spot a mile away, in a residential area, and hiked over. People who were leaving talked about the live models whom the students were painting. I glanced through the glass window, only to see they weren't nudes.

I felt underdressed in my San Diego Siege T-shirt; most of the men wore ties, dress shirts, sweaters, and slacks. Of course, the models who were being painted had nicer clothes on than me. One wore Victorian attire. I always thought models would feel weird posing nude for artists; but I had met one at a party years ago and she had no problem with it.

At the party, a guy played classical guitar. Later in the evening, musicians played mandolins and flutes, which went well at this type of



party. It was fun to sip wine and watch artists at work. A few molded clay. Occasionally, an employee (usually Christine) would come over and tell me about this school, the Athenaeum School of the Arts.

This wasn't a party that conducive to mingling. There were lots of couples, and everyone was quiet so as to not disturb the artists. When a song would finish, there often wasn't applause.

"Take it easy, dude. Johnny ain't

going anywhere."

I met a guy named Mark, who had just turned 21. I asked him what he did, and he said, "I'm an everything guy. I do everything." I asked what he didn't do, and he replied, "I don't do windows." on minor league baseball. I said, "So, you're the Ken Burns of minor league baseball." He laughed and said, "I wish. It's nothing that elaborate. I just followed a few teams around." We ended up talking

I met a documentary film-

maker named Tony. He asked

whether the Siege was an ABA

team. I told him they were a

female basketball team. He

said he made a documentary

about my basketball shirt,



Top: A xylophonist and a guitarist performed classical pieces while artists painted and molded clay; *Bottom left*: Art students at work; *Bottom Right*: Autographed Johnny Winter album

sports for half an hour. When I mentioned that I don't play pick-up ball anymore, and how most younger players do a lot of illegal things such as carrying the ball, a woman said, "You're allowed to carry it if you give up your dribble." I said, "Are you a basketball player?" She replied, "I'm a college referee." She answered a few of my questions regarding rules. I asked her if it was hard to get respect from the male players, and she said, "Yeah, but so what? I don't get into that. Sometimes I have to get into a player's face."

the door when we met, so I didn't have a lot of time with her. I met an interesting couple near the desserts. The guy was named Gary, and he used to work at 91X. We talked about the local music scene and DJs we both knew. His girlfriend and I kept munching the chocolate, including huge M&Ms. They started cutting the cake, and I grabbed a piece of that, too. So much for the calories I burned off hours earlier while playing racquetball.

She was on her way out

I told the woman who'd invited me that I had to leave after the cake because of the Johnny Winter concert. She said, "It's sold out, so you better have a ticket." I couldn't believe that: the last time I saw him, the place was half full. He was in bad shape, had to be walked onstage. I was bummed I would be missing him until she said, "I work at the Belly Up. Let me see if I can get you in." She made a phone call outside and told me to head up there, since he was already onstage.

I threw my half-eaten cake away, thinking about the poor children in China who would've loved it. I ran the mile to my car, turning my

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now-dry T-shirt a little damp again.

I got to the Belly Up as Winter was finishing. I talked to the manager for a bit, seeing if I could sneak backstage. He talked to the tour manager, who came over and said, "I'll let you hang out with them on the bus. But you can't write about anything crazy you see on there. Is that a deal?" I agreed.

And, it's really a shame I agreed to that. The party on that bus ranks high up there on parties I've been to (and I've been to hundreds). Since Johnny was sitting at one of the tables, talking with two gorgeous women, I sat down next to the bass player. We talked a lot about other good bass players. I brought up Flea, Les Claypool, and Bootsy Collins. He was getting into the conversation. I wondered what it must be like for a band that backs a musician who's been famous since

the '60s, with fans rarely bothering to talk to them.

The women went to a different part of the bus, and I sat down with Winter. I told him I loved the show, although I only saw him perform half a song. I started to talk to him about Muddy Waters, since they did an album together. Just then, a young guy burst in the door with three guitars and pictures for Winter to sign. I stood up, saying I'd talk to him later. The guy pushed me out of the way, and I told him, "Take it easy, dude. Johnny ain't

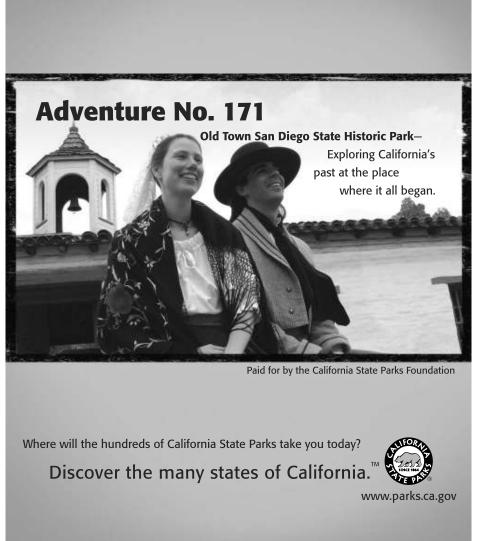
going anywhere."

I told the other band members I enjoyed talking to them and walked back into the club. A guy grabbed me and said, "What happened back there? What do rock stars do after the show?" I smiled and said, "What happens on the tour bus, stays on the tour bus."

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Nine out of Ten

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

- Wayne Dyer

s my sister declared how fed up she was with someone who seemed unwilling to return her calls, I watched with a mixture of fascination and fear as a furry black spider suspended itself on a silky strand from the screen door. At least it's on the other side, I thought.

Sometimes, people just want to be miserable and therefore resist with great irritation anyone who tries to steal from them this feeling they have earned.

"At least everything else is going great," Jenny said, her verbal echo of my thoughts freaking me out more than the eight-legged furry thing had with its taunting demonstration of mobility. As if she'd been asked to recite a poem of which she was fond, Jenny listed everything that was going well in her life: "Brad and I just celebrated our fourth anniversary, and one of my photos was selected to hang at the Del Mar Fair, and I've been spending time with Jane, Heather, and the kids at Mom's; as Dad would say, 'It's a nine-out-of-ten day.'"

When I'm home, I average one phone conversation per family member per day. David and I had been on the road for nearly two weeks, and I was starving for some family phone time. I had been listening to Jenny with empathy and was ready to jump in and offer her solace, but she beat me to it.

"Nine out of ten, huh? Are you just saying that, or is it really a nine-out-of-ten day for you?"

"That's what the Post-It said," Jenny answered. "I woke up stupid-early this morning to watch the soccer game and then realized we didn't get that channel. Then I went to the bathroom and there was a Post-It on the mirror that said, 'Nine out of ten, woo hoo!""

Jenny lives with my father, who refuses to pay for the most basic cable. When I lived with Dad, I learned how to use my limbs to assist an old pair of metal rabbit ears in pulling in the local television stations; sitting side-by-side in chairs four feet away from the screen, Dad and I would slowly move our arms and legs until Seinfeld's face became clear. On more than one occasion, with one leg held in the air, I would emulate the Karate Kid from my seat; holding this strange and awkward position for the duration of the program became a matter of mind over static.

Despite life's little annoyances, my father maintains a cheerful disposition. Because of his persistence to see the glass filled with even one miraculous drop, we, his daughters, have learned it is not easy for us to suffer a foul mood, even when we really, really want to. Regardless of Jenny's frustration, the "nine out of ten" factor was indisputable - she was having a good day, period.

Each morning, Dad calls a toll-free number. When a recorded voice answers, he says, "Weather," and listens to the day's forecast. He then says, "Horoscope. Taurus." As soon as he states his sign, a flirtatious female voice intones, "Hello, Taurus!" Then, her voice dripping with saccharine, she prognosticates, "It's an eight-out-of-ten day. The more you study, the more you find you've barely scratched the surface. You love it when this happens, so indulge your curiosity. Your compatible sign

today is Aries."

After listening to his daily fortune, Dad will check a few other signs, including mine: "Hello, Virgo! It's a seven-out-of-ten day. Gather with associates to set priorities. Once you agree upon your goals, achieving them will be a snap. Your compatible sign today is Cancer."

On the rare occasion when the woman coos, "ten out of ten," Dad is beside himself with optimism and excitement. But when he hears the equally rare "three out of ten," he remains undaunted. Through Dad's eyes, bad times are just a grand setup for better times.

I talked to Dad yesterday morning as he was driving to an airport in Virginia from the remote place he'd been working for the week. "Will you say a little prayer for me?" he asked. When I agreed, he said, in a serious voice, "Pray that I find a Waffle House on the way to the airport. I'd really like a fluffy three-egg omelet." When I suggested Denny's, one of his favorite breakfast haunts, Dad responded in an offended tone, "It's not the same."

Later, as David and I ran errands that took us all over the island of Martha's Vineyard in his father's jeep, I checked the message my father must have left on my cell phone while we were in the store: "Hey, Barb, guess what, I got upgraded to first class, woohoo! Not only that, but I didn't find a Waffle House, but everything worked out perfectly because if I had found one, I'd be stuffed, but

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now I'm still hungry and I can enjoy all the food in first class! No need to call me back. I just wanted to share the good news. See? Everything always works out. Love you, baby, if I don't talk to you, tell David I hope he has a great show. Bye!'

Not that I look for the down side of things, but if there were a down side to my father's incessant optimism, it would be that he is no fun to be around for those who want to wallow in the familiar miasma of a sucky day. Sometimes, people just want to be miserable and therefore resist with great irritation anyone who tries to steal from them this feeling they have earned.

My sister Jane sums it up best: "Whatever it is, if I'm just in a funk, or I wish I had gotten to the gym, he throws a freakin' Make-a-Wish kid at me. I'll say how tired I am, that Bella's been sick and keeping me awake, and he'll say, 'Did I tell you about my most recent wish? This young girl has cancer and all she wanted was a pillow,' until I'm in tears over how fucking selfish I am."

My sisters and I know that Dad doesn't intend to make us feel selfish; he just wants us to have some perspective. Heather recently told me she'd been having a tough day, that work was difficult and her boys were cranky, but that, when she opened her wallet to pay for the groceries, she saw the tiny slip of paper Dad had given her on Thanksgiving that demands, "Be Grateful!" "Each time I see it, it helps me keep things in perspective and makes me realize my problems are so insignificant in the grand scheme of things," she said. "And, you know, it just makes me feel so fucking selfish."

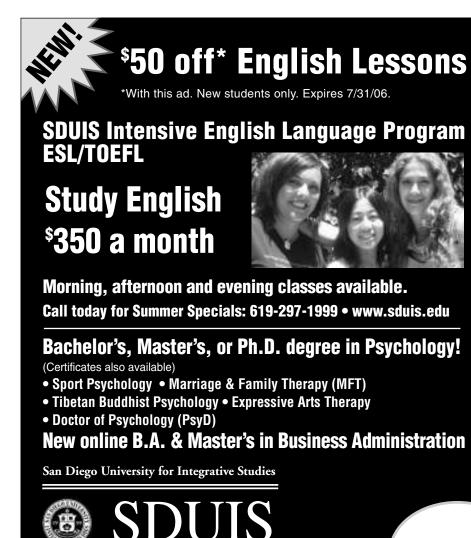
Dad tells us, whenever he thinks we need to hear it, that "You cannot be bitching and grateful at the same time. So you have a bad day, you feel lonely, you feel down or uncertain, these days are bittersweet to me. I use them as a reference point, like when I travel from California. People who live in California all the time don't realize how lucky they

are to live here. When I'm having a bad day, I know it will go away, just like I know the sun is above the clouds. Where you focus your energy is what increases in your life, and I want mine to be happy."

I have made my calls to my family and gotten my fix, for it will be more than a week before I can speak with them again. Now it is late and I am tired. I can barely breathe because of my allergies, so I probably won't sleep well. David just informed me that the Zurich gallery bumped his show up a day, meaning we will arrive after a full night's travel on Wednesday morning and must rush to get to our hotel, check in, shower and ready ourselves for David's first European show, which will take place early that evening. We have absurd amounts of luggage to check, collect, and recheck during our 19-hour journey. We are riding coach across the Atlantic Ocean. But I am not worried. In fact, I can't wait. I bet it's going to be a nine-out-of-ten day.











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FIELD OF SCREENS

Continued from front page Dusty-yellow and surrounded by palm trees, the Midway's sloping hollow wall proved easy enough to scale, but it made the damnedest noise as we slid down the other side, and it was obvious that half the lot was staring at us. As soon as our feet hit the pavement, safe driving distance of downtown (about 45 miles, given my dicey wheels). I had become a so-called "ozoner."

The Midway Drive-In was constructed in late 1947 at the intersection of Midway Drive and Sports Arena Boulevard, back



some guys rolled up in a beach-buggy-style cart and hauled us off the premises to the sound of paying patrons laughing as we were wheeled past their comfy, warm cars and dropped outside the exit gate. I vowed to return as soon as I owned a car, and before long I did have a vehicle (of sorts, an old Rambler) and I was frequenting every outdoor movie screen I could find within Campus Drive-In

when the Boulevard was still Frontier Street and Navy barracks stood on acreage later occupied by a FedMart. The Midway Drive-In Theatre Corporation was incorporated July 31, 1946, with Floyd Bernard Jr. listed as company president. Soon, Joseph Shure and his Shure Theatres Inc. bought into the drive-in, eventually owning a majority share. Originally designed for 400 cars, there were also bleacher-style benches for up to 200 walk-ins. The first screen was a canvas-style flat that rolled open over a scaffolding tower, and there were no individual car speakers, only bullhorn-style broadcast speakers designed by RCA Victor, a system called "Directional Sound," where three loudspeakers were mounted near the screen. By late 1948, individual car speakers on poles protruded from cement islands sprinkling the lot. The snack bar sat a few feet below the rest of the graded property, with the projection booth on top of the concession building.

The screen tower was anchored by large poles sunk into what had once been swamp grounds. It was an enclosed structure that included storage rooms and a small effi-



Frontier Drive-In

ciency apartment briefly occupied by various theater employees. Early gimmicks used to get patrons parking included free baby bottle warmers, a real-cloth diaper service, in-car heaters, a free car wash By the late '70s, the hollow walls surrounding the lot were infested with feral cats who thrived on an even larger colony of rats who did battle with employees over edible, drinkable, and sometimes smokable leftovers dropped all over the lot by customers.



Rancho Drive-In

(from screen-ad sponsor Genie), and later, "by-the-carload" pricing.

In 1953, theater operators Sero Amusements Company purchased 30,000 of the 110,000 outstanding shares of common stock in the Midway Drive-In Theatre Corporation. At that time, it was one of 60 Midway Drive-Ins operating in the U.S. Sero took over management and expanded the lot to fit around 700 cars. The company would also run the nearby Frontier Drive-In (later the Frontier Twin), the Rancho Drive-In (at Federal and Euclid), Chula Vista's Big Sky Drive-In, and other local ozones. In 1958, with Midway's stock averaging \$2.82 per share, Sero had a falling out with partners at Shure and purchased most of the remaining stake in the theater. This eventually led to a dispute regarding dividends paid and whether they were applicable to a franchise tax assessment of \$2,652.19 for the income year ending June 30, 1960. The matter was settled in May 1968 when the State Board of Equalization agreed to modify the franchise tax amount due by \$1,249.

INTERMISSION

1932: Richard Milton Hollingshead Jr., a chemical engineer and oil and grease salesman, conducts his first experiments in outdoor viewing by nailing a bedsheet between two trees and putting a 1928 16mm movie projector on the hood of his car. He designs a ramp system to angle parked cars upward and tests the effects of rain on the windshield by using lawn sprinklers. By August, Hollingshead is ready to patent his idea (#1,909,537).

June 6, 1933: Hollingshead's first outdoor theater opens on Crescent Boulevard in Pennsauken Township, near Riverton and Camden, New Jersey. Admission is 25 cents per car and 25 cents per person. The venue is originally just called Drive-In Theatre, although the actual name is the Automobile Movie Theatre. The opening feature is *Wife Beware*, a second-run from the previous season. This begins a long-running feud between "ozones" (outdoor theaters, as dubbed by *Variety* magazine) and indoor theaters battling for first-run features. Hollingshead pays \$400 for a four-day rental of *Wives Beware* when indoor exhibitors can get it for \$20 a week! The first drive-in closes in 1936 and is moved by its new owner to Union, New Jersey.

April 15, 1934: Shankweiler's Auto Park theater in Orefield, Pennsylvania, opens. Like all other drive-ins, it must pay Hollingshead's Park-In Theatres for the rights to run an outdoor screen: a one-time fee of \$1000 and 5 percent of the gross box office receipts.

1934: The Pico Drive-In opens at the corner of Pico and Westwood in Los Angeles, California's first and America's fourth outdoor theater.

May 6, 1936: The Weymouth Drive-In opens in Weymouth, Massachusetts,

though owners Thomas DiMaura and James Guarino fail to obtain a license from Park-In. On July 3, Park-In files a lawsuit charging patent infringement, obtaining a writ entitling Hollingshead to place employees at the Weymouth to collect the entire box office proceeds for July 3,



4, and 5. Subsequent money is paid, and in a few months the Weymouth's owners reach a licensing agreement with Park-In.

1938: Hollingshead sells his patent to Willis W. Smith, who franchises it and requires drive-ins to pay royalties. However, Loew's Theaters (owned by MGM Pictures) convinces a Boston circuit court that a ramp built into the ground isn't an invention, it's landscaping, and Hollingshead's patent becomes unenforceable. With drive-ins now public domain, the industry undergoes a growth spurt.

June 1938: Just over a dozen ozones are operating nationwide.

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In the early '60s, the Midway enlarged its screen to 75 feet by 120 feet to better display widescreen Cinema-Scope features. Around the same time, the projection booth was outfitted for 70-millimeter film presentation (5perforation wide gauge, with an aspect ratio of 2.20). The first 70mm screening was King of Kings, starring Jeffrey Hunter as Jesus, beginning April 11, 1962, and shown in "Super Technirama 70." A 70mm reissue of Oklahoma! ran at the Midway beginning April 25 and attracted big crowds but, by the time Spartacus debuted in 70mm at the Midway on May 23, the city's third drive-in theater, the Rancho (opened January 1948), was also equipped for 70mm and was showing the same feature.

When $M^*A^*S^*H$ was screened in late June 1970, management apparently attempted a political statement by having the projectionist briefly turn off the film and instead run the audio from Lyndon Johnson's speech of March 3, 1968, in which he stated that "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another



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wired for sound.

1957: Concession stands generate important

revenue, as do "free for children" admission poli-

cies (the latter heavily protested by the film

industry, which feels this "cheapens" their pres-

tigious product). Most drive-ins utilize fondly

recalled intermission films featuring singing

snacks, dancing hot dogs, and countdown clocks,

popularized by filmmakers at the Filmack

1958: The U.S. has approximately 4000 drive-

in theaters, while Canada has around 40. Que-

bec has none because the province has banned

them on the advice of the Catholic Church,

which calls ozones "pits of iniquity and sinful

1960: In Texas, a few drive-ins have horseback

hitching-posts. The Theater Motel in Brattle-

boro, Vermont, rents rooms facing the screen and

1967: California has its all-time peak of around

Late '60s-early '70s: Thanks to a series of law-

suits, the big film companies no longer hold a

monopoly on distribution and drive-ins are able

to get more first-run A-list features. Some ozones

show racier fare not suited for most suburban

hardtop theaters, a few eventually going X-rated.

223 operating drive-in theaters.

1941: RCA develops the in-car speaker, which by the mid- to late '40s becomes commonplace.

1942: Around 100 drive-ins operate across 27 states.

1948: Around 820 drive-ins are in the U.S. and Canada, 44 of them in California.

June 3, 1948: Former Navy pilot Edward Brown Jr. opens the first Fly-In Drive-In Theatre, with room for 500 cars and 25 airplanes. Located next to a New Jersey airport, the planes can taxi to the last two rows (though a jeep is needed to tow planes back to the airfield after showings).

1949: The Drive-In Movie Association lobbies against the Daylight Saving Time movement, claiming parents won't take their families out for showings starting as late as ten p.m. By 1964, DST would be in full swing across America, though West Coast ozones say they're hardest hit by the new late showtimes.

1950: At a time when around 3500 drive-ins operate in the U.S., in-car heaters are introduced, enabling year-round showings.

1954: Autoscope drive-ins feature a screen for each car.

1955: RCA sells a complete drive-in package (with its own financing), including a sound system, projection equipment, and lights to mark the

term as your President." Customers leaning on their car horns may have been honking either in approval or complaint.

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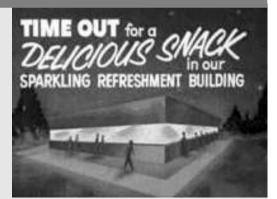
advertising and marketing) had spent nine years working for radio and television stations before being named general manager of his father-in-law's Phoenix

company, Park & Swap. Reportedly, a mere 13 sellers and around 200 buyers showed up for Kobey's inaugural swap meet on the Midway lot, though it eventually

grew to be the thirdlargest outdoor market on the West Coast, attracting around 1000 sellers and over 30,000 shoppers each week. In 1979, Kobey's Swap







A handful of drive-in owners take to making their own films geared specifically for outdoor screens, such as Bob Lippert Sr., who runs a chain of 23 drive-ins from Oregon to Hollywood (he once owned San Diego's Cinerama). Lippert produces nearly 200 movies for his chain, including Jungle Goddess, Treasure of Monte Cristo, Tales of Robin Hood, and Mask of the Dragon.

1973: AM radio transmission of movie sound becomes practical thanks to innovations by Cinema Radio, a company started by Fred J. Schwartz to combat poor drive-in audio. At the time, an estimated 97 percent of cars have AM radios.

1978–1988: Over 1000 outdoor screens close. Reasons include land value increases that make selling for redevelopment attractive financially, aging owners wishing to retire, decaying properties, the increasing popularity of malls and multiplexes, and the home-video explosion. Many drive-in lots become strip-malls containing, ironically enough, video stores.

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mail-in rebate

Meet moved to the Sports Arena parking lot, and for a time a farmer's market was run in its stead at the drivein.

By the late '70s, the hollow walls surrounding the lot were infested with feral cats, who thrived on an even larger colony of rats, who did battle with employees over edible, drinkable, and sometimes smokable leftovers dropped all over the lot by customers. The Midway showed its last films in September 1981: Chariots of Fire and Mommie Dearest. The Midway Drive-In Corporation was officially dissolved in February 1987. After being torn down, the site became home to a shopping center with a Longs Drugs, a Ralphs, and a Denny's. The area behind where the screen once stood housed a drive-through Heavenly Donuts for a while and later a Salazar's Mexican restaurant.

The Lemon Bowl Cinema Dine opened at the beginning of 1948, San Diego's second drive-in theater. Located on Federal Boulevard in Lemon Grove, the 1948-49 Theatre Catalog lists its original owners as C.E. Norcross, Suburban Theatres Inc. of Loma Linda, California. The lot included a restaurant, where everything from grilled-cheese sandwiches to seafood dinners was served, as well as prewarmed bottles of baby formula. The Cinema Dine's characteristic red-andwhite speakers frequently disappeared, either stolen or torn from poles by accidental drive-offs, and now trade for \$50 and up on eBay and elsewhere. The speakers originally had a gold-colored button that summoned a waitress to your car so you could order a meal to be

delivered on a tray attached to the window.

The Cinema Dine was apparently one of the first area drive-ins to experiment with broadcasting film sound through AM radios in 1972, and an on-site miniature golf course was briefly advertised. This ozone was torn down even before the nationwide atrophy of drive-ins began, to make room for access to the 94 freeway. San Diego's third outdoor theater, **the Ran-cho Drive-In**, at the corner of Euclid and Federal, opened Wednesday, January 28, 1948, with a double feature of *The Fabulous Texan* and *Exposed*. Touted in ads as "America's Most Beautiful Drive-In Theatre," it accommodated 600 cars on 13 acres, with bench seats for around 300 walk-ins. Its 60- x 50-foot screen was at the time one of the

largest in the country, requiring 30 cubic yards of concrete to support. Over 1000 tons of rock were used to grade the property, and it took nearly seven miles of cables to furnish sound to the



speakers. The lower level of the screen building housed offices and storage rooms.

The mural on the back of the Rancho's green screen tower depicted a Mexican village, cacti, and a campesino with his ox cart. Animated at night by neon, the ox's head moved up and down as the cart's wheel turned, drawing motorists like moths toward the lights. The neon portion of the mural remained in ser-vice until being condemned as a fire hazard by the city in June 1976 (due to the hot neon being too close to aging wooden signage).

In 1955, there were seven Rancho Drive-Ins in the U.S. San Diego's Rancho was operated by the Oldknow family, whose history in film exhibition dates back to 1909. It was, in fact, the first business venture of William Oldknow, who

went on to run theaters across the country (his family still runs the South Bay Drive-In, Atlanta's Starlight Drive-In, and others). William Oldknow's grandfather had opened the third-ever U.S. movie theater. William began as an usher at L.A.'s Beverly Theatre, later becoming a doorman at the nearby Westlake before changing courses to attend Harvard Military Academy and do a tour of duty as a Navy ensign.

"When I got out of the Navy in 1946, I got into the business, too," he told the San Diego Union in October 1978. "Euclid and Federal at that time was in county territory, and one of the reasons I built there was because the city had an amusement tax on theater tickets of, I think, five percent. We didn't want to charge that. Later, the tax was repealed, so we peti-



tioned for annexation to the city in order to get city water. Our water came from a well, and it tasted awful."

After building the Rancho, Oldknow partnered with Sero Amusements, which owned the land the Frontier Drive-In would be built on. Before long, Sero hired Oldknow as company president. "As Sero went through some restructuring, and as various partners were bought out in the '50s, he came to own the company," says William's daughter Teri Oldknow, operations manager for De Anza Land & Leisure Corporation (as Sero came to be known after 1968). From the late '50s onward, Oldknow oversaw other local Sero properties, like the Frontier and Midway, the South Bay, the Del Mar, and Big Sky. Sero also held leases on area outdoor screens like the Aero Drive-In in El Cajon, plus Oldknow was running ozones in Pomona, Riverside, Ontario, L.A., Beaumont, Salt Lake City, and Tucson.

In 1957, the Rancho was the first local ozone to enlarge its original screen to 70' x 130', in order to show Cinema-Scope and other wide-screen films (the Midway Drive-In near Sports Arena soon followed). It was also the first area drive-in to

display a 70mm film, with *Madame* debuting March 6, 1962 (Midway didn't show its first 70mm until April 11). On May 23, it "competed" with the Midway for Spartacus viewers interested in 70mm, though in reality both theaters were overseen by Oldknow and Sero. "Cinema-Scope was really a creation of 20th Century Fox," says Teri Oldknow, "and my father's uncle-in-law was Spyros Skouras, the president of Fox, so I'm sure he talked my father into enlarging that screen and the Midway's. It was his job to convince us that Cinema-Scope and 70mm would be the next big thing." This would not prove to be the case.

In 1978, Oldknow sold the Rancho Drive-In for just over \$1 million to a La Mesa company, Alessio Leasing Inc., which had been renting part of the

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property for a used truck lot (Standard Oil leased another triangular corner of the lot for a filling station that partially obscured the neon screen mural). "That really breaks my heart," his daughter Teri says. "The Rancho was the first in a whole circuit of drive-ins we ran in California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and Atlanta, Georgia. I understand that, from a land-value aspect, the property was worth more to developers, but it still makes me sad." She lays blame for the closure on several factors. "Gas prices went

up in 1973, cars were getting smaller, and you had the decline of the urban single-screen theaters in favor of multiplex multiscreen theaters in the suburbs, in malls. Meanwhile, drive-ins built as cheaply as possible, 20 to 30 years ago, they're getting more and more run down. Even the elaborate old screen murals and neon, these things weren't built to last long."

William Oldknow is still alive and in the drive-in business. "Families are now watching the new shows on television," he

said back in 1978, just before the Rancho was shut down. "So we decided to close. We

last pictures at the Rancho are R-rated — Cinderella and Let's Make a *Dirty Movie* — because

During intermissions, "Speedometer Bingo" numbers were announced over the speakers, with patrons winning snack-bar prizes when the last three digits on their speedometer matched the numbers called.

never played X-rated films and tried to keep away from R-rated movies, although the

not many family motion pictures are being produced." The Rancho Drive-In's

screen last flickered October 17, 1978. The property was later occupied by a Chevron station, a McDonald's, and a Cox Communications building.

The Campus Drive-In

at the corner of El Caion Boulevard and College Avenue, and stretching to 61st Street, was a singlescreen ozone originally built for 700 cars and 200 walk-ins (the seats were later removed, making room for up to 900 cars). The Campus Drive-In Corporation was formed August 7, 1947, and the theater

itself opened the following year, charging 50 cents admission and giving out free popcorn during opening week. Sam J. Russo and Co-Op Theatres Inc. were listed as chief operators.

At the time, the Campus was one of the largest drive-in theaters on the West Coast. Signage on the back of the screen featured a 50- x 80-foot mural. Lit up at night by 1900 feet of piping installed by California Neon, it depicted a 46-foot-tall marching majorette, wearing an Indian headdress and spinning a baton that



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appeared to twirl as she strutted in front of a depiction of SDSU's old main building and belltower quadrangle, football goalposts, and mountains (one with a white *S* on it). The majorette was designed

by Austin Linn Gray and Joe Schmidt, two San Diegans said to have based her on a photograph of Marion Caster Heatherly Baker, head drum majorette at San Diego High School in 1943 and later a majorette for the Los Angeles Rams.

A killing took place at the Campus on December 2, 1961. Snack-bar employee Tom O'Leary got into an argument with patron Dennis O'Conner. Things got increasingly heated, and O'Leary ended up pulling a knife on the patron and stabbing him to death. O'Leary was charged with unlawful killing and was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter. This didn't satisfy O'Conner's family, who filed a lawsuit against the Campus Drive-In Corporation, seeking damages for corporate negligence by maintaining that O'Leary committed the

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assault while acting in the course of his employment. The court eventually ruled that the Campus wasn't a party to the manslaughter and thus shouldn't be held liable, though appeals and motions regarding the judgment continued through 1967. The original Cam-

pus Drive-In Corporation dissolved July 8, 1975, and soon the locale was being run by Eldorado Theatres, the same corporation that had opened the Ace Drive-In in Lemon Grove during the late '60s. From the '70s onward, screenings opened with a short film that featured a rippling American flag set to "The Star-Spangled Banner." During intermissions, "Speedometer Bingo" numbers were announced over the speakers, with patrons winning snack-bar prizes when the last three digits on their speedometer matched the numbers called.

The Campus Drive-In closed in February 1983; the final two features were The Dark Crystal and a retread print (a second- or third-run film) of Dragonslayer. Before the drive-in's demolition, the majorette portion of the screen mural was donated to the Save Our Neon Organization, which packed the sign in crates to store in a downtown warehouse. In 1985, the majorette was purchased for \$4000 by William J. Stone and Associates, operators of Marketplace at the Grove, off Highway 94. The neon was restored at a cost of around \$200,000 by El Cajon-based Integrated Sign Associates, and the majorette was reinstalled at the Marketplace, near the Mann Theatre. After the shopping center was renovated as College Grove Center, a relighting cer-

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emony was held March 10, 2000, reportedly attended by over 8000 people and covered by several local TV news crews.

On July 2, 2001, the operators of College Grove Center, Vestar Development Company, donated the neon landmark to a company called SOHO (Save Our Heritage Organisation). Vestar has agreed to remain responsible for financial and physical maintenance of the sign and for keeping it lit at night in the shopping center. SOHO has an easement for access and the right to remove the majorette, although there are no plans to abandon the Center. The Campus majorette has been featured in photo spreads in Time and Life, as well as in numerous books and calendars. The shopping center that replaced the drive-in uses small reproductions of the majorette in building signage.

The Del Mar Drive-In on Via de la Valle, across the street from the Del Mar Fairgrounds, opened in 1953 with space for 700 cars. Operated independently for its first two years, it was eventually run by William Oldknow and Sero Amusements, a company that hired him as president but which he'd come to own. "The Del Mar had a giant tiki sign on the entranceway that went right across the driveway," recalls Teri Oldknow, "with a giant catamaran painted with sort of tiki hatching. It was really cool."

From the start, the Del Mar decided to remain open seven nights a week, since many film studios at the time refused to provide new first-run films to theaters open weekends only. During most of the '50s, admission was \$1 per carload on weekdays and 50 cents per

person on weekends (children were free) the real profits, as at most ozones, were in the concession stand. As patron perks, they offered free baby-bottle warmers, and for a time, a "live monkey

house" was advertised as being on the playground.

Sero was operating so many drive-ins that the speakers at the Del Mar and elsewhere were actually manufactured specifically for Sero and

carried the company's imprint on the front of their metal casings. "We made them in Pomona with a company called Bevelite from the mid-'50s through about the late '60s," recalls Teri Oldknow. "They made

the speakers for the Pacific Theatres, too." She says few of those audio relics remain in the company's possession, though they frequently turn up on eBay and elsewhere (fetching anywhere

from \$10 to \$100 and up for wired kits, including stand-alone poles). "You'd think, of all companies, we would have realized how just plain cool the speakers were and would have kept them,

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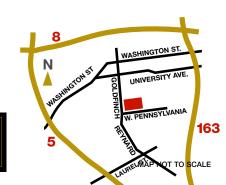
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In 1978, the Oldknows announced they were selling the Del Mar Drive-In lot for commercial use.

"Developers came in and built a huge sea of condominiums... it was too much money to turn down at the time," says Teri Oldknow.

The Frontier Drive-In at 3601 Midway Drive,

on the southwest corner of Midway and Kemper Street (between Rosecrans and West Point Loma Boulevard), was named for nearby Frontier Street (later Sports Arena Boulevard). Though opened

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in 1957, owner Sero Amusements actually bought the Frontier's land in 1941, intending to build the city's first ozone. An architect was commissioned, plans drawn, supplies purchased, and in early

1942 a building-permit application was in the works. Then the city, facing an acute housing shortage, condemned the land in order to put up the Frontier Housing Project, subsidized in part by the U.S. government. "Sero Amusement Company expected the land to be returned immediately after the war in 1946 and started drafting new plans," William Oldknow said in an opening-day article about the Frontier in the Sentinel, a newspaper-style promo given out to opening-night attendees. "The government, however, did not release the property until May 1956." Construction

finally began that summer on a lot intended to hold up to 1600 cars, but work couldn't be completed until after August — a local Little League team was using a school fence still remaining on the property as a batting cage backdrop. After 16 years of waiting to use his land, Sero owner William Oldknow knew better than to engender bad local PR and agreed to delay building until baseball season was over. Meanwhile, construction superintendent Bill Post had to figure out a way to tear out the huge cement slabs that had been the housing project's floors, as well as how to dismantle the more problematic cement-encased fuel tanks. There was also an overpopulation of gophers tearing up the land, resulting in Post jokingly offering company gardener Nito Chavez a 25-cent-pergopher bounty. Chavez came up with around 100 critter corpses, and Post had to pay \$25 out of pocket for the unbudgeted expense.

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placed on each of the 750 posts scattered over the lot, requiring over 10,000 splices and connections. An underground transformer vault in the middle channeled 12,000 volts of electric power supplied by SDG&E. The all-metal screen structure was 75 feet high, with the screen itself measuring 121 feet wide and 52 feet high, painted with a polyvinyl plastic-based paint specially designed for ultra-white ozone screens (the job required around 100 gallons, over four coats).

With two box-office entrances ("No lines!"), the Frontier Drive-In opened Wednesday, April 10, 1957, with a first-run double feature: War Drums ("Their love sparked the west's bloodiest massacre!") and Revolt at Fort Laramie ("Screaming Sioux outside...soldier killing soldier inside!"). Opening-night admission was 90 cents for adults, 50 cents for juniors (12–15), and kids under 12 were admitted free.

Movie stars Robert Wagner and Natalie Wood made openingnight appearances on a makeshift stage in front of the snack bar, alongside actor/singer James Brown (not the Godfather of Soul, but rather Lt. Rip Masters on the kids' TV show Rin Tin Tin), and Playboy's Miss January 1957, June Blair (a former Miss Huntington Beach). Second-tier stars also on-site included Karen Sharpe, May Wynn, Jack Kelly, Beverly Tyler, Joanne Barnes, and Chet Marshall. Sero records show the celebs were flown in to Lindbergh Field, arriving at 4:30 p.m.; they later attended a post-appearance dinner party at the Mission Valley Inn. Robert Wagner, who'd made fewer than a

dozen films and was working under a sevenyear contract with 20th Century Fox, was presumably invited because he starred in *The True Story of Jesse James*, due to play the Frontier a week later, on April 17 (along with Alan Ladd's *Big Land*).

At the time of its launch, there were around a half-dozen Frontier Drive-Ins in the U.S. This one was planned as direct competition for the nearby Midway Drive-In, though Sero eventually bought into that theater as well. Ads touted the Frontier's Cinema-Scope screen ("Giant!") and excellent sound ("Adjust volume yourself!"), and patron perks included a bottlewarming service, free windshield towels, and a "mechanic on duty." The Half Way House Restaurant, directly across the street, often shared advertising space with the theater. Initially, the snack bar (built by Mission Valley's R.E. Hazard Contracting and featuring 60 feet of Formica counter space) had an exclusive cola arrangement with Coke. Early ads promised quality



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A large kiddie playground with swings and slides was erected in front of the original screen, though the playsets were later taken down and replaced with hand-spun merry-gorounds, which seemed to fall quickly into disrepair. "I think they had one of those minitrains that kids could ride around in," recalls Teri Oldknow. Several twilight talent shows were held on the property in the mid-'60s, including one contest advertised as "The Search for Miss Loma Portal," with a promised prize of "music lessons and gifts valued at over \$100."

By 1978, Sero had added a second screen and renamed it "the Frontier Twin Drive-In," cutting capacity to around 750 cars per side. This second screen was often visible to moviegoers parked up the street at the Midway. "The Twin was really successful, so not

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a special room would be built behind the apartments with a wallsized window facing one of the drive-in screens. Movie sound was to be piped in for a few dozen viewers

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multi-feature theme shows often ran from dusk till dawn, such as all-night Planet of the Apes marathons and back-to-back horror movies. Cult movies attracted cult crowds. I recall a late-'79 showing of Roller Boogie with countless patrons attempting to navigate the lot on roller skates, finding the graded hills fairly deadly to the knees and shins, much to the hysteria of my companions and me

seated in theater-style chairs. The apartment complex was to pay the theater \$500 a month for this privilege, but it's unclear if construction on the movie room was ever completed before the Frontier shut down in September 1985. "That sounds like something De Anza would do," laughs Teri Oldknow, "and, really, all they had to do was point the FM sound at the apartment building. There were always little side deals being made to squeeze a few extra dollars somehow."

A December 3, 1985, city council meeting presided over by Mayor Roger Hedgecock detailed the rezoning of what was then referred to as "Midway Mall," covering 15 acres of the Frontier Drive-In's former property. The lot was eventually occupied by a shopping center.

When the **Big Sky** Drive-In opened in

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1955 at 2245 Main Street in Chula Vista, its car capacity of 2000 made it one of the four largest ozones in the U.S. (Los Aitos in Long Beach held 2100 while the 41 Twin in Franklin, Wisconsin, and the Twin Open Air in Oak Lawn, Illinois, were the same size as the Big Sky.) One 1967 showing at this Sero Amusements property of The Undertaker and His Pals (motorcyclists

device called "Traffic-Trol." This featured spring-loaded spikes that retracted when driven over by exiting cars but shredded the tires of larcenous gatecrashers attempting to enter the lot via the exit gates. These indiscriminate car-killers became staples at most area ozones, though more than one enterprising miscreant figured out that short plywood ramps placed over the

The Harbor eventually broadcast with FM sound, and the speakers were removed, causing a steady stream of complaints from neighborhood drivers claiming that movie soundtracks hijacked their car speakers while passing nearby.

who club women on the head to drum up business for their funeral home and diner) was advertised as having "a professional nurse on duty at all times, in case our movie gives you a heart attack."

Both of the Big Sky's exit paths were booby-trapped with a spikes enabled a careful driver to cross over them.

This drive-in went dark in July 1980 with two ultracool final features: The Blues Brothers and Cheech and Chong's Next Movie. After closing, the abandoned snack bar became notorious as a homeless hangout,

where at least one violent sexual assault occurred. An industrial park was eventually built on the property.

The Alvarado Drive-

In at 7910 El Cajon Boulevard in La Mesa was located near Interstate 8, west of Baltimore Drive, with its entrance on the Boulevard. It seems to have opened in the early '60s, though advertising for this ozone is scarce and details are hard to confirm. Its first appearance in the annual Theatre Guide books is 1961, listed as being operated by "Lanford & Long," with a car capacity of 900. Early on, members and supporters of the Motion Picture Projectionist Local 297 picketed the Alvarado lot because non-union help was said to be running the booth equipment. Owners eventually agreed to switch to union projectionists.

In July 1969, operators formed Alvarado Drive-In Theatre Inc. In January 1972, the business was purchased by Syufy Century Theatres Inc. of San Francisco, which ran several other indoor and outdoor California screens. Within a few years, the

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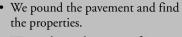
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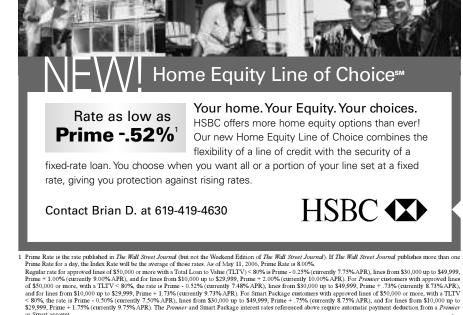
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Mann Theatres chain came to run this drivein, if it didn't outright own it. In the late '70s, daytime Sunday church services were being held on the lot. The Alvarado appears to have closed around 1980, to be replaced by a Best market, a Godfather's Pizza, an El Torito, and other stripmall shops.

The Tu-Vu Drive-In at 5535 Kearny Villa Road, as its name implies, featured two screens and a total car capacity of 650. When the Tu-Vu opened in 1958, the snack bar had 80 feet of counter space, and two large picture windows on either side allowed patrons to keep an eye on both screens while lining up for snacks and drinks.

The lot was originally run by Empire Drive-In Theatres, who leased the property and purchased the equipment. On September 30, 1958, all the drivein's assets were transferred to the Tu-Vu Drive-In Corporation (incorporated September 22, 1958), owned by William D. Russo (listed as company president), along with a woman named Della

M. Ashkins and a third party. Tu-Vu agreed to assume and pay the rental prescribed by the master lease; to assume and pay the equipment sales contract obliga-

tional construction work. Tu-Vu took possession of the theater, operated it and paid the prescribed rental (amounting to approximately \$32,000; it paid

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tion, which amounted to \$58,652.10; to pay into escrow the sum of \$23,840, which was to be used to pay Empire's creditors in full; and to pay \$6160 toward addi-

between \$30,000 and \$35,000 on the conditional sales contract), and deposited about \$30,000 into escrow. By 1961, the Tu-Vu's partnership dissolved

into several lawsuits. At the time of *Tu-Vu* Drive-In Corp. v. Ashkins (61 C2d 283), plaintiff Russo owned 54 percent of the Tu-Vu Drive-In Corporation stock, defendant Ashkins owned 39 percent, and a third party owned 7 percent. The corporation, by the written consent of Russo as majority stockholder, had adopted a bylaw in 1960 stipulating that Tu-Vu shares could only be transferred to an outsider if the owner of those shares first offered them to the other shareholders, at the same price and under the

same terms.

On December 7, 1960, Russo obtained an option to purchase Ashkins' stock. Russo relinquished the option on January 7, 1961. Tu-Vu issued new stock certificates containing the new bylaw restriction, placing the certificates in escrow on January 31 with the commissioner of corporations. Apparently, neither Russo nor the corporation ever gave Ashkins actual notice of the new bylaw. Ashkins then went out shopping for an outside buyer for her shares, apparently unaware of the new requirement to

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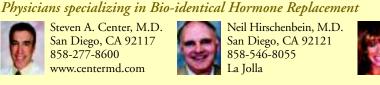
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first offer the stock to Russo and their other partner.

On May 1, 1961, Ashkins granted an option to purchase her Tu-Vu stock to Sero Amusements, a competitor running several local drive-ins. Russo was upset and initiated a lawsuit against Ashkins July 20, 1961, seeking a declaratory judgment sustaining the validity of the bylaw that regulated the transfer of Tu-Vu shares. The trial court entered a judgment that Ashkins possessed a vested right to retain her shares free of restrictions upon alienation, i.e., she could sell her stock to whomever she wanted, whether or not she first offered it to fellow shareholders.

Unfortunately for Ashkins, the sale to Sero never did go through, as Sero chose not to exercise its purchase option and it expired April 30, 1963. The judgment in Ashkins' favor was later reversed, and the trial court was directed to enter judgment declaring that the bylaw in question was valid and enforceable against defendant Ashkins.

During its final few years, the Tu-Vu held a flea market on its grounds during daylight hours before closing for good around 1978. The Tu-Vu Drive-In Corporation was officially dissolved November 25, 1981. A Denny's and an industrial park later took up the drive-in's former acreage.

The Aero Drive-In at 1470 E. Broadway in El Cajon opened in 1954, independently owned by D. Johnson. The equipment was leased from Sero Amusements and William Oldknow, who operated the drivein for a time. Designed to fit just under 500 cars, the projection booth was built onto the snack bar and was

located fairly close to the single screen, providing one of the brighter outdoor pictures in the area. For years, the Aero gave out raffle tickets with admission, distributing prizes (usually food) during intermissions, and it was among the first area ozones outfitted for AM radio sound in early 1973. Usually open only in the summer, a swap meet was run year-round on the premises beginning in the late '70s.

In 1990, Regan Myles and his Regan Group Inc. began running the Aero. The Vista-based company



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(which also operated the Harbor Drive-In in National City) was sued by the San Diego Union-Tribune over unpaid advertising, losing a judgment of \$8645 in August 1992. The Aero lost another civil judgment in March 1993 over an unpaid loan and was required to pay \$2264 to the San Diego Wholesale Credit Association.

In early 1999, after the drive-in's original

owner died, new owners decided the damaged screen (hit hard by the previous winter's storms) wasn't worth replacing. In June, a crane completed dismantling the screen, though the lot was still used for swap meets. In 2003, around 90 condostyle homes were built on the property.

The Harbor Drive-In at 3150 National



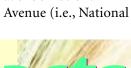
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City Avenue, near Highway 54) opened in 1949 with a single screen and built to hold 500 cars. It was operated independently for years by T.P. Huntington, whose firm Harbor Drive-In Theatres Inc. was launched January 15, 1948. The lot at 32nd and D Avenue was open through all seasons, and raffles were a popular theater tradition beginning in the late '70s. The Harbor eventually broadcast with FM sound, and the speakers were removed, causing a steady stream of complaints from neighborhood drivers claiming that movie soundtracks hijacked their car speakers while passing nearby (not to mention complaints from patrons with no

FM sound in their cars, forcing them to rent a radio from the snack bar).

I first went to the Harbor on Christmas Eve, 1979, to see Steve Martin in The Jerk, though I was still carless (and essentially homeless) at the time. I recall it as a fairly easy drive-in to sneak into, and I managed to go unmolested for about a third of the film before a theater employee noticed me sitting and shivering up against a pole in a corner of the lot. I was making myself a peanut butter and jelly sandwich from supplies carried in a paper bag when the kid stepped up to me and started to ask me to leave. I must have looked particularly pitiful; no place to go and

no family to be with on Christmas Eve, just me and my PB&J on a cold cement lot. He shook his head like a guy who'd just seen the ghosts of his own potential Christmases past, present, and future and

"If you manage a drive-in properly, you keep it fun, keep it clean, keep it safe, there'll be so much business you'll have to turn customers away."

decided not to kick me out. "Never mind, Merry Christmas," he said and walked away, leaving me to enjoy the rest of *The* Jerk (which I did enjoy — this is a more fond than maudlin memory for me, such is

By the '90s, attendance at area ozones was rapidly declining, and the Harbor was hit particularly hard. In 1993, it

my passion for ozones).

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in lot, and this gave them space to operate a flea market that quickly grew to fill the available acreage. Theater owners used income from this endeavor to subsidize drive-in screenings long after the movies stopped generating profits. Little or nothing was put into upkeep in and around the theater lot, however, as it had become what outdoor screen operators refer to as a "land bank," i.e., a way of keeping a piece of property extant, with minimal expenditure and for as long as possible, for the sole purpose of maximum sales

Cajon.

Luckily, the

Harbor's owners had

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value. The land itself eventually outvalues any business the owners care or can afford to launch. By 2000, the Harbor had become one of the shabbier California ozones among an often-motley cadre of scarred survivors.

In 2001, a new marquee was built to replace the increasingly tattered original. Though Tuesday nights usually boomed thanks to a \$7-per-carload special, the Harbor eventually lost a long-running battle against the nearby South Bay Drive-In and went dark around 2003. A flea market still runs on the property, for which the old drive-in space is used as a parking lot.

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In, open since 1958 at 2170 Coronado Avenue, is one of only two San Diego drive-ins remaining in operation today. One mile north of the border and with space for up to 1500 cars, it was another William Oldknow/Sero Amusements venture (still run by Oldknow's company, now called De Anza Land & Leisure Corporation). Originally called the Bayview and sporting a single screen, in the mid-'70s the South Bay added two more screens. Most of the speaker poles were phased out for AM sound in 1972, and then FM beginning in the early '80s (movies are currently broadcast in stereo, via FM only). The snack bar has been renovated a few times, most recently sporting a nautical theme, with the entire concession building painted blue and white and designed to resemble a ship, portholes and all.

Local legend has it that actor Matthew Modine used to work at the South Bay. "Actually, that was his father, Mark Modine, who worked for us," laughs De Anza operations manager Teri Oldknow. "That was in the '70s, and they had, like, eight kids who all grew up at the drive-in. His sister still works there to this day."

When I mention to Oldknow my recollection of how run-down this drive-in got in the early '80s - with frequent gang activity, drug trade, and other scary goings-on — she says, "I know it was bad. There were plans to sell around that time. I wasn't with the company then, but the attitude was kind of like 'We'll just let it go long enough to get a good offer and then sell it.' I started here in 1996, and that was one of my big pushes, to revive places like that and

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The De Anza company really goes all out for the Starlight Drive-In near Atlanta. This well-advertised ozone regularly hosts pop-culture conventions and car shows on its lot during the day, and frequent "Drive-In Madness" theme-athons (often with live band performances) run all night long. "We had [exploitation filmmaker] Dave Friedman there last year for Blood Feast," Oldknow says.

"His offices used to be across the street from ours in L.A., and we'd share the same screening room. We can get away with that at the Starlight because it's an industrial area with no neighbors but a ceme-



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tery and a landfill. We can't do adventurous stuff like that at the South Bay because we're surrounded by residential properties. Neighborhood people are going to complain no matter what you do, so we're reluctant to have that kind of programming there. I'd like to, though, maybe timed around the Comic-Con."

A swap meet has run on the lot since April 1977, operated by the drive-in's owners rather than being leased out as at other area ozones. It appears to

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have been the area's third drive-in swap meet (Midway began leasing to Monte Kobey's swap meet the previous summer, and the Valley Drive-In held an Oceanside flea market as far back as 1971). "That's why the South Bay survived," says Old-

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know. "There was that early recognition of how to turn daytime use into profits on the property. There's no overhead for a swap meet, whereas we're paying 50 percent of our box office take to the studio for movies. Swap meets were the only thing enabling most drive-ins to survive the '80s. We're charging money for parking spaces and keeping all the proceeds...this was so profitable that it would be difficult for other businesses to compete for the property."

The main screen number one at the South Bay blew down during the early 2003 winter storms and had to be replaced that spring, at a cost of around \$60,000. In summer 2005, a new Technalight installation was done on the projectors for all three South Bay screens. "That increased the picture brightness from five to nine times brighter," says Oldknow, "so it's as **INTERMISSION**

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The last time I attended, there were still two rows of speakers on poles, and films were also broadcast in FM sound, though I understand the speakers have now been removed. The orange-

painted bathrooms can be a little dicey, but their snack-bar food is surprisingly edible and affordable. A daytime swap meet has run on the lot since July 1982 (at the time, the Henrys formed a separate cor-

HOME AND GARDEN

poration to run this endeavor, but it's now owned by a separate unconnected party). The swap meet's current operators feature monthly shows themed for ham-radio enthusiasts and sports-equip-

ment traders.

Santee employees say they still have to be vigilant about gatecrashers. "When we see them going over a fence, we wait until they get to a car and kick them all out," says assistant manager Matt Jarbo. "Nobody comes in the trunk anymore. From the ticket booth, I call in the license numbers of any cars with a single driver. We'll have a security guard walk

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past, see if the driver's the only one in there. If not, we walk up and talk to them. Sometimes they'll say, 'I lost my receipt, we came together' and get all belligerent. We just step away and say, 'You're trespassing, we can call the sheriff, and they usually just leave." Another employee says, "There's a big dent in the fence from somebody we kicked out. They came around the

corner and just rammed the fence and left. They even tried to run me and Little Jeff over. We jumped up on the curb as they zoomed on past. I think they did more damage to their car than the fence."

I recall arriving early at the Santee on April 20, 1999, I think for a showing of Jawbreaker. The staff was used to seeing me stake out a speaker pole near the front rows, where I'd sit with the convertible top down and usually work on whatever drawing or writing project had been due the previous weekend. It was still daylight, and the speakers near the screen and alongside the snack bar broadcast a local oldies station. Several other early arrivals were playing the music along in their cars, so the whole lot echoed and reverberated to the same sounds, coming from all directions at once, a multisourced auditory experience only attainable on certain drive-in lots, right about at twilight. Suddenly, the music was interrupted by an all-too-detailed breaking news report on the Columbine school shootings.

I remember looking around and seeing everyone on their own individual little auto islands, everybody pale and still, nobody speaking or moving for what seemed like several moments. Then children started crying, a slowly rising cacophony as the stillness was broken and parents tried various ways to comfort their increasingly upset charges. I just happened to catch the eye of a guy in the car two spaces down from me, also attending alone; even as I saw his face was glistening with tears, I realized he was staring at my own wet face. It was an extraor-



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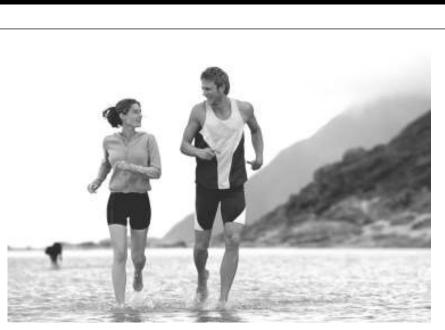
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- All study-related medications, labs and cultures
- Compensation for your time and travel

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dinary shared moment, just before crisis-management kicked in and everyone tried to pull themselves together a bit. That twilight, I overheard hushed bits of many sobering conversations, especially coming from cars containing young kids. Several vehicles just up and left after the news report.

A more upbeat group experience occurred when Herbie: Fully Loaded was released in 2005. Bug owners swarmed the Santee lot in droves, beginning midafternoons and eventually covering nearly every square inch of drive-in pavement for two consecutive sold-out weekends. Transformed into a convention-hub for area Volkswagen fans of all ages, the Santee also brought in a replica Herbie car, which was

popular for family photo ops (an enterprising photog was usually onsite with a Polaroid, charging \$2 per pic).

The Ace Drive-In on 8015 Imperial Avenue in Lemon Grove appears to have been

with its entrance on Broadway. For a short while, a rolling concession cart delivered snacks and drinks to vehicle owners not inclined to make the trip to the snack bar. By the '70s, the Ace was known for endless kung fu triple features and

It was also known for employees willing to turn a blind eye to cars arriving filled with liquor-laden teenagers and stoners reeking like Tommy Chong's beard.

one of the latter ozones constructed in San Diego, not turning up in The International Motion Picture Almanac until the 1969 edition. Owned by Eldorado Theatres, the Ace had a vehicle capacity of 900,

"head" flicks like The Nine Lives of Fritz the Cat, The Groove Tube, Zardoz, and The Ken*tucky Fried Movie.* It was also known for employees willing to turn a blind eye to cars arriving filled with

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BIPOLAR DISORDER DEPRESSION SCHIZOPHRENIA





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Trouble staying asleep? Don't feel rested when you wake up?

A research study is currently being conducted by Pacific Sleep Medicine Services for individuals who are experiencing sleep problems throughout the night.

If you are at least 18 years old, you can be considered to participate in a clinical research trial on insomnia.

Study-related care is provided at no charge to participants. This includes a physical exam, sleep exams, laboratory services and study medication.

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To participate, you must be willing to switch from your current therapy to an FDAapproved study drug.

What is Schizophrenia?

A disorder of the brain that can cause abnormal thinking, hallucinations (seeing things or hearing voices), emotional withdrawal, and other symptoms.

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Those symptoms may include feeling sad or empty, feeling worthless or guilty, decreased interest in activities you once enjoyed, difficulty concentrating, weight loss, difficulty sleeping or lack of energy.



BIPOLAR DEPRESSION



Do you...

- \succ Feel sad or anxious
- > Have feelings of hopelessness
- Feel tired, lack energy or are unmotivated
- \succ Have difficulty concentrating or making decisions
- \succ Feel restless or irritable
- > No longer have interest in once pleasurable activities

If you are experiencing some of these, you may be eligible for a research study.

Some qualifications are:

- ≻ Aged 18-65 years
- Non substance/alcohol dependent
- > Using reliable contraceptive
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Do You Have Diabetes and Pain in Your Arms or Legs?

Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy can affect the nerves in the arms, hands, feet, and legs.

Symptoms of Peripheral Neuropathy include:

- Numbness or insensitivity to pain or temperature
- A tingling, burning or prickling sensation
- Sharp pains
- Extreme sensitivity to touch
- Loss of balance and coordination

Pacific Sleep Medicine is conducting a research study to evaluate the effectiveness of an investigational medication for the treatment of painful peripheral neuropathy.

All study-related exams, tests, labs, and an investigational formulation of a currently marketed medication will be provided at no cost. Subjects will be paid for their travel expenses.

If you have Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes and have pain in your arms, hands, feet, or legs, ask your doctor about joining this study.

For more information on these and other clinical studies, call (toll-free):

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liquor-laden teenagers and stoners reeking like Tommy Chong's beard. Locals had a saying at the time: "The Ace is the place to space." The last movies screened in late 1986 were *King Kong Lives* and *The Wraith.* The lot at the northeast corner of Broadway and Grove Street later became home to an apartment complex.

The Pacific Drive-In, located on Mission Bay Drive, north of Bluffside Avenue, shouldn't be confused with San Clemente's drive-in of the same name. Though the corporation listed as owning this ozone was based in National City, it was actually operated by Pacific Theatres, founded by William Foreman, who got his start in Seattle operating several walkin theaters before moving to L.A. in 1937 to open California's first drive-in, the Pico (at the time, the fourth drive-in in the nation). Pacific eventually ended up running around a hundred ozones. were the Foremans [Pacific]. The three basically controlled the exhibition business and the way things went, right down to whether or not theaters would go along with the stu-

"There was a lot of 'light pollution' from nearby businesses. Theater projection technology was basically ignoring [drive-ins] and equipment wasn't being made anymore that allowed for a nice, bright picture on outdoor screens."

"There were three main families running most of the outdoor screens," says Teri Oldknow at De Anza. "There was us [as Sero], the Edwards family, and then there dio on things like widescreen and 70 millimeter." In 1976, the Pacific was one of only three local ozones equipped for showing 70mm films (they screened *Logan's Run* in

RESEARCH STUDIES



Do you find yourself nodding off during the day?

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Insomnia Sleepless Nights Exhausted Days



A clinical research study for insomnia is now underway. Doctors are enrolling patients in a study of an investigational drug for insomnia.

To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

- Be 18-64 years of age
- Have had trouble falling and staying asleep for more than 3 months

Study participation includes, at no charge:

- Study visits with a medical professional
- Investigational study drug
- Study procedures and tests

Qualified participants could receive compensation for incidental costs and travel.

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Sleep Maintenance Insomnia Clinical Trial

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- Loss of pleasure or interest in usual activities
- Changes in sleep patterns, appetite, and energy levels

Optimum Health Services is conducting a clinical research study in depression. If you are between the ages of 18-65 and are experiencing symptoms of depression you may be eligible to participate. Eligible participants will receive:

- All study-related procedures, including psychiatric assessments, physical examinations, laboratory tests, monitoring and ongoing evaluations, and experimental study drug at no cost.
- Compensation for time and travel may be available.

For more information about this clinical research study, please call: 888-290-9255



70mm beginning June 23, though the print had a mono soundtrack).

The Pacific's snack bar sold a unique concoction still fondly remembered by locals — an entire pizza (one dollar) with mozzarella, cheddar cheese, and jalapeño toppings. The drive-in was torn down in the early '80s for a housing development. Foreman's company, Pacific Theatres, today operates about 400 hardtop screens,

RESEARCH STUDIES



including theaters in La Mesa (Grossmont Center's Stadium 10 and Trolley 8), downtown (Gaslamp 15), and elsewhere in San Diego.

"I think we may have tried a flea market on the [Pacific Drive-In] site," says Jay Swerdlow, executive vice president of Pacific Theatres, "but chances are we just got a purchase offer that was too good to resist and we unloaded it. Some properties pay off as land investments ten times more than they

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e than theyder stopped showing
films in 1982, but the
screen stayed up and a
successful swap meet

site. "Most drive-ins closed because of home video," says Crowder, "but our problem was getting a good picture. There was a lot of what you'd call 'light pollution' from nearby businesses, and then theater projection technology was basically ignoring [drive-ins] and

could ever pay off as an

operating business. At

that time, nothing we

could have done on that

piece of real estate could

have equaled the value

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opened in the mid-'50s

with a single screen and

room for around 300

was launched on the

cars. Owner Joe Crow-

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of selling."

Are You Still Experiencing Pain Even Though Your Shingles Have Healed?

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is conducting a research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of pain following shingles (post herpetic neuralgia).

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equipment wasn't being made anymore that allowed for a nice, bright picture on outdoor screens."

He says the swapmeet business has proved too lucrative for him to give up the property. "They call us Little Tijuana. The old drivein lot is pretty much the main gathering place for Hispanics on the weekends up here." Beginning in late 2004, the locale underwent around \$10 million worth of improvements, including a large children's playground and picnic areas near the "food court," which consists of around 15 vendors on any given weekend afternoon. The swap meet (incorporated October 1999) has been periodically raided by immigration officials rounding up suspected undocumented workers.

The Mission Drive-In at 30002 Del Obispo

Street in San Juan Capistrano was owned by William Foreman's Pacific Theatres and featured a mural of a mission on the back of its screen, visible from the highway. It appears to have opened in the early '60s and closed around 1985

The Vista Drive-In on Thunder Drive at Highway 78 in Vista, operated by Western Amusement Company, originally had buttons on the speakers that summoned a carhop so you



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BIPOLAR DISORDER and ALCOHOLISM STUDY



to you.

Signs and Symptoms:

 Feeling trapped in either a manic "up" episode or a depressive

• Do you find yourself drinking to cope with your mood swings?

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from Bipolar Disorder (also known as Manic Depression) and Alcoholism.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study for people with Bipolar Disorder and Alcoholism. If you qualify, you may be eligible to participate in a study testing the effectiveness of an experimental medication for the treatment of Alcoholism at no cost to you.





Social Anxiety Disorder?

- Do You Fear Meeting New People?
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- have been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder Medical and lab exams Study medication
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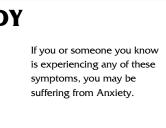


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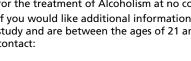






 Do you have mood swings or difficulty concentrating? "down" episode?

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Do you or anyone you know have

Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective **Disorder?**

Optimum Health Services is currently conducting a research study to find out how two common antipsychotic drugs, Olanzapine and Risperidone, may affect the way the body uses sugar.

Participants should be aged 18 to 65 years with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder, and have not been hospitalized for psychiatric reasons in the last three months.

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Some symptoms of schizophrenia include:

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could order food to be served at your car. With a vehicle capacity of 500, it appears to have opened in the early '60s and closed around 1978. The site was later occupied by buildings in the Tri-City Medical Center.

The Midway Drive-In at 1831 Mission Avenue in Oceanside was not connected with the Midway near the Sports Arena, nor should it be confused with the Oceanside Drive-In or that town's other ozone, the Valley Drive-In. Operated by Robert Siegel (who with his brother owned many area movie houses, including the Siegel Brothers Theatre in Oceanside), this Midway was apparently closed in the '60s and was demolished. A strip of stores, including a Big Bear market, was built on the location, which later became the site of the MiraCosta College Community Learning Center.

The Oceanside Drive-

In on Fallbrook Road was listed in the 1948-49 *Theatre Catalog* as being operated by Joseph Shure and his Shure Theatres Corporation. A conflicting source indicates it was only open from 1950 through the mid-'60s.

The Valley Drive-In at 3480 West Mission Avenue in Oceanside (two miles east of Interlast drive-ins to launch in Southern California. "We opened August 26, 1966," recalls Samuel Ramirez, who, with his family, has been a caretaker on the property from opening night through the current day. "We were showing James Bond, Thunderball; it was sold out completely for a whole month. I think the tickets were \$2.50." Originally a single-screen ozone built for 1250 cars, by 1969 the Valley had added a second screen, and a third and fourth were built in 1977, for a total vehicle capacity of 1600. Open year-round from the start, Ramirez recalls, "We used to be cleaning up the lot until five, six in the morning. We'd find

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all kinds of crazy things, and then there would be homeless people jumping over the fence too." Regarding owners John and Robert Siegel, he says, "At one time, they had a theater in Coronado and they owned almost every theater in Oceanside and Escondido. The Crest, the Paramount, the Cinema Plaza; they ran any place that showed movies."

The Valley went to weekends-only in the mid-'90s, becoming increasingly run-down. Especially scary was the men's room, with sickly green walls and one long urinal trough of indeterminate color (*shudder*). The Valley stopped screening movies altogether after the 1999 season, with the last admission price \$4.50 per person. All four screens were left standing, and the snack bar remains today, with the original popcorn and ice machines still intact. "We used to have the posters, the ones we didn't have to send back to Hollywood," says Ramirez, "but somebody broke in and stole them all." A successful swap meet has been held on the site since 1971, eventually growing to over 1000 vendors. In the early '90s, the owners, the

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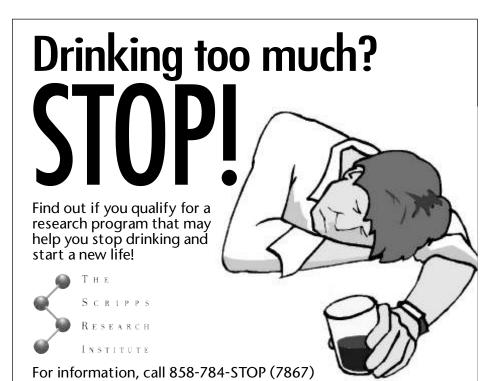
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The Valley lot and surrounding property owned by the Siegels totaled 145 acres. Around summer 2004, the City of Oceanside apparently decided the drive-in property was indeed desirable. City agencies were accused by the swap-meet company of applying pressure to break their lease and abandon the property. Oceanside fire marshall Rob Dunham required swap-meet owners to repaint and enforce fire lanes, and to impose new restrictions on vendors. Sellers were required to use fire retardant canopies and to refrain from parking vehicles in the sales area unless their gas tanks had less than five gallons of gas and their batteries were disconnected. Even the IRS got in on the action, levying a \$72,062 tax lien on Oceanside Drive-In Swap Meet operators.

In December 2004, the Oceanside City Council reported that the Siegels had agreed to sell the city a five-acre parcel of the Valley property for \$3.3 million, to put up a fire station and drill wells. This small land plot was isolated from the larger theater lot by construction of the state Route 76 expressway. In January 2005, the Siegels reportedly sold the remaining Valley property for commercial development. - Jay Allen Sanford

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The southwest corner of Brighton Avenue and Venice in Ocean Beach was less a slice of my neighborhood than it was the pivot of my entire universe when I was growing up. Like other neighborhoods, we had

a gang, but unlike the menacing neighborhood armies of today, our gang was devoted to bugging each other instead of other people.

At its peak, there were nine girls: me, my sister Gail, Lisa (who was always going to be my best friend),



The Griswolds

Janice (the tomboy), Cory (the old child), Michelle (who was forever practicing to be a cheerleader for Sacred Heart Academy), Joanie, and

Holly and Vickie (who moved early

on in the gang's formation). There

were also eight boys: my brothers Tim

and Tom (the twins), and Ted, Mark,

and Steve (who were brothers), another Mark, Stevie (who was Lisa's little brother), and Tommy (Joanie's little brother who had muscular dys-

trophy and could only come out on

There were more of us Griswolds

than any other kids, and though there

his good days).

were the ongoing attempts at adolescent sarcasm and sibling violence, we tended to enjoy each other's company. At the time when Griswolds ruled the neighborhood, in 1970, none of us was older than 14. And none of the kids in the gang lived farther than a block away.

We used to hang out at that corner in the summer, and in the evening during daylight savings time, and practice the most potent delinquency we could muster, which mostly included trying to inhale cigarettes in the Catalina canyon and stealing plums from Mrs. Thompson's tree that hung over the alley.

In those days, there was a canyon that existed behind the houses along Venice and extended down to

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cracks of the white concrete streets and chew on it. If we weren't waiting for Mr. Lucas, the ice cream man with the aloha shirts, we'd be sneaking off to Speedee Mart for a Slurpee and the collector's button that came with it.

In 1970, my brothers put Rat Fink decals on their model cars, while my sister and I put Rikki-Tikki-Stikki daisies on everything.

All of this could've happened in Clairemont, for God's sake. But it didn't. It was in Ocean Beach.

Nineteen seventy was the year my father was elected president of the Ocean Beach Town Council. Shortly after gaining the post, he resigned from office. The reason, as quoted in the beach area's semiweekly newspaper, The Peninsula, was his "five little demands." Specifically, me, my three brothers, and my sister. We were his five little demands that prevented him from taking reins of a simmering liberal community on the edge of boiling over into full radicalism.

I was ten years old in 1970. My parents fully understood the responsibility of being parents to five children (ages 10, 11, 13, 13, and 14) in Ocean Beach at such an intense time and rose to the occasion — a rare blend of the Zappas and the Cleavers. They did volunteer work for the In-Between, a storefront outreach center on Newport Avenue for the refugees of the San Diego Nixon years — the strung out, the poor and pregnant, the unemployed, the homeless, and the battered. My parents led protests and risked getting arrested when the Army Corps of Engineers seized the part of the flood-control channel frequented by Ocean Beach families. (Families used to call it "The Mushy Place" where toddlers could play in the ocean far from the crush of the waves. The Army Corps of Engineers was sent to build a jetty to facilitate flood control, a problem that hadn't plagued this area in some time.)

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My parents took us to walk precincts for the candidates who confirmed a sense of integrity and a grasp on human values. One of the candidates that my parents held up as a symbol of what could (at that time) be good with government was Maureen O'Connor, who demonstrated her sincerity by placing a single-digit ceiling on campaign donations. Another was Jack Walsh, continually called a "maverick" by the local press, which we thought was cool.

In that year, in 1970, our family took a trip up the coast in our camper to Canada. On the way, we stopped in San Francisco. I can remember my parents driving by the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic and yelling for us kids to look out the window, that this was a symbol of great history. My parents were as

devoted to raising responsible kids as they were to preserving a free society within the boundaries of Ocean Beach. Mom was a room mother for all five of us kids at one time or another. She was a volunteer at O.B. Elementary's Learning Center. Among other offices, she was president of the PTA, which later earned her the equivalent of a PTA lifetime achievement award. She tutored slow readers ing Ted, Tim is making a goofy face, and my sister, with her Gidget flip, is pretending she liked me. We're in front of our house, and Mom looks a little flustered and a little amused. That's how we always looked growing up, and even today in family pictures.) Dad was on the

They both held firmly to the whitepicket-fence dream and were hellbent on raising an outstanding, if not well-rounded, American family.

and taught back-yard swim. Until we became brand-conscious and protested, Mom even made all of our clothes. (There's a favorite picture of mine that my Dad took around 1966, when we're all dressed up in Mommade clothes. The boys have their hair smoothed back in Brylcreem waves better than McGarrett ever had. Tom is harassfounding committee of the Peninsula YMCA, principally started when the city denied Ocean Beach a municipal swimming pool and directed inquiries to the Plunge instead. He was a Little League coach who routinely pissed off parents with his democratic approach to managing the team (if John Gate, who tried really hard in

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Ultimate Hair Dynamics of Las Vegas 2080 E. Flamingo Rd., Suite 317 Las Vegas, NV 89119 • 888.446.2417 right field, wanted to take a crack at pitching, then by all means, he should be given the chance). He used to take us to hear Sam Hinton sing, and we'd attend lectures by authors like Scott O'Dell at the downtown library. We went to Zoo classes every summer, and he even enrolled us all, for a time, in the Scripps Junior Oceanographic Corps.

I'm not sure why my parents pursued such an eclectic upbringing for us. It could be because they were both products of the beach area, too, and saw the potential for a perfect childhood there. Mom's family moved to Ocean Beach from Michigan when she was four. She made her first Communion at Sacred Heart on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, the same church where she and my Dad were married and where all of us kids were baptized, made our first Communion, and were confirmed. In 1970, there was a cool priest at Sacred Heart, Father Sproul from Wales, who chain-smoked and spoke with a dreamy

accent. With Father Sproul, anonymity during confession was out of the question because he knew us all by the sound of our voice. We were busted with each sin, but then again, instead of assigning the parroting of prayers for penance, he'd tell us to do something nice and thoughtful for someone in our family.

My dad's family came out from Chicago and moved to Mission Beach when he was under two years old. He was a streetwise, skinny beach punk who was just the fodder

to be one of the first members of OMBAC. He played peewee basketball at La Jolla High and dated older girls until my Mom came along.

How my parents met was no ordinary story, friends of friends, love at first sight, all at a bowling alley on Garnet in Pacific Beach. The important thing is they both held firmly to the white-picketfence dream and were hell-bent on raising an outstanding, if not wellrounded, American family. That we were, and that we are still trying to be.

My parents moved the family to Ocean Beach in 1961, into a fivebedroom split-level house with a view to Mt. Soledad that cost them what they thought was a lifetime of fortunes: \$18,000. It was on the south side of Brighton Avenue. It took me until 1970 to understand that when my Dad said we were going to "Sunny-Two-Thousand-Pounds," he meant we were going home to Brighton Avenue. They moved us to Ocean Beach because they wanted their kids to

be exposed to a variety of people and ages, rather than the virtually identical families my mother said surrounded us in tract housing.

In our neighborhood, there was a house on our block where a purported suicide by hanging took place. We gave it wide berth when we passed. And two doors down from the hanging house was this great three-storied structure where crazy Old Lady May lived. We heard her husband was trying to sell the house and put her in



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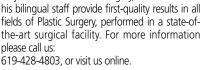
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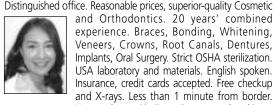
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a rest home. He locked her in the cellar when the real estate people came by for the papers to be signed. When he let her out, she went berserk and beat him so badly she broke his arm.

In 1970, my brothers dominated the Ocean Beach paper-route circuit for blocks and blocks. They all had morning routes, so they got up at 5:30 to fold and deliver the papers on their Stingray bikes. On Christmas morning that year, Tim dressed up as Santa Claus, hoping to keep a fantasy alive for a few early-rising kids. He delivered his papers pulled behind him in a red wagon rather than on his Stingray. He only caught the eye of a few sleepy kids up on Santa Barbara Street, but there was one lady on Santa Monica who was charmed by his efforts and took his picture and gave him a good tip that month.

The next year, Tom

and Ted traded their early paper routes for earlymorning surfing, and Tim discovered his talent as a guitar player.

Meanwhile, Gail, who was the oldest, got a job working at the bakery next to Paras Book Shop. It was actually both a bar and grill and a bakery. Gail used to bring home a dozen of their wonderful Angel Cookies as a bribe to get me to clean her side of the room before Mom and Dad's frequent deadlines ran out. (The bakery is now a florist shop, and no one has been able to duplicate the recipe for the wonderful Angel Cookies.)

I inherited a few of Gail's babysitting jobs (with my Mom's rules: only on weekends, only during the day, and only if the kids were older than four), and I had a little money of my own. I remember the first big purchase I made with my hard-earned (50 cents an hour) money was Ray Stevens's album Every-

thing Is Beautiful. I bought it at Soundsville Records, on the last block of Newport, where every album was \$3.33. My brothers cursed Tower Records, which they claimed later drove Soundsville out of business. After Tower came to town, there was nowhere they were allowed to go alone, within Stingray distance, to get the latest Creedence albums. Curbed independence was a traumatic blow to kids in 1970.

Since then, the world scope of the five little demands has broadened far beyond where a Stingray might venture, as has the appeal of Ocean Beach.

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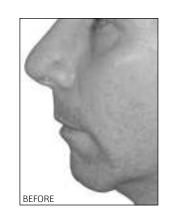
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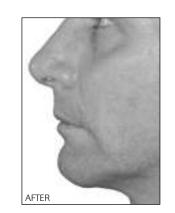
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slightly more accepted and enjoyed by the mainstream — it's slowly becoming a hip place to visit and live. In fact, who would've guessed that the O.B. Christmas Parade a mid-'80s revival of O.B. pride that has become an annual occurrence would become a media event?

The tide has turned. The same Point Loma kids whose parents wouldn't allow them to go to the Strand Theater in high school are asking their parents for down payments on view lots in O.B.

All of us Griswold kids have moved out of the area, only to return shortly thereafter; Gail lived in Burlingame, near San Francisco; Tim lived in Los Angeles; Tom tried San Francisco and New York; Ted was in New Hampshire; and I lived in Palm Desert. We all moved back, to see the O.B. Christmas Parade (where the mail carriers get more appreciative applause than the Geriatric Surf and Drill Team), to see the O.B. Street Fair (where my sister always works one of the O.B. Elementary PTA game booths to show support for her two kids who attend school there), to walk on the pier (again) and see where my Grandma used to catch perch, to go to Paras Book Shop and Comet, and to eat at Nati's and Poma's.

As I said, Soundsville is gone. So is the rolled taco place on Abbott Street and Walt's Malts, across from the pier. The Black is still there — we used to be forbidden to go to the Black when we were kids. Now even my Mom goes there to buy beads and Christmas presents. Homer's has changed, but Comet hasn't, nor has George's Shoe Hospital. Blue Pacific Aquarium is gone, and so are Lownes's and Veda Moss, where my Grandma used to buy all her clothes. She lived in the same house on Santa Cruz for more than 40 years. She died last year at 90, but then, that's another story — Gretchen Griswold



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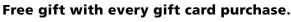
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The highway used to run right through town. It was US 395 then. Rainbow was the center point in the stretch from State 76 to the county line that they used to call the "Bloody Gap." Drunks, tourists, high school kids, Mexicans, Marines, locals, whole families all crashed and burned on the Gap. A lot of ghosts are wandering around out there, won-dering why they never made it to Vegas. Or even Temecula.

It took over two years to blow up the Bloody Gap and lay I-15 down on the rubble. "Opening up the inland corridor," they called it. They worked like coolies bringing the railroad to the settlers. But the train doesn't stop here. And the settlers couldn't care less.

Rainbow doesn't even exist. It's on some maps, it even has some CalTrans population signs out on the freeway. But it doesn't have a post office. Fallbrook is the bottom line on everybody's address. That's where the post office is. All Rainbow has is a name. Rainbow was originally

a man. That was his name. A Union Army officer, he came here after the war to homestead and named the place after himself. He has rug rash now from turning over in his grave every time someone drives by on I-15 and speculates that the hippies must have named it, back in the '60s.

The hippie theory gets reinforced every time some-

one gets off the freeway and drives through on the old highway. The '60s got ahold of Rainbow and never let go. A building moratorium has been in effect since early in that decade. No new houses have been built in the middle of the valley for 25 years. The water table is too high to safely accept any more septic tanks. There is no sewer. No toilets, no new homes, time stands still. It's like when they build a new dam and the little village behind the new dam gets covered by a new lake. And years later, when the drought comes, the water recedes, and the little village slowly emerges from the muck, and the people who had to leave come back to look at the place where they used to live. It's the same thing here, only the dam never got built and the people never left.

Of course, the moratorium only exists on the valley floor in metropolitan Rainbow, as it were. Up on the crest there is no water table, and anybody can build whatever he wants as long as he has the money. When you drive north on I-15 and look over to the right, that ridge over there is the crest. Rainbow Heights. You can drive up there during a Santa Ana and see San Clemente Island and everything in between. At night you can see the light blinking on top of the SDG&E plant in Carlsbad and muzzle flashes from the big guns on Camp Pendleton.

The ridge is where the rich Rainbonians reside. They pass behind tinted windows in foreign luxury cars, gliding without a pause through the four-way stop at the corner of Eighth Street and Camino Rainbow. If they stop at all, it's usually at the video rental place to pick something up for after dinner. In the old days, driving up to the Heights at night, they might have passed a hitchhiker in prison blues with a case of Bud under his arm. That would have been an inmate from the Rainbow Conservation Camp risking a six-month extension to come down to the valley after hours to snag some cold ones. The honor camp is tucked away in an

THE '60S got ahold of Rainbow and never let go.

oak grove at the north end of the ridge. Clandestine beer runs are gone forever now that the camp is all female. The ladies are more disciplined, primarily because they know that the only other state correctional facility for women is at Frontera. the Heights.

On the eastern slope of the ridge, in the sage and rocks between Rainbow and the Pala Indian Reservation, the big houses slowly dissolve, and the older stucco and wood two-bedrooms begin to appear. Most are

THE METH-HEADS come

down from the Heights to buy Marlboros, to rent the occasional video, to have a drink at The Oaks.

Rainbow is Shangri-La compared to Frontera, and no one wants to go back over a case of beer. They're happy to fight fires, pick up trash, and wile away their bad-time, elbow to elbow with their Republican neighbors on occupied by the same sort of retired and middleclass folks who live in the valley, people who want nothing more than to live out their lives in rural semi-isolation. The rest are meth labs. Nobody knows how many. Maybe

two, maybe 20. The number goes up and down as the speeders get busted, their cookers get broken, and their Rainbow Red Hair gets chopped down and hauled off to the substation in Fallbrook, piled to the headliner in the back of a green-and-white Blazer. The meth-heads come down from the Heights to buy Marlboros, to rent the occasional video, to have a drink at The Oaks. They keep to themselves and vacillate between pretending that no one suspects a walking skeleton with bad teeth and long hair is not a legitimate farmer and wild paranoiac despair that maybe they do. When times are tough they steal, mostly avocados (money grows on trees in Rainbow), but a quiet B&E isn't out of the question, particularly with so many nice homes within striking distance and so few of their residents home during the day. They steal the same household items that dopers in the city do



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Rainbow's other major industry is ornamental plants. Nurseries are everywhere. Thousands of plants are grown here every year and shipped all over the world. Growing plants is labor intensive, and the labor comes from Mexico and the rest of Central America. Most of the workers live in the bushes along Rainbow Creek, their encampments identified by the plastic jugs and beer bottles that litter the perimeters. The number of homeless per capita in Rainbow must surely rival that of San Diego, the only difference being that these guys have jobs.

Like the nurseries themselves, the workers are everywhere; riding their bikes, hiding from *la migra*, hanging out in front of the No Loitering sign in front of Sommerville's Market, cooking their dinners over

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open fires, crowding around the step vans whose drivers hawk Mexican comic books, Walkmans, tortillas, and whole chickens. On Sundays you can drive up in the hills west of the freeway and see scores of them lined up beside an old sedan, waiting for their turn to fornicate in the brush with one of the pimply prostitutes imported from Tecate or Tijuana. They are more Indian than Mexican, many of them looking like they just hiked out of the jungle, with their white straw cowboy hats, plaid polyester pants, and cast-off

imitation Nikes.

Like the speeders, they mind their own business, despite the fact that they are collectively blamed for every major and minor local crime. From time to time, the pale green cars of la migra cruise through to pick up the stragglers, either the ones on foot or those slowly driving around in 20-year-old Pintos and Plymouths. It's always a quick stop, everybody out of the trunk, into the border patrol car, and off to the station in Temecula. Everybody knows his role. Even the car gets whisked away, a border patrol guy behind the wheel, cautiously edging back on the road to follow the patrol car back to HO.

La migra is by far the most visible law-enforcement agency in Rainbow. County deputies and the CHP are rarely encountered off the freeway. With the border patrol checkpoint guarding the free-

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way at the north end of the valley, the old highway through Rainbow is a popular alternate route for coyotes carting their human cargoes to the

promised land of LA. If

you drive north on the old

highway after dark, you'll

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CUNSHOTS are not

uncommon. Sometimes they sound far away, like a distant battle. Other times they sound closer.

> of cars backed up behind the checkpoint on a busy night.

* * * Insomnia is the number one killer of young adults in Rainbow. It is the village that never sleeps. All night long, the young lonely boys wind out their dirt bikes through the hills or race down the old highway going nowhere fast. The dogs bark, the roosters crow, the radios blare with talk shows, heavy metal, and mournful Mexican ballads. Tires screech and engines backfire as carloads of night people cruise through the dark, while empty Bud bottles slowly roll back and forth on the floorboards. Gunshots are not uncommon. Sometimes they sound far away, like a





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distant battle. Other times they sound closer, and you wonder if maybe the neighbors aren't killing each other in the front yard. Usually it's three or four blasts followed by a short pause and three or four more. Laughing, screaming, shouted threats weave through the night up and down the valley floor. High school kids in pickups and Hyundais park on building pads up in the hills, pull out their speakers, crank up their stereos, and dance in the dirt, while the heavy bass lines of Metallica and Iron Maiden echo through the brush. Helicopters rumble over on their way back to Camp Pendleton, and in the summer, the dull thud of exploding artillery rounds on the base make the 'Nam vets reach for another Winston, From time to time the air-raid siren will start to howl, and all across the valley volunteer firemen will know that somebody crashed out on the freeway. The siren screams, the dogs howl, the volunteers rush to their cars and race to the station. Once assembled they ride their fire truck out to the freeway, lights flashing, off to the rescue. If it's a bad wreck, the next sound you hear will be the steady drone of the Life Flight chopper, churning through the sky, ready to pluck some hapless soul off the pavement and back to civilization, back through the night. There's no 7-Eleven

in Rainbow. No McDonald's, no banks, no libraries, no Safeways, no strip malls. There's a bar, a café, a gas station, two markets, a video place, a satellite-dish store, and a detective agency. Ten minutes up the freeway and over the county line is every franchise in the world. Temecula the old cattle town is now Temecula the new Irvine and Knott's Berry Farm rolled into one. Thanks to the freeway, it's now possible to get to Escondido in about the same amount of time it takes to get to Fallbrook. It's 45 minutes to the Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach, if there isn't too much traffic on the

Del Dios Highway. You can leave Rainbow and be watching a film at the Ken in less than an hour. Rainbonians go to San Diego all the time. San Diegans think Rainbow is on the edge of the earth, if they know it exists at all.

Rainbow can't compete with Temecula or San Marcos in the franchise department, but it does have a landmark or two and the odd quirk that makes it what it is. The valley is home to one of the oldest active chapters of the Grange in the state. The Grange was founded in the last century as sort of an Elks Club for farmers. The chapter in Rainbow has its own meeting

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hall and from time to time stages pancake breakfasts on Sundays.

And like a few other rural enclaves scattered around the county, Rainbow sports a flock of parrots. It consists entirely of escaped pets and roosts in a grove of eucalyptus trees south of town. Despite their emancipation, several of the fugitives still speak the foreign tongue of their ex-masters. Sometimes in the late after-

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noon, you can hear them squawking at each other, both in English and parrot. It can be somewhat unsettling when you first hear it, but not unpleasant.

At the entrance to Rice Canyon sits an old, whitewashed, wooden two-story structure that looks like Rapunzel's tower as envisioned by the Army Corps of Engineers. It was built during the war (the big war) as a lookout

post for civilian aircraft spotters. In the early '40s, its inside walls covered with silhouettes of Japanese Zeros and Betty bombers, the tower was home to local volunteers who scanned the skies for enemy activity. Why the enemy would fly to Rainbow is lost to time, but the tower remains, its current owner periodically threatening to tear it down, someday.

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Canyon Road, you can look up into the Heights and see what's left of the Keith House. It used to be the dream house of a man named Keith, who built it on the sheer rock wall high above the valley floor. It was a huge modern mansion until it burned down one night a few months back. The rumor is that it was underinsured and will never be rebuilt. Mr. Keith and his family allegedly fled to Hawaii, and what's left of the dream house is slowly returning to the elements.

* * *

I live here; it's been my home for nine years. I reside in a small house on five acres and still pay the same rent I did the day I moved in: \$200 a month. The house used to be part of a tourist court that was built behind a gas station on old Highway 395 sometime in the '20s. The gas station, the main house, and my cottage are all that's left. If I'd grown up here instead of in Fallbrook, I would have gone



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from kindergarten through the eighth grade at Vallecitos School, in the center of the valley. For high school, I would have been bused to Fallbrook to spend four years hanging out with the rest of the Rainbow boys over by the corner of the library, with my hands in my pockets, laughing, sneering, telling secrets, sneaking smokes, talking about the bikes we had or the bikes we were gonna get. But I didn't grow up here. I showed up in my middle 20s, and now I'm in my mid-30s, and nothing much has changed. The freeway is here. The Keith house burned down. That's about it.

It's a great place to be alienated. When I went to my high school reunion, I discovered that more graduates from my class live on my street in Rainbow than any other street in the world. I see them drive by once in a while and we wave. I know all of them, knew 'em in school, but I haven't said more than five words to any of them since I've lived here.

It's a great place to drive around fast late at night and wonder what happened, wonder why I've stayed so long. When I get done with that, I can go home and put Neil Young on the stereo and play it so loud the walls shake and no one cares, no one calls the cops, the cops wouldn't come if they did. There aren't any cops, just la migra, and la migra leaves me alone. I can stash my old cars out in the yard and no one cares, no one even notices. In the late summer, when the big thunderclouds roll in off of Palomar at three in the morning, and the hot rain comes down like bullets on the barn's metal roof, I can drink bourbon and stand naked next to my junk cars and chase the dog through the mud and shoo the owls out of the barn into the night. I can sit under the olive tree and smoke and watch the steam rise off an old trunk lid and listen to the cars sizzle by out on the road, and nobody cares, nobody sees, nobody knows but me.

When my friends from the city come to

visit, they always say they'd give anything to live like this; this is the old California, this is the way it used to be before Temecula turned into Irvine and there wasn't any freeway and there

weren't any yuppies and condos and tracts and strip malls and this is it, this is where the old California came to die, where it's still the '60s. We can't leave our jobs, they say, we don't want to commute,

we don't want to drive for 45 minutes to see a band, we can't live in a 300square-foot house. So get a satellite dish, build a house in the Heights, go to work at the detective agency. It's right around

here somewhere. I was looking through the Yellow Pages one day and I saw it, under Investigators. Lewis Detective Agency. It's on Rice Canyon Road. I'm gonna get a job there myself. I'll walk to work.

I'll sit in my office all day and throw cards in my fedora. I'll hang out at The Oaks and drink and smoke, and it will always be the '60s. And I'll always get my man. ∎ — Jamo Jackson

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THE SEVEN SISTERS (*part 1*)

Last March 28, as the sun fractured behind iron-gray clouds, six Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet gazed in awe from Sacatone Overlook. Three miles east, on terrain bleak as Sinai, railroad trestles perch 1000 feet above Carrizo Gorge. The wooden structures look out of place: a jagged brown incision across forsaken ground. Seen through binoculars, they become delicate, sculpted webs that appear suspended from above.

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One of the seven wonders of San Diego County, the "Impossible Railroad" spans 11

miles of Carrizo Gorge: 17 tunnels and 14 side-hill trestles — made from pine, spruce, and heart redwood wind north–south. The trestles visible from Sacatone, over the chasm's deepest stretch, are called the "Seven Sisters." The name doesn't refer to the Pleiades, or the "sister" colleges of New England, but to seven courageous women who journeyed by wagon from San Diego to Tucson in 1870.

Last March the six sisters made the trek. In a light rain, they marveled at the wooden latticework and the rugged Jacumba Mountains and desert beyond. Sacatone gave them their first glimpse of the barren expanse their forebears crossed 136 years ago. "They feared they'd die in the wilderness," guide Sister Mary Murphy told her companions, "as had so many others. Sister Maxime Croissat called it 'the abomination of desolation.' "

In 1868, Tucson was a lawless frontier town. It had almost 3000 residents, half of them Catholic, but no school. Bishop Jean Baptiste Salpointe campaigned for a schoolhouse and nuns to teach. He and Bishop John Lamy (the legendary "Apostle of New Mexico" in Willa Cather's Death *Comes for the Archbishop*) sent urgent letters to Carondelet, Missouri, where the Sisters of St. Joseph had a congregation. The letters were in French, native tongue of the order from Le Puy, France. The Mother Superior's replies were polite, but she could spare no teachers.

"Now," Salpointe insisted on June 5, "how many Sisters can you let me have? If it were possible I should like a sufficient number for *two* houses."

On his return from a trip to France, Salpointe stopped at Carondelet, in south St. Louis. Mother St. John finally agreed, but couldn't send anyone until March 1870, at the earliest.

When he brought no teachers, Salpointe's parishioners became angry. His journey taught him something, though: a direct route from St. Louis to Arizona was too hazardous. For many who fought it, the Civil War didn't end in 1865. Renegades robbed wagon trains and stragglers. And Chiricahua Apaches — led by Cochise, and later Geronimo — were uprising in New Mexico and Arizona.

"As to the route for your Sisters to take," Salpointe wrote in January, "I abstain from saying today."

On May 10, 1869, a golden spike joined the transcontinental railroad lines at Promontory, Utah. Travelers no longer took 30-plus days to cross the U.S. They could make it in seven. To avoid Apache territory, Salpointe devised a roundabout plan and promised to raise \$800 for expenses.

The trip cut against the grain: women weren't supposed to venture into the wild west in 1870; also, their journey would become increasingly primitive: by rail from St. Louis to San Francisco, then steamer to San Diego, then a two-horse-drawn wagon to Tucson — and often, it turned out, on foot up and down mountains and across alkali wastes.

Though most had never heard of Arizona, Carondelet's nuns welcomed the "Far West Mission." Five of the seven chosen came from Moutiers,



Seven sisters, 1870

the Mont Blanc area of France: mother Emmerentia Bonnefoy, and sisters Euphrasia Suchet, Maxime Croissat, Ambrosia Arnichaud, and Hyacinthe Blanc. Martha Peters was a lay sister from Ireland.

The seventh was born in Hemmingford, Canada, in 1843. Annie Taggert became a university math teacher. She fell in love with John Corrigan, a Catholic. But she was Anglican, and their parents were against a marriage. Undaunted, Annie and John eloped to Independence, Missouri, where they began a family during the Civil War. In 1866, a plague of black diphtheria took the lives of John and their young son and daughter.

As she struggled with the unthinkable, Annie taught math at a Kansas City boarding school and converted to Catholicism. She joined the Carondelet congregation in 1867. When she became a nun, she took the name Monica.

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2. Sister Mary Murphy, C.S.J.: "We had goosebumps when we discovered the 'white post

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3. Sister Davida Conlon: "Was it fright or humor that drove them on/Or promises to keep?"



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"She was as much at home," writes Sister Thomas Marie McMahon, "begging alms in the rough mining camps of Arizona and Mexico, or settling gang wars in Kansas City, as in the quiet halls of a convent."

"She was known to stand in saloon doorways on payday," says Leo W. Banks, "ordering thirsty miners home to their families." Sister Monica was 27 when the trek began. Her diary is its only record.

On April 20, 1870, the seven sisters boarded a train at the Pacific Railroad Depot in St. Louis. "Sad hearts" tinged their sense of adventure. "It is quite probable," wrote Monica, "we may never again meet here below."

The transcontinental

railroad was just a year old, and their first train had few passengers. Polished seats and polite, well-groomed stewards made it feel brand new. That night they changed trains, and boarded a havoc of emigrants, crying babies, and squawking chickens — reeking of stale cigars and rotting eggs

The sisters couldn't afford berths. Also, the cars were so full of strangers, they had to keep constant watch on their carpetbags. As a result, they rarely slept. To their surprise, most of the passengers were ministers, of various denominations, headed west to preach. Their quibbles often turned into debates, then heated, theological harangues. Every

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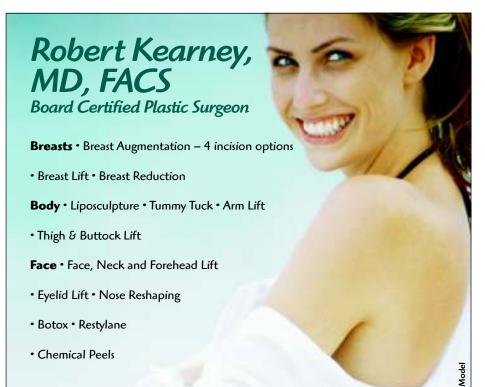
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d., Suite 202 13483 Mango Drive, Suite 104 Dr. Ed Faraizadeh one "maintained his own opinion," writes Monica, "and proved it from the Bible."

On April 24, two miles west of Sherman, Wyoming, the sisters crossed their first railroad trestle. Dale Creek bridge loomed 150 feet above the creekbed. Though buttressed by guy-wires and poles joined end-toend, the gigantic wooden structure swayed in the wind like a drunk. To avoid being blown overboard, locomotives had to creep across at four miles an hour. Passengers who dared to look out the windows saw no land, on either side, and feared they were falling from the sky.

"I was terrified," writes Monica. "The cars pass over frightful chasms; the rails are laid on logs resting on pillars, whose only support are craggy rocks beneath." People held their breath. "It was only when safe on firm ground that conversation was resumed." They reached San Francisco the evening of April 27, and 1914 miles and 106 hours from Omaha, they were "sadly in need of rest." The cars' constant, side-to-side jostling had made the sisters "completely dizzy."

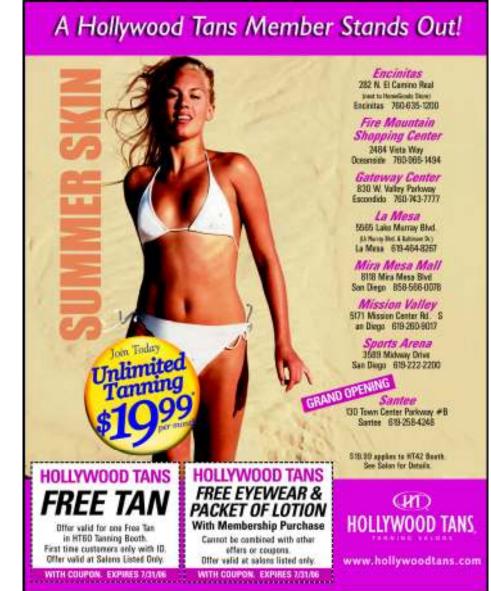
On Saturday, April 30, they sailed to San Diego on the Orizaba. Henry "Ninety Fathom" Johnston captained the coal-fed side-wheel steamer renowned for its oak and chestnut planking. In 1869, because he admired the view, Johnston was the first to buy land on the scrub and chaparral hill above Old Town. First called "Johnston Heights" in his honor, the area is today's Mission Hills.

On the same *Orizaba* that would bring Kate Sessions to San Diego in 1884, Mother Emmerentia, and Sisters Euphrasia and Martha got seasick. The ship docked Tuesday, May 3. The women lodged at a boarding house in Old Town.

San Diego in 1870 was splitting in two. Residents of Old Town began moving south to (Alonzo) Horton's Addition, which formed its Chamber of Commerce on January 1, and would become today's San Diego. New structures dotted wide, dusty streets. Wooden frames rose behind them. Horton's Hall, a red-brick building on the corner of Sixth and F, was almost completed as the sisters arrived. It opened six days later: a 400-seat theater upstairs; a rollerskating rink on the ground floor. The theater doubled as a church for Catholics and Presbyterians. New Town swelled with prospectors on their way inland. Gold had been discovered near Julian.

The seven sisters were the first nuns in San Diego. During their stay, they met Father Antonio Ubach — whose parish, he said, ranged "from 16th Street to the Col-

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orado River." Impressed by their courage, Ubach told the women to forget Tucson: begin a school in Old Town. Later, he traveled to Carondelet and begged for teachers. But the Reverend Mother said San Diego was too distant. In 1882, four Sisters of St. Joseph came west and founded the Academy of Our Lady of Peace. And in 1887, Ubach got his wish: Sisters of Carondelet established St. Anthony's Indian School in Old Town.

The seven sisters remained in San Diego four days, in part to recover from train- and sea-sickness, but also to wait for their escort. It never came. They learned much later that a message from Carondelet to the Bishop, announcing their plans, had been delayed. They had no escort, no idea which route to take through the wild west. What to do? Go anyway.

On Saturday, May 7, 1870, they hired a driver and covered wagon, and set forth for the sunscorched Arizona Territory wearing heavy black wool habits, a wide white, bib-like guimpe, and black veils. Some had sturdy shoes.

The driver, whom

Monica never names, was a thin, educated young man who'd made the trip before. His vehicle was a carriage-type wagon with a canvas, sun-shade canopy, two bench seats behind the driver's, and leather straps for suspension. Every bump and rut — especially in May, after winter rains carved deep rills — jerked riders side-to-side/forwardand-back. The constant spine-jouncing, said a prairie-schooner driver, was "hardly comfortable."

Two horses pulled the wagon. At least one of them wore a cowbell. Its dull, metallic rattle signaled the arrival of a soli-

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tary, wooden-wheeled carriage to coyotes, mountain lions, and rattlesnakes.

The vehicle averaged four miles an hour on good trails. Because it only seated six, Sister Ambrosia volunteered to sit with the driver. "It is beyond description," writes Monica, "what she suffered riding 200 miles without protection from the rays of a tropical sun. Yet poor Sister did this."

As day dawned over the hills to their left, the driver packed provisions and "thumped water barrels for a full sound." Then the wagon headed south on a well-traveled, often tide-washed, dirt road. At 10:00 a.m. they passed the white post that still marks the southwest boundary of the United States (at Border Field State Park). They crossed the Tia Juana River, just a trickle in May, and entered Mexico.

The driver chose the Old San Diego Trail, a 195-mile, former military mail route from San Diego to Tecate, and on to Fort Yuma. For 50 miles, the trail runs south of the border, up the broad Tia Juana River Valley, studded with cottonwoods and autumn oaks, then hooks northeast into the high country.

At noon, they stopped at a stable for lunch. While the others rested, Monica and Maxime inspected flecks, bright as sunshine, on nearby boulders. With the fever of Julian prospectors, they skipped from rock to rock pecking samples, dreaming big — "Just think," Monica shouted with worldly glee, "a sack of gold!" only to learn "that 'all that glitters...'"

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They camped beneath Tecate Peak (not knowing that, according to Kumeyaay legend, it's where the world was born). Since there wasn't enough room, Mother Emmerentia and two sisters bunked under the wagon; two others reclined on the seatbenches; Monica and Euphrasia had to sleep sitting up, in a corner. White sage scented the cool night air.

"We had scarcely closed our eyes when wolves began to howl. We feared they would consume our little store of provisions and thus let us perish in the wilderness." The driver calmed them.

Later, Euphrasia woke up screaming. Wolves? No. One of the horses licking her face.

Happy to see the new day, the sisters celebrated by forming a procession ahead of the wagon. Mother Emmerentia led them, holding a Spanish lily like a torch. As they sang hymns and trudged up and down the winding trail, the sisters imagined themselves "in Egypt with Joseph" - their patron saint — leading them.

At noon, they came to a "cool, shady place" in the high desert: the 900acre settlement of Campo, a general store/cantina, mill, large

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home, and blacksmith shop owned by Silas and Luman Gaskill. Five years later, these raw-boned, raven-eved brothers would fight a famous shootout with banditos. The Gaskills ran the most important way-station in the region, providing food, stable-feed, and shelter for stagecoaches and mule-drawn freight wagons that had struggled up steep slopes to the west and east.

As the sisters ate dinner, they noticed "several ranch-men here from the neighboring stations, but no women. There are few women in this country."

After the meal, the sisters adjourned to the stable to rest. The men followed. The driver the women's' "only protector" — held up a hand: What did they want?

"Be sociable, is all."

"The simplicity and earnestness with which they spoke," writes Monica, "put indignation out of the question, as it was evident they meant no insult."

Some proposed marriage. Even got on their knees. They gave the sisters two choices: accept their proposals, or "be massacred by Indians" before reaching Tucson. Having had "amuse-

ment enough," the sisters continued on. Between today's Boulevard and Jacumba, they prepared for their second night in "a very damp place." After tea and prayers, Emmerentia, Ambrosia, Maxime, and Monica bedded down on a wide, flat rock. The other three took the wagon.

The high-desert night got colder and colder. Anticipating cauldron-like temperatures,

summer shawls. Even so, "we all kept good spirits," writes Monica, "being convinced we were doing the Divine Will." Around three a.m.,

the "night of the long thermometer" got so cold, frost began to form. The sisters in the wagon, who didn't have the blanket, went to find kindling. They got a fire started. In the flickering light, Martha spotted "a fine, large stick among the dry leaves." As she pulled it, the leaves fell away. Martha let out an "unearthly yell." She had a man by the leg.

the sisters only brought

and Monica had just

one wool blanket. Martha

The man screamed too, "but only for mischief." It was the driver, slapping his thigh with laughter. To keep warm, he'd burrowed himself in a blanket of foliage.

Even with a fire, the sisters were so "stiff with cold," they decided to keep moving. They sang



"Ave Maris Stella" — a hymn to Mary, Star of the Sea — and continued east.

They spent Monday, May 9, negotiating granite-studded hills, often on foot. They stopped at Mountain Springs, 1000 feet below the Jacumba Valley, and halfway down the escarpment to the desert. They expected to stop at Peter Larkin's summit station. But the place became "ever-memorable" because, unknown to them, Larkin had recently abandoned the property and moved to Jacumba. Expecting food, shelter, and water, they found an empty house made of rock, a stone corral, and stone-wall windbreak.

That afternoon they "lay down on the road side, being unable to proceed farther. Besides the terrible fatigue, we suffered still more from thirst." The wagon's two water barrels, which the driver expected to refill at Larkin's, were almost dry.

"We were going South," says Monica, describing the scene from Desert View Tower, a mile south of Larkin's station: "Before us lay the American Desert, 40 miles long — 800 feet below the level of the sea. On the right lies a great salt lake, supposed to have been a part of the ocean. On the left rise ugly mountains of volcanic rock and red sand. I wished Sister

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Euphrasia to take a sketch of it then, but she said it would not be necessary, as she would never forget its appearance."

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Frequent earthquakes caused rock- and boulderslides. The trail was so steep, so strewn with rubble, travelers often had to dismantle their wagons, carry them down, and reassemble them at the bottom.

It was too dangerous for the sisters to ride. Though their aching limbs felt "dislocated," they descended Devil's Canyon on foot. Sunbleached bones of horses and cattle cluttered the sides of the trail. "At one place we counted fourteen oxen which had apparently died at the same time. When Mother beheld so many dead animals, she wept, fearing we might share their fate."

The last two miles, steepest of the grade, felt like a vertical pitch. To keep from stumbling, the exhausted sisters joined hands, "two-by-two," and ran.

They reached the desert floor. Hands on knees and gasping for air, everyone uttered amazed relief. Sister Maxime looked back up the grade, and the mountains behind, and said "the abomination of desolation."

"Almost dead from thirst" and pelted by a sudden sandstorm, the sisters went part way on foot to the next station, Hall's Wells. Gusts threatened to

overturn the wagon.

A ranch on the west side of Coyote Wash, just southeast of today's Ocotillo, Hall's Wells had been a Butterfield Overland stage station. It joined the Old San Diego Trail to the north and east mail routes, and remained a crucial stop for wagon trains.

Somehow the sisters made it — and drank what must have been the coldest, wettest, purest ladles of water they would ever know. At last, they could relax.

As the wind blasted adobe buildings, the women realized they'd left one hell for another. Hall's Wells became "an ugly place."

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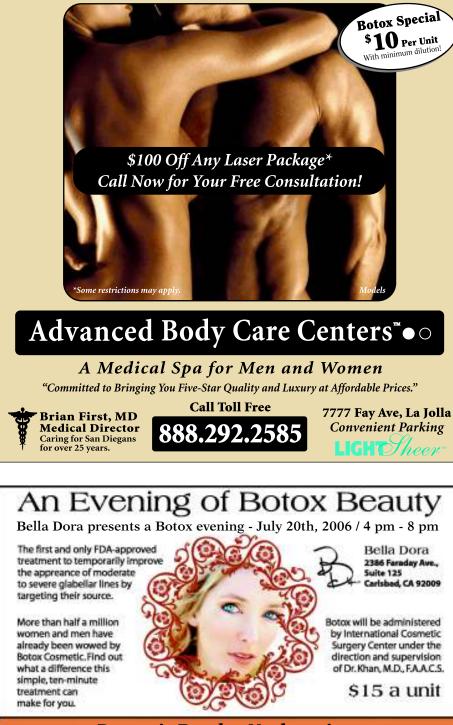
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Blister-faced, sweatstained, they spit, cursed, and fought with each other: "some offering to shake hands with us, others trying to keep them off."

"I just want to *talk*," one shouted at the covered wagon, where the driver stood guard and the women huddled and prayed. At nine p.m. Emmerentia, Ambrosia, and Maxime tried to rest. The ranch cook led the other four to a shanty.

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backs" from it, he gave them a blanket. "Ladies seldom pass this way," he told the sisters. "When they do, the men wish to enjoy their society." Belligerent hombres, goaded by liquor and loneliness, wandered in and out of the shanty all night, exposing the sisters to "fearful dangers."

"If Reverend Mother knew where we were," said Emmerentia, "she would not go to bed this night."∎

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mand for service is demonstrated and fulfilled by this low-tech, low-cost, efficient system, then a more sophisticated and efficient train system will naturally replace many of the buses. Costs for alternative power conversions and volume discounting of fuels (plus co-op purchasing infrastructure) would be offset by the subsequently unnecessary freeway expansion money. Such a reversal of fortune seems to be impossible, but I've witnessed it and it works, even in a poorly equipped area; just think of how much better it would work here.

Finally, if, after being petitioned by the citizenry, our local legislators fail to respond and enable this kind of solution (or any other sensible one), then the supreme executive power within this county, the sheriff (he/she trumps the state and the feds), could elect to not enforce the barriers-to-entry into the transit industry and allow the free market to fill the carrier-for-hire gap. This emergency decision would facilitate the process of satisfying demand for cheaper alternatives to the expensive onecar-one-passenger model that is choking our county. Pat Palmer

Golden Hill

Very Clever

This is only the second time I've participated in the crossword puzzle. Last week I also sent an entry (faxing it comfortably before 9:00 a.m.), and I see from the solved puzzle in this week's issue that it was filled in correctly. Since mine was not among those listed, I assume there were more than five correct entries and I was among those not drawn in the lottery.

In case I do this again, I just want to clarify that it doesn't disqualify an entry if there are letters printed in heavily over earlier letters from words tried and then changed. Both the one I sent last week as well as this one contain strikeovers of that kind, though I don't think there's any confusion about what the final letter is. Is this okay?

Also, even though you

only list the five drawn "winners," it would be interesting if, along with listing the number of entrants, you mentioned the number of correct entries. Or is it usually the case that virtually all the entries are correct, since who'd bother sending it in if they weren't pretty sure they had figured it out?

By the way, the themeline special entries have been very clever.

Cathy Pearson Point Loma

Legible entries qualify for winning the prize. On average, 90 percent of entries are correct. — Editor

Strange Kiwi Fruit

I was confused as to why Katie and her family were so rude ("Diary of a Diva," "Dana and Goliath," June 29), and then amused. I have been to New Zealand many times and have always found the people so kind and friendly, but on this last trip, I met up with some expat Americans who said the Kiwis (as they're called) are typically very nice to your face but many do not like Americans. Hearing that and then reading the article makes me

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Masters Of The Curriculum

Dr. Walter Doyle, one of my education professors at the University of Arizona, taught us that testing and textbooks are industries who have become the masters of the curriculum rather than their servants. Larson's article ("A Tenth Grader's History of the World," Cover Story, June 22) supports Dr. Doyle's claim. Dr. Doyle also argues that there is a triangular relationship between test scores, property value, and school funding; I'd like to see Mr. Larson explore this topic as well.

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Conflicting Narrative

I enjoyed the article on high school history ("A Tenth Grader's History of the World," Cover Story, June 22). I came across it at an interesting time in my career. I am teaching a course at San Diego City College this summer, U.S. history from a Chicano perspective. If you know anything about the discipline of Chicano studies, you will know our work is sometimes identified as a "conflicting narrative."

I enjoyed the article because I am constantly on the search for new information and research about our past. This is ironic since I, like many others, thought high school history was boring. Once I entered college I fell in love with history, mainly because I realized that there was this vast landscape of history that was being left out of high school history texts.

On the issue of cost of books; wouldn't it make more sense for the state to publish its own books? Then the books would align exactly with the standards, and we could stop fooling ourselves and others that the committees that approve these books care anything about creativity, controversy, research, and other areas of knowledge. I mean, shouldn't the test makers make the books that the students will be tested on? This would also save us a lot of money. Oh, and make those books smaller — they weigh a ton! This would also save us money, which could go to supplemental material that teachers pay for out of their own pocket.

Today, as a college instructor, I work to fill in the areas about the people history leaves out. I encourage students to question what is written in everything they read, to develop critical thinking skills to be applied to all material they read and especially see on television. It is not that history books are being overburdened with multicultural views (they still lack in substance), but that they lack critical examinations of our past. If your readers are interested in learning more about what I am writing about, they should check out a great book, Lies My Teacher Told Me, by James W. Loewen. Also check out A People's History of the United States, by Howard Zinn. I'm actually surprised the author failed to mention either of these books.

One area I found lacking was the author's failure to address the issue of how Columbus is portrayed in our children's history books. I mean, since religion was mentioned, I think it is only fair that readers know how he and other Europeans used the spread of Christianity to justify their enslavement and brutality of indigenous communities. Perhaps this upsets the dominant paradigm of U.S. history. I challenge your readers and the author to look into this and other areas of Eurocentric versions of our past.

Thanks for making an attempt at bringing light to this subject, because in the end students in public schools miss out, and that leads to uneducated and uncritical citizens.

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Teachers Are Part Of Problem

Two letters that responded to Thomas Larson's story ("A Tenth Grader's History of the World," Cover Story, June 22) about the insipid textbooks used in public schools provide new opportunities to laugh — not only at public schools but also at the silly letter writers themselves, Leif Fearn and Brian Grady (Letters, June 29).

Leif Fearn (real name?) provides the first chuckle by asking us not to "take the cheap road" and "blame the teachers" for what he admits are "content-thin textbook(s)." Well, if you read Mr. Larson's article, you discover that teachers are part of the problem by participating in textbook-selection committees. Even worse, while they claim to hate the books they use, they use them anyway on the students. One teacher even admits, "We've created a monster." If teachers are not responsible for their role in dumbing down students to the point that 73 percent are not proficient in history, then the soldiers in Iraq are not responsible for the innocent victims they murder and call "collateral damage."

Mr. Fearn at least has it partly right when he blames the public — which I read as "parents." Since most parents know more about their SUVs and wide-screen TVs than they do about the school curriculum, they deserve what they get. They have shirked their personal financial responsibility for peeing in the gene pool by forcing childless taxpayers to pay for their kids' "free" schooling. Is it any wonder that this schooling is, indeed, nearly worthless? You get what you pay for. not someone else's - is at stake, you try to get your money's worth (back to the SUVs and TVs, eh?).

As for teachers, the honest ones should quit and set up their own schools or join private ones. But, oops, that means getting the approval of politicians in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., doesn't it? All drains seem to lead there.

The best belly laugh, however, comes from Brian Grady. In his first sentence, he bewails the fearsome "monopolies" of the "megapublishing dynasties." He claims we would "have an easier time taking down Exxon than these monsters." But if you read Larson's article, the horrible textbooks and they are awful — must comply with adoption guidelines established by Cali-



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fornia's legislature and Department of Education. So according to Grady, the textbook publishers — who cannot force anyone to buy anything from them — are evil monopolies, but somehow the school districts, politicians, and bureaucracy are not.

Now let me get this straight. Against my will

each year, unless I surrender thousands of dollars to the state of California and to San Diego City Schools in amounts that they dictate for "services" I do not want or use to incarcerate scores of kids in propaganda farms supervised by "teachers," I will go to jail or be shot if I resist the authorities when they try to take the money

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from me by force. According to Grady, that's not an evil monopoly, but the textbook companies that must comply with the dictates of the politicians are monopolies. Isn't the government really pulling the strings? Or perhaps "organized crime" would be a better definition of government than "monopoly."

Grady's one bright spot was in mentioning the meeting between President Bush and the CEO of McGraw-Hill. Maybe Dubya just wanted to get a replacement copy of My Pet Goat. After all, he never did finish reading that story on 9/11.

Lawrence M. Ludlow via e-mail

Raving Reporter

Your June 22 article, "Free Speech and Fair Parking" ("City Lights"), should have been titled "Free Parking and Bodybuilding." The story was a subtle and clever hit piece on La Mesa mayor Art Madrid.

Your reporter raved about Craig Maxwell's physique as his most important qualification. The size of his muscular chest and shoulders and buff biceps. Wow! With those pecs he should be running for governor, since many think that's all it takes these days.

Where was the hook?

The parking meter increase is a red herring, and free speech isn't free when you knowingly misrepresent the facts and then attempt to hide behind the First Amendment when asked for proof of the allegations.

The vacant parking spaces noted were formerly occupied by the employees of the same merchants who demanded that the city have full-time parking-meterenforcement officers so that customers, and not merchant employees, parked in front of their shops.

This campaign will certainly become more interesting as time goes on. On one hand, you have a candidate, Maxwell, who claims to be a free-enterprise advocate but demands that the City and its residents subsidize his customer's parkingmeter fees. On the other hand, you have the incumbent mayor, Art Madrid, whose leadership, vision, and hard work helped

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Do your readers a favor next time: send a reporter who will focus on the issues and candidates' qualifications and not on the percent of body fat, size of one's neck, or color of hair. Don Wood La Mesa

Starbucks Is Definitely Moving In

Re "Free Speech and Fair Parking," "City Lights," June 22.

I want to commend the *Reader* for fairly reporting the reasons Craig Maxwell is challenging Art Madrid for mayor of La Mesa.

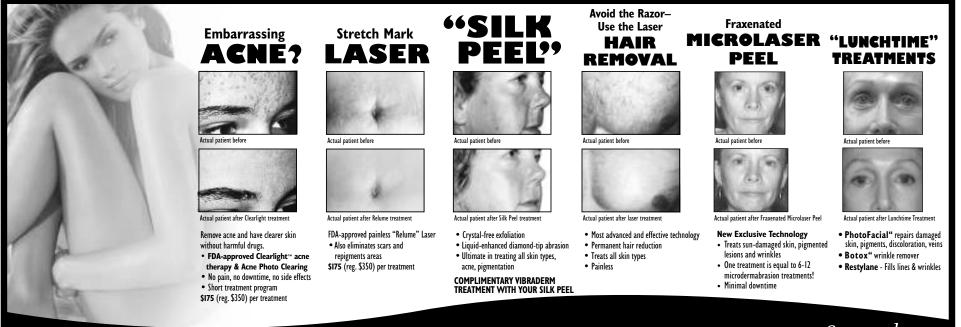
The mayor's disdain for citizens' rights is reason enough to remove him from office, but as a small business owner in the Village, the parking problem hits much closer to home for me.

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Last Tuesday, June 20, I attended a Merchant Association meeting where it was announced that Starbucks is definitely moving into a building across the street from Jitters Coffee Shop. Naturally I was surprised on Thursday to read in the Reader the mayor's assurance that this "rumor" is unfounded.

The mayor's statement that business hasn't been hampered by the parking-fee increases is another example of his being out of touch with the everyday reality of business owners in the Village. The only comments included in the article were from two business owners who had previously supported the increases, and both appear to have had a dramatic change of heart.

If any of the business owners who opposed the increases from the beginning were interviewed, they could have commented on how the Parking Commission, and most of the council, led by the mayor, pushed those proposals through in spite of two petitions signed by the majority of business owners and repeated efforts by the business owners to come to a reasonable compromise.

The sole concession by the council was to delay the meter increase until May 2006 to give the merchants time to "educate the public" (whatever that means) that the meter rates had been tripled. The other proposals went into effect in January, except for the elimination of the Courtesy Citation Program, which took effect October 18, 2005. I guess they wanted to get started on recouping that \$200,000 ASAP.

One thing needs to be clarified: parking violators were only allowed one courtesy citation a year. Our parking-control officers carried a device that allowed them to check the records. The mayor's complaint that "people weren't paying meters at all" brings up images of people checking their calendars and rushing off to La Mesa to get a free parking ticket as soon as the opportunity presented itself.

The facts are, we have already lost several great businesses over the parking issues: Yellow Book Road,

La Torta, Wishing Well Cottage. I can recall several days in the past month when sales were so low it would have made better sense to close and save operating costs. The problem is the lack of customers; once you run them off by tripling meter fees and ticketing aggressively, how are you going to get them back? The mayor can promise to look into getting the meter fees lowered if he's reelected till hell freezes over — the damage is already done!

Madrid's remark that "We don't have paupers and people exclusively on welfare buying and stopping at the Village. They are pretty wealthy people" is just more of the ridiculous rhetoric we have heard from him before, but what does it have to do with the issues? My customer base comes from all over the county and encompasses every economic level. We don't all drive expensive cars either, but perhaps we would if we, too, received a car allowance of \$400 a month from the City!

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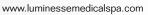
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Madrid Has Done Well

Your article on La Mesa and Mr. Madrid ("Free Speech and Fair Parking," "City Lights," June 22) has to be an insult to the intelligence of every La Mesa citizen. First of all, just because Mr. Maxwell works out at a gym and has big muscles has nothing at all to do with his abilities to become mayor. He runs a bookstore; that's he's been a bookstore owner and has a degree or two. That's fine, we respect that. He runs a great bookstore. Then you portray him with Churchill looking over his shoulder and all this dramatic pose. This is typical Reader b-

Okay, so Mr. Madrid is an older man. He answered some grandstanding citizen, and it became a big issue of free speech. Okay, so that's over. What else is new? You've run that into the ground. Then there's the issue of the parking. The merchants don't like it. Mr. Maxwell is one of the merchants; he doesn't like it. Okay, so what else is new after that? Does this city have to get revenue or not? Why don't you look at yourselves and the trash that you advertise to get revenue? I mean, you're about the most corrupt piece of s—- going.

Now in terms of the issues. Madrid has no overall managerial powers over the city. This has a city manager form of government, as you correctly say. The mayor is one of five votes, but he has done well. His leadership has been good. He takes an interest in people. He's not a dictator as you try to portray. You're full of s---. One would hope that experience counts. Just because he's been mayor for a long time doesn't mean you have to remove him. We don't have any term limits in La Mesa. In fact, this city has done well under Madrid. It's better than the lousy city of San Diego. That's why La Mesa was created, to separate us from the crap city of San Diego, which is garbage, and you too. So get with it, Reader.

So you're going to glorify one guy and you're going to try to rip apart the mayor. Okay, so you tried. So you got this guy, Ernie Grimm, to do a hatchet job on the mayor. So what else? Any more news? Are there any more issues in this campaign other than that Maxwell doesn't like the parking situation and the worn-out issue of the city council and this other character who came in? I've been to city council meetings. I've been able to speak all I want, even when I criticized the mayor. I've criticized the mayor. I've criticized him all the time. He hasn't had me arrested. In fact, we're friends. So what else you want?

Name Withheld

Lil Susie's Horror

Regarding "Barbie in Bondage" ("City Lights," June 15), perhaps upset Mommy and lil Susie should not venture outside their white-picketfenced yard and allow themselves to be exposed to such open-mindedness and artistic expression.

From what I had seen, ArtWalk was advertised as a venue for local artists to display their art to the public. I don't recall seeing anything stating that only noncontroversial, happy little depictions would be on display.

De Mello's art may not be everyone's cup of tea, but it did stand out amongst booth upon booth of florals and landscapes. It was refreshing to find such a character so truly enthusiastic about his art, reaffirming that the San Diego art world is capable of more than just pretty depictions of La Jolla beaches.

Rather than chomping at the bit to get home and file a complaint, perhaps Mommy and lil Susie could've talked to the artist, inquired upon its meaning and merit to alleviate lil Susie's horror, and maybe even gain some insight into a creative process.

Ah no, that idea could encourage lil Susie to start thinking outside the box and, God forbid, lead her to explore her own creativity and develop her own artistic talents. Oh my stars, no! We would definitely not want that! Instead, play it safe, Mommy and lil Susie, and limit your artistic exposure to excursions to your local grocery store parking lot for some wholesome, ready-made framed "originals" that the respectable population would deem acceptable for your pristine walls.

> Stephanie Garcia via e-mail

Review Review

In response to your recent publication in "Hometown CDs" on Tefflon (June 15): I was very disappointed to read such an amateur review on a band that actually has talent. If you don't get it, then you should be reviewing hip-hop instead, due to the more direct and matterof-fact nature, no thinking required. Tefflon is one of the few bands I've heard that restore the ambiguity music should have in order to relate to all listeners, including mainstream pop-culture folks. The lyrics complement the instruments and should have been acknowledged for doing so. And just so you do get it, "Calgon" was advertised to women as an escape from daily hardships, and the reflection and repetition from everything surrounding is a reminder of how difficult it is to do so. That's just one interpretation and probably the simplest one, so you can comprehend it. Writing reviews like that will only invite your readers to dismiss your opinion. I suggest you put more thought into the music you review; maybe you will get it then.

Natalie via e-mail

Becoming Fabulous Adults

Barbarella has made an eloquent art of disguising her self-righteous perception of children and those who choose to bring them into this world ("Diary of a Diva," June 15). What a surprise it might be for her to know that there are parents out there who enjoy current events, reading, films, wine, cheese, and whatever other accessory she measures her depth by. Some of us can stretch our selfishness thin for that brief period of time it takes for our children to become the fabulous adults we all love to hang out with. Bird-watching is an enriching pastime; one only has to open their minds and eyes to see and enjoy something new, no matter how important their own needs are.

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ll jokes are about shattering assumptions," says San Francisco Comedy College founder Kurtis Matthews. "Horror has the same structure of comedy, but the result or surprise [horror hopes to achieve] is fear, pain, or confusion."

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To give an example of the structural similarities between horror and comedy, Matthews says, "If you go home tonight, and you walk into your bathroom and there's somebody you don't know in your shower with a knife, the reason that's not funny is because it creates fear of pain, 'Is this gonna hurt?,' and confusion, 'What's going on?'



pain, 'Is this gonna Vhat's going on?' Whereas if you walk into the shower tonight, and someone you know and love and trust is there, and they're

covered in whipped cream, maybe playing a kazoo, you're going to laugh because there's no fear of pain."

On Friday, July 7, Matthews will appear at the San Diego Comedy Co-op to discuss technical aspects of comedy in an introductory workshop for aspiring comedians. In the workshop, Matthews will discuss the Joke Diagram, a schematic structure of jokes.

"Anywhere that we laugh, we have an assumption that is unspoken. Harpo Marx would open his overcoat, and you'd have an assumption of what goes underneath an overcoat. But out of the overcoat comes a lion, or his brothers, or a table setting — it's the same freakin' joke, and people laugh at it over and over."

According to Matthews, every joke has two stories. "The first story can be assumed. The second story is the reinterpretation." For his course, Matthews uses the text *Step by Step to Stand-Up Comedy* by Greg Dean. In this book, Dean explains the difference between a "setup" and a "first story": "As the first part of the joke, the setup is the words and/or actions used to get the audience to expect some-thing...then, based on the setup, the first story is the detailed scene imagined by the audience of what they expect to be true."

Dean continues, "Let me illustrate with an old, standard joke: 'For 40 years I've been married and in love with the same woman. If my wife ever finds out she'll kill me.' When the comic says, 'For 40 years I've been married and in love with the same woman,' that — and only that — is the setup. Then, from hearing this setup, the audience imagines a much more elaborate first story." The first story may vary because it is created in an individual's mind, but most people might think, "Here is a man bragging about his wife," only to find out he is cheating on his wife and bragging about his mistress.

In the first chapter of his book, Dean explains, "In order to work, a joke has to surprise you. The trick is that you cannot be surprised unless you're expecting something else first." He gives a joke by Steve Martin as an example: "Sex is one of the most beautiful, wholesome, and natural things...that money can buy."

"If you do not have one thing that can be perceived in two different ways, you do not have a joke," says Matthews. "If I say, 'I got on the bus the other day, and there was this crazy person picking fleas off of their head and calling me a wombat,' I have only created one story; you only have one image in your head. I haven't shattered any of your assumptions. 'Crazy person, big deal.' If I add a second story, like 'I can't believe he was the mayor,' that shatters your assumption because I went from 'crazy guy' to 'person of responsibility.' Matthews cites Zsa Zsa Gabor's famous quip, "I'm an excellent housekeeper - every time I get divorced I keep the house," as a good example of a shattered assumption because the word "housekeeper" is assumed to mean one thing but is reinterpreted to mean something else that is unexpected. Another example is a one-liner by Bob Smith, who said, "My

Aunt Lorraine said, 'Bob, you're gay. Are you seeing a psychiatrist?' I said, 'No, I'm seeing a lieutenant in the Navy.'''

"Tve met people who were crazy and kind of creepy, but I've yet to meet the person who couldn't be funny," says Matthews. "The funniest people are not the biggest and brightest, they're the ones who are the most imperfect. We laugh at imperfection."

Matthews insists that every person is, to some degree, a comedian. "We've all been at a party; we've all told stories that make people laugh. If you show the world a point of view that is different than theirs, they'll laugh at it. Iraq is not funny, but Jon Stewart said, 'Iraq is terrible, we all agree with that, but how else are we going to teach kids world geography?' The assumption is Iraq is bad. The reinterpretation is Iraq is good for this reason."

— Barbarella

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"Don Quixote," ballet presented by Gloria Campobello Company at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, and at 6 p.m., on Sunday, July 9, at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Hroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636.

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"El Monstruo Interior y Otros Cuentos," Gustavo Vázquez Lozano reads from and signs his new book, Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

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Native Lilies, such as the Humboldt lily, are blooming this month in widely scattered locations throughout San Diego County's higher mountains. To find them take a walk on the Noble Canyon Trail in the Laguna Mountains. or explore the higher elevations of Palomar Mountain and Cuvamaca Rancho State Parks. The large, nodding flowers of the lilies - orange or yellow with brown spots — grow in clusters on stems two to eight feet tall.

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Tend California Native Plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds of urban wetland, Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m.–noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Volunteer Work Day at Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve is Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m.–noon. Help make property safe for wildfire season, remove non-native plants, rake, sweep, accomplish all manner of tasks at "preserve in the making." Free. Supplies, directions, required reservations: 619-682-7200. (VISTA)

"Safety Survival — Our Families, Ourselves, Our Natural Habitats" led by naturalist Dorothy Klitzing, Saturday, July 8, in Daley Ranch. Moderate 2.1-mile hike focuses on safety, sheltering, fire-safe landscaping, community resources. Adventure starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Free. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including July 8. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Let It Rot, master composters lead composting workshop Saturday, July 8, 8 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Free. Garden is just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park behind garden in cul-de-sac at Morning View Drive and Lincoln Avenue. Free. 760-839-4818. (ESCONDIDO)

Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park planned, Saturday, July 8, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers behind Stone House (park headquarters). Free. Registration: 619-341-1746. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

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

July's Full Moon on Monday, the 10th, rises into a dusky southeastern sky at 8:20 p.m., about one-half hour after the sun sets. The moon is currently near the southernmost position it can ever get on the celestial sphere. Consequently, it rises close to the southeast point on the horizon, transits the celestial meridian in the south only 30 degrees above the horizon at around 1 a.m., and sets close to the southwest point on the horizon at dawn.



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July's Highest Predicted Tide, +6.7 feet, occurs on Tuesday, July 11, at 9:49 p.m. The month's lowest tides, both -1.4 feet, will occur on July 11 at 4:32 a.m. and on Wednesday, July 12, at 5:12 a.m. These and other similar tidal extremes happen during or near either full or new moon, when the sun's and the moon's gravitation forces pulling on Earth act along a straight line.

Coastwalk Hike and Camp focusing on lagoons of north San Diego County, July 15–21. Each day includes day hike, docent talk, dinner, and overnight camping at Guajome County Park. Join group for a day or for whole week. Fee: \$60 per day, \$360 for week. Registration: 858-722-2115. (OCEANSIDE)

DANCE

Noche de Flamenco, Rafael Aragon, Gabriela Garza, Kambiz Pakandam, Marco Emtesali, Briseida Zarate, Rocio Ponce in concert, Thursday, July 6, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at door. 858-679-8135. (LA JOLLA)

String Theory makes music, Graham Hempel calls for contradance

on Friday, July 7, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

T-Broussard and the Zydeco Steppers from Louisiana rock the house for Bon Temps Social Club dance party, Saturday, July 8, in Recital Hall (on Presidents Way off Park Boulevard). Dance instruction at 6:20 p.m., live music from 7–10:30 p.m. \$14. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Macedonian Dance workshop with visiting instructor Paul Mulders, Saturday, July 8, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Workshop, 4:30 p.m.; potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m.; dance party, 7:30 p.m. Fees: workshop, 7; party, \$6; \$11 for both.

Mulders also presents Macedonian workshop, Wednesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., at Balboa Park Club. \$5. 619-278-4619. (BALBOA PARK, NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on second Saturday of every month, including July 8, for beginners' instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance afterwards at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). \$7. 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

Square-Dance Exhibition, learn basic square dancing, Sunday, July 9, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). For all ages. Donation. Dinner from Flying Bridge

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FILM

The Night the Bar Stood Still! Trailers for classic (and not-so-classic) sci-fi and horror movies presented at Whistle Stop Bar (2236 Fern Street), Thursday, July 6, 9 p.m. "Trailer treats" from *Invasion of the Body Snatchers, Invaders from Mars*, minitributes to Roger Corman and David Cronenberg. Two hours of "best and worst intergalactic nightmares." Free. 619-281-3456. (SOUTH PARK)

"Tijuana as Muse I," films and videos by local filmmakers screened, with following discussion led by SDSU professor Norma Iglesias for Thursday Night Thing, July 6, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Music from Tijuana by Shantelle, Loopdrop, Audiofem DJs. Donation: \$3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

"Cinema under the Stars," Alfred Hitchcock's *Rope*, with Jimmy Stewart and Farley Granger, screens Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Next up: Paul Newman and Robert Redford in *The Sting*, Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9, 8:30 p.m. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Movies before the Mast, during July and August, selected Fridays are date nights, Saturdays are

family nights on *Star of India*. Guests may compete in scavenger hunt aboard the B-39 Russian submarine and then see *K-19 the Widowmaker* on Fridays, July 7, 14, and 21. *Mister Roberts* (1955) showcased on family nights, Saturdays, July 8, 15, 22. Films are projected on special ship sails.

Gates open at 7 p.m., with movie commencing just after sundown (around 8:30 p.m.). Tickets: \$13 general, \$8 for children 12 and younger. Find the *Star* at 1306 North Harbor Drive. Reservations: 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction! See *The Fall of Fujimori* when this documentary screens for Sunday Matinee on July 9, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Ellen Perry's film explains why fugitive Peruvian president returned to South America and is now fighting extradition. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Candy-Colored Cyber Romp" Thomas in Love screens for Film Forum on Monday, July 10, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Up for a "Haunting Vision of Childhood"? Victor Erice's Spirit of the Beehive, the tale of a young girl's inner life, is "regarded as Spain's greatest film to emerge during the 1970s." See Beehive when summer film series gets underway, Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)







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Packing Tips, Personal Safety, traveling on a budget — Hostelling International seminar for "independent female travelers," Thursday, July 6, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canvon Road). Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

"What Does Radio Collaring Mountain Lions Teach Us?" Find out when UC Davis Wildlife Health Center biologist Mike Puzzo speaks for Anza-Borrego Institute, Saturday, July 8, 7:30 p.m., at Green Valley campground in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Donation: \$5. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

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"Evidence from Bones: Subsistence and Environmental Change in Ancient Southern Jordan" presented by archaeologist Adolfo Muniz for visiting scholar series, Saturday, July 8, 11 a.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). His research focuses on analysis of faunal material at Early Bronze Age sites. \$10. 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

Refresher and Beginning **Genealogy** course taught for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"Intelligent Design — Is It Science?" It's topic when Humanist



Fellowship meets, Sunday, July 9, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

Abandoned Children in Indonesia and Thailand benefit from work by International Humanity Foundation. Volunteer recruiting sessions with talks by director Carol Sasaki offered Monday, July 10, 6 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue); and Thursday, July 13, noon, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 858-254-5486. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA)

Basketmaking Traditions of Panama and Southern California explored during basketmaking event July 10 and 11, at San Diego Museum of Man. Monday's activities include discussion, meeting with visiting basketmakers, basketmaking demonstrations, more; 2-4 p.m. Included in regular museum admission (\$6).

Activities resume at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, with workshop examining steps involved in preparation, creation of baskets from the two regions, basketmaking by participants. Admission on Tuesday: \$5, plus \$20 for basketmaking and materials. Registration: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Extinction Threats to Carnivorous Plants" explored by Jim Booman when San Diego Horticultural Society gathers, Monday, July 10, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Slide-illustrated lecture showcases the plants, their habitat, good steps taken by some commercial growers. Talk followed by plant forum. Free, 760-295-7089, (DEL MAR)

"The Line Islands Expedition: Journey to a Prehistoric Coral Reef" is topic when Enric Sala speaks for ongoing "Perspectives on Ocean Science" series, Monday, July 10, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Sala focuses on "quest for a pristine coral reef" to "supply the ecological baseline needed to understand and potentially remedy mankind's impact on these fragile





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The Tunisian Ambassador to the U.S. is H.E. Mohamed Nejib Hachana, who presents "50th Anniversary of Tunisia-U.S. Relations: A Model in North Africa" for World Affairs Council, Tuesday, July 11, noon, at Tom Ham's Lighthouse (2150 Harbor Island Drive). \$35. Reservations, due by July 7: 619-325-8200. (HARBOR ISLAND)

It's Digital Day! Share digital photos and slide shows during Tri-City Computer Club meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). Lunch available at noon (\$5); reservations required (760-631-8279). Meeting is free. Information: 760-724-8673. (OCEANSIDE)

Fix a Flat, learn brake and derailleur adjustment, more, when REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinics on Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

Ring of Fire wine series continues with "Pacific South American Wines" on Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m., at IRDN Restaurant at Tower 23 Hotel (723 Felspar). \$25. Reservations: 858-270-5736. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Trekking With Llamas, Joe DuPont shares llama trekking stories and tips at Adventure 16 stores. Presentations offered Wednesday, July 12, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662); Thursday, July 13, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374); and Monday, July 17, at 2002 South Coast A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | BY JERRY SCHAD

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Lemonade berry "berries

metry of the urban and suburban continuum. Sometimes, as in the case of Chula Vista's newer planned communities, shreds of natural landscape survive by design. In many older neighborhoods, the canyons separating the mesas were, and still are, too steep and narrow to have

been developed. What remains of the formerly obscure Rice Canvon (now called Rice Canvon Open Space Preserve) stretches some two miles west from Discovery Park, off East H Street, west of Southwestern College. From a small parking/staging area across from the park, a wide, sandy, mostly flat trail runs for a total of two miles down the canyon to a point on East H Street about one mile east of Interstate 805. At the trailhead itself, and at a mailbox about midway down the canyon, you may find a free, color-photo-illustrated leaflet (produced by Southwestern College) describing the canyon's native vegetation. The largest bushes in sight on the canyon slopes are lemonade berry

Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Free programs begin at 7 p.m. (MISSION VALLEY, OCEANSIDE, SOLANA BEACH)

"John Bachar: Man, Myth, Legend," climbing legend plans slide-illustrated lecture, Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). \$5. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Winslow Homer — American Illustrator" discussed by Nikki Oder for Insight Gallery talks on Thursday, July 13, 6 p.m.; and Sunday, July 16, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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Four-Time Gold Medal Diving Champion Greg Louganis discusses, signs Breaking the Surface, Thursday, July 6, 7 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free. 619-459-3247. (NORTH PARK)

South American Harp Music on tap when Carmen Barreiro performs for First Thursday Concert on July 6, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

World-Beat Dance and Music. Abdoulaye Camara performs, along with bellydancers Sabrina and Shalimar, music by Damaru, Thursday, July 6, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"Leave Only Paw Prints: Dog Hikes in San Diego County signed by Donna Lawrence, Thursday, July 6, 1 p.m., at War-

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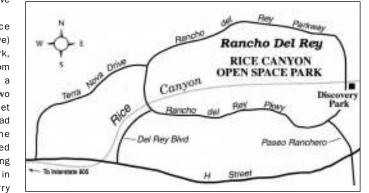
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Stand-Up Comedy Maestro Jerry Seinfeld performs on July 7 and 8 at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: \$45-\$75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Celtic Sounds, Golden Bough performs for Fallbrook Americana Music Series, Friday, July 7, 7:30 p.m., at Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids 17 and younger. 760-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

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join San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8. Group boasts 15 top-ten singles including "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Oh What a Night." Evenings conclude with fireworks.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$16-\$70. available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series promises West Coast blues by Rod Piazza and the Mighty Flyers, Friday, July 7, 6 p.m., in Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). Shuttle service from La Costa Canyon High School available. 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

Vietnamese Pop Music showcased by Hein Thuc, Ouach Thanh Danh, Nhom Tik Tak, others, Friday, July 7, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$25. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

NPR's "Left Right and Center" Host Robert Scheer, also editorin-chief of Truthdig.com, discusses and signs his new book, Playing President, Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m., Coronado Community Center (1845 Strand Way). Free. 619-459-3247. (CORONADO)

Andy Hill and Renee Safier perform for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, July 8, 7 p.m., at Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). \$15. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

Empowering Through Uplifting Music! Good Vibes With Shaka Buku, Saturday, July 8, 7:45-10 p.m., at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). \$10. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

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Sundays at Six, Celtic music by Strange Woods, July 9, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

Life Interpreted Through Music, Words, Silence, Dance — Performance Art Show, Sunday, July 9, 7:30 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$5. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Philosophy Forum planned when John J. McGraw, author of *Brain and Belief*, discusses and signs his book, Monday, July 10, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Truth and Irreverence Reign, San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, July 10, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Perform, judge, or just observe. Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Competitors: \$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series showcases Bi-National Mambo Orchestra on Tuesday, July 11; Finest City Jazz Band on Wednesday, July 12; San Diego Banjo Band takes stage on Thursday, July 13. Concerts run from 6:15–7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

The Post-4th Big-Bang Show with Wally Wang, Tim Begley, and sketch comedy by Comedy Under Construction, Tuesday, July 11, 8 p.m., for Comedy Grill at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. For those 18 and older. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Norway's "Queen of Crime," Kern Fossum, signs and discusses When the Devil Holds the Candle, Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m., Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (KEARNY MESA) Surfing Twins and Free Spirits Michael Willis and Milton Willis sign and discuss *Discover the Greatness in You*, Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona, 760-479-0242). (LA COSTA)

"Expresión Libre," Ricardo Mendoza hosts literary series, Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m., Chicano Perk Morgan Square (616 National City Boulevard). Readings by Mendoza, Sara Eslava Durán. Donations accepted. 619-474-7375. (NATIONAL CITY)

The Odyssey, one-on-one and two-on-two B-boy/girl battles, Wednesday, July 12, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Prizes for top dancer. Cover: \$5. 619-260-1731. (NORTH PARK)

Author Roland J. Hill signs *Secrets Behind the Wall*, the story of Synthia B. Smith, Thursday, July 13, 3 p.m., Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Free. 619-527-3405. (SOUTH SAN DIEGO)

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"Sailing to Capri" signed, discussed by author Elizabeth Alder, Thursday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres are in Philadelphia for game against Phillies, Thursday, July 6, 4:05 p.m. Road trip continues with games in Washington against Nationals, July 7-9, at 4:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10:05 a.m. on Sunday. All-star game is Tuesday, July 11. Tickets for future home games: 877-374-2784

The San Diego Surf Dawgs baseball team hosts Chico Outlaws, Friday-Sunday, July 7-9, at 7:05 p.m. each night, in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). 619-282-4487. (SDSU)

Flow Rider Competition, Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m., at Wave Waterpark (101 Wave Drive). Team competition, stand-up competition, drop-knee division, masters, more. Manufacture, sponsor booths. Finals at 7 p.m. Dive-in theater at 8 p.m. Tickets: 760-940-WAVE. (VISTA)

"Face-to-Face Mask," seek garibaldi, lobsters, and octopuses when Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts snorkeling at La Jolla Cove — part of La Jolla-San Diego Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve — Saturday, July 8, 8-10 a.m. \$30. For those ten and older, Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Join Knickerbikers Bicyclists for a jaunt from Target in Mission Valley to Mimmo's Italian Village, Saturday, July 8. The 25- or 30-mile ride starts at 9:30 a.m., includes SDSU area, Kensington, Hillcrest. Bring money for lunch (try a grilled feta sandwich!). 858-453-3687. (MISSION VALLEY)

Carlsbad Triathlon, Sunday, July 9, at Tamarack State Beach. Race boasts 1k swim, 25k bike ride, 5k run. 760-602-7515. (CARLSBAD)

America's Cup Finals at San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, July 9. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Racing Without Brakes! Tuesday-night bicycle-racing season continues on July 11, 6:30-9 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 619-260-3701. (BALBOA PARK

Bicycle Through Fairbanks Ranch and Rancho Santa Fe area with Sierra Club bicyclists, Thursday, July 13. Ride with moderate hills, brisk pace, starts at 5:45 p.m. at Wherehouse Records (at Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real). Bring money for food after

ride. 760-436-2352. (RANCHO PEASQUITOS)

SPECIAL

"Wags for Wishes" Dog Show hosted by Make-a-Wish Foundation runs Friday-Sunday, July 7-9, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Over 1500 dogs expected to compete in events such as agility, herding, flyball, lure coursing, carting, disc dogs, dock dogs, Jack Russell terrier events, obedience, conformation; vendors, adoptions, dog fashion show. Admission: \$5 general, free for those 12 and younger; parking: \$8. 858-707-9474. (DEL MAR)

Tanabata, have your secret wishes written on special paper and tied to bamboo, Friday, July 7, 11 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Traditional Japanese summer dessert fruits served. Fees, reservations: 619-232-2780. (BAL-BOA PARK)

Santa Fe Market, celebration of Southwestern and Native American arts, July 7-9, at Diane Powers' Bazaar del Mundo Shops (4133 Taylor Street at Juan). Native American tribe members and other noted Southwestern artists will demonstrate and sell their wares. Hours: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: free. 619-296-3161. (OLD TOWN)

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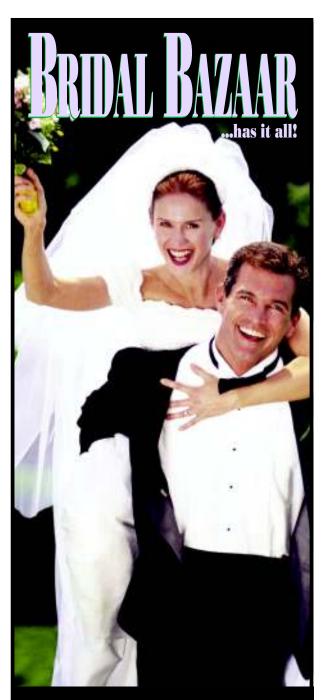
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"Art of Archery — The Art of Backbending," yoga workshop led by Dana Pare, Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m., at MBS Studio (2971 India Street). "Strengthen your back while opening your heart." \$35. 619-682-7115. (MIDDLETOWN)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9, noon–6 p.m., at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Explore Scripps Pier by the Light of a Full Moon when the pier, normally closed to public, is open for exploration on Sunday, July 9, 7–9:30 p.m. Participants learn of structure's history, take water samples, collect plankton, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life. Fee: \$20 for adults, \$17 for those 9–13. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate Bastille Day (early) when House of France hosts lawn program with native dances, music, and costumes at International Cottages, Sunday, July 9, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Del Mar Wine and food festival, Tuesday, July 11, 5:30 p.m., at Del Mar Plaza (1555 Camino del Mar). Wine and food from local restaurants. \$60. 858-755-4844. (DEL MAR)

Does the Executive Branch Hold Too Much Power? Present your view during discussion on Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

It's PT Cruiser Night! Cajon Classic Cruise, the weekly classic car show featuring "more than 500 classic, custom, and hot-rod cars," is Wednesday, July 12, 5–8 p.m. on Main Street. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Taste of Leucadia: Food for Thought, Thursday, July 13, 6 p.m., on Highway 101, from El Portal to Glaucus Streets. Tickets (\$17) include samples of cuisine on offer in Leucadia, as well as live music. 760-436-2320. (LEUCADIA)

"Beyond Superheroes and Sidekicks," offbeat worlds created by artist/writer Donna Barr chronicled in display of work on view through Friday, August 18, in Special Collections and University Archives at San Diego State University Library. Exhibition includes works by Robert Gregory, Chynna Clugston-Major, others. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Calligraphy and Lacquer Objects created by Ayako Stott are on exhibit through Sunday, August 27, at Japanese Friendship Garden. Gardens open at 10 a.m. each day, close at 5 p.m. Monday–Friday; 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. General admission: \$3. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

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

FOR KIDS

"My Emperor's New Clothes" presented by actors and crew of San Diego Junior Theatre through July 16 in Casa del Prado Theater. For all ages.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on July 15 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9-\$12 adults, \$7-\$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

"Seussical the Musical" presented by Moonlight Stage Productions, Thursdays-Sundays through July 9, at Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). Imagi-

native journey hosted by Cat in the Hat directed by Kathy Brombacher, with music by Ahrens and Flaherty. Tickets: \$19-\$34. 760-724-2110, (VISTA)

"Snoopy: The Musical" continues through August 6 at Coronado Playhouse (1835 Strand Way). Schulz's Peanuts comic strip characters come to life with bigband jazz score for family. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, with 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays. Reservations: 619-435-4856. (CORONADO)

"The Sound of Music" presented by singers, dancers, and actors of Christian Youth Theater, July 6-22, 8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: 619-588-0206. (EL CAJON)

"Big Joe's Fireworks" by Big Joe Productions continues through Sunday, July 9, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Puppet Express performs Pepper's First Favorites, July 12-16.

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

Hop Down the Bunny Trail, class for kids five-seven years old explores how vegetables are grown, Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Participants will enjoy a garden snack, sing a bunny song, create a garden craft to take home. \$15. Reservations: 619-660-4350. (EL CAJON

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bottle, bicycle pump, and water during San Diego Aerospace Museum Family Day workshops, Saturday, July 8, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19.

Wacky Science Sundays with Ms. Frizzle and Magic School Bus, Sunday, July 9, 12:15 and 2:15 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Kids explore "mysterious creatures, fascinating habitats," hands-on science. Included in regular museum admission. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

Intermediate Genealogy Class for those 11-17 offered by Mar-

County Genealogical Society, Monday–Friday, July 10–14, 1–2:30 p.m., at Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. Free; materials provided, 760-757-0528. Students need to have completed beginning class. (CARLSBAD)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

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 4355 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, "Flying Tigers -- The Forgotten Heroes of World War II" documented in exhibit continuing through Saturday, September 9. General Chennault's American volunteer group gave the Curtiss Fighter its moments of glory between December 1941 and July 1942 in China. The P-40s brought down 286 Japanese aircraft.

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



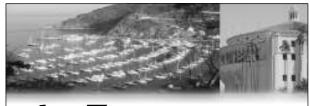
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Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted

to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)



PT, PT every day Builds our bodies the Marine Corps way Oh, yeah, here we go, pick it up, out front My Aunt Molly was a WM She liked whiskey and she liked men She might be dumb but she ain't no fool

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)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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

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

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museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142, (HILLCREST)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese iades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368–1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000

square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RAN-CHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

House of Pacific Relations, In-

ternational Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, Children Around the World videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

concept car." Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard; 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove. period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five

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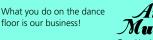




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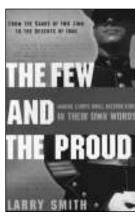
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The Few and the Proud: Marine Corps Drill Instructors in Their Own Words



by Larry Smith W.W. Norton, 2006, \$26.95, 325 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

The Few and the Proud examines how Marines are made and the drill instructors mandated to make them. From callow civilian to disciplined Marine, the transformation is conducted under the demanding guidance of the drill instructor – the emblematic DI at the heart of the Corps.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: "Veterans tell what it takes to train

Marines for Iraq today." – Publishers Weekly

"A superb job of describing how the Corps creates a brand of warrior whose very mention puts the fear of God into their enemies...firsthand accounts from Marine drill sergeants, whose tales include everything from training recruits to the hell of combat." – Military Book Club

permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just





Magazine and the New York Times, is also the author of Beyond Glory: Medal of Honor Heroes in Their Own Words.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

The Few and the Proud made an impressive appearance at #31 on the extended New York Times bestseller list, and I meant to congratulate the touring author personally. But I left town before Larry Smith's appearance in La Jolla at D. G. Wills Books on Memorial Day Weekend, along with 2 of the 28 legendary Marines he profiles: "Iron Mike" Mervosh and Bill Paxton. Two nights earlier he had been at Barnes & Noble, with Sergeants Christine Henning and Rudy Rodriguez. I caught up with Larry many days later, at home in Connecticut. "Larry, Camp Pendleton is

the base of the first Marine Division and plays a large role in your oral history of the Marine Corps' drill instructors. Pendleton's 125,000 acres were originally bought for \$4 million – quite a bargain – and dedicated by FDR. But another president's footsteps are preserved there: Jack Kennedy's."

Larry says, "After JFK visited there in 1963, his footprints were cast in bronze, right where he'd stood outside Receiving, and some unsung genius got the idea of painting footprints next to them to show new recruits where to stand. However, Marines on both coasts lay claim to them. One side says Parris Island originated the idea, the other says San Diego. No one seems to know when they appeared exactly, or who came up with it. I talked to former drill sergeant Chuck Taliano at the museum on Parris Island and with Parker Jackson at the

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum in San Diego. The only consensus is that the paint was undoubtedly scrounged from road maintenance and is yellow by sheer coincidence. Anyway, the footprints became an icon. They've got doormats with yellow footprints, shirts, pins..." Larry laughs. "I've even got a tie with footprints all over it."

"So," I interrupt, "the operating principle for the DI is that, if you're going to break under stress, it should be in boot camp rather than in combat. You quote a drill instructor saying, 'The more we sweat in peacetime, the less we bleed in war.' The drill instructors of old were totally dedicated, working 100-hour weeks, 4 a.m. to midnight, forging future jarheads. The training was so fierce that civilian workers were forbidden to leave keys in the ignition lest a recruit jump in and bolt. And local police actually

received a bounty on runaways: 50 dollars for every trainee brought back. How many weeks was boot camp? How rugged was rugged?"

"Boot camp varied over the years," says Larry. "At one point, during Vietnam, it got down to 8 weeks. Drill instructors were overextended and there really was not enough time. Today, it's 12 weeks, plus a week for 'forming,' which is going through Receiving, getting your head shaved, being inoculated, tested, and getting processed. It's tough. It's not uncommon for a kid to lose 40 pounds in 12 weeks. I talked to Jim Wheeler, a Marine in the 1950s, and he said he gained 30 pounds in 12 weeks. It's all the DIs. The drill instructors just explode at the recruits with energy and conviction, telling them what to do and about teamwork. They're introduced to hard work immediately, and they begin to acquire motivation. The recruits want to

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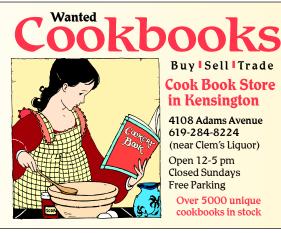
inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Making Music, "Howe-Orme: Forgotten Voices Remembered" is exhibit of rare and historic mandolins, mandolas, and guitars manufactured by Elias Howe Company of Boston over 100 years ago. Howe-Orme were awarded a series of patents for "the uniqueness of their functional design features and style." Through The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the

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dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor's "house call" implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through July. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "NASA Accomplishments: In Space and on Earth" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our everyday lives?

Ongoing exhibitions include "More Than Meets the Eye" (through May 2007), "Aging for All Ages," "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "TryScience!" "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 Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a





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succeed; they want their drill instructor to approve of who they are and what they're doing. Motivation leads to self-discipline and that enables them to fit into the team.'

"Ironically, for all of the emphasis on unit and team, they wind up creating these rugged individualists."

Larry agrees: "Yes, that's an interesting sideline to the whole thing. The primary function of a Marine is to locate, close with, and kill the enemy. That's their first job: becoming a trained killer. And the corollary is that they've gotta know how to stay alive. They have to learn instant obedience to orders. Yet, at the same time, they need to think for themselves. Every Marine is trained to take the job of the one immediately in front of him. This has been a key to the Marine's success in horrible places like Iwo Jima and Okinawa."

"It's interesting to me," I say, "that in teaching obedience, they also seem to instill in the Marines a shield against intimidation. It's even depicted in some films like Full Metal Jacket, where

you can sense the Marines are not at all daunted by their officers. But recruit training was very rough and tough, at times even dangerous."

"Yeah." Larry is momentarily thoughtful. "I've heard from Marines at all levels of harshness in training, although it's never been legal. The most notorious incident, of course, is the drowning of six recruits in Ribbon Creek on Parris Island, April 8, 1956." "Which almost wiped out the

Marines altogether," I remind him.

"It almost wrecked the Marine Corps, yes."

"But the Corps was saved by two Jewish lawyers from New York."

Larry laughs. "Yes, and that's a great story. The two Jewish lawyers from New York saved the drill instructor, and they were smart because they didn't attack the Marine Corps. They just said this was an unfortunate accident. This sort of training had gone on all the time, and it wasn't this guy's fault. It worked. Back then, DIs were court martialed all the time for maltreatment. They'd be docked pay and they'd go to the brig. Obviously, the Corps didn't publicize this, but it's happened all through the years. There are instructors who use control, and there are DIs...like R. L. Ermey, who was in Full Metal Jacket, who was a real Marine drill instructor himself. He said they were working with recruits non-stop and there were no officers supervising. They'd be finishing up with one platoon and they'd have to pick up a new one. They just didn't have time to work with these raw recruits. So, he said they'd read a kid the riot act and then - whack - give him a backhand to the solar plexus, which wasn't much, but even that wasn't legal."

"lack Webb wanted to make a movie about the incident in which the six recruits died on Parris Island. Webb went on to make the movie *The DI* and had a real DI act in it. I believe the movie was made at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot in San Diego."

"Actually, Camp Pendleton. Though they absolutely replicated Parris Island. The tragedy at Ribbon Creek was too close

and too controversial, and the Corps would not endorse it. Then Webb got this germ of a plot from a play called The Murder of a Sand Flea, which is at the heart of the movie: the forbidden killing of a single sand flea that brings the DI down on the trainees."

"What punishments did you omit from the book?"

"Well," he pauses. "I listed some things that used to go on, like doing the manual of arms with footlockers, putting kids in dumpsters, or catching a recruit smoking illegally and making him smoke a whole pack of cigarettes at once with a bucket over his head and a blanket over the bucket. One Marine told me that in boot camp, in the '50s, two recruits tried to escape, got lost, and snuck back. The DIs turned the whole platoon out and said, 'These two are going to diminish the overall level of your unit. We're going to leave you here and we don't care what happens to them. We don't care if they end up in a hospital.' The platoon beat the daylights out of the pair. Both ended up getting out on a Section 8. So, there was this "Everyone seems to acknowledge the success of the training, but, on the down side, you can also create some characters like the Texas Tower Sniper and Lee Harvey Oswald."

kind of rough justice that the DIs doled out.

"One of the toughest things I ever heard from a Marine was that they weren't allowed to defecate for a week."

"I don't know how you could prevent that," Larry says.

"You can't, but they were expected to."

"There's one example in the book where a DI makes a recruit eat his vomit after he's eaten too much and pukes. There are examples like that, but I frankly think it misses the point because the Marine Corps model is remarkably successful. Nobody ever forgets the name of his drill instruc-

tor. Many stay in touch. And the rules for DIs are much stricter now: no physical contact is permitted. The training is less harsh. For instance, the boots get to use Skin So Soft to protect against the bite of sand fleas. And the Corps has learned a lot about physical fitness, paralleling the fitness craze in the last 40 years. They take water breaks, and instead of running in combat boots and utilities ('utes'), they wear shorts and sneakers ('go-fasters'). If you're a DI berating a recruit, and you don't like what he's doing and you want to punish him, a card called an 'IT' tells you how (continued on page 98)

Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

"P-51 Mustang" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Ko-

rea. The museum's Mustang is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed

Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS Midway is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Archaeological Center, the museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl, 619-231-2886, (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with

exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic

National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego 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)

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many pushups you can make a guy do. And you can't go over that."

"Like a Miranda warning," I suggest.

"Yeah, except it applies to the drill instructor. Somehow, despite this, the Marines have managed to sustain their attitude, their demeanor, their temperament."

"Everyone seems to acknowledge the success of the training, but, on the down side, you can also create some characters like the Texas Tower Sniper and Lee Harvey Oswald."

Larry laughs. "Everyone likes to say there's no such thing as an ex-Marine... *except* for Lee Harvey Oswald." "You quote Eleanor Roosevelt as follows: 'The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!' She was kidding, but then, during the Vietnam War, the standards really were lowered."

"Mmmm... The government was pouring such numbers into Vietnam that training was down to eight weeks, and they got a lot of really bottom-of-the-barrel recruits in the Marine Corps and all across the military. The military and recruiting were in disastrous shape. Some officers said that we couldn't continue to prosecute the war and that this was a big reason for the war ending. It wasn't just because of politics, but because our forces were no longer effective. A Marine installation in Vietnam, called LZ Ross, was actually overrun by these malcontents. And there was an extraordinary riot on a base in Okinawa. Huge efforts were made to keep this out of the press, and they mostly succeeded. Even the Marines could barely function with these guys in their ranks; a lot of them apparently were associated with gangs. And what they finally did was hold massive inspections throughout the Corps. Anybody who had a gang tattoo or something incriminating in his locker, they shipped him to San Diego and gave him an administrative discharge. That's when they came up with the ruling that you had to be a high school graduate. No more dregs of society." "And now you have battalions of women at Parris Island." "One battalion of women," Larry corrects. "It's the Fourth

Recruit Training Battalion." "In 1942, LeJeune was opened as a segregated training camp for African-American Marines. Nine years later, segregation in the service was ended by Truman, well ahead of the civilian world. When service was refused to a black in uniform in the town near Parris Island, sentries showed up. Instead of taking him away, they told the restaurant owner that if he didn't serve the black Marine, he wouldn't be serving 'any of us.' When a barber on base refused to cut the hair of black Marines, he was fired and the commanding officer personally apologized."

"Yes. All Marines bleed green, is the saying."

"The yellow footprints are identified with the Marines," I say, "but for me the icon of the

the saying."

Corps is definitely the DI."

"Yes. All Marines bleed green, is

"Yes, the mystique of the Marine Corps is really embodied in the drill instructor. These men are really special. All this hard-guy stuff they play with recruits is not to drive people out but to make them succeed. They're breaking recruits down to try to get them to submerge their identity in the group. There is no talking back. 'I,' 'me,' and 'my,' are forbidden words. They're expected to eat, sleep, and work as a team.

The drill instructors will take a shapeless adolescent who's had a life of self-indulgence and not much in the way of prospects and in 12 weeks they turn that kid's life around. And they do it in a way that stays with that young man forever. It all happens through the drill instructor. They can't get sick, they stand out there at all hours, fit and immaculate, staring down these recruits, and the sand fleas are biting the shit out of the DIs and they're not even flinching. The kids see this and say, 'Wow, I want to be like that guy." - Juris Jurjevics

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why

cover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915–16 and 1935–36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PABR)

San Diego Maritime Museum, "Taming the Pacific Swell: The Evolution of Surfing" continues through January, tracing history of modern surfing from its Hawaiian beginnings to billion-dollar industry it is today. Changes in surfboard design used to illustrate evolution of the sport.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado

ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. The H.M.S. Surprise, used in film Master and Commander, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates

American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Body Ornamentation: Artistic Representations of Self," continuing through Tuesday, March 27, examines this enduring art form. Exhibit focuses on many different types of body art in variety of cultures around the world, as well as underlying reasons behind the ornamentation. See examples of body painting, tattooing, scarification, piercing; documentary videos, photo murals.

"Reflections" showcases rare and significant objects representing 90 years of the museum's collection history; some of the objects have never been displayed for public. Items include a *Seri* woodcarving of a whale; bronze sculpture by Alan Houser; more. Through Saturday, March 24.

"Passage to Panama: Past to Present" continues through Thursday, January 25. Exhibit documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethnographic materials, cultural items, photographs. "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama" centers on importance of form and beauty for Kuna in everyday life, narratives, ritual and healing, and visual arts. Display includes *molas*, colorful and richly decorated appliqué fabrics. Closes Monday, September 4.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK) San Diego Natural History Museum, "Dinosaurs: Reel and Robotic," on view through December, demonstrates how dinosaurs first came to life in movies, follows their transformation over the years through artistic portrayal and advances in scientific information and technology. Exhibit includes original movie memorabilia, posters, models, dino dig box, giant robotic dinosaurs.

"Fossil Mysteries," a permanent exhibit, showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-size models of *Albertosaurus, Lambeosaurus,* a sea cow, megalodon shark, more.

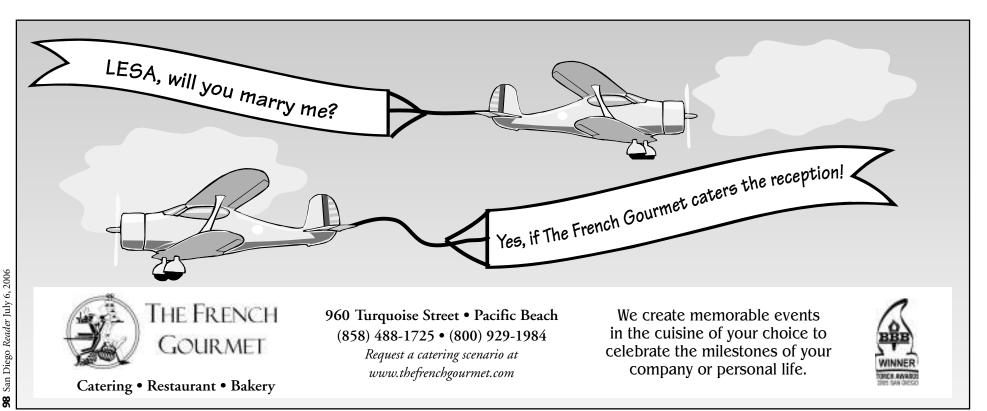
"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," continuing through Sunday, February 25, 2007, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through September, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

Current "giant-screen films" include Vikings: Journey to New Worlds and Ocean Oasis. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)





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Frankie Valli and the 4 Seasons join San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8. Group boasts 15 top-ten singles including "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Oh What a Night." Evenings conclude with fireworks.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$16-\$70,

available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN

Robert Schumann's Great Piano Works played by renowned favorite Gustavo Romero — from memory — for Athenaeum Music and Arts Library summer festival, Sundays, July 9-30, 4 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute. Program showcases "Kinderszenen," "Fantasie in C Major," "Abegg" variations, and "Carnival" on July 9. Tickets: \$29 or \$34 per con-

cert; \$104 or \$120 for series. Find Neurosciences Institute at 10640 John Jav Hopkins Drive. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams in concert, Sunday, July 9, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138, (BALBOA PARK)

The First Annual Chamber Music Festival at University of San Diego commences with faculty concerts on Sunday, July 9, 7:30 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall: and on Monday. July 10, noon, in University Center Fover.

Student concerts begin at noon in University Center Foyer, Tuesday-Thursday, July 11-13. Grand finale concert with faculty and students is Saturday, July 15, 2 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall.

Admission to all concerts is by donation. USD, 5998 Alcalá Park; 619-260-4106. (LINDA VISTA)

Four Hands and Four Feet! Colin Andrews and Janette Fishell perform selections from Holst's The Planets" and "Samson and Delilah" by Saint-Saëns for 19th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BAL-BOA PARK

The Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series gets underway with concert by Geisel Library Bassoon Quartet, Wednesday, July 12. Musicians pull favorite chamber music scores from music shelves; audience invited to ask questions between selections. Concert begins at 12:30 p.m. on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Admission is free, parking is not. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)



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Galleries

Contemporary Anime Paintings by Mark Richmond, digital collages by Cathy Carey, sculpture by Jerry Mallen on exhibit through Wednesday, August 30, at Shiva Artistic Collections (115 West Grand Avenue). Opening reception: Saturday, July 8. 760-745-7835. (ESCONDIDO)

Faculty Exhibition with work in a variety of media showcased in exhibit opening with reception, Friday, July 7, 6 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Closes Friday, August 25, 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Ray at Night, over 20 art venues showcase local art on second Saturday of each month, including July 8, 6-10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue, Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. (NORTH PARK)

"A Daydream Journey" by Claire-Lise Matthey Anderegg and "Destinations: A Photographic Narrative" by Jack B. Salb featured through Sunday, July 30, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Juror was Jess Dominguez. Also on view: "Outstanding Visual Artists" of region. Meet artists during reception on Friday, July 7, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"ARTspiration," members' show with work in variety of media continues through Sunday, July 23, at La Jolla Art Association Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue).

Reception for artists: Sunday, July 9, 4 p.m. 858-459-1186. (LA JOLLA)

"Below Sea Level," exhibition of new works and installation by Ben Horton opens with reception, Friday, July 7, 4 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). Through Friday, July 28. 619-235-6922. (DOWNTOWN)

"Figures and Silhouettes," display of multimedia figurative paintings by Joel Sharp and oil painting silhouettes by BK Simpson opens with reception in conjunction with Ray at Night on Saturday, July 8, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street; 619-546-9546). Closes Thursday, August 10. (NORTH PARK)

"Free Spirit," juried awards show of 90 water-media paintings is on exhibit through Saturday, July 29, at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Iuror was Linda Doll. Reception for artists: Friday, July 7, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Halftolds," May-ling Martinez exhibits mixed-media collages, sculpture, and installation through Sunday, August 6, at Art Produce Gallery (3139 University Avenue). Show opens with reception for artist, Saturday, July 8, 6:30 p.m. 619-584-4448. (NORTH PARK)

"The Art of the Vintage Poster" presented at John Stewart Studios (3805 Ray Street) beginning with reception, Saturday, July 8, 6 p.m. These original vintage posters were produced using traditional printmaking methods such as stone lithography and serigraphy. Show runs through Saturday, August 5. 619-574-1135. (NORTH PARK)

Art Museums

Mingei International Museum, "Sam Maloof — Dean of American Furniture Makers" showcases work by this self-taught designer craftsman who makes his living working with his hands. The Maloof rocker, his signature object, is part of the White House collection of American furniture, the first work included by a living artist. Closes Sunday, October 15.

Concurrently, enjoy retrospective exhibition of pottery by Martha Longenecker, a designer craftsperson, educator, founder, and director of Mingei International Museum. San Diego State University hired Longenecker to develop its ceramics program in 1955.

Explore "ACarnaval!" in exhibit on view through Sunday, September 17. Carnival celebrations in Europe and the Americas showcased with mannequins dressed in carni-

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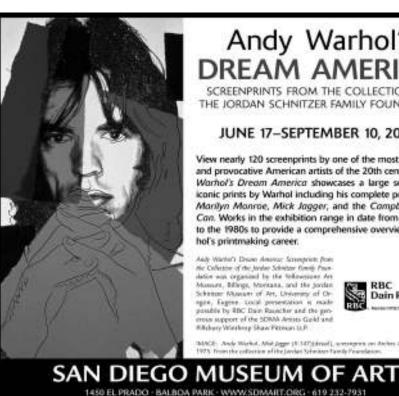
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"Symbols of Identity — Jewelry from Five Continents" may be seen through Sunday, October 15. Exhibit is composed of adornments from North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe, with traditional work and contemporary designs included.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County, "Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly," includes a blownglass chandelier, *macchias*, and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through July.

"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. Closes Monday, August 7. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana/Extraño Nuevo Mundo: Arte y diseño desde Tijuana" documents recent explosion of artistic experimentation in Tijuana. Exhibit explores "subtle shift in focus from art about the border experience to art that takes advantage of a new type of accelerated urbanism being pioneered in developing cities around the world." Show features 150 works of art by 41 architects, artists, designers, and filmmakers (at both downtown and La Jolla locations). Closes Sunday, September 3.

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.

"Cerca Series: Yvonne Venegas, Tijuana Portraits" continues through Sunday, September 3. Venegas created portraits of artists in upcoming "Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana" exhibit, asking each artist to select location for portrait; resulting pieces record physical and physiological spaces connecting places and their inhabitants.

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,

"Breaking the Frame: Pioneering Women in Photojournalism" examines photographs, films, newsreels, and cameras from the late 1920s to mid-1950s. Exhibit celebrates first women in photojournalism such as Margaret Bourke-White, Grace Robertson, Thérèse Bonney, Hansel Mieth, others. Through Sunday, September 24.

Discover how the introduction of 35mm cameras and faster film impacted field of photography and the public's access to information in "Shooting in 35: The First 35mm Photographs." Includes images by Erich Salomon, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Robert Capa, others.

Concurrently, see "Today's Pioneers: Women Photojournalists in Iraq and Afghanistan, Andrea Bruce and Stephanie Sinclair." Exhibit showcases 35 images by Sinclair and Bruce, capturing not only active combat but domestic life in Middle East. Both close on Sunday, September 17.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "San Diego Design: New Work from Allied Craftsmen" continues through Sunday, August 6. Exhibit features selected works from 16 members of group; merging craft and design, range of work is sculptural, conceptual, decorative, and functional in wood, fiber, clay, metal, and mixed-media. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, explore "Andy Warhol's Dream America: Screenprints from the Collection of the Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation" — through Sunday, September 10 — showcasing 100 of Warhol's prints. Works range from 1960s–1980s, including prints of Marilyn Monroe, Jacquelyn Kennedy, Mick Jagger, and Campbell's soup. Exhibit examines pop art, traditional art practices, and Warhol's "subversion of those practices, which challenged commonly held notions of what consti

tutes high and low art." "Winslow Homer — American Illustrator" boasts 55 wood engravings celebrating the master artist's ability to capture essence of the American experience during second half of 19th Century. Closes Sunday, September 3.

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.

"American Ceramics 1884–1972" offers examples from key firms associated with American Art Pottery movement, such as Rookwood, Newcomb, Grueby, Van Briggle. Runs through Sunday, September 3.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, "Traditions in Transition: Russian Icons from the Age of the Romanovs" illustrates how icons produced during Romanov period (1613–1918) departed from tradition under the influence of Western culture. Exhibit of 45 works follows emergence of decorative *oklads* (covers) made from precious materials and stones. Through Sunday, August 13.

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No Job, No Last Name Last week, Hilary, who had been a 91X DI since 1997. was shown the door. Her firing is curious because



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— Ken Leighton

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recent Arbitron ratings indicate she was doing well. For the past two months, among listeners aged 18–34, Hilary's ratings beat competitor FM-94/9's by a ratio of about 3 to 2.

A request for comment was not answered by 91X program director Kevin Stapleford. Observers theorize that Finest City Broadcasting (which operates 91X, Z90, and Magic 92.5) may be cutting costs. The rights to operate these three Mexican stations were purchased by Finest City from Clear Channel last year for a reported \$113 million. Insiders suggest that the debt service on that loan may be squeezing Finest City.

In recent months, Finest City has fired its director of sales and two other sales people. Last week, Todd "T-Ski" Romano, Z-90's midday DJ, was let go.

Meanwhile, both 91X and

FM-94/9 are receiving favorable press. Last month, in a Union-Tribune article titled "Good Re-vibrations," Karla Peterson wrote that 91X was undergoing a "rebirth" as it reconnects with its '80s glory years.

In the new issue of Rolling Stone, an article titled "Rock Radio's Last Stand" identifies

band with ska roots. The issue included short articles and photos of 15 rock-star kids (Sean

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Lennon, Ben Taylor, Kelly Osbourne...) and their parents. In the blurb on Sebastian Robertson (son of the Band singer/guitarist Robbie Robertson), it noted that Sebastian was producing an album for the Rudies.

Message from Rudies

Rolling Stone's April 7, 2005,

"Children of Rock" cover

Tom Voris, an Oceanside economics teacher and founder of the Fabulous Rudies, says the 2003 radio success of their song "Forget It" drew the attention of Jeff Gordon, who worked in artist development at the nowdefunct Dreamstreet Records.

"He had his own management company," Voris says about Gordon. Robbie Robertson had been a Dreamstreet vice president. The plan was to have the younger Robertson produce the Rudies' record. So, Voris borrowed \$30,000 against his North County home to hire Sebastian Robertson to produce the record. Voris's \$30,000 payment to Gordon covered Robertson's producer fees and studio time at the Village recording studio in Santa Monica. Voris says the elder Robertson showed up to Rudies recording sessions.

"It was insinuated that Robbie would be there to help push the record [to



other record labels]," says Voris. "I asked if I could get that in the contract. The

lawyer said they could not put Robbie's name on it. I still went with it anyway.'

Voris says it became clear during the recording sessions that the younger Robertson "had a problem" and that the band had to take over production duties. "The record was

almost finished," says Voris. "We had to go down and get the [recording engineers] from the Village to get the whole thing finished."

Sebastian Robertson now works at Taxi, an L.A. music-licensing company. He did not return a phone call. Gordon's response: "I have no comment on anything at this time other

than to say the Fabulous Rudies are a great band with a great live show.... I'm doing everything in my power to move the band forward."

Voris says Gordon is not acting in any official capacity with his band and that 1000 copies of the Robertsonproduced record have been sold since May of 2005.

Besides playing today at the Warped Tour's stop at Coors Amphitheatre, the Fabulous Rudies' CD-release party for their third selfproduced album will be held on July 22 at the Belly Up Tavern.

- Ken Leighton

Gods Need Their Space Benedictum played Italy's Gods of Metal festival over the first weekend of June. Def Leppard, Whitesnake, and Guns N' Roses were the bigger acts on the bill. On the first days, each

band had their own trailer



with their name on it," says Benedictum singer Veronica Freeman. "But when Axl Rose and Guns N' Roses showed up for headline day, they demanded three trailers and we all had to share with other bands. I think I was the only chick on the bill that day, and I felt bad, making all these band guys stand outside while I changed.'

Benedictum's invitation arose from their popularity in Europe, where Classic Rock UK magazine recently named them one of "15 Hot New Bands to Worship in 2006." While overseas, Benedictum arranged to play other dates. Problems ensued.

"Going to Italy, our Motif keyboard got lost [by the airline] and sent to Frankfurt, Germany. All of our sound samples were in there, and we had to wait on the tracking from the airlines.... Our gig in Spain was canceled, but I'd already used my credit card on nonrefundable flights for eight people. Then the Switzerland show got canceled, and we kept getting charged for every kilogram overweight on our equipment and luggage. In London, we paid 675 Euros, which is about \$800 U.S., just to get our stuff in.'

Freeman says her German boyfriend came along, and he left his wallet in a cab.

"I went with him to the consulate in Berlin to get his letter of transportation, taking this seven-hour train ride, which was beautiful but the schedule was already off the chain."

— Jay Allen Sanford

"He keeps asking for a new brain," says

Joaquin Torres, guitar player for San Diego band Frogsbreath. Torres speaks of his band's bass player, Brian McClure, who is in the University of Utah's medical center with brain damage.

On the band's May 17 MySpace blog entry, Joaquin wrote: "We were coming back from a music conference in Utah and we





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got in a serious car accident on the freeway. Our SUV rolled about five complete times and Brian was thrown from the vehicle. Two days ago the doctors told us that Brian had fractured his skull



THUMBS UP TO AND FROM BRIAN and there was no activity in his brain. They said he was brain-dead and he was surviving on life-support. His family was faced with the decision on whether or not to pull the plug....

"I guess the doctors found out that the pressure was actually getting worse with the drugs so they gave him less drugs.... That night, Brian was with his girlfriend and squeezed her hand, which to me was a sign of him having brain activity.... He was with his mother and she told him that if he could hear her for him to give her a thumbs up sign. And Brian actually made the sign."

"They're giving him drugs they give people with

Alzheimer's," says Torres. "His short-term memory is bad. He doesn't remember conversations we had the day before. He can't walk vet, but he pushes himself around in a wheelchair.'

Will the band go on if Brian doesn't recover? "We're not playing now

and not planning to go on without him," says Torres. A benefit show to help with McClure's medical

bills will be held at Soma on July 14.

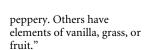
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Warped, Green Mark McLarry, a Point Loma resident, co-owns a solarpowered stage that is being used on this summer's Warped Tour, His company, Sustainable Waves, rents out the stage for other events throughout the year. Though McLarry lives in San Diego, the stage is stored in Austin, Texas, where McLarry's business partner, Neal Turley, resides.

Turley says, "The bottom line is you need to design your sound system and everything that you utilize to run as energy efficient as possible because the bottom line is solar does not create that much electricity.'

Turley constructed an energy-efficient PA system by building his own PA cabinets; cables and mixing boards were chosen based on how much electricity they draw.

"The reality is the solar system charges the batteries. If we are in a full-sun day in California or Texas, we can potentially float with the electricity we generate and not use any stored battery at all. But most of the time, shows are two or three days long, so we end up going into the battery storage." The biggest power concern, says Turley, is how much equipment each band brings onstage.



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Whole Hog shares their expensive liquor with other bands that practice in their rehearsal complex. What about the problem of driving home after practice? "Not once in ten years

have we had a DUI," says Travers. "We're all pretty responsible.

"Because it costs so much, we sip it; we don't slam it," says drummer Scott Taylor. "I rarely have more than four shots of tequila throughout the whole practice. That's over three to four hours. I'm



WHOLE HOG, RESPONSIBLE TEQUILA DRINKERS

practically sober at the end." All four Whole Hogs drink tequila except bassist Scott Reedy. "They try to

bring me in, but to me it tastes like ass.' "Unlike some alcohol that

makes you sluggish or tired, tequila makes you want to get in a fight," says Taylor. "For our kind of music, that's great...

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Bread and Pearl

Jam....MMM.... When Pearl Jam appears at Cox Arena tomorrow, July 7, they'll allow "no signage on, around or about the stage [including] any corporate sponsored venues, radio and TV stations, etc." And, "There is to be no sales of glow-lite style merchandise at a Pearl Jam show."

They want their dressing room stocked with a loaf of multigrain bread, a dozen



NO BUDWEISER...GOT IT (EDDIE VEDDER)

squeezed"). The band carries their own juicer, so they request celery, beets, tomatoes, apples, oranges, grapefruit, bananas, pieces of ginger and ginseng root, and six pounds of carrots ("no stems"). Required smokes include a carton each of Old Gold Reds and Camel Lights, and the band wants a case of beer waiting for them on the bus ("no Budweiser"). (from thesmokinggun.com)

– Jay Allen Sanford

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f you've ever been kicked out of Winstons in Ocean Beach on a rowdy night when a popular reggae or blues act is onstage, chances are you were bounced by Ted Washington, front man for Pruitt Igoe. "Formed in June 2004, from

combining the acts that I had working at the time," says Ted. "Before, it was always Ted Washington with 'fill in the blank.' I had a gig at the Knitting Factory

in Hollywood and had all the different components set up. While I stayed onstage, everyone else would come up, play their part, and leave. Then the next person would come up. It was a circus of activity and lacked an overall cohesion. That's when I knew it had to change, so Pruitt Igoe was born."

Pruitt Igoe (the name comes from an infamous public-housing project that once existed in St. Louis) plays the Casbah on Thursday, July 6, with the Legendary Pink Dots.

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"Sticking to the set list. Our shows involve a lot of acting and improvisation, so we tend to roam through shows. We change what we're doing to suit our mood, the audience's mood, or whatever. It's not that we're random onstage, but when the fun gets going, you can throw the set list out and do what you feel in the moment."

THE BAND?

"The core is Matt Kerr on keys, samples, and toys; Jon Cordova on guitar; Chad Farran on percussion; Coco Campbell, dancing; Molly Wilmott on vocals (mezzo-soprano); and yours truly on vocals. Having an opera singer and dancer in the band is inspiring. One day we will write and perform an opera/play/musical."

YOUR TOP-FIVE CDs?

1. Brian Eno and David Byrne, *My Life in the Bush of Ghosts.* "This was the beginning of sampling. There's a Lebonese mountain singer, there's Muslims chanting from the Qu'ran, there's an

exorcism — it crosses cultures and makes art out of displaced sounds."

MICHAEL HEMMINGSON 2. Björk, *Homogenic*. "The power of her voice, the weirdness of the music...and the lyrics are so personal. 'All Is Full of Love' — so soft, but when she bites it hurts."

> 3. Kruder and Dorfmeister, *The K&D Sessions.* "Downtempo at its best. I drove from San Diego to St. Louis listening to this over and over and over. A CD meant for chilling and smoking and driving — under the supervision of a trained professional, of course!"

> 4. Bob Marley and the Wailers, *Exodus*. "The band was on fire when they made this. Bob Marley could write about war, love, partying, and religion, and it all is classic."

5. Marvin Gaye, *What's Going On?* "It's sad to say, but all the topics he covered are still here: drug abuse, child abuse, war, racism, poverty. But the story of his fight with Motown to get it released is even better. Artists have to stick to their guns and do art that is true to themselves, and maybe you get to make something that sticks. Better yet, you wake someone up."

BEST/WORST GIG?

"They are all best. We have such a good time every time we go on, it's on. We write for the venues and stay current with our subject matter, so the shows always change. Once, in Palm Springs, we played an art reception. The crowd was thin, and we didn't have a full band lineup, so we had Molly's nine-year-old son sit in with



us on a small keyboard. The show was out there. We would tell him a mood to set, or a pacing, and let him go. He had fun, we had fun, the audience had fun. Worst gig? No such thing. Not every venue is perfect, but the spaces are never the problem, people are. There are assholes out there, but we address them when we play — right then, right there. That is always a rush when you can hit back."

BRUSH WITH THE FAMOUS?

"I met Woody Harrelson in Santa Monica behind the club 14 Below. We were in a circle, puffing, I looked over and there's Woody passing the spliff. Cool guy but shorter than I expected. Just like Jack Black, who was at the Casbah — I said to a friend, 'That guy looks Pruitt Igoe

like Jack Black, but he's too short to be him.' He must have overheard because from behind I hear, 'I am Jack Black.'"

EARLIEST MEMORY?

"It is clear; still disturbing. I take the turtle out of the plastic habitat, play with it for a while, and then watch it crawl under the stove, where it dies. At age two, I learned that freedom kills. But I tell you this: I never saw that turtle move as fast as it did until it was out of that habitat."

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. "Vans Warped Tour" with NOFX. Saves the Day, Anti-Flag, and many more: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, July 6, 2050 Entertainme Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 6,

Linda Ronstadt: Humphrey's

FRIDAY

The Indigo Girls: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. Pearl Jam and Sonic Youth: Cox

Arena, Friday, July 7, SDSU campus, College Area, 619-594-0429. Teena Marie: Spreckels Theatre,

Friday, July 7, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500. Brand New: House of Blues, Friday,

July 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-299-2583. Intocable: Coors Amphitheatre,

Friday, July 7, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600

SUNDAY

"Ozzfest": Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 9, 11 a.m. 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista 619-671-3600.

Maldita Vecindad: House of Blues, Sunday, July 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Hapa and the Barefoot Natives: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

MONDAY

Blues Traveler: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

TUESDAY

Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400. Bebe: House of Blues, Tuesday, July 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas

The Church: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, July 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140. Bruce Hornsby: Humphrey's

Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

UPCOMING

CONCERTS

Eddie Money: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 13, 2241

Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts by

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, July 14,

4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights.

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Rav Davies: Spreckels Theatre,

Saturday, July 15, 121 Broadway,

Mason Jennings: House of Blues,

Saturday, July 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Venice: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, July

Lyle Lovett: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 16, 2241 Shelter

Antonio Solis: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 16, 2050 Entertainment

The Foo Fighters: San Diego Civic

Theatre, Monday, July 17, Third Avenue

Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

and B Street, 619-570-1100.

Nils Lofgren: Belly Up Tavern

The Beach Boys: Humphrey'

Monday, July 17, 143 South Cedros

Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 18,

2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Beach Boys: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 19,

2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island,

The Raconteurs: Soma, Wednesday,

July 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard,

Slayer: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, July 20, 3500 Sports Arena

San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Drive, Shelter Island

Hootie & the Blowfish:

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,

Edwin McCain: House of Blues,

Thursday, July 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

Thursday, July 20, 2241 Shelter Island

the Bay, Friday, July 14, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Roy Book Binder:

619-303-8176.

John Renbourn:

Heights. 619-303-8176.

downtown. 619-235-9500.

Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island,

JULY

The Thievery Corporation: 4th & B, Friday, July 21, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Muse: Soma, Friday, July 21, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego 619-226-7662.

The Thievery Corporation: $4 \mathrm{th} \ \& \ B,$ Saturday, July 22, 345 B Street, San Diego, 619-231-4343.

Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Fray: House of Blues, Saturday, July 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Herman's Hermits: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 23 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rusted Root: House of Blues, Sunday, July 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Taking Back Sunday: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, July 23, 5 p.m., Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Robin Trower: 4th & B, Monday, July 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Steely Dan: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Monday, July 24, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Duncan Sheik: Belly Up Tavern Monday, July 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400

Santana: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Thursday, July 27, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Terri Clark: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jurassic-5: 4th & B, Thursday, July 27, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 28. 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445 5400

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 28, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Sounds of the Underground Tour": Soma, Friday, July 28, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego 619-226-7662

Circa Survive: House of Blues, Friday, July 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-299-2583.

Kirk Whalum: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, July 28, 121 Broadway, downtown, 619-235-9500.

Al Green: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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Calendar

Bone Thugs N Harmony: House of Blues, Saturday, July 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. Sammy Hagar: Viejas Casino

Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Manu Chao: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, July 30, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Bruce Cockburn: House of Blues, Monday, July 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

AUGUST

Boz Scaggs: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 1, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Pete Yorn: The Casbah, Tuesday, August 1, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

The Rollins Band and **X:** 4th & B, Tuesday, August 1, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Panic! at the Disco: Soma, Tuesday, August 1, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Sean Hannity, Hank Williams Jr., and Lee Greenwood: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Rippingtons: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 2, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Julio Iglesias: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 4, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400. Foreigner: Humphrey's Concerts by

the Bay, Friday, August 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. **"Street Scene 2006"** featuring

Tool, Kanye West, Social Distortion, Snoop Dogg, and many more: Qualcomm Stadium, Friday, August 4, and Saturday, August 5, 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley. 877-840-0457.

Olivia Newton-John: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ramblin' Jack Elliott: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, August 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

lan Anderson: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Randy Newman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

Island. Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Roots Rock Reggae" with Ziggy Marley, Sinéad O'Connor, Sly & Robbie, and Ozomatli: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Yolanda Adams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Ben Harper: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, August 13, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Lonestar: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 13, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Hal Ketchum: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, August 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Death Cab for Cutie: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, August 15, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400. The Neville Brothers: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, August 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

Buddy Guy and Robert Cray: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 16, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Los Lonely Boys: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Wednesday, August 16, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Shakira: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, August 16, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Cracker: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

The John Jorgenson Quintet: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Wednesday, August 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Poco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Dennis DeYoung: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. Bill Medley: Bayside Concerts at the

Embarcadero, Saturday, August 19, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400. **The Dan Band:** House of Blues,

Saturday, August 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. The Dave Brubeck Quartet:

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Burt Bacharach: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Sunday, August 20, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Michael Franks: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Etta James: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Mars Volta: San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, August 22, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.



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Earth, Wind, and Fire and Chris Botti: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, August 22, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400

CAMEL LIGHTS

Big Head Todd & the Monsters and Toad the Wet Sprocket: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 23, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Def Leppard and Journey: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Al Jarreau and George Benson: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Randy Travis: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"American Idols Live 2006": San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, August 25, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Richie Havens: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, August 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Dave Matthews Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Gordon Lightfoot: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 27 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island,

Roseanne Cash: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 28, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. The Doobie Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

John Fogerty: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Little River Band: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140

SEPTEMBER

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Friday, September 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Saturday, September 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

James Brown: 4th & B, Saturday, September 2, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343

Steve Poltz: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Kem: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, September 3, 121 Broadway, downtown 619-235-9500.

Joe Cocker: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jesse Cook: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Brian Howe: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140

Los Lobos: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The James Gang Rides Again: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, September 9, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Linda Eder: San Diego Civic Theatre, Saturday, September 9, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

The Wailers: House of Blues, Sunday September 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

Gaslamp, 619-299-2583. Ricardo Arjona: Coors Amphitheatre,

Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes and The Fabulous Thunderbirds: Humphrey's Concerts

by the Bay, Sunday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Matisyahu: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, September 12, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Bonnie Raitt and Keb' Mo': Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Wednesday, September 13, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Dwight Yoakam: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Toby Keith: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Brian Culbertson and Keiko **Matsui:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

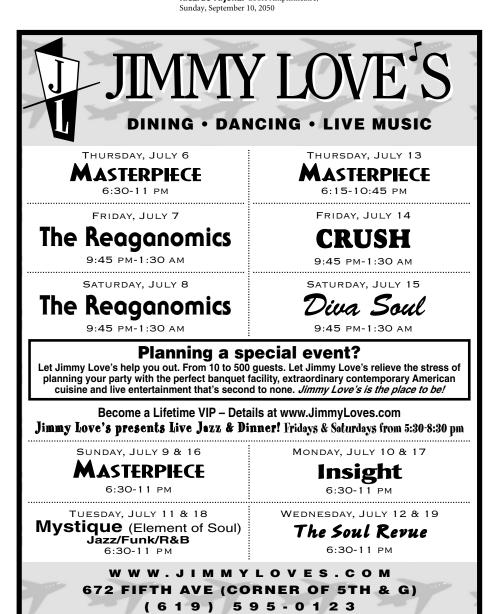
Ani DiFranco: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, September 22, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Saturday, September 23, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

The Temptations: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island

"Nashville Star Tour": House of Blues, Sunday, September 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

John Mayer and Sheryl Crow: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday, September 26, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.



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Venice: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, September 28, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Snow Patrol: House of Blues, Thursday, September 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Na Leo: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ellis Paul: AcousticMusicSanDiego Friday, September 29, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

OCTOBER

Emmylou Harris: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Celtic Frost: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Queensrÿche: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island,

Mariah Carey: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, October 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Young Dubliners: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island,

Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 8 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island

The Larry Carlton Blues Project: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 12, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island Brooks & Dunn: Coors

Amphitheatre, Saturday, October 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Frank Black: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island

Joan Baez: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Marta Topferova: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176. Susan Werner:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, October 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176. The Average White Band: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room Saturday, October 28, 5000 Willows

NOVEMBER

Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Blue Man Group: Cox Arena, Saturday, November 4, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Aerosmith and Mötley Crüe: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, November 11, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

DECEMBER

Tom Russell:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.



DJ EVENTS

If you would like to include your DI event, e-mail sellis@nethere.com or fax information to 619-881-2401 by 5:00 p.m., Friday, the week prior to publication. The listings are free.

Ascension: Second Friday of the onth, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Borders Collapse v7: Fourth Saturday of the month, Tijuana electronic artists and electroclash/minimal techno with Mono Mono, Wero, and DJ Sonico. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500

BrokenBeat Night: First Saturday of the month, live electronic, machine fu and breaks. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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.

Club Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays Robin Roth, Terryn, and other female DJs spin indie, electro, and Britpop. Goto 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-516-4746.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwaye with DIs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park, 619-640-2500.

Decade: First Saturday of the month, DIs Tom King and Brendan Cahill spin the best of '80s new romantic and post-punk. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-3323.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DIs Wallkrawler, 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.

Distortion: Tuesdays, mashups, bastard pop, and cybertrash. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo. electronic, and ambient with DIs Wank Chops, lstr, and guests; 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Hot Wax: Thursdays, DJs Veep Reekins and friends spin underground and classic hip-hop. No cover. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Thursdays, Mundo Caliente, DI Sambo spins reggaeton, merengue, and salsa. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. Wednesdays, Bay Area, dance and old skool with DJ Kool T. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school sophomore and 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.

Manic Mondays: Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes the best of '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m. to close; 21 and up Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, vn, 619-236-1616. downt

Mashed-Up Wednesdays:

Wednesdays, mashups, breaks, and house with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 p.m.; 21 and up. Dino's 3929 30th Street, North Park, 619-291-3466.

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.

Mixtape Sessions: Wednesdays, underground hip-hop and downtempo with DJ Ricky Wrecks and guests. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown 619-702-6010.

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, hiphop, and bootleg remixes with DIs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spin electrohouse and breakbeat, Clay Elliot on live horns, circus feats by local performers. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and EBM with DJs Bryan Pollard, OT7, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whisle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Underground Playground: Third Saturday of the month, house, progressive, and breaks with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Beach Grass Cafe, 159 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-509-0632. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian jazz.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Itals, Cornell Campbell*, and Sisters *I-Live*, reggae. Friday, 9 p.m., *Lil' Uno* and Sicko Camp, Latin rap. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Goldfish*, retro funk, and *Phenomenon*, rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Soul Asylum* and *Rookie Card*. Monday, *Me'Shell Ndegéocello* and *Daby Toure*. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Dead Prez*, *Mainflow*, and *Loot and Easy Company*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Melvin Seals & JGB*, and *Flying Other Brothers*.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJ events, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Deejah & Douglas*, jazz.

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Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Winterhawk*, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, Runnin' Blue, blues. Friday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues. Saturday, Semisi & Fulabula, reggae. Sunday, Middle Earth. Monday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Flounders, acoustic/surf rock. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin. Wednesday, Billy Watson, blues.

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BY DAVE GOOD

It's a pity that grunge rock died. It served as an antidepressant for those of us who suffered through '80s rock. Today, none of grunge's Big Four sound remotely as interesting as they did back in the day. Soundgarden's Chris Cornell made his deal with the devil of pop radio. The once-brilliant Alice in Chains failed to survive the excesses (and death) of Layne Staley. Nirvana's Dave Grohl made a number of records with the Foo Fighters — which originally sounded like a band designed by a corporate record label before the band settled into its own sound and beean to make great rock.

After Vitalogy, **Pearl Jam** lost cohesion. For years, their output ranged from brilliant to incoherent and was nothing like the hardrocking dark themes from the haunted Pacific

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson* and James Harmon, blues; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Restless Natives, rock/reggae/blues; 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Roy's* Showcase; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Steamers, blues; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Northstar, classic rock.

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Saturday, 7 p.m., *West of 5*, rock.

Northwest that originally Even caught my ear. though some of Pearl Jam's earliest lyrics were visualized while Eddie Vedder was bobbing off our coast on a surfboard (in the '80s he fronted a San Diego band called Bad Radio), the entire package was a fit with the punk/ metal/'70s rock mix coming out of Seattle. Vedder lobbied hard to become rock's Everyman (I heard him give his home phone number on the syndicated radio show Rockline one night), and the band took on causes like the high

price of concert tickets, battling Ticketmaster in an antitrust dispute that Ticketmaster eventually won.

But this year's eponymous release is Pearl Jam in rare form. It rocks as hard as ever while fighting the good fight. Vedder seems less jittery than usual, relaxed and focused and on a mission to make a solid record. Minus any corporate windmills to joust, *Pearl Jam* sounds enough like Pearl

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Inferno Young Adult Nightclub,

775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271. Thursday, college jam. Friday and

Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., DJ Kool T,

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858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jerry

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The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Youth Brigade, the Briefs, Dreadful Children, and the Ignorant. Friday, the Angry Samoans, Rav Power, Dirtbag, Hellfire Trigger, and Cell Block 5. Saturday, Sub Noize Soljaz, C-Clan, the Stone Senses, and the Calione Family, reggae. Sunday, Primo Donna, the Neon Maniacs, the Sex Girls, the Prey, and the Poison Boys. Wednesday, the Knife in Iris and Sieht Unscene.

Ki's Coffee on Top, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Friday, *Peter Pupping*, acoustic.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. rock. Tuesday and Wednesday, call club for information.

La Playa Cantina & Grill, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-7550. Friday, 8 p.m., *Heartland*, acoustic pop. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Luna Llena*, Latin jazz. Sunday, 11 a.m., *Chini* & Camberos, Latin jazz.

Le Papaguyo, 1002 North Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-944-8252. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Flounders*, surf roots.

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The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday, Dixieland music. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, Dixieland jazz.

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Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, the Leperkhanz, reggae/rock/Irish/funk. Friday and Saturday, live music. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop, jazz/variety.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Flounders*, acoustic/surf rock.

St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz, Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Mark Norris, smooth jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, Zach Jones & the Tones, rock. Saturday, Illicit Behavior, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad 760-729-7234 Thursday 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band*, pub rock.
Friday, call club for information.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues.

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Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international and pop standards

Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gregory Michael*, Motown blues/funk.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Friday, Bonfire, Way Cool, Jr., '80s metal rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Spazmatics*, '80s tribute. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Gadfly*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tomcat Courtney, solo/blues. Friday, Charles Burton, blues. Saturday, Tomcat Courtney or J.J. Slyde.

Club 710 Beach Club (formerly Blind Melons), 710 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Spoken Gun and Optimus, alternative. Friday, Deadline Friday, Sweet Tooth, and Syrup, rock. Saturday, Kicking K8 and Evolution 6, rock. Sunday, the Husky Boy Allstars. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, blues jam. Wednesday, Six Reasons, Dive Bomber, Forever Taken, and One Theory.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday. 9 p.m., Big Backyard, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., the Mitch Budd Band, rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131, Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Infants.* Friday, *the Lil' Joe* Show, KBS, and Bloodstone Royalty, hip-hop. Saturday, Tower 4, 760, and Heather Culture. Wednesday, Skenal, the Wind Rides Electric, ID Romance, Gone to Oblivion, and Provocative Whites.

Excelsior. 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, DJ event, call club for information. Wednesday, *Gilbert* Castellanos, jazz.



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Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive, San Diego Bay. 619-686 8715. Boat loads at 2:30 p.m., leaves at 3 p.m. Sunday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Cape May*, indie rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Barry Levich, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, Rick Ross, jazz.

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Pacific Beach Bar and Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *P. Trac Armenta, Gil Barron, James East,* and Israel Maldonado, Latin/smooth



jazz/soul/pop. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Nick Fiore, John Giulino, Dave Scott, and Cynthia Hammond, jazz. Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Willovealot, smooth jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday 9 p.m., Vintage Honey, indie rock. Friday, Riot House, rock. Saturday, the Red Channel Revue and the Adopted Prophets, alternative rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Superdoo, rock. Wednesday, 420 Blackbirdz, blues.

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Wavehouse, 3125 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-228-9283. Sunday, 4 p.m., *Pickford's Party*, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Chris* Berry and Paniea, Friday, Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra and Underground Orchestra, jazz. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Bigfellas, rock, 9 p.m., the Devastators and Ginger Maker, reggae. Sunday, Wise Monkey, groove. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Straight Trippin'. Wednesday, Big Backyard, rock.

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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park, 619-275-LIVE, Music is metal rock/heavy rock/alternative. Friday, Purple Rising and Jurassic Rock. Saturday, Mother Mae I, Six Foot Deathtrap Against the World, and Discord. Monday, the Sword, the Saviors, Akimbo, and Rev. Wednesday, One and the Caution.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Electric Soul*, soul/R&B.

Club Kadan, 4696 30th Street, San Diego. 619-640-2500. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event, house/techno/electro.

Dino's Nite Club, 3829 30th Street, San Diego. 619-291-3466. Thursday, '80s/house/hip-hop. Saturday, alternative music. Tuesday, *DJ Carlos Culture*, reggae. Wednesday, DJ Jack Tripper, ise/progressive.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000, Music is alternative/rock. Friday, Misery Signals, Since by Man, Cassius, Ligeria, and Life or Death. Saturday, Kaddisfly, Facing New York, the Panic Division, the Stranger Six, and Radio Diary. Sunday, Rob Bell.

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Larry Carlton **Blues Project** featuring Robben Ford with very special guest Dave Mason Thursday, October 12 • 7:00

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Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers

Herman's Hermits ming Peter Noone/ Peter & Gordon/ **The Turtles** Sunday, July 23 • 6:30

Terri Clark Thursday, July 27 • 7:30

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with special guest Kai Brown Thursday, July 20 • 7:0 SOLD OUT!

Friday, July 91 • 7:30

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Celtic Woman

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Thursday, September 7 • 7:30 Los Lobos Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk Friday, September 8 • 7:00

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Steve Tyrell Thursday, September 14 • 7:30



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619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Live music nightly, call club for information. **The Imperial House**, 505 Kalmia Street San Diego, 619-234-3575. Friday

Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety. In **Cahoots**, 5373 Mission Center

Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.*

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, live rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live heavy rock/metal/alternative music.

Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio*. Landing Strip Cafe & Bar (at Brown Field), 1425 Continental Avenue, San Diego. 619-661-6037. Friday and Saturday, 8:45 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Super Trax*, oldies/Latin/classic rock.

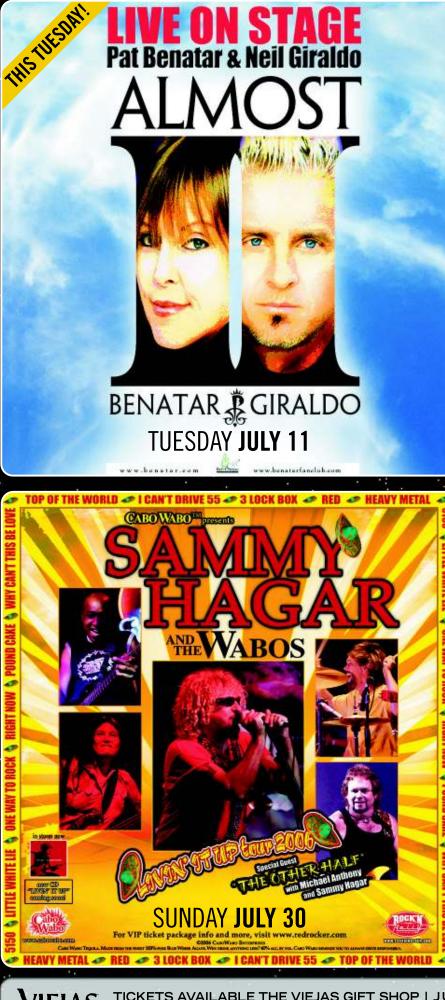
Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, Pete Thurston. Friday, the Wild Truth, the Coyote Problem, and Michael Tiernan. Saturday, Lisa Sanders. Sunday, Tim Mudd, Stasia, Zohra Ptah, and Becca@Buffy. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, the Big Rig Deluxe, country.

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midnight, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*, Chicago blues.

1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Wise Monkey and Compass Rose, funk/jazz/rock. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., the Citizen Band, Gully, and Grand Canvon Sundown, rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., the Jimmy Ruelas Band, alternative/folk/rock. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., the Someday

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., Nite Life, blues/swing. O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, **Riley's,** 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Friday and

Saturday, live music. Wednesday, swing, **Rosie & Joe's,** 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-277-5777. Friday, 8 p.m.

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Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, Brax, folk/country. Tuesday, traditional

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Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Constants*, rock. Saturday, live rock/alternative.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

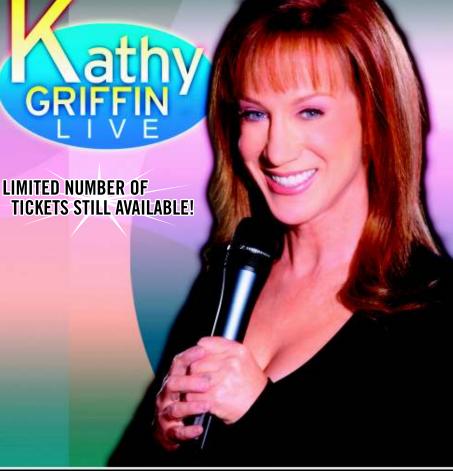
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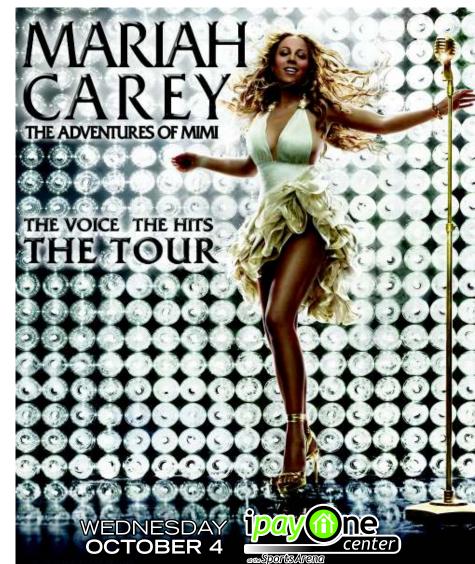
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Terra, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, Delta blues.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Electric Soul*, soul/R&B. Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Jump Jones*, swing/blues. Friday, *the Fremonts*, blues. Saturday, *Smoke Staxx*. Monday, tango Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Monday, *Lady Dottie* & the Diamonds, blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Capriccio String Quartet, classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle Quartet, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, Terrence Hale. Saturday, Jen Knight, Tom Griesgraber, Abby, Amanda Mosher, and Jimmy Patton. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Celtic Ensemble. Wednesday, 7 p.m., open mike.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz/funk/R&B.

The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *the Tombstones*, alternative rock.

DOWNTOWN

Belo, 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-9200. Call club for information.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Tiamo*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Lee Coulter*, folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Legendary Pink Dots and Pruitt Igoe. Friday. Kommunity FK, Fifty on Their Heels, and Jezebel. Saturday, Society!, Enter Telescope, Squiddo, and Assassinator DJs. Sunday, the Long and Short of It, the Archons, and Ditch Pig. Monday, Ex Machina and the Focus Group. Tuesday, the Lilys, Human Television, and Rookie Card. Wednesday, the World/Inferno Friendship Society, Secret Apollo, and Heather Duby.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet.* Friday, *Yavez* Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*.

Deco's, 731 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-696-DECO. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *the 86'd*. Wednesday, *the Ghost of Sada*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 p.m., Orquesta Binacional de Mambo, Latin jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., Lori Bell, Ron Satterfield, and Kevin Koch, jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., Tokeli, jazz.

Downtown Johnny Brown's, 1220 Third Avenue, San Diego. 619-232-8414. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Four Minutes 'til Midnight*, heavy rock. **Dublin Square**, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Call club for information. The Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street, downtown. 619-702-6010. Call club for information.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, West of Memphis, blues, and Brand New. Saturday, the Greyboy Allstars, jazz, and Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations, reggae. Sunday, Maldita Vecindad and Los Abandoned Prophets, rock. Tuesday, Bebe, rock en español. Wednesday, the Voodoo Glow Skulls, Catch 22, Big D & the Kid's Table, the Suburban Legends, and Westbound Train, rock/ska/punk.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *the Reaganomics*, '808 dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown, 619-239-2222.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio*, classic jazz. Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-293-0232.

Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Z-Bop*, jazz.

On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJ events and live music.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Call club for information

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Texas Twisters. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Texas Twisters, 9 p.m., Southbound Blues. Saturday and Sunday, Blue Four. Monday, Red Lane, rock. Tuesday, the Bayou Brothers. Wednesday, the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band.

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.



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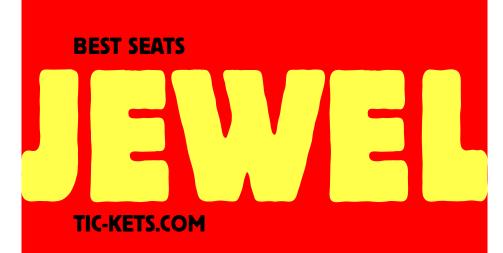
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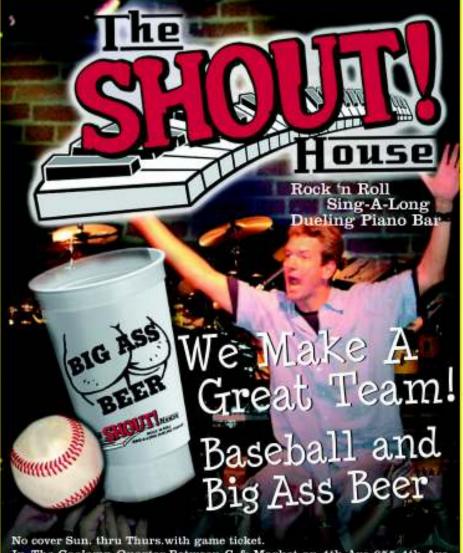
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Samba Grill, 514 Horton Plaza. Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Edo Brazil, Brazilian jazz.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, Primo, salsa/Latin jazz. Tuesday, Orquesta 8.8, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Call club for information

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown, 619-238-1818, The Plaza Bar: live jazz.

Westin Horton Plaza, 910 Broadway Circle, downtown. 619-232-4355. Schroeders Club: Friday, 8 p.m., *the* Cosmos-Men's Ensemble, cabaret,

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday Pickford's Party and DI Marc Thrasher Friday and Saturday, DJ Marc Thrasher and DJ Danimal. Sunday, DJ Danimal Monday, DI Marc Thrasher, Tuesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, Nitro Express, rock/country/blues. Wednesday, the Stepping Feet.

SOUTH **BAY/CORONADO**

Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Saturday, the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista 619-420-9440 Thursday. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., Ray Correa, standards/pop/Latin Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sandy *Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett* Anderson and Ioe Garrison, jazz. Wednesday, DJ event.

Chicano Perk Cafe y Cultura, 616 National City Boulevard, National City. 619-474-7375. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Caballeros Latin Jam, Latin 1277

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tony Lasley, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Barbara Jamerson and Joe Tarantino, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Stellita & Dave *Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*. Palm Court: Thursday through

Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West*. Crown Room: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., John Cain.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted, Thursday, Harmony Road. Friday, the Elevators. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Steve Brewer, 8 p.m., the Stilettos, rockabilly. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Justin Brothers, 8 p.m. to midnight, Jim Moore. Monday, Tommy Price. Tuesday, David Houser. Wednesday, Gene Warren.

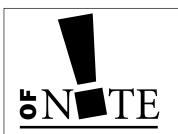
Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, Los Ingratos, rock en español.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., McGill, folk rock. Saturday, 7 p.m., Kova, folk.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Loadstone*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Streetheart*, classic rock.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Considering the enormity of what Hurricane Katrina did to the people of New Orleans, I suppose it's insensitive of me to write this. but I keep thinking, "What will happen to all the freaks?" I mean, New Orleans is a deeply strange city that attracts deeply strange people like nowhere else. What will happen to all those only-in-New Orleans characters?

Look at www.eccentricneworleans.com and see how the website's offices were destroyed, its irreplaceable archives ruined. One of the characters you'll see profiled there is **Quintron**, who, with his partner, Miss Pussycat, has produced some of the most endearingly weird recordings and per-

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Swamp Kats*, blues/rock. Saturday, the Noise Gods, the Filthy Crooks, Zoombie, and Surf Camp, metal rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band featuring Jo Dark

Las Parrillas, 555 Montrose Court, El Cajon. 619-444-3955. Friday, hiphop/reggae. Saturday, Latin/salsa

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, live country music

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, 6one9, classic rock.

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In a unique hybrid of retro

and techno, Quintron plays a modified Hammond

organ and his own inven-

tion, a sort of light-

activated drum machine

and electronic noisemaker

that he calls the Drum

Buddy. Miss Pussycat

joins in with percussion

stuff like that.... New Orleans sucks right now

and we can't wait to get the fuck out of here."

Sixty 7 Bar and Grill, 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. 619-561-6767. Friday,

9 p.m., *DJ Dirty Pat*, Top 40/hip-hop. Saturday, 9 p.m., *DJ Girth*. Monday, 9 p.m., *One Theory, Difficult Henry*, and Discord, metal rock.

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Wize Guyz, swing/standards.

Vieias Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, live music, call club for information.

and untrained vocals and puts on bizarre puppet **Ouintron and Miss** Pussycat live upstairs from their own club, the Spellcaster Lodge. When the QUINTRON levees broke, the lodge was flooded and rendered useless, though the duo still live upstairs. When I sent an e-mail to their record company, someone - presumably Quintron

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Fortunately he has friends and fans in the rest of the country. San Diego's 31G Records pitched in, and UCSD's Ché Café held a benhimself — answered my dumb questions, sayefit. "We didn't even know about it," Quintron ing: "We have no insurance, so we were said. "They just sent us a check. totally dependent on benefits and FEMA and

> QUINTRON, Ché Café, Friday, July 7, 8 p.m. 858-534-2311. \$7.

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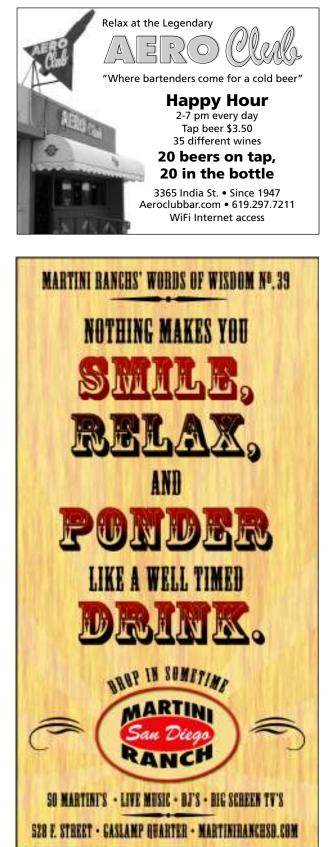
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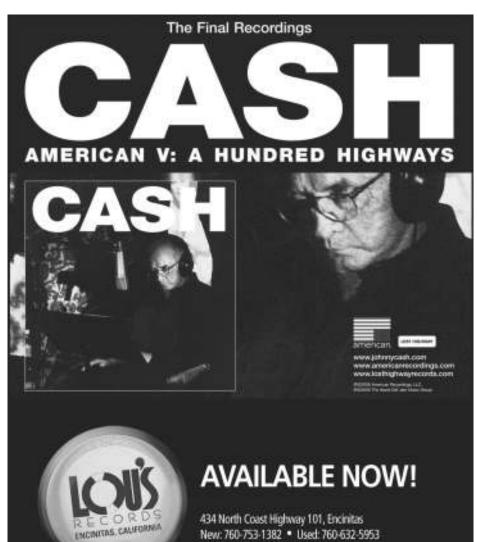
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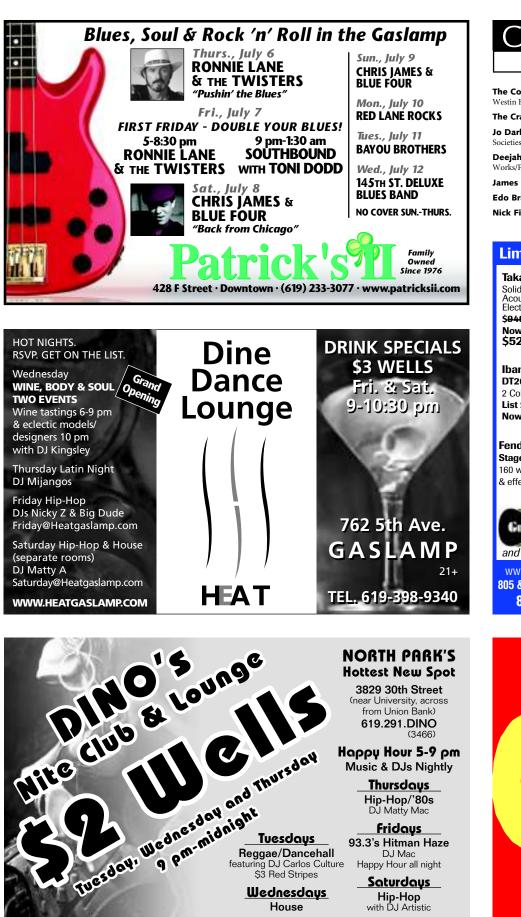
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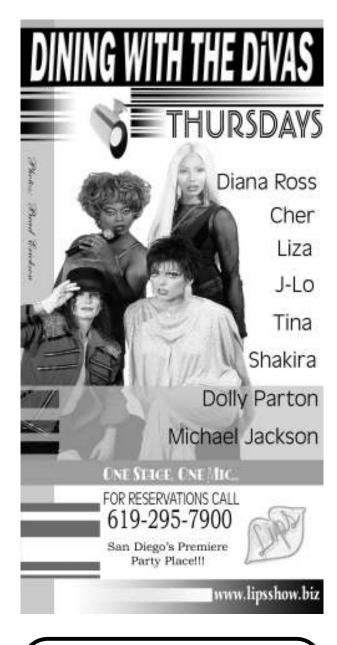
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Mower is heavy metal with all of the trappings. Most tracks on Not for You have dueling vocals, one a higher pitch than the other, but both are the

similar to Drowning Pool's popular single, "Let the Bodies Hit the Floor." Even though it's guttural,

the growling isn't unintelligible. The lyrics can be fol-

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lowed, but they don't strike me as inspired. As you can imagine, "Road Rage" is an angry account of traffic frustration. Nothing deep or revealing about the lyrics, but they paint the picture and lend to the theme and image the band is trying to portray: they are modern, angry, and dark. Track 12 has typical lyrics: "I decide to take your life / because in a minute vou'd take mine," and "pick up a knife and show what that's for / this is war."

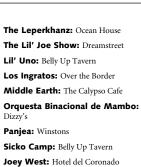
On the third track, the pace slows a bit, but they funk it up more, making the song the most danceable on the CD. In places, the bassist does that slappity-poppity thing that good bass players can do. The guitarist is competent, although his instrument is not prominent; this is a drum aficionado's group. Often, the rest of the players seem to be trying to keep up with the

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drummer's machine-gun speed. But, each member is talented. The changes in tempo and all beats and notes are hammered with precision.

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ears ago, self-appointed Brecht Police castigated attempts to stage his plays. This one snafu'd the "alienation effect"; that one was acted, not "performed"; those courted the audience's emotion rather than alert their reason.

Then two things happened. People began to realize that during his life Brecht softened some of his early theories, especially when he re-directed plays like

Mother Courage. Also, drama departments across America began using his techniques for all kinds of texts. What was often called "postmodern" theater wasn't. It was Brechtian: no attempt to create illusions (or "hypnotize" the audience); no acted emotion; non sequitur collages of music, burlesque, and dance. Brecht's attempt to "de-familiarize" the theater has become the everyday.

Mother Courage shocked audiences in 1941, when first produced, and in 1949, when he staged it with Helene Weigel in the lead. But even though what it says about the business of war defines our era — no play, this minute, is more relevant than Mother Courage — the La Jolla Playhouse's staging, with a few vivid exceptions, is surprisingly bland and everyday.

Anna Fierling, called "Mother Courage" for an unheroic act, is the Kellogg, Brown, & Root of the Thirty Years War (1618-1648). Like KBR, the outsourced remora making zillions off the "War on Terrorism," Anna and her three children tow a canteen wagon around Central European battlefields. They sell food and goods to the cannon fodder of the wealthy. War was business even then. In every medieval and Renaissance battle, military leaders thought nothing of wiping out women, children, whole cities. What they wouldn't do was kill the aristocracy. Why? Fealty to social class and, if they captured a noble, a hefty ransom.

War is the continuation of business by other means," Brecht liked to repeat (as if quoting Leonard C. Lewin's cynical Report from Iron Mountain: On the Possibility and Desirability of Peace). When a war ceases in Mother Courage-Lewin would love this — everyone panics. In peacetime, characters complain, order and moral

standards shrivel. The trains won't run. People will forget their names.

The worst thing Russia ever did to the United States," wrote Gore Vidal, "was go out of business.'

During 12 years at the front, Mother Courage doesn't grow or change. Her credo remains the same: "Your books must balance." Instead she loses one child after another and trudges on, to some an indomitable

spirit, to others the "hyena" of the battlefield. "Emotions are permitted when I say they are

permitted," Brecht dictated. He didn't want a sympathetic Anna, even cut lines that made her so. She was supposed to show that people don't learn from misfortune: "Its pupils learn hunger and thirst but seldom hunger for truth or thirst for knowledge."

In her opening-night performance, Ivonne Call was neither intrepid nor savage as Mother Courage. Nor was she, it seemed, off book. She tripped over lines and gave others a throaty bluff. The role, one of the most complex in theater, evaded her. She was trying to be unsympathetic but couldn't pull it off (throughout she communicated the sense of a walk-through: here's how I might do this scene in the future). It's hard to tell if she was underdirected, underrehearsed, or if some theory wedged between her and the character. Maybe all of the above.

The designers opted for a war-is-universal look. The costumes range from Victorian sprawl to Courage's anti-fashion ensembles (whatever fits works) to the ubiquitous drab of the poor. Courage's signature vehicle is part mud-splatted Willy's jeep, part covered wagon. Soldiers carry rifles and spears. Some wear WWI doughboy helmets and, at one point, 17th-century chest armor. And since Brecht keeps the battles offstage, the muffled sounds we hear could be 16-pounders or RPGs.

In an imaginative move — Brechtian "tagging"? - actors chalk dates, locations, and slogans on the black walls and floor. Like the wars that come and go in Mother Courage, the graffiti fades, replaced by more. This regeneration italicizes one



Ivonne Coll, Hilary Ward in Mother Courage

Mother Courage, by Bertolt Brecht

La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive Directed by Lisa Peterson; cast: Ivonne Coll, Hilary Ward, Scott Drummond, Marc Damon Johnson, Ryan Shams, James Eckhouse, Katie Barrett, Patrick Kerr, Brent Hinkley, Brian Hostenske; scenic design, Rachel Hauck; costumes, David Zinn; lighting, Marcus Dillard; sound, Jill B.C. DuBoff; music director, Gina Leishman; musicians:

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of David Hare's most acerbic lines in his downto-earth translation, "There's always more heroes.

The plodding production comes to life during its carnival interludes. Gina Leishman, who wrote the music for the San Diego Rep's immortal Red Noses, composed the cabaret score, accompanied by piano, accordion, and (a Leishman twist) tuba. Katie Barrett's singing of "The Fraternization Song" - about how Yvette both fell in love and became a prostitute - and Patrick Kerr's "Song of the Hours," in which the Chaplain recalls the crucifixion of Jesus, are highlights. Many of Brecht's characters and situations

and the Chaplain resemble spinning coins: downhome realists but with flickers of optimism peeking through. When he created Kattrin, Brecht booted his

theories out the door. Abused by a soldier, Mother Courage's daughter is mute, scarred, and eloquent. Brecht called her the "good" Kattrin and said "spectators are permitted to identify" with her "and note with pleasure that they have such

combine extremes (when a war ends, for exam-

ple, Courage is both miserable and joyous: she'll

be ruined financially but still has her children).

Like the props and David Zinn's costumes, Bar-

rett and Kerr are adept at this double-ness. Yvette



powers even within themselves" (this comes as a relief, since it's impossible not to identify with Hilary Ward's Kattrin, a marvel of gestures and movements, especially when she puts on Yvette's aqua boots and imitates a hooker's strut).

Brecht referred, specifically, to the famous "drum scene," one of the most surefire in all of theater. It's the one time the war comes onstage. In another Brechtian double-bind, Kattrin climbs to a roof and bangs a drum, warning the city of Halle that the enemy is at hand - at the cost of her life.

There's been a long debate whether Brecht was antiwar or just anti- the business of war (in other words, how else do you stop a Hitler?). Anna Fierling shows his hatred of the commercial side - or should. Kattrin shows, if not his hatred of war, then his fear for the innocent, with whom he wanted us to identify. Even little martyrs get crucified. ■

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giveth and taketh away: in various combinations, the quartet is toxicity personified. But then again, none has an aptitude for living alone! (Nick Fouch's bare, eloquent set tells the story on the floor: footprints of old furniture give the apartment history that a scrubbing can't gloss over; same with the foursome.) The Old Globe's staging suffers from an antsy, sometimes forced physicality. Actors stretch, double over, and roll on the floor, as if the script were a foreign language needing visual translation. But what Kondoleon's needy menagerie says is bizarre enough. And the actors work best when their characters try simply to explain themselves - in funny and moving ways - and stake their claim for inclusion in the new home. For David Furr's peppy, narcissistic Bruno (who never met a mirror he didn't adore), Sarah Grace Wilson's cold Audrey, Colette Kilroy's daffy Ingrid, and Jack Ferver's near- (and sometimes over-) the-top Nissim, trying to sum up who they are becomes an exercise in subtraction. Worth a try.

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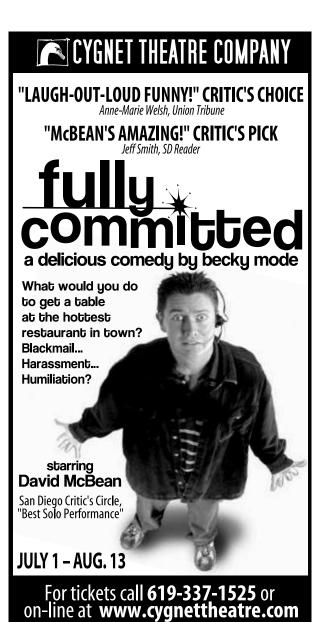
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Fully Committed

Air traffic controllers, at least, have each other. Not Sam Pelikowski. He must make all the reservations for a posh New York restaurant. Jean-Paul Sartre said, "Hell is other people." Nah. Hell is other people demanding all-vegan cuisine for 15 at a 7:30 p.m. seating, while five other callers blink on hold. Cygnet Theatre is reprising David McBean's Noel Award-winning performance. He plays Sam and everyone else, maybe 40 people. A logistics boggle? It's the equivalent of memorizing a phone book and making each voice so distinctive you remember it the next time you hear it. McBean must change characters as fast as he can say "hold, please." He's so terrific, however, logistics disappear into Sam's frantic, behind-the-scenes world. Sam, it turns out, is an aspiring actor lacking "a strong sense of personal entitlement" - just what every irate caller has! Sam gets a crash course in assertion training and passes with flying colors. Throughout, the audience's "oh yeah's" and "that's right's" punctuate the show with shocks of recognition. Anyone who has ever been an actor, or waited tables, or taken reservations (a friend of mine, who books for a local hotel, refers to the public, off the record, as "the beast") will empathize with Fully Committed. And, given McBean's special performance, so should everyone else. Critic's pick.

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Krapp's Last Tape and Not I Claudio Raygoza's Ion Theatre has a brand-new, richly deserved space on Ninth. One can imagine easier works for a shakedown cruise, but not Raygoza. These Samuel Beckett pieces demand strong acoustics, stark lighting, and subtle acting. The theater passes these tests and

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validates Raygoza as one of San Diego's foremost interpreters of Beckett. Not I pinspots a mouth, talking nonstop, runaway words. Across the way, a 12-foot "auditor," dressed like a monk or abbess, listens and gestures but doesn't speak. It's tempting to find common ground (a religious confessional?). But there is none. You can almost hear Beckett shouting from his grave, stern as Hamlet's father's ghost, "That's all there is, folks; deal with it!" Compared to Not I. Krapp's Last Tape feels almost like plain old realism. But it isn't. A 69-year-old man celebrates his birthday by eating a banana, sipping offstage whiskey, and listening to previous tapes made on other

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birthdays. Krapp, played by Raygoza, moves in hyper-slow motion and speaks with a wry Irish accent both bitter and strangely triumphant. It's easy to see him as another of Beckett's forlorn existents facing the demise of a bankrupt life. But, in a complex, arresting performance, the actor also suggests that Krapp might also

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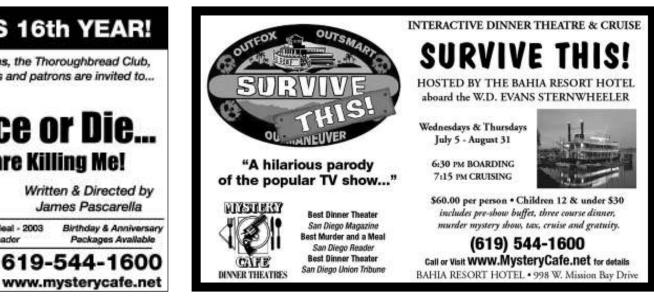
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cult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags") National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing

parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackeriack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

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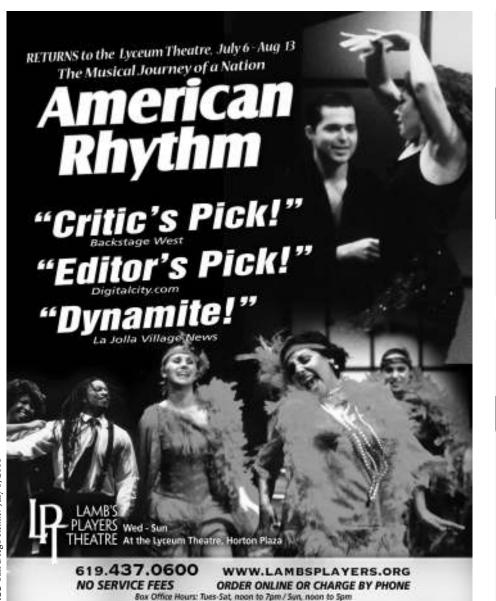
Zhivago

Boris Pasternak's 1955 novel and David Lean's movie have a majestic sweep. By contrast the La Jolla Playhouse's musical version, now in its world premiere, feels cramped,

truncated, like trailers of Dr. *Zhivago* performed on a sound stage. Metallic girders dominate the look. No matter where the story goes, from Alexander Gromeko's New Year's Eve party to far Varykino, the set always resembles a high-rise under construction. The story feels even more cramped. Michael Weller's book speed-reads the novel so quickly that the characters have no time to breathe. Although Jessica Burrows tries to suggest depths, her Lara's little more than a blonde object of male desire. As written (and except for the songs Ivan Hernandez sings beautifully), Yuri comes off as a shallow romantic lead in a melodrama. Moustache-twisting dialogue also makes for melodrama, as do the musical's facile hero-versus-terrorists opposition (Joe McCarthy would approve this message). The production goes for big effects, including a railroad flatcar turning around, but Lucy Simon's melodic, Russian-tinted score is a star. When Zhivago breaks into song we get pages of needed backstory and characters suddenly have inner lives so different from their non-singing selves you wonder if they're the same person. The music's of such quality it doesn't need to be sung — as just about every song is — at full summerblockbuster volume.

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Sights on Saigon

Most of San Diego's Vietnamese restaurants are out in City Heights or up in Linda Vista - and most start their names with "Pho," North Vietnam's hearty peasant noodle soup. Nothing wrong with pho, but when a Vietnamese restaurant that emphasizes the sophisticated cuisines of Saigon and Hué opens in the heart of Hillcrest, it's news.

Owner Patrick Hong Luu designed his Saigon on Fifth as a serenely elegant spot. (It's no relation to the funky Saigon on El Cajon.) A curvy yellow couch flanks the doorway; a large white Buddha fountain greets entering diners. The airy room is furnished with cherrywood tables with white tablecloths, chairs upholstered in red damask, and comfortable booths for four along the walls. The waiters wear black uniforms, while the impossibly slim waitresses are clad in gold satin ao dai, Mandarin-collared side-slit tunics worn over narrow pants.

Formerly a Rubio's, the menu at 3900 Fifth Avenue has gone from tacos to tamarind. Now the menu begins with soups, salads, and appetizers and includes the usual list of "classic entrées," where vou choose vour protein (tofu, mock-chicken, real chicken, meats, or seafoods) and a garnish (red curry, yellow curry, lemongrass, etc.). What sets the restaurant apart from the typical low-rent Vietnamese restaurant is a separate list of house specialties, including many entrées you won't find elsewhere in San Diego. Best to concentrate on this section of the menu.

A tamarind soup at our first visit sold us on the restaurant. It revealed an exquisite balance of sweetness and faint tartness, with soft and crunchy textures. In the clear, red-brown broth floated crisp raw bean sprouts, pineapple wedges, tomato chunks, firm slimeless okra, spongy Vietnamese celery (which slurps up the broth's flavors), and a few "watch out!" slices of Serrano chile - plus plenty of sharp, licorice-flavored Asian basil. We chose shrimp for our main ingredient (other choices are vegetables and tofu, fish, calamari, and chicken), and they were large, tender, and flavorful.

On a return visit with our friends Sam and Keith, we ordered the excellent "signature" crab and asparagus soup. A complex broth is thickened with a flick of cornstarch and topped with a raft of white pepper to stir in. Sam didn't no-



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tice it and was bitten at first bite: "Whoa!" he said. "This is certainly peppery!" Short lengths of white asparagus are mushy but pleasing, mingling with clumps of crabmeat that are clearly freshly pulled from a fresh crab. A flotilla of powerful cilantro leaves and chopped

chives brings the flavors to life. Our favorite appetizer here,

spiced baby clams, features unexpected flavors from Hué (a.k.a.

"the Forbidden City"), the old royal capital in the center of the country. The chopped tiny clams were sautéed with a chili-garlic-mint sauce that came off more sweet than pungent, courtesy of caramelized onions. It had an intriguing salty, funky undertone from nuoc mam (rhymes with "Look, Mom!"), Vietnamese fish sauce. "This would be perfect if they cut the sweetness by about two-thirds," said Keith. I learned later from the owner that honey is used instead of sugar for sweetness here — and it's sweeter. The mixture was served on large triangular lobster crackers (similar to the more common Indonesian shrimp crackers) - porous and brittle, with their own

sugary undertones.

Sugarcane shrimp is also from Hué, a onetime palace dish. The kitchen does a good job with the texture - the shrimp mixture is soft, not

rubbery - but it's underseasoned. It comes with a sweet nuoc cham, a light, chiliflecked red dipping sauce based on nuoc mam. (You can't really taste the fermented anchovies.) Missing was the customary pile of

leaf lettuce, mint, and basil to wrap the shrimp in. We found the dish a tad drab without these authentic flavors and textures for contrast.

Also disappointing were fresh spring rolls, filled with flavorless overboiled shrimp and pork slices, plus a mass of vermicelli noodles surrounded by romaine and mint leaves strong enough to unbalance the overall flavor. "Guess we should have chosen the fried Imperial Rolls in-stead," said Sam. "At least those have a seafood stuffing." Green papaya salad in chili tamarind dressing with a chopped-peanut topping is bland as well, especially if your mouth is set for the spicy Thai rendition. An alternate version that wasn't

Saigon on Fifth ★★★ (Verv Good)

3900 Fifth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-220-8828

HOURS: Daily 11:00 a.m.-midnight PRICES: Soups, salads, starters, \$4-\$10; entrées, \$8–\$16. Lunch specials, \$7–\$12. CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Urban Frenchinfluenced Vietnamese dishes mainly from Saigon and Hué. Reasonably priced, appropriate wine list with plenty by the glass. Four beers (including one Chinese brand, Tsing Tao). PICK HITS: Tamarind soup; crab asparagus soup; smoked oyster omelet; coconut shrimp; 360° beef; bun (spicy noodle salad).

NEED TO KNOW: Validated underground parking just north of Union Bank on Fifth Avenue. Restaurant entrance is actually on University, a few steps west of the corner. Pa-tio seating available. Many dishes tend to be sweeter (with honey) than typical Vietnamese cuisine. Reservations advised for larger parties and weekend dinners. Plenty for vegetarians.

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available that evening centers on baked, seasoned Vietnamese beef jerky in a ginger-and-soy dressing — worth a try for the unusual meat. We did enjoy the sautéed crystal dumplings, classic rice flour dim sum wraps filled with chopped shrimps, bay scallops, and jicama. (Jicama makes a perfect substitute for fresh water chestnuts when the latter are unavailable.)

Happily, most of the specialty entrées here surpass the hit-and-miss starters. A colonial-era Viet-French smoked-oyster omelet offers juicy, creamy, smoky oysters (canned or packaged, but good) in a well-browned, fluffy omelet stuffed with ground pork, onions, vermicelli, and dried mushrooms - along with the bivalves. It comes with a thick red dip that looks like American





cocktail sauce but is instead spicy-sweet-sour. A smear of this lively mixture is vital to the dish's overall impact.

360° beef is the delicious house version of Shaking beef, a favorite dish at Vietnamese restaurants in America. Squares of tender filet mignon are first grilled, taking on a smoky flavor, then mixed with a wokful of black pepper, garlic, caramelized onions, plus



red and green bell pepper strips and carrot sticks. It's a highly satisfying dish. I've never encountered

anything like Saigon's coconut shrimp before, but it certainly tastes like a royal dish. (It's actually a creation of the owner's mother, who's the executive chef here.) A whole young coconut with a hinged lid arrives at the table. Baked inside are plump shrimp, first fried in a millimeter-thin tempura batter and set to floating in a slowly thickened sauce of fresh coconut juice, honey, and lime leaves. It's like shrimp candy - not cloying but devilishly decadent. Order this when you have friends to share it with — a little goes a long way Saigon Love Boat is also

designed for sharing. It's a seafood combination served in a glazed ceramic boat-shaped dish with a craning bird for a figurehead. Inside are shrimp, mussels, dried calamari (looking like baby corncobs), and tilapia, all wrapped inside banana leaves, then rewrapped in aluminum foil. The double "papillotes" keep the seafood tender in the oven. The sauce is pleasantly fishy, seasoned with Kaffir lime leaf and herbs. It took a bit of work to detect all the morsels in the dark sauce surrounded by lavers of insulation — the waitress helped us find the last of them before she cleared the plate: "There's a mussel — you don't see it? And a shrimp here!"

"Fish of Hué is one of our most popular dishes," said the handsome waiter who served us at our first dinner. You have a choice between sea bass and salmon (we chose bass) that's been marinated in garlic, ginger, and lemon grass, then battered and pan-fried with red and green peppers and white onion in a light, sweet sauce. Popular, perhaps, but we didn't find it especially exciting.

Carrying the theme of sweetness to its ultimate, Tamarind Crab consists of a whole crab in its shell sautéed in a thick, sticky sauce of tamarind and honey, then chopped into large pieces for serving. Some pieces were overcooked, most were just right, but the sauce tastes like the standard universal rendition, whether you're eating in Hong Kong, Lampong, or

Haiphong. "Every time I order this dish," said my partner, "I end up telling myself, 'I should gotten the garlic crab (or the chili crab, or the black bean crab) instead.' Next time, remind me to order something else." It's also messy eating between the weighty sweetness and the sticky fingers, none of us managed to consume very much.

Bun — spicy noodle salad — is indeed a boon, a welcome palate-clearer after the crab, and also a perfect light dish to start a meal. (You'll find it listed on the last page of the menu, like an afterthought.) You get a pile of thin white rice vermicelli plus your protein of choice, surrounded by piles of mint, basil, bean sprouts, cucumber sticks, and tomato quarters. You toss it like a salad as best you can and dress it from a separate bowl of nuoc cham, the sweetspicy light-red chili sauce. With its clean, healthy flavors, this seems more typical of classic Vietnamese cuisine than the heavily sweetened dishes here.

The theme that runs through the menu is honey, often combined with tamarind into a tropical sweet-sour. This is not a major flaw, but the sameness grows annoying. While most Vietnamese restaurants lack so pronounced a sweet tooth, these dishes aren't adapted so much to American tastes, says the owner, as to the tastes of the French colonials.

The restaurant offers just two desserts: coconut-fried banana and Vietnamese-French "flan" (*crème caramel*). We passed. Not only were we full, but we'd had our share of sweetness for an evening. Yet we were also content. The only other local Vietnamese restaurant that I know of to serve the cosmopolitan French-influenced dishes of South Vietnam is Le Bambou in Del Mar. At Saigon on Fifth, you can enjoy a distinctive version of this cuisine without a fraught passage through the I-5 "Merge of Death." As the Governator used to say, "I'll be back."

ABOUT THE OWNERS

Saigon-born Richard Hong Luu comes from a Vietnamese restaurant family. "My uncle owned a restaurant in Saigon that only the upper class could afford - royalty, ambassadors,

corporate businessmen. The food was a combination of Vietnamese and French, from the colonial era in the country. He had to charge a lot — \$20 per dish! — because the food took a lot of labor and good ingredients."

Luu's mother is Vietnamese, his father is Chinese. "We've always had Chinese restaurants, but my mother wanted to do a Vietnamese restaurant — more fresh." In San Diego, he's been operating restaurants for 20 years, including Taste of Szechwan and Thai Cafe in Kearny Mesa. "My mom used to cook for one of the royal families in Vietnam. Many of the dishes we do are royal dishes. She used to cook here almost full time, but now she's cut back to a few hours a week. She's always cooked for lots of people. Now she's thinking of teaching cooking and writing a Vietnamese cookbook to expose more people to our authentic flavors - not the simple flavors, but the dishes from the colonial era, when the food became a combination of Vietnamese and French."



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aslamp in the morning. It's like waking up with this lady you met last night. Then, she was glamorous, funny, dazzling. Now, in the harsh light of dawn, you're noticing pimples, lines, her raspy voice.

That's the Gaslamp right now. It's about ten. People wander dazed past restaurants where waiters clank out heavy tables. Cooks in white tunics shout to each other across the street. Backpackers trudge on, kicked out from some hostel at ten, for sure. A guy outside a Starbucks asks everybody,

"Say, could you spare a couple of bucks for a Frappucino?"

Heck, they even have spare parking spots. Not that that's my problem. My problem is finding somewhere that's open for breakfast. Then, past F, I see this place where tables are out and people seem to be eating. Sun-glint aluminum chairs crowd beneath a cream-and-red striped awning. "Alambres," it says.

Oh man. Do I want Gaslamp Mexican? That has to mean *turista* food, right? And *turista* fees. But, surprise! The breakfasts are more like I.B. prices. Four, five, seven buckaroos. Two eggs, spuds, and sausage are \$4.95. Or with nopal (cactus), \$4.75. Burrito stuffed with chorizo, spuds, and eggs is \$4.95. California omelet with sausage, bacon, mushrooms, bell peppers, cheese, plus potatoes and toast is \$6.85.



"Good morning!" says this bright, middleaged guy in a red golf shirt with the "Alambres" logo in yellow. This is Gustavo, the manager. He guides me to a table in the shaded second row. Waitress named Nancy comes up. "Have you decided?" she asks.

Well, I had told myself I was eating gringo. Omelet or eggs and sausage. I order a coffee (a real deal: two bucks with endless refills). Trouble is, I love chorizo. And I know the burritos will have plenty in them.

I go for the chorizo burrito. While I'm waiting, I suddenly realize how cool it is to be sitting out here, on San Diego's nearest thing to the Grand Boulevard. You can tell it's getting nearer lunchtime. More *rico-suave* people are appearing. Gucci gals being hauled along by newly shampooed red Irish setters, bodyguard-types trailing yapper dogs as big as your kitten, the cell-phone brigade with regulation two-day-old beards, talking loudly to New York, Paris, El Cajon.

Young guy and his girlfriend turn up at the next table to have breakfast. Peder (his family's Norwegian-Swedish) talks metalwork art and orders carne asada tacos (\$6.75) and orange juice (\$2.75). Katie his girlfriend orders a strawberry French toast (\$5.00).

"This is our first time," Peder says. "I came in because I saw crêpes for \$5.00, and I wondered what Mexican crêpes would be like. But then I



guess I changed my mind."

"We show lots of football, soccer," says Gustavo. "We try to be like a Mexico City café-bar, where people use it as their social center. That's why we keep the kitchen open till 3:00 every morning."

Actually, I'm starting to like this place. It's not just a tourist trap. They have nice brass 'n' glass hanging lamps, and a clubby feel among the guys watching the soccer.

Nancy brings my breakfast on an oval Bakelite plate with frijoles and sautéed potatoes and onions, plus a little cup of salsa and a bottle of Tapatío hot sauce. It's tasty, and yes, there's plenty of it. Gustavo says the chorizo is made from longaniza pork. Now Gustavo turns up with what looks like a

golden scroll. It's a foot long.

"This is grilled cheese. *Chicharón de queso*. Try it." He offers it to everyone around. We rip off bits and dip them in salsa. Deelish. He also has a plate of *cebollitas*, small grilled onions in "Maggie's sauce," mainly Worcestershire sauce. "Not scallions, but small onions," he insists. "Appetizers." We try them, too. Man, beautiful. He says these appetizers are "about \$4.00" each.

"So many of our customers are from Mexico City," he says. "That's why we're named 'Alambres." That's why we have *Alambres*." The word *alambre* means "wire." But it turns out *alambres* are a Mexico City–style of taco. They're beef, chicken, pork, or fish on corn tortillas loaded with bell pepper, onions, and bacon. I see on the lunch menu that five of them cost \$8.65 for chicken and \$10.30 for carne asada.

"The Mexican consul himself comes here, two, maybe three times a week," says Gustavo. "He always has *alambres* with rib eye [\$12.69]."

But Gustavo says the real action here starts late, maybe midnight. "You ought to come by, say one o'clock on a Friday night," he says. "Then you'll see the crowd we get from both cultures. It's something. We get many Jewish Mexicans. They are a sophisticated crowd. And before, we used to have good numbers of young Muslims. Saudis, Lebanese. Like us, they socialized late. And they liked Mexican girls, too. But since 9/11 they have stayed away."

Who knew there were cross-cultural currents ebbing and flowing here?

"Uh, is it, like, okay," I say as I pay up, "to just come, buy a coffee or beer, and hang out? Not eat?"

"My friend, no problem. That's what we're here for."

Huh. Suddenly I'm not feeling such a stranger here in the Gaslamp. Now I've got somewhere to drop anchor and watch the Avenue turn back into that glittering, saucy gal she was last night. ■

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The Place: Alambres Mexican Grill, 756 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, (619) 233-2838 **Type of Food:** Mexican

Prices: Two-egg breakfast with potatoes, sausage, \$4.95; with nopal (cactus), \$4.75; chorizo burrito with potatoes, eggs, \$4.95; California omelet with sausage, bacon, mushrooms, bell peppers, cheese, potatoes, toast, \$6.85; strawberry French toast, \$5.00; carne asada tacos, \$6.75; alambres (five corn tortillas with bell pepper, onions, bacon), with carne asada, \$10.30; chicken, \$8.65; rib eye, \$12.69; tlalpeño soup, \$4.25 **Hours:** 9:00 a.m.–3:00 a.m., daily

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White or Light Or Sweet or Pink

"I think we have more of a finger on the pulse of what women really want."

y background was not in this business," says Julie Brosterman, founder of Women & Wine. "I was a strategist in the mortgage and real estate industry." "Strategist" in a business context may

mean a lot of things, but for the sake of this discussion, let's limit it to the strategy of marketing making a product appealing to a certain demographic. In this case, the product is wine, the demographic is women, and Brosterman is strategizing. Brosterman says that up to

now, there's been an "excessive marketing of what I call 'the Virginia Slims of wine.' " As women have been increasingly recognized as a significant wine-buying demographic, "Interesting studies have come out. In the first half of 2005, large wine companies started marketing a lot of wines specifically for women, and they were white or light or sweet or pink — pink being White Zinfandel or something like that. Then, about three-quarters of the way through last year, a study came out, and 57 percent of the women surveyed said they preferred red wine. You just feel like there's this great disconnect between

what is being marketed to women and what



women really want. I think we have more of a finger on the pulse of what women really want." What do women really want? Before we an-

swer that, let's let Brosterman acknowledge that the large wine companies aren't totally clueless.

Even if they're wrong about what's in the bottle, they do seem to be getting a few things right when it comes to supermarket-aisle buyers: "I think there's a big trend out there to create products that will appeal to women on the shelf by the name, or the bottling, or that sort of thing. It's such a compet-

itive business that they're doing whatever they can. I compare it a little bit to the cosmetics industry. When you're walking through the cosmetics counters and they're just exploding with product," you tend to notice "the ones that have the prettier packaging or the bright colors that appeal to you, or something sexy or subtle or whatever. Walking through the wine aisle is the exact same thing. It's a very visual connection, especially when there's nobody to give you any guidance. You find that you respond to the labels that are attractive."

But, thinks Brosterman, just because you respond to that pretty label doesn't mean you're happy about it. "We think women are smart," she says, speaking for her company. "They don't like to be marketed to. They're put off by some of these brands, because they suspect that they're being made by someone who's not taking women's interest in wine seriously." What they do like is "recommendations.' Even at the grab 'n' go supermarket level, We just want to make sure that they know that there are

better choices — they may be wines that don't spend as much on marketing or wines from different countries, like Chile or Spain, where they're not spending as much money on marketing."

And how does Women & Wine convince harried shoppers that they have the goods on the better choices? By giving them what they want by bringing to women the message that "wine is a story about a person and a place that produces it. That makes women connect — the whole idea of buying things based on stories, more than scores or ratings." Brosterman's research showed her that "a 96 from Robert Parker meant more to a man than it did to a woman."

Women & Wine stepped into the gap. "We're kind of a next-generation storytelling sort of company," says Brosterman. Generally, "The trend in luxury marketing is to tell a story to create a bond between the customer and the brand. I think

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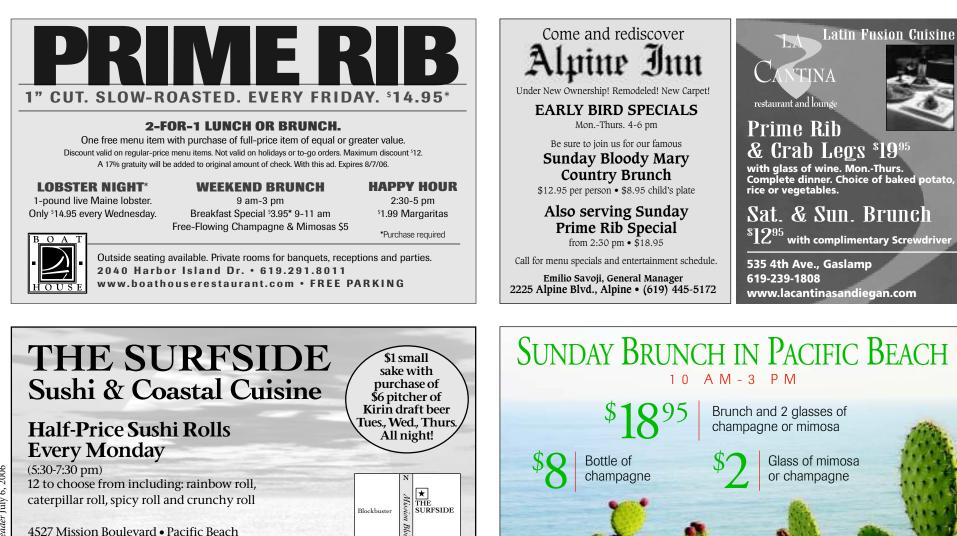
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What do women really want?

that's what we're especially good at. Let the customer decide if it's something that appeals to them, but tell it in a way that is not just saying, 'Buy this,' but saying, 'This is quality. And the reason this is quality is because of this painstaking process, or this very limited release.' Not an advertorial, but a real story, even if it's about a new wine program in a hotel or a chef that's doing a wine-pairing dinner. It's written from a very personal and intimate basis — a look inside."

It may be a general trend in luxury marketing, but it also seems uniquely suited to wine, with its broad array of storytelling possibilities winemaker to vineyard to vintage to varietal, and on and on. And it's working. "We have a lot of respect from people in the wine industry who want to see us succeed and think this is a great message for cultivating the woman customer. The more knowledge and information a woman has,



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4527 Mission Boulevard • Pacific Beach Dinner Sun.-Thurs. 5:30-10:30 pm, Fri. & Sat. 5:30-11 pm (Across from Blockbuster) the greater her comfort level, the greater chance that she's going to reach out and try new products."

And, crucially, it's information of a certain kind. "People reach out to us because they like the messaging and the style of the messaging. I think it really enables them to tell their story in a different way. It's not about the score or the rating, and we try to showcase wines that are not being heavily marketed to women. The ultimate compliment is that a lot of major companies are retooling their websites to be more lifestyle-focused - to tell a story for the purposes of getting people to connect with their brand."

Industry support is helpful, of course, but Women & Wine aspires to be, first and foremost, a trusted consumer source. It doesn't exist to promote this or that wine. "What we're doing is telling a story to get people to connect with the idea of having wine as a part of their life then learning the different stories so that they can choose the brands that they like." They write about and recommend particular wines, but, says Brosterman, "We're not partnered with any one in particular. We don't write about any wines we don't like. We recommend wines that we do like, but we don't compare one to another. Our wine club

is really about value and finding wines that other people would not discover on their own. Maybe they're from an unusual location."

The model has worked; the strategy has paid off. The company newsletter goes out to around 15,000 readers, and that's just the beginning of Women & Wine's services, which range from travel packages to wines for book clubs to wine-themed articles and radio broadcasts to a host of other projects currently in the works. "I think people have responded so positively because we add a level of intelligence, and we have fun with what we're doing. It's not silly, but it is fun."

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Beach Grass Cafe 159 South Coast Highway 101 (one block south of Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the orig-inal recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and "Beach Benedict" with eggs and house made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multiethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like "Moroccan crabcakes" and the fish 'n' yam chips (with fine housemade tar-tar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive.

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/01)

- N.W. (6/05)

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

En Familia Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb - the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* bat-ter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Pacifica Del Mar Del Mar Plaza 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar. 858-792-1803 The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/ California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's ca pacifies, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. "Pacifica Dine-In" offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. -N.W. (6/05)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282, Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inchthick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. - N.W. (10/01) Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too; try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French

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and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-andham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than







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ten accommodated. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. - N.W. (12/03)

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, blocklong Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, espe cially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music Thursday through Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. -N.W. (3/02)

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on

Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpen-sive. — E.B. (10/02)

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by the-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. - E.W. (6/98)

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Com erce Street. behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a mari-nade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. - E.W.

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house special-ties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Cor-porate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open weekdays, from 10:30 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (3/02)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1 Dac Biet Xe Lua, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They adver-

tise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to de-light Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Also, enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, yeal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casualelegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — *S.M.* (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escon dido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bar-gain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many healthconscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao, ma la*, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, fla vorful yeal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie - save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. N.W. (6/01)

LA JOLLA

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla 858-454-0100. Reservations are a ne Jolla. cessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce excepat lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. N.W. (11/00)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have

to make it through the laptop-clack-ing, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a fill-ing breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pan-nwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal picatta, and bistecca (a grilled ribeye steak) round out the entrées. Por tions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Sat-urday and Sunday. Moderate. — SM'(7/04)

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the nicoise salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — E.W. (12/99)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings,

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and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (*10/00*)

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly housemade, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with everpresent rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Bale French Sandwich Shop

4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguven started this back in 1980. and her prices haven't changed they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French bet-ter than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French - that makes this hard to beat Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voila*! Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive downhome dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — *N.W. (9/02)*

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honeyglazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess." Happy Hour is weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in. This little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-footlong, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, vou can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open 10 a.m. to mid-night, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — (5/05)

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 610, 810, 1017

Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

THE BEACHES

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are guaraná, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaï*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," prato *feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked brigadeiro. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the forro ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes at 8 p.m. Monday Tuesday. Inexpensive. and E.B. (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the pork *lau lau* (pork and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked *kalua* pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environ-mentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions. tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/03)

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and fla-vorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the toro, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)







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Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don't miss the ama-ebi with crisp shrimp heads, atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for chawan-mushi (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san*'s away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. N.W. (11/00)

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La Fachada 20 25th Street (near Commercial Street), Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything any time. The 24-hour restaurant near the trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too - maybe because

the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great *Caldo Siete Mares* and *Vuelva a la Vida*, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive, · (6/05)

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've even craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's Caldo 7 Mares (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called Vuelva a la vida: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flag-ship branch open until 11 p.m. on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market and 25th and Imperial.) Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and gar-lic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Bakery open mornings; restaurant lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/00)

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sun-days, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted veg-etables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. -E.B. (10/01)

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk poli-tics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or por-tobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. In expensive to barely moderate. -N.W. (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering - and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. -E.B. (9/04)

Jimmy's 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this familyfriendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Éggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00) Lemon Grove Fish-N-Chips 2605 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove,

619-462-6212. Snapper, cod, whiting, and catfish seem to go down better here at sunset on the deck looking across the valley to Old Lemon Grove. Even more so the salmon. It's wild, but the prices aren't. Even the plain ol' fish and chips

taste fresh, with crispy batter and good malt vinegar. The coleslaw (it's made with raisins) freshens your mouth up for the next round. You get the feeling these guys really care. Plus plenty of the sides you'd expect, like zucchini sticks and hush puppies. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive - E.B. (4/05)

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant 3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Hong Kongstyle Cantonese menu runs to many dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (9/99)

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, an-

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gled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all nineteen of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a buildyour-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems, For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. -E.B. (4/05)

Taste of African Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb, goat, and camel meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti - common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/05)

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes* of Wrath, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. – E.B. (11/00)

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sour-dough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently chang-Heights, ing menu tries to embrace several dis parate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Ries-lings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention,

and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination - pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (6/02)

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the Hillcrest. door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry—luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Three meals Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (line at door on Sunday). — E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old

Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorners. Optional valet parking \$5. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. - N.W. (10/02)

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business. this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house special-ties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and din-ner, seven days. Moderate. — EB(5/04)

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopoli tan palate. Among the don't-miss items

are the outstanding aushak (spring onion ravioli) and mantu (groundmeat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (9/02)

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.W. (11/98)

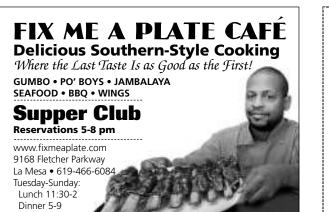
Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipi-tous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rus-tic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky shashlik (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. weekends. Moderate. on N.W. (1/04)

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken, and a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: " a shrimp patty shrimp wrap, wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Sushi Itto Sushi Itto, 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don' come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain nigiri — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (8/05)

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor

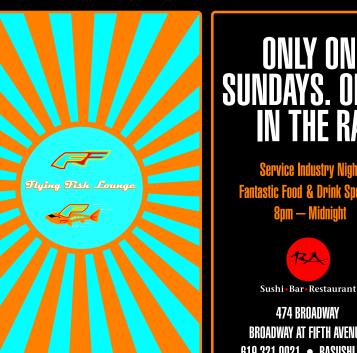




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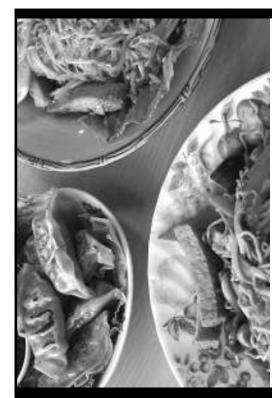
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DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of fakee, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe lentil soup, and an appetizer, like spanakopita (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't de-spise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday

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Bud's Louisiana Food Shop 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chefowner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat-in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupacupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items inter-mittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Closed Sunday and Mon-day. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/05) Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar

(near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Star-bucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Mae-stro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

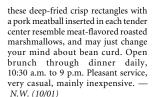
Candelas 416 Third Avenue. Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here - Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in alta cocina, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioneers. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, re-quired on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — N.W. (1/04)

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered - like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most

with shellfish), and individual pizzas plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon; two vegan pastas; or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W. (12/02)

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood **Restaurant** 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the grease less fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all



The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping across the road to this cellardive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheese-burger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, or the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap. Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch till late afternoon. Inexpensive. - E.B. (9/04)

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)

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for



three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday menudo. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684 Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially spitini - veal rolled around two cheeses. onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thai-land and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fatfest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar, Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. -N.W. (10/04)

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio:* skewer after skewer of *chur-rasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread in-cludes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazil-ian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut



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Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various sa-vory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour fesenjan (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your fesenjan dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rose-water ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. - N.W. (12/00)

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hvatt, 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 72 hours to a week's 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)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish en-

trées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, in-teresting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cin-derella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reserva-tions strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. -N.W. (2/01)

The Westgate Gourmet Deli-catessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. Among the menu items offered, the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scal-lops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. -E.B. (9/01)

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Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted hal-

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Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), Na-tional City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 tional City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu - a



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hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/00)

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Diniguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — E.B. (9/04)

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but it has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, tom kah (spicy coconut), and tom vum (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious panang coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch through dinner six days; closed Mondays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (3/06)

Parisi's Italian Restaurant 323 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they don't just open cans. Nick and Rosemary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the eggplant or veal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned *Moonstruck* Italian. Lunch and dinner six days, late lunch and dinner Sundays. — E.B. (4/05)

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls

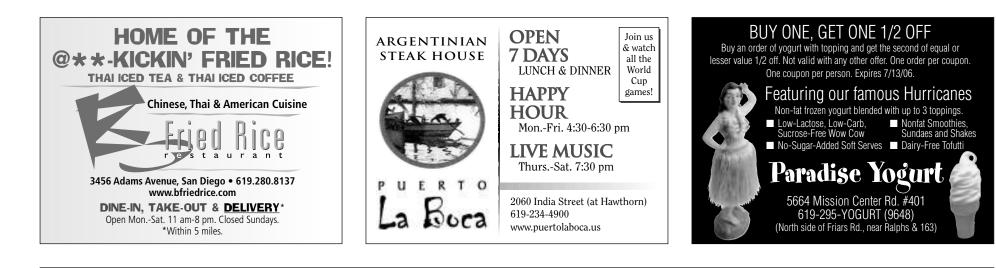
and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring topquality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelicotouched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (at 10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying

the saté, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday; dinner only Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. N.W. (9/00)

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Cien Aqos Calle José Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, pozole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries: vou're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup hors d'oeurvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. -E.B. (3/05)

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ense-nada, near CESUN Universidad), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Lena Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("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 mow

ers 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)

Malecon de Puerto Nuevo Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-mar-ket on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with stan-dard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter - and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder sub-stitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. -N.W. (11/02)

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneer ing "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. — N.W. (9/04)

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an oc-topus with multiple arms in Puerto

Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and antojitos, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which fea-tures reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knowswhere) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W. (11/02)

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Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Pe tite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut - just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — E.B. (2/03)

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas,

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Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American iden-tity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and airlight drop biscuits are fine as can be The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. - N.W. (2/02)

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he media drumbeat for *Superman Returns* — is Superman, like God, dead? is Superman gay? is he Christopher Reeve? is he George Reeves? and who the hell is Brandon Routh? — did not make me think

about any of the raised issues so much as it made me think about the drumbeat for *Mission: Impossible III, The*

Da Vinci Code, X-Men: The Last Stand, The Break-Up, The Omen, et al. We are barely halfway through the summer, and already the march of blockbusters is receding into the mists, marcher by marcher. This, too, shall pass, and at the pace of life today it shall pass in a great big hurry.

As you must know by now, *Superman Returns* is a true sequel, unlike last summer's *Batman Begins*, which was a sort of start-over, but very much like the previous Batman movies which simply kept recasting Batman. And even truer than those insofar as the new Superman and his new Clark Kent alter ego, the little-known Brandon Routh, not only bears a creepy physical resemblance to Christopher Reeve (while challenging Colin Farrell for the blackest brows in the

business), but he also patterns his performance on Reeve's so closely as to constitute an "impression," and so uncanny an impression that he, right up there with the Rich Littles and Frank Gorshins, leaves no room for

doubt as to whom he is "doing." (The movie is expressly dedicated to Reeve "with love and respect.") Yet it isn't

just the sameness of Superman that forges the link. Even before Routh makes his entrance, we hear the familiar voice of the late Marlon Brando as the superhero's father, Jor-El, from the 1978 blast-off of the series, and throughout we hear the same Richard Strauss-ian musical themes by John Williams. The line continues.

The hiatus, nineteen years since Reeve's fourth and final appearance in the part, is put down here as only a fiveyear break while Superman, getting in touch with his inner existentialist, was chasing through the galaxy after the last remnant of his native planet, Krypton, and finding out once and for all that he is alone in the universe. In his absence, Lois Lane has won a Pulitzer for her editorial, "Why the World Doesn't Need Superman," has taken up with



a new live-in boyfriend (nephew of the *Daily Planet* editor, Perry White), and has mothered a five-year-old son, an age that ought to trigger an alarm bell long before the tot shoves a piano across the room. The prize-winning editorial, once he gets the chance to read it, causes the Man of Steel to feel more pain than, say, a point-blank bullet in the eye ("You wrote that the world doesn't need a savior, but every day I hear people crying out for one"), and regardless of what types of viewers enjoy looking at a well-muscled man in tights, any attempt to fan a Superman-as-gay flame will be snuffed by the central plot thread of the hero mooning over Lois in both of his guises, Superman Returns

even resorting to X-ray voyeurism outside her love nest — though of course never sinking to the unchivalrous ogling savored by the mortal hero, for example, of X — the Man with the X-Ray Eyes.

If this latest installment in the series, directed by Bryan Singer of *The Usual Suspects* and the first two *X*-



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Men movies, plays up any new angle, it would be Superman-as-Christ, with the label of "savior" repeatedly affixed to him, and his Wizard-of-Oz father heard to say, regarding his dispatch to the third planet, "For this reason above all - their capacity for good -I have sent them you, my only son," and the climactic staging of a Passion Play of torture, mockery, "death," and resurrection. (The image of him that graces the press kit, an overhead angle on a free-floating figure, feet together and arms out at his sides, high above the surface of the earth, vaguely evokes the Salvador Dalí painting, Christ of St. John of the Cross.) But if the blasphemies of The Da Vinci Code could blow over in a week or two, the false idolatry of Superman Returns should never raise a breeze.

The major advantage of a true sequel, namely sparing us the necessity of going back to square one, has been somewhat offset by the modern mania for mythic, epic, operatic grandeur, puffing up and dragging out every little thing. We still have to sit through a flashback to Superman's childhood discovery of his powers amid the cornfields and havstacks of the Kent family farm. (Now occupied solely by Eva Marie Saint, reteamed with Brando for the first time on screen since On the Waterfront.) And there's still a wait of three-quarters of an hour until the first quick-change from dumb Clark to Super-Duper. The Lois-and-Clark business remains as absurd and as boring as ever: take away the glasses, curl a forelock, *et voilà*! And Kevin Spacey's incarnation of Lex Luthor, though sneerier than Gene Hackman's, is still too campy and condescending to be taken seriously, even when his apocalyptic vision of world domination is enacted on a toy-train set, or even when it's enacted on a full-scale Metropolis. Nevertheless, the special effects of an ocean-floor shockwave rippling beneath the city are well done, and not overdone, and Superman's superpowers have indisputably been enhanced by CGI. For people, whoever they may be, who might honestly have wanted another Superman movie, this is at most a serviceable one, and at the same time a most inefficient one. The major disadvantage of a true sequel, meanwhile, is that there's no undoing of the wrong turn when Superman and Lois, like Jesus and Mary Magdalene, bumped uglies. No longer is he so alone.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (another drumbeat, please), a sequel after a mere three-year layoff, and once again under the direction of Gore Verbinski, seems a safer bet. Or rather, investment. Johnny Depp's heavily eyeshadowed, thick-tongued pirate got to be something of a tired act before the end of the first one. And a two-and-a-half-hour kiddie film goes against all traditional wisdom and common sense. And the tonnage of costumes, makeup, lighting effects, set decorations, CGI, etc., does not make it go any faster. And lastly, the up-inthe-air, to-be-continued ending is as big a cheat, as enormous an imposition, as that of The Empire Strikes Back or Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, the time-filling middle sections of their respective trilogies. But maybe that's just me. Objectively viewed, the film looks like nothing so much as an ornate collection plate, the size of Australia, to be passed around the Disney congregation. The gathered pile should easily finance the manufacture of a new plate the size of Antarctica.

Much more fun than either of these

overstocked rumpus rooms is Lemming, a crafty and craftsmanly French thriller from the maker of With a Friend Like Harry, Dominik Moll, Like Harry, it deals with the erosive effects of one couple (or anyhow one-half of one couple) on another, in this case an older couple on a younger couple, a dysfunctional couple on a "model couple." (It even has another mountain chalet as a setting, albeit brief.) A small rodent indigenous to northern Scandinavia and inexplicably extricated from a pipe under a kitchen sink in southern France makes a contribution to the erosion as well. The movie, very measured and steady in its development, might be almost too much fun, might take too much delight in its devilry, a cold-blooded Chabrolian assault on bourgeois contentment, undercutting the suspense with snickers. Certainly the well-tuned ensemble, Laurent Lucas (looking a bit like an earlier Laurent, surname Terzieff), Charlotte Gainsbourg, Charlotte Rampling, and André Dussollier, waste little effort on winning sympathy, yet they manage to generate tremendous tension in their dialogues: more excitement than you can buy with a computer-animated, many-tentacled

sea monster (Pirates) or instant crystal island (Superman). An apparent drift into the supernatural realm I wouldn't want to reveal too much here — runs the risk of losing the viewer. I myself have no objection to a realistic depiction of the paranormal. My only objection would be that it is unrealistically unaddressed. These people address everything else.

Wordplay had the bad luck to come to town when I was preoccupied with Army of Shadows, and had to settle for an inconspicuous capsule. But it, in a very different way, is a lot of fun too.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Army of Shadows — Falling between Le ourai and Le Cercle Rouge, this would appear in some ways, at least superficial ways, to be Jean-Pierre Melville's most "personal" project, deviating from the archetypal, abstract, imitation-American

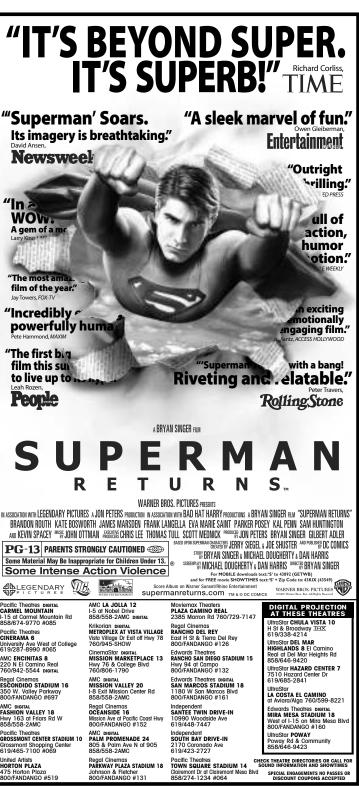
gangster films with which he is most identified, veering instead toward his first-hand experiences as a Jew in the French Resistance. No matter how large the element of autobiography in it, the actual source of the film is a novel by Joseph Kessel, author of Belle de Jour (of all things), and it's safe to say that this is a Melville film for people who want more overt "substance," more basis in reality, and above all more virtue in their outlaws. That's not to say that people who just want more trench-coated gangsters will be left out in the cold. Or out, rather, in the warm. It is possible, to some extent, to fit pieces of the film into a classic crime-story pattern: jail time, jailbreak, revenge on a rat, caper plans, recruitments, betrayals, and so forth. But the extent of that is limited. The tautness and unity of a Melville gangster film have here been supplanted by the episodic, the discursive, the desultory, and the disjointed, stretching out to a taxing two and a half hours. (The assortment of first-person and third-person narrators is one gauge of the disunity.) While the gray-blue colorless color carries on the look of Le Samourai, the carrying-on is markedly less artful with Pierre Lhomme as cameraman in place of Henri Decaë. And the actual camerawork evinces the slippage toward expedient, lazy zoom shots (one camera set-up where two are called for) that became so conspicuous in Le Cercle Rouge and so detrimental to the director's reputation for masterful control. Lino Ventura, Paul Meurisse, Simone Signoret, Jean-Pierre Cassel, Claude Mann, Paul Crauchet, 1969.

★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 7/6)

The Break-Up - Battle-of-the-sexes romantic comedy accurately hits numerous notes of stridency, nastiness, pain, and so on, and next to none of laughter. More of an unromantic uncomedy. (The screenwriters, Jeremy Garelick and Jav Lavender, and the director, Peyton Reed, are all male, so no equal representation.) Vince Vaughn, Mr. Glib, comes across as too insouciant to be truly involved, and in order to convey a scintilla of commitment he must resort to the devices of Burt Lancaster as pointed out by Vincent Canby: he "acts with his hair." Or in Vaughn's case, his hairpieces, sporting a mild approximation of a 1950s rockand-roller's pompadour for special occasions but favoring otherwise something resembling a scoop of hot fudge, creating continuity problems when he huffs out of dinner parties looking like Fabian but, a bit later at his favorite watering hole, looking more like Tony Bennett. Jennifer Aniston, Miss Coppertone 2002-06, does better at acting engaged, but the chemistry of the couple, the basis for their relationship, is never established beyond a pre-credits meet-cute at Wrigley Field and a behindthe-credits photo montage in which they look as well matched as Scott and Laci Peterson. The least you can say about the res-

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olution is that it does not totally betray what precedes it. With Joey Lauren Adams, Jon Favreau, Judy Davis. 2006. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RAN-CHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Cars — The Pixar people, director John Lasseter in particular, envision a world of cars without people (Mommy, where do cars come from?), but of course anthropomorphized cars, such that the windshields are eyes and the hoods, grilles, and front bumpers form noses and mouths. The vision focusses chiefly on a hot-shot rookie race car called Lightning McQueen, who, en route to the Piston Cup championship on the West Coast, gets stalled in the sleepy little backwater of Radiator Springs (soon christened "Hillbilly Hell") off Route 66 ("the Mother Road"), which time and the interstate have passed by. Whether or not you can steer around the irony, or hypocrisy, or cynicism, or what-you-will, of a computer cartoon waxing nostalgic over the slower pace and simpler ways of the Good Old Days, this is one of the better specimens of this type of animation, the airless, vacuum-sealed, climate-controlled, machine-tooled type. The clean, sleek, toylike shapes of the vehicles (straight out of an old Chevron commercial) are easily handled, and their personalities inventively differentiated. The town itself is wittily detailed: the single flashing yellow light on Main Street, the caution-cone motel cabins, the geodesic-dome garage for the psychedelic hippie van, etc. And, outside of the herd of flatulent tractors, the sense of humor refrains from the off-color. And having to listen to Owen Wilson is much preferable to having to look at him at the same time. Paul Newman, a racing enthusiast in real life, could be said to be well cast as the voice of the legendary Hudson Hornet, Piston Cup champ from 1951 to '53, who chose to put himself out to pasture at the height of his powers and to live out his years in peaceful obscurity. 2006.

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Click — Clunk. Patented Adam Sandler blend of juvenile misconduct and remorseful moralism. In the Beyond department at a Bed Bath and Beyond, an angel (Christopher Walken, looking more like a mad scientist) gives a "universal remote" to a harried workaholic, allowing him to mute the barking dog, fast-forward through a marital spat, slo-mo a busty jogger, replay scenes from his past (with audio commentary by James Earl Jones), change the tint on his own flesh tone (the best idea cinematically). and so on. Fortunately events take a serious turn, or there would have been no laughs whatsoever. With Kate Beckinsale, David Hasselhoff, Sean Astin, Jennifer Coolidge, Henry Winkler, and Julie Kavner; directed by Frank Coraci. 2006.

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The Da Vinci Code — Nonsensical retelling of the Dan Brown best-seller, premised on "the greatest cover-up in human history," namely the murderously guarded secret that Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene married and multiplied. (The additional premise that the disclosure of the secret would have the immediate effect of liberating the oppressed worldwide and bringing about an epoch of peace and harmony, and that nothing would please the Catholic Church less, seems dubious in the extreme.) The movie is of course its own separate matter, and inasmuch as it's a Ron Howard movie it's pretty much what we could have predicted, something dogged, diligent, uninspired, overproduced, and crowd-pleasing or at least crowd-pandering. The grainy, color-drained flashbacks, ranging back to the traumatic childhoods of the two principals - a symbologist and a cryptologist - and back, back, back to the Dark Ages, Ancient Rome, and the aftermath of the Crucifixion, testify to the unwieldiness of the transfer from page to screen. The trajectory of the narrative is an odd, dash-and-dot line of breathless chase interrupted by long-winded discourse on religion, Church history, Renaissance art, etc., a high-speed quest for the Holy Grail broken off for pedantic exegesis of what the Grail actually is. Tom Hanks, even with longer hair, does not make a credible longhair. Audrey Tautou speaks English well enough to expand the market for her elfin cuteness. And Ian McKellen carries on in the grand tradition of stage-trained British thespians who have fallen in love with the sounds of their own voices. Still, the movie ought to be cut some slack for its abstinence from pyrotechnics, albeit no abstinence from high technology. And some more slack for its stress on the mental aspects of detective work, although even the code-breaking proceeds at a breakneck pace. And maybe, too, a bit more slack for its crescendo of rhetoric to a pitch typically in the upper range of apocalyptic science fiction. But that might altogether be too much slack for a movie with an acute predisposition to hang itself. Paul Bettany, Jean Reno, Alfred Molina, 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM

The Devil Wears Prada - Workinggirl comedy in the vein of, oh, say, Working Girl, the eager, gifted, underemployed, and underpaid secretary ("A million girls would kill for that job") and the imperious, capricious, queen-bee boss. An ice queen, more descriptively, with snow-white hair, just a bit of sludge showing through at the neck, and an anemic, cryonic complexion. Meryl Streep, in the latter part, is interesting as always, talking in a narcotized, uninflected voice that betrays no emotion deeper than a sigh. But Anne Hathaway, talking with a clothespin on her nose, doesn't quite fill the bill as "the smart fat girl." Or to put it more flatteringly, the offenses of her weight and her wardrobe are not overstated. Disappointingly, the possibilities of the fashionindustry setting, from Lauren Weisberger's fang-baring novel, largely go by in a blur of

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montages and a blizzard of name-dropping. With Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt, Simon Baker, and Adrien Grenier; directed by David Frankel. 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 18; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Goal! The Dream Begins — An illegal Mexican landscaper, a one-man wrecking crew in a weekend soccer league in L. A., catches the eye of a vacationing Brit and sails through a course of low hurdles (a defeatist father, asthma, English weather) to secure a spot on the roster of Newcastle United. Insipid inspirationalism from Disney's sports department. With Kuno Becker, Stephen Dillane, Alessandro Nivola, and Anna Friel; directed by Danny Cannon. 2006. (GASLAMP 15)

An Inconvenient Truth — A documentary for the Don't-Blame-Me-I-Voted-for-Gore crowd. It has a nominal director, Davis Guggenheim, but it's Al Gore's show, a self-described "slide show," or illustrated lecture, and not really a movie, to do with the causes and effects of global warming. This is laid out explicitly as less a political issue than "a moral issue," and laid out, tacitly, as a doomsday science-fiction scenario (think The Day after Tomorrow, think Waterworld, or if you're a reader, think The Drowned World or The Kraken Wakes), with a wealth of facts and figures for substantiation. "I've been trying to tell this story for a long time," remarks our lecturer, who estimates that he has delivered the presentation a thousand times around the globe, "and I feel as if I've failed to get the message across." Thus the movie. A new medium, a new conveyance. Needless to say, the identity of the messenger will by itself be enough to persuade a large fraction of the public to stay clear, on the presumption that all he wants to do is to take away from their annual stock dividends. They will miss an interesting, entertaining, and alarming show. 2006. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: FLOWER HILL 4: HILL-

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GOING OUT... OR STAYING IN?

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The King — The bastard son of a Corpus Christi minister (Glad Tidings congregation) tracks down his father, upon release from the Navy, to make his life miserable. Gael García Bernal keeps his cards close to the vest — no bad thing — but a dim image and a stagnant pace defuse the tension. With William Hurt, Pell James, and Laura Harring; directed by James Marsh. 2006. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Lake House — Irrationally romantic remake of a South Korean film with the Italian name of Il Mare, set in a Lifetime Channel fantasyland where every romantic hero is an architect (the artistic businessman), every romantic heroine is a doctor (the nurturing career woman), and every dream house is on the water (the boundless homestead). Into this boilerplate is introduced what we must call a time wrinkle, a two-year time barrier that separates the occupants of a see-through house on stilts -"Le Corbusier meets Frank Lloyd Wright" - who are able to correspond with one another, and fall in love without the risk of actually having to keep company, through the agency of a magic mailbox. Only the most thoroughly enraptured viewer will be able to suppress petty thoughts of stock tips, Super Bowl outcomes, etc., that might have been passed down profitably from the future. And even the most minimally attentive viewer will be able, from far away, to see where events are tragically headed, and to wonder whether fate can (or ought to be) altered, and to brace for the sorts of time-travel conundrums that ultimately seem, well, a waste of time. Still, the initial disclosure and additional development of the situation are smooth and deft, and the glossy photography makes effective if infrequent use of Chicago's architectural glories. The Argentine director, Alejandro Agresti, is chiefly known for Valentin, which is to say chiefly known for schmaltz. He doesn't struggle against his typecasting. The on-screen casting, meanwhile, has been calculated with an eve for publicity - the two Speed freaks, Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock, together again, at around 15 mph - rather than an eye for the actual qualities they might bring to their roles. At this point in their lives, forty-two years apiece, the foremost quality they bring is middle-age denial. Their chemistry, if any, rarely enters into it. It's in



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Get Showtimes And Tickets Now 444-FILM or MOVIEFONE.COM Sponsored by San Diego Reader the nature of things that their respective chemical components are kept incombustibly apart. Dylan Walsh, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Christopher Plummer. 2006. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CEN-TER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Lemming — Reviewed this issue. With Laurent Lucas, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Charlotte Rampling, and André Dussollier; directed by Dominik Moll. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 7/7 THROUGH 13)

Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man - Part concert film, part interview film. The titular singer-songwriter takes no part in the tributary concert, called "Came So Far for Beauty" and staged at the Sydney Opera House in January of 2005, but he dominates the interviews, along with Bono and The Edge of the rock group U2, who take no part in the concert either, but accompany Cohen in a single addendum number, Tower of Song," recorded at the Slipper Room in New York City. The filmmaker, Lian Lunson, feels at liberty to drop bits of the interviews, disruptively, into the instrumental middles of the concert pieces. Of these, Martha Wainwright's rendition of "The Traitor," in unwavering closeup, is particularly spellbinding, despite the disruption. Cohen himself is a low-key charmer, counterbalanced by the pretentious pronouncements of the two U2-ers. With Rufus Wainwright, Nick Cave, Antony, Jarvis Cocker, Beth Orton, Kate and Anna McGarrigle. 2006 ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 7/7)

The Lost City — In his directorial debut, Andy Garcia conjures the city of his birth, the city of his infancy. Havana in transition between Batista and Castro. A labor of love, presumably, but laborious positively, a limp epic of flat, underlit visuals and sententious, pretentious dialogue. "Havana is no longer a capital city, but a capital sin.³ "Havana is very much like a rose. It has petals and it has thorns, so it depends on how you grab it, but in the end it always grabs you." And so on. Bill Murray plays the jester who hangs around Garcia's El Tropico nightclub, in a seersucker suit with short pants, but his lines are written no better than anyone else's. Inés Sastre, Tomas Milian, Millie Perkins, and (as Meyer Lansky) Dustin Hoffman. 2006. (HORTON PLAZA 14, THROUGH 7/6)

Mission: Impossible III — The throbbing Lalo Schifrin theme music from the original late-Sixties TV show is still the best thing about this third mission, as it was about the first two. It's hard to decide what's the worst thing. Tom Cruise would be a too-easy fall guy. Granted, he seems to be getting worse and worse as an actor. (His brief disguise as a Czech citizen at the airport bears a striking resemblance to his Ron Kovic in Born on the Fourth of July, a reminder of an earlier and better phase.) Yet Cruise is really no more than a cog in the machine. A better actor might supply more grease, but he could not retool the machine. J.J. Abrams, the new director, the third director in three films, a TV director in his feature-film debut, is himself closer to a cog than were either of his forerunners, lacking their established personalities. But that's not necessarily a bad thing, a worse thing, when the established personalities are as gaudy as Brian De Palma's and as grotesque as John Woo's. On a project such as this, there's only so much a director can do, and most of what he can do is to make matters worse. The film — the series — the franchise --- remains fatally committed to the ideal of action as swift, smooth, precise, pre-rehearsed, and worry-free as a Cirque du Soleil production number. ("This is intelligence," Laurence Fishburne, the IMF commander, remarks at one point. "So far I haven't seen any." Of athletics and acrobatics we see plenty.) The film remains committed, too, to that lazy and alienating device of the latex mask which will enable anybody, good guy or bad, to assume the

identity of anybody else, bad guy or good. And it's an open question whether these masks are less bad here because they are hand-me-downs or even worse because they were held onto: less bad, that is, because innocently inherited or worse because uncritically accepted. The plot is perhaps too slight to be a legitimate contender for Worst Thing: the black-market sale of something code-named the Rabbit's Foot, of which we know only the price (\$850 million) and nothing more. Nor do we ever know more. Nor, to be frank, do we ever care to. And a late, a last, a still less legitimate contender for Worst Thing would be the hip-hop title song by Kanye West, "Impossible," over the closing credits. This, though, can be easily avoided by heading for the exit, with all due speed, to the final reprise of that Lalo Schifrin theme. Philip Seymour Hoffman, Michelle Monaghan, Billy Crudup, Ving Rhames. 2006. (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green — Totally unvivacious

gay comedy about Mr. Picky looking for Mr. Perfect. Not only shot digitally, but projected in theaters that way, as if further to encourage the moviegoer to wait for the DVD. Or eternity. With Daniel Letterle, Diego Serrano, David Monahan, and Meredith Baxter; directed by George Bamber. 2006.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 7/6)

Nacho Libre — Nothing if not esoteric: a backhanded salute to Mexican wrestling movies - campy superhero adventures of masked luchadores with names like Santo and Blue Demon - and, more broadly, the whole south-of-the-border wrestling subculture. Odd, offbeat, outlandish as it is, it makes a fitting, albeit unforeseeable, followup to Napoleon Dynamite for its director, Jared Hess. The hero here is a mere wannabe, the potbellied cook in a Catholic orphanage in Oaxaca by day, and by night one-half of a hapless tag team alongside a skin-and-bones petty thief who has been filching the orphanage's donated tortilla chips. The hero's mask and mission will take on Zorro-esque overtones when a pruriently interesting nun, immaculately acted by Ana de la Reguera, lays down the law: "These men fight for vanity, for money, for false pride." Better, a lightbulb goes on over his head, to fight for a school bus to take the orphans on "field trips and stuff." The gags and their laughs are appropriately small - e.g., the pronunciation of "nitty-gritty" with a Mexican accent, or the amorous come-on of a late-night snack of burnt toast, or the Spartan training exercises utilizing such handy resources as a cow pie and a beehive — and Hess's squared-up, flattened-out compositions are the visual equivalent of a deadpan delivery. Fat jokes and fart jokes serve, to a greater extent than desirable, to offset the esoterica. As does that John Belushi-like Joe Blow Jack Black, working his eyebrows, nostrils, lips, etc., with all the expressiveness, the emotiveness, of a Mexican pop singer, and sporting, in addition to his robin's-egg tights with cardinal trim, a 1970s curly perm and gigolo's mustache. The whole thing might seem mildly insulting of all things Mexican, not just wrestling culture and warped English, but religion, music, food (a corncob on a stick), everything. The sympathetic (while still sardonic) portrait of Napoleon Dynamite's Latino sidekick, Pedro, surely should give the filmmaker some rope. Héctor Jiménez, Richard Mon-



WOOK KIM

Bartender, Rainwater's (1202 Kettner Boulevard)

On a scale of one to ten, Rob Reiner's *This Is Spinal Tap* is an eleven! In one word: "Hello, Cleveland!" — or is that three?

Mel Brooks's *Spaceballs*. Hey, Yogurt never said that! Why couldn't there be six episodes of this rather than *Star Wars*?

Wild Things is a great story packed with unexpected twists, a lovely pool, gratuitous frontal nudity, and badonk-a-donk. Hey, Denise, call me. XOXO.

Eddie Izzard: Glorious is a documentary of the British comedian's routine, filmed at Labatt's Apollo Theatre. With or without a flag, he's the best stand-up ever. I fancy the DVD.

THIS IS SPINAL TAP: SPECIAL EDITION (USA) 1984, MGM Home Entertainment List price: \$14.95 SPACEBALLS (USA) 1987, MGM List price: \$14.94 WILD THINGS (USA) 1998, Sony Pictures List price: \$14.94 EDDIE IZZARD: GLORIOUS (England) 1997, WEA List price: \$19.98

toya, Peter Stormare. 2006.

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The Omen — Calculatingly released in theaters on 06/06/06 (i.e., 666, get it?), but not, heaven forbid, a fourth sequel, an *Omen 5*, but rather a straight remake of the 1976 original, about the advent of the anti-Christ (presaged now by the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster, 9/11, the Indian Ocean tsunamis of 2004) in the form of the adopted tyke of the U.S. ambassador to



Bartender, Modus (Fourth Avenue and Ivy)

I picked *Office Space* because I've had a craving to see it lately. I was talking to a friend the other day, and some loud rap was blasting in their car, and it reminded me of how much I love this movie. Classic moments in every scene.

In Mike Nichols's *Closer*, I love the interaction of the characters. Plus, the dialogue is just awesome. I used to really like Jude Law up until I saw him in this movie where he's too convincing as a total pansy.

Amélie sucks you in like a good book. I had it playing, and my husband kept trying to leave the room, but he stayed because he couldn't stop watching it. He watched the whole movie with me while standing up.

OFFICE SPACE: SPECIAL EDITION WITH FLAIR (USA) 1999, Twentieth Century Fox List price: \$19.98 CLOSER (USA) 2004, Sony Pictures List price: \$14.94 AMELIE (France) 2001, Miramax Home Entertainment List price: \$19.99

KEVIN LOGUE

Bartender, Nunu's (3537 Fifth Avenue)

A Boy and His Dog (directed by actor L.Q. Jones) stars a pre-*Miami Vice* Don Johnson and offers a cheesy sci-fi tale. A very over-the-top and badly made movie. But very entertaining on an esoteric level — you know, so bad, it's good.

Robot Chicken: Season One is stop-action animation from cable TV's Adult Swim. Nothing is sacred with these guys. Lots of action figures — Charlie Brown to Barbie.

Phillip Kaufman's *Henry and June* is the first ever NC-17 movie. It's based on *The Diaries of Anais Nin.* By agreement, these letters weren't published until everyone had passed away. It offers a real insight into the life of Henry Miller. Watching a naked Uma Thurman ain't bad either.

A BOY AND HIS DOG (USA) 1975, First Run Features List price: \$24.95 ROBOT CHICKEN: SEASON ONE (USA) 2005, Warner List price: \$29.98 (two discs) HENRY AND JUNE (USA) 1990, Universal List price: \$9.99

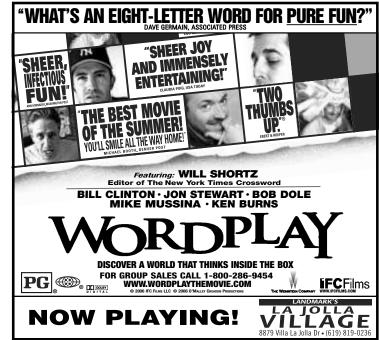
Great Britain. A completely uncalled-for remake, too, unless you've been calling for a "better" beheading. (Director John Moore, carving out an unnecessary niche for himself, last did a remake of the unimprovable *Flight of the Phoenix*.) For all its sheen, it loses some star power in the substitution of Liev Schreiber and Julia Stiles for Gregory Peck and Lee Remick, and along with it some parental power. Is Liev Schreiber apt to succeed where Gregory Peck failed? (Mia Farrow, former mother of the Son of Satan in *Rosemary's Baby*, is gimmickily cast as his nanny, the anti-Mary Poppins.) At the finish, it isn't the influence of the Devil inside the White House that need worry us.

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It's the prospect of remakes of sequels David Thewlis, Pete Postlethwaite, Michael Gambon, 2006. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Over the Hedge — A population of computer-cartoon Cute Critters, plasticky, foam-rubbery, styrofoamy, and styled to please the eye of the pre-schooler, teaches the lesson that oneness beats aloneness. There are some elaborate and well-timed visual gags, pretty awful to look at nonetheless. The buzzed-up squirrel, not unlike the squirrel in the first Ice Age, rather steals the show. With the voices of Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling, Steve Carell, Wanda Sykes, William Shatner, Nick Nolte, and Allison Janney; directed by Tim Johnson and Karey Kirkpatrick. 2006. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Peaceful Warrior — Athletic inspirationalism by way of the Buddhist school of thought, a dizzyingly loopy path. The slomo nightmare of a world-class gymnast drops of perspiration detonating at the volume of thunder, his right leg shattering like crystal on his dismount from the rings comes more or less true, and he entrusts his rehabilitation to the aphoristic grease monkey (a furry Nick Nolte) at the Texaco quickie mart: "This is a service station. We offer service. There's no higher purpose. The story, from a novel by self-help author and former athlete Dan Millman, is purportedly "inspired by true events," and at the very least the quadrennial Olympic qualifying tournament could be said to be a true event. The rest is apt to cause difficulty swallowing. With Scott Mechlowicz and Amy Smart; directed by Victor Salva. 2006. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead

Man's Chest — Reviewed this issue. With Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Stellan Skarsgard, and Bill

Nighy; directed by Gore Verbinski. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/7)

A Prairie Home Companion — Its title

and its emcee have been taken from Garrison (a/k/a Garrulous) Keillor's weekly public-radio show. But there is no mention of the imaginary world of Lake Woebegone, MN. The sole setting is the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, named after native son F. Scott, and ticketed for the wrecking ball; and the plot situation is closing night of a long-running old-fashioned live radio variety hour, mixing gospel music, cowboy songs, bluegrass, and blues: a fragile audio fantasy made heavily (and unconvincingly) concrete. Director Robert Altman brings, along with his drifting, disengaged cameras, a deep-seated condescension that makes the loss seem like no big loss. And it goes without saying that he also brings an ensemble cast: Kevin Kline as a Clouseau-esque private eye unfortunately named Guy Noir and unfortunately narrating in first person, Virginia Madsen as a heaven-sent angel in a white trenchcoat, Tommy Lee Jones as the heartless new landlord, and a host of nonsingers as singers, Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, John C. Reilly, Woody Harrelson, L.Q. Jones, and the regrettably irrepressible Keillor himself. Lindsay Lohan, purportedly a professional singer, sounds the worst of the lot. (Streep, a passable warbler, always gives more than required or requested, and she alone thought to give a Minnesota accent.) Inevitably there are nice touches, like the new landlord's sour glance at the bust of Fitzgerald during Reilly's and Harrelson's "Bad Jokes" number ("Why do they call it PMS? Because mad cow was already taken"), but Altman treats everything, good, bad, mostly indifferent, as a throw away, 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18;



FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Road to Guantanamo - Blend of documentary and dramatization, co-directed by Michael Winterbottom and Mat Whitecross, detailing the case of three British Muslims held by the U.S. military. (KEN, 7/7 THROUGH 13)

Rope — Hitchcock's celebrated experiment in single-takes, joined together so as to create a unity-of-time effect, is a bit less rigorous than legend had cracked it up to be: the cuts between reels (three of them, in all) are not disguised in the least, and the cuts within the reels (four of those) are not disguised well enough to disguise them. But the experimental aspect turns out, also, to be not terribly important to the movie's attractiveness. The primary interest here, much more than elsewhere in Hitchcock, centers on such old-fashioned foundation stones as story and character; and the loose modeling of these on the infamous Leopold-Loeb case reveals a true fascination with the subject of murder. (The technical experiment must, one feels sure, have come second for Hitchcock, as a means of washing away some of the guilt for having

availed himself of so stagy a stage play.) The one character on whom the bulk of the interest falls - that of the two murderers' Philosophy professor in college and their Nietzschean mentor — is one of the rare credible intellectuals in American movies James Stewart is undoubtedly oddly cast in this role. But not, as some would have it, badly. His humor and his humanity loosen up the character, create larger pockets of ambiguity, prevent stereotyping, and hold back the movie from rushing all the way into the Capra-esque anti-intellectualism so prevalent at that time and since. John Dall, Farley Granger, Cedric Hardwicke. 1948. ★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 7/6 AND 7, 8:30 P.M.)

Lemming

The Sting — The Butch Cassidy gang, Redford and Newman and director George Roy Hill, regroups for a Mission: Impossible-like caper (you can never be sure that even the snafus aren't part of the fake-out scheme), set in the urban 1930s. Recreation of the period is pretty thorough in terms of interior decoration and clothing styles, but in terms of cinematic style it is done absent-mindedly, a dash here, a pinch there. The movie's main concern, though, is that you like the stars and pray for them to come through unscathed. Newman by

now presumes you like him or no longer cares, while Redford keeps on pushing, pushing. With Robert Shaw. 1973. ★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 7/8 AND 9, 8:30 P.M.)

Superman Returns — Reviewed this issue. With Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth, Kevin Spacey, Parker Posey, James Marsden, and Frank Langella; directed by Bryan Singer.

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Twelve and Holding — American indie about three pre-teens dealing with loss, from the director of L.I.E., Michael Cuesta. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 7/7)

Waist Deep — Deep waste. The ex-con father of a kidnapped boy cannot very well go to the cops after he has shot two of the kidnappers on a public street; the goldhearted hooker who took part in the kidnapping, but who really dreams of another life on a quiet Mexican beach, will be the only ally he needs. Laughable blaxploitation film, grimly contemporized with hip-hop music and hopped-up visuals. Tyrese Gibson, Meagan Good, Larenz Tate, The Game; directed by Vondie Curtis Hall. 2006

● (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VAL-LEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14: MIRA MESA 18: MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Wordplay — Breezy, jaunty, yet rounded coverage of the subject of crossword puzzles. We get to meet the editor of the vaunted New York Times puzzle, Will Shortz, and learn from him a little of the history and tradition; we get to meet one of

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Cars (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:20,

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Town Square 14 4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) **The Break-Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05; **Cars** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; **Click** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:50, 2:55) 5:30, 8:05, 10:40 Sun. (11:50, 2:55) 5:30, 8:05, 10:35; The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:25) 5:10, 7:20, 9:40; The Lake House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Nacho Libre (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 5:05, 7:10, 9:30; Pirates of the 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Nacho Libre (PG) Fri. Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 12:00, 12:45, 3:45) 4:20, 4:55, 7:05, (11:50, 12:60, 12:45, 5:45) 4:20, 4:55, 7:05, 7:35, 8:15, 10:30, 10:55 Sat. (11:30, 12:00, 12:45, 3:45) 4:20, 4:55, 7:05, 7:35, 8:15, 10:20, 10:55 Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 12:45, 3:45) 4:20, 4:55, 7:05, 7:35, 8:15, 10:20; A Prairie Home **Companion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **Superman Returns** (PG-13)

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701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **Cars** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:25, 5:25, 7:20, 8:20, 10:15; **The Celestine Prophecy** San (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:40 Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; **The Da Y** Sun. (12:20, 2.40) 5.20, 7.65, 1.15, Vinci Code (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 1:15,

3:40) 4:40, 7:05, 8:10, 10:35 Sun. (12:15, 1:15, 3:40) 4:40, 7:05, 8:10, 10:30; The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 1:45, 2:45) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:55, 10:45 Sun. (12:00) , 2:45) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:55; The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 1:40, 2:25, 3:10) 4:20, 5:05, 5:50, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30 Sun. (12:30, 1:40, 2:25, 3:10) 4:20, 5:05, 5:50, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:45, 10:25; Goal (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:20) 4:35, 7:25, 10:25 Sun. (1:20) 4:35, 7:25, 10:20; The Omen (R) Fri., Sat. (12:10, 1:55, 2:55) 4:45, 5:40, 7:30, 8:25, 10:20 Sun. (12:10, 1:55,

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Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **The Break-Up** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:20, 4:20) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45, 1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; **Click** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:25, 9:55; **The Lake House** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:25 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **Mission: Impossible** III (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (9:45, 12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:35; Nacho Libre (PG) Fri. (9:40, 11:55, 2:15, 4:35) 7:05, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (9:40, 11:55, 2:15) 4:35, 7:05, 9:20; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri. (9:25, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15) 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 Sat.,-Sun. (9:25, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45) 4:15, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri. (9:30, 11:30, 12:00, 12:50, 3:00, 3:30, 4:10) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 Sat.,-Sun. (9:30, 11:30, 12:00, 12:50, 3:00, 3:30) 4:10, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; Waist Deep (R) Fri. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20, 5:45) 8:10, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:40; X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:35, 4:05) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun.

his regular contributors and glimpse the actual construction of a puzzle from a blank grid; we get to meet articulate celebrity puzzlers (Bill Clinton, Jon Stewart, the Indigo Girls, Ken Burns, and - yes, an articulate baseball player - Mike Mussina) and watch them work on the very puzzle we had seen under construction; and above all we get to meet some of the leading contestants

in the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament in Stamford, CT, a gathering of compatible oddballs (one of them likens it to "finding a lost tribe"), and we even get some drama and histrionics in the championship round. It inspires you to try your own hand, if you haven't already been burned. Directed by Patrick Creadon. 2006. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

X-Men: The Last Stand — The third installment (to be less melodramatic about it), and despite the deaths and genetic alterations of several key mutants, it offers no assurance that it is indeed the last. (After all, the key mutant who perished in the previous installment returns here as an upgraded Class Five mutant: "The only explanation is that her powers wrapped her in a

cocoon that protected her.") The storytelling addresses itself exclusively to devotees and does not worry itself with recruiting new ones or reclaiming defectors. Only devotees, surely, could go along with the assumption that the thing the series needed, even before the thinning-out through death and alteration, was more mutants with more powers. In sum, more

mess. New to the series, Brett Ratner directed, or at any rate sat in the director's chair. With Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Famke Janssen, Patrick Stewart, Jan McKellen, Kelsey Grammer. 2006. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12: PALM PROMENADE 24)

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Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:50, 10:40; Cars (G) Fri. (10:05, 10:45, 12:55, 2:00, 3:55, 4:55) 7:45, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 10:45, 12:55, 2:00, 3:55) 4:55, 7:45, 10:35; Click (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 5:10) 7:20, 7:55 10:00, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:10/ 7:20, 7:55, 10:00, 10:45; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:25, 4:10) 7:35, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (10:40, 1:25) 4:10, 7:35, 10:20; The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:40, 10:20; Free Family Film Festival Tue.,-Wed. (10:00); Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG) Fri. (10:20, 12:40, 3:05, 5:15) Sat.,-Sun. (10:20, 12:40, 3:05) 5:15; **The Lake House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:35, 1:10, 4:00) 7:05, 10:00; Nacho Libre (PG) Fri. (11:00, 1:50, 4:20) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; **Over the Hedge** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:30, 5:05) Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:30) 5:05; **Pi**rates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45, 1:30,

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3.15, 3.45, 4.15, 5.00) 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.30, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45, 1:30, 3:15, 3:45) 4:15, 5:00, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:30, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; **Superman** Returns (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 1:55, 3:30, 4:00, 5:00, 5:20) 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:00 Sat., -Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 1:55, 3:30, 4:00) 5:00, 5:20, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:00; Waist Deep (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:40, 11:00

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) The Break-Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 4:00, 7:45; Over the Hedge (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 2:15, 6:00, 9:45

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El candidato izquierdista Andrés Manuel López Obrador y el oficialista Felipe Calderón no parecen dispuestos a dejar de considerarse los ganadores de la reñida contienda presidencial del pasado domingo.

El postulante del partido oficialista Acción Nacional (PAN) afirmó que hay una tendencia "irreversible" a su favor, mientras el aspirante del partido izquierdista de la Revolución Democrática (PRD) insistió que tiene

500 mil votos de ventaja. Un conteo oficial preliminar que comenzó la noche del domingo daba como ganador a Felipe Calderón con el 36.39% de la votación mientras que López Obrador obtuvo el 35.41%.

El IFE dijo que aunque son conteos preliminares oficiales, el resultado definitivo se conocerá esta semana cuando se concluya el conteo voto por voto de los 300 distritos electorales en México.



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Cirilo Chávez y Eulogio Rosales son dos mexicanos que buscan día con día el sustento para sus familias con trabajos eventuales en el Norte del Condado de San Diego.

Los dos hombres son jornaleros en la ciudad de Vista, Cirilo es de Oaxaca y Eulogio de Chiapas, tienen entre dos y un año de haber llegado a California en busca de oportunidades para mantener a sus seres queridos.

Aunque diario se paran afuera del centro comercial de la tienda Vons en Vista, hay días, y hasta semanas, que nadie los contrata. El trabajo de los jornaleros peligra después de una nueva iniciativa de ley que aprobó el cabildo de la ciudad de Vista en donde se incorporan normas más rígidas para contratar a trabajadores eventuales.

Malos árbitros

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Ya ni la chiflan Me refiero a los árbitros que están trabajando en el Mundial de futbol que se desarrolla en Alemania.

El mal trabajo de los silbantes en este evento ha sido evidente, sobre todo en dos casos muy particulares.

Italia pasó a cuartos de final del torneo gracias al regalo del árbitro español Luis Medina Cantalejo que en tiempo de compensación marcó un penalti inexistente en contra de Australia.

La supuesta falta dentro del área nunca existió pero el oficial se dejó impresionar por la caída del jugador italiano y pitó una pena máxima que significó la eliminación de un equipo que había mostrado gran espíritu competitivo. No cabe duda que los árbitros suelen "hacerle favores" a las grandes potencias, pero lo que hizo el señor Cantalejo fue un auténtico robo a mano armada.





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Todo el sabor de la música mexicana estuvo presente en el Festival ¡Viva El Mariachil Dentro Feria del Condado de San Diego.

El octavo concierto anual contó con las presentaciones de Mariachi Sol de México, Aída Cuevas 'la reina del Mariachi' y el Mariachi Internacional de Guadalajara.

María Conchita Alonso, quien hace el papel de la madre de Eva Longoria en el programa de TV Desperate Housewives, fungió como maestra de ceremonias.

Presentado por Wells Fargo, el Festival ¡Viva

El Mariachil, es una producción de la Cámara Hispana de Comercio del Condado de San Diego, así como uno de los eventos estelares de la organización. Los fondos recaudados de este evento se utilizarán para otorgar becas a estudiantes Latinos distinguidos del Condado de San Diego.

Por primera vez en su historia, el Festival ¡Viva El Mariachi! se llevó a cabo en los Terrenos de la Feria en Del Mar durante la Feria del Condado de San Diego 2006.

Otra novedad fue un evento previo al concierto en Plaza de México con presentaciones por grupos de

Gracias a sus buenas actuaciones en el Mundial de futbol, el árbitro mexicano Armando Archundia fue seleccionado para dirigir el duelo de semifinales del mundial entre Alemania e Italia Archundia fue asistido por su compatriota José Ramírez y el canadiense Héctor Vergara, con los japoneses Toru Kamikawa y Yoshikazu Hiroshima como cuarto y quinto árbitros.

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Este fue el quinto partido que Archundia pitó en la copa del mundo. En la primera ronda estuvo a cargo de los partidos Brasil-Croacia, Francia-Corea del Sur y República Checa-Italia. También fue el central del Suiza-Ucrania en la segunda ronda. De esta manera, el mexicano se convirtió en el primer árbitro que dirige más de cuatro partidos en un solo mundial.

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La condición física de Archundia fue un factor decisivo para poner en alto el nombre del arbitraje mexicano ya que en todo momento estuvo cerca de la jugada.

Además, mostró conocimiento de cómo aplicar el reglamento y superó con éxito momentos difíciles y de presión.

Archundia puede regresar a su país natal con la frente en alto y satisfecho por el gran trabajo realizado.

Con su actuación en la Copa del Mundo realizada en Alemania, Archundia se coloca como uno de los mejores árbitros a nivel internacional.



Sufre mexicano

Manuel Uribe pesaba más de media tonelada (560 kilos) en enero, cuando hizo una súplica desesperada en la televisión mexicana.

Incapaz de pararse de la cama durante cinco años, este mecánico de 41 años de la ciudad norteña de Monterrey pidió ayuda para recuperar el movimiento y sanar las lesiones en sus piernas, que procuraba mantener separadas para evitar infecciones.

El pedido de Uribe fue atendido por expertos europeos, quienes sugirieron una cirugía gástrica de bypass, así como por nutricionistas de la llamada dieta "La zona". Uribe se decidió por la dieta alta en proteínas y ha perdido más de 90 kilos desde febrero. Las heridas en sus piernas también han sanado.

"Ahora me siento mejor. Puedo estirarme y moverme un poco más", afirmó Uribe, escoltado por el doctor Barry Sears.

El mecánico apenas tiene energía para sentarse y mover las cobijas que usa para cubrir su cuerpo. Su meta es perder 350 kilos más.

Según Sears, a Uribe le tomaría tres a cuatro años perder 120 kilos. "Será un proceso lento, pero si él pierde otros 90 kilos podrá recuperar la movilidad", dijo el doctor.





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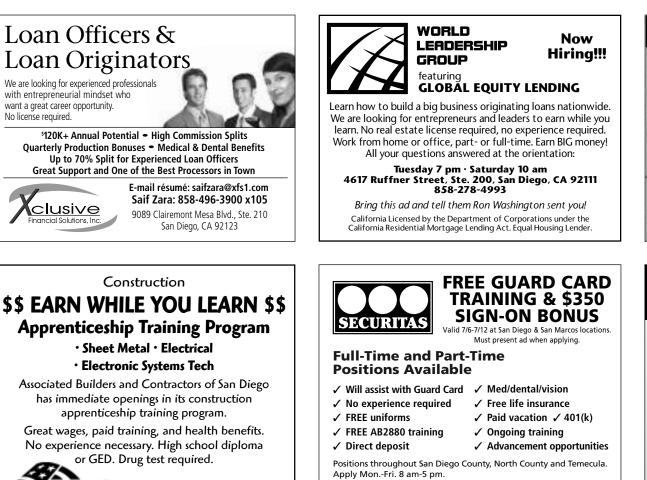
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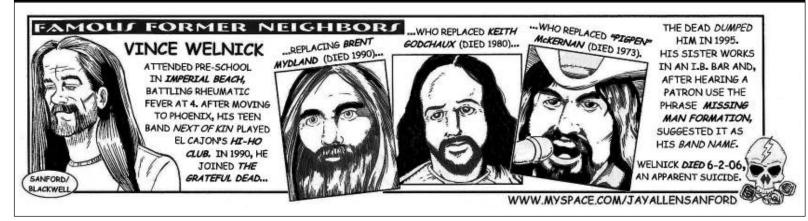
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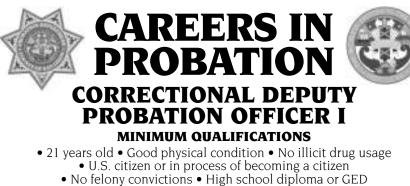


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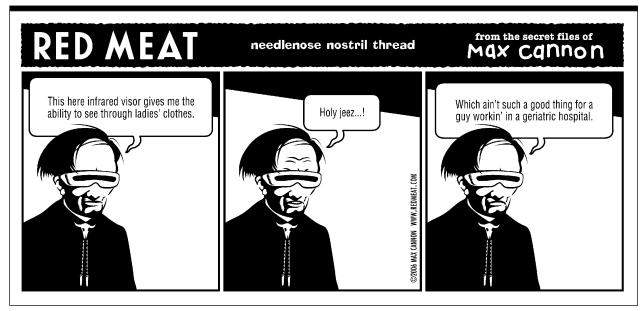
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Mike Stone Student El Caion

The Da Vinci Code. I didn't read The book, but it was supposed to be good. It started out kind of interesting and good, but it was kind of slow towards the end; I just didn't like it. Everyone said the book was good and it started out good and I thought it was going to be great. My girlfriend read the book and thought it was good. She told me that the movie would have been better if I'd read the book. Now I'm not really interested in the book. I'll probably see the new *Pirates of the Caribbean;* I like Keira Knightley and Johnny Depp.



Sarah Mo Counselor College Area

guess it was *Nacho Libre*. I thought it'd be kind of funny, but I like a different style of funny. Some peo ple thought it was hilarious; I knew it was supposed to be funny and that a lot of people thought it was funny. I have more of a Jerry Seinfeld kind of sense of humor. I haven't seen a lot of movies recently because I've been out of the country for a while. I saw a Bollywood film that was pretty entertaining. Bollywood is India's Hollywood. Bollywood is very color-ful and singing with high-pitched voices. It was subtitled, and I noticed that they never kissed. It's illegal for them to have kissing in their movies, so they come in really close and don't kiss, but they have really funny gestures and facial expressions. Heavens, yes, I'd watch another Bollywood movie. I'd star in one if they wanted me; they get to wear these really colorful outfits.



Chad Ford Student

College Area would have to be Over the Hedge, the cartoon movie with the animals. Just me and my girlfriend decided to go see it on a date; we both thought it was going to be cute, but then it was a little too cute. It wasn't that entertaining; we're both college students and don't really get the whole cartoon thing anymore. I'm probably not going to pay that much money to go see a car toon movie again. I really liked The Incredibles; they actually have the sexual innuendo and other stuff like that, so it's like a kid's movie, but there's stuff in there that kids don't get. Over the Hedge was strictly for kids. If you're into the whole cartoon thing, I'd say go ahead and see it, but if not, wait until video. Don't pay ten bucks to go see a movie like that.

Jesus Delgado

Student City Heights don't know. I watch movies I like a lot of times. I really like Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, City of God, and those Denzel Washington movies Out of Time and Man on Fire. In Out of Time, Denzel plays a cop who pulls off a heist and gives a hundred bucks to a mistress that he has. A good movie that I liked was Closer because it was kind of more depressing; it gives you no out or hope and you're, like, "Damn, that's it." It put a lot of things into perspective about love. The thing is, you have to watch out and keep your eyes open for women who are shady and, like, not real. Even Julia Roberts was fronting, too; she didn't know what she wanted. I watch a lot of In Demand, and I usually always like what I watch.



Jenevieve Perkins Student Pacific Beach

saw this movie Prime, and it was really bad. It was with Uma Thurman and Meryl Streep; it was new at Blockbuster. Uma meets Mervl Streep's son and they begin to date, and it's like a head-to-head between the two women. It's even kind of a sad ending; I don't know what could have improved it. Maybe I'm just not a fan of romantic comedies. I really want to see The Devil Wears Prada with Meryl Streep. I heard the book was horrible, but the movie is sup-posed to be good. It was the kind of book that was supposed to be a movie; it's the kind of story that doesn't lend itself to the novel.

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just wasn't as good as everyone said it was going to be. I read the book

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did, and they cut out a lot of key

things that would've made the movie

better. Tom Hanks is a really good

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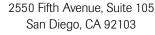
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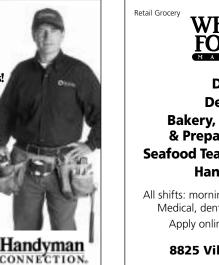
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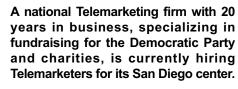
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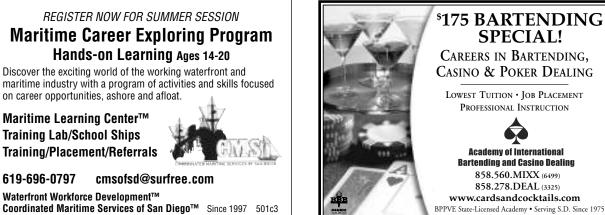
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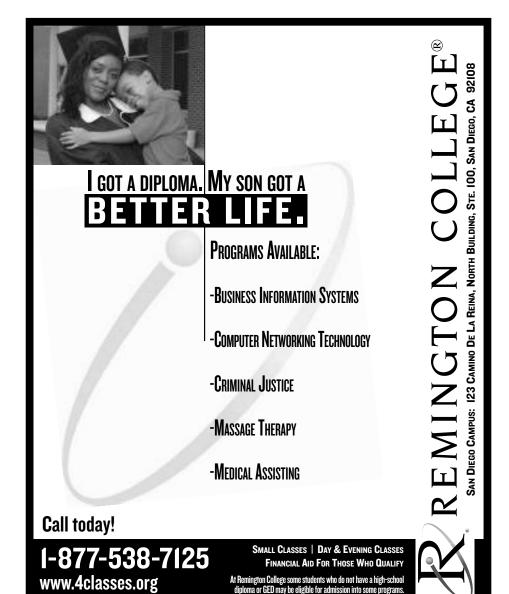
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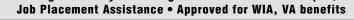
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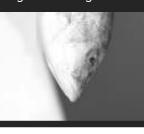
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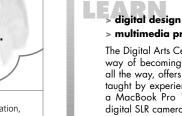
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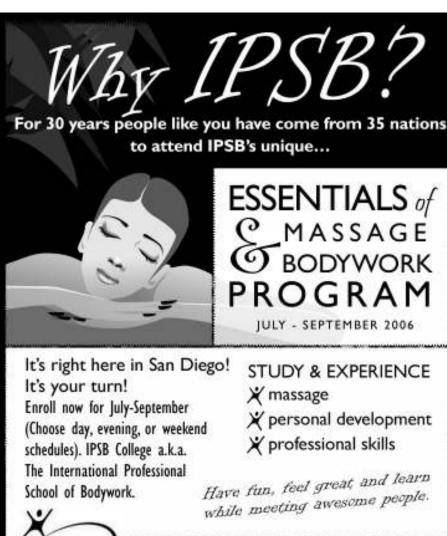
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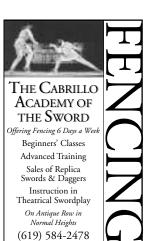
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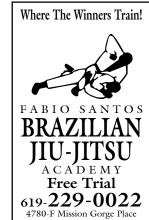
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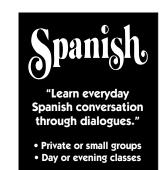
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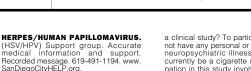
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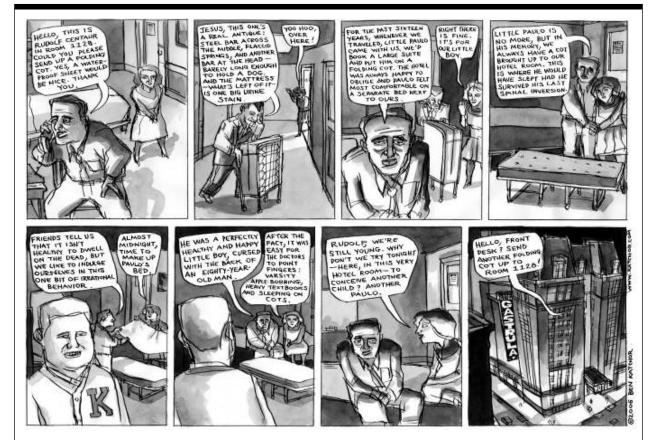
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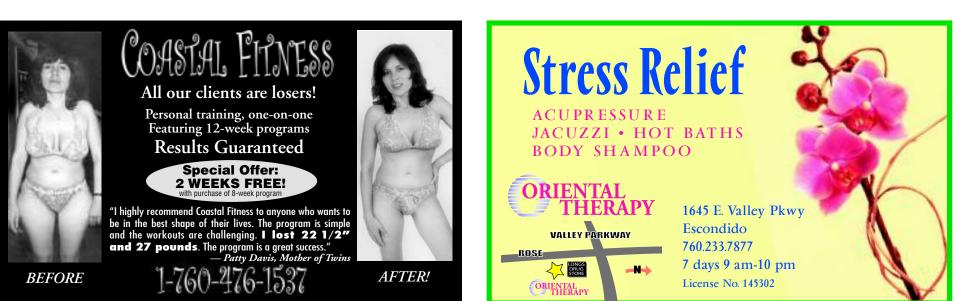
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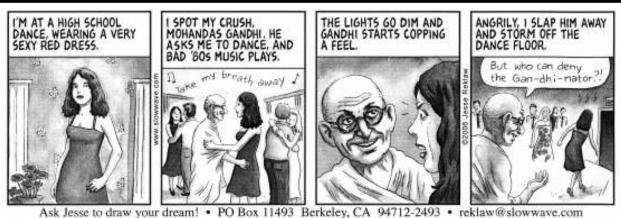
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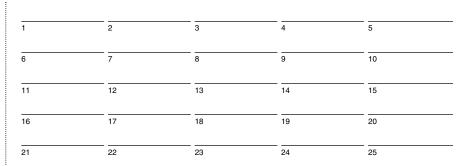
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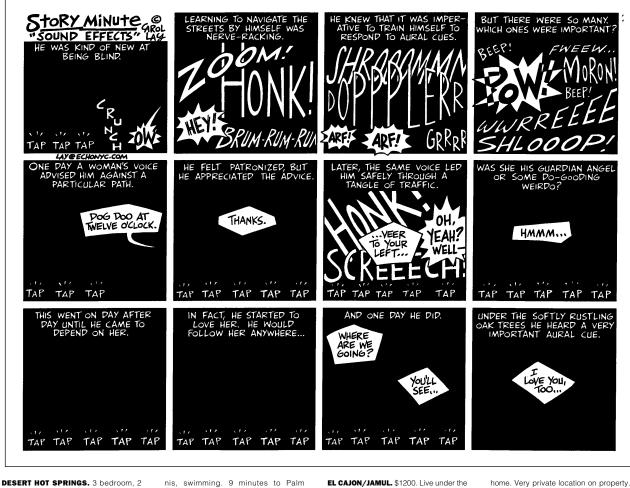
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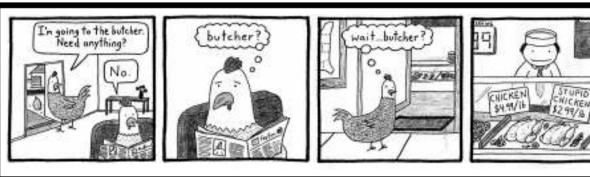
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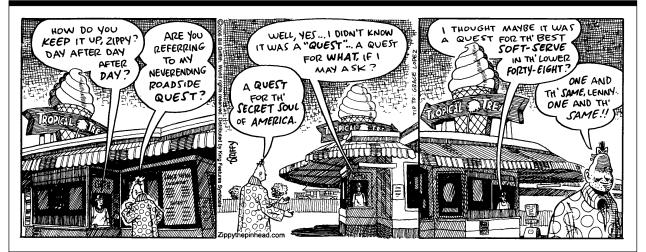
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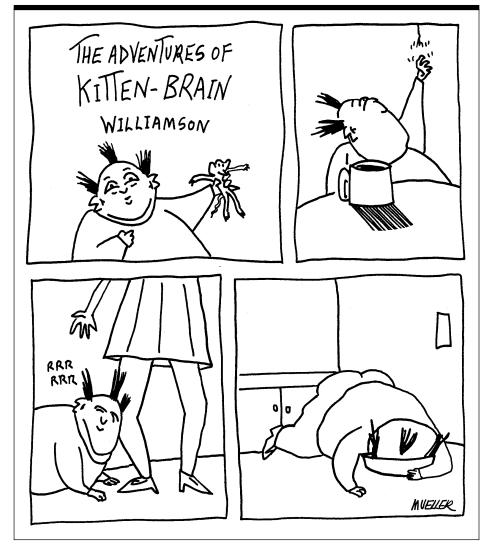
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1. An MD might request one

14. Song title that means

"Farewell to Thee"

"Splash" star Daryl

16. The piano man?18. "Fighting" NCAA team

22. When MLK Day is celebrated

Smile feature for Alfred E.

19. Rhinoceros feature

20. Some student needs

28. Old Navy competitor

32. Naked _____ jaybird 33. Watson's crime-solving

34. Takes off, as one's hat

36. Swinger's opportunity 37. Sue Grafton's "_____ for

38. Hayworth and Moreno

42. Leader of the Pussycats of

45. "Either he goes _____ will 47. Tightrope walker's need

49. Something copied: Abbr.

_ will!"

_ farewell!"

31. Oklahoma Indian

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26. Loud laugh

27. Carol time

partner

Evidence"

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48. Even (with)

52. In shape

65.

Down

53. "I bid you

44. Callas and Shriver

50. Three, on a sundial

51. Book before Neh.

55. Org. for seniors

61. Eaters of acacia leaves

Oscar winner

1. Mascara recipient

2. Voice above tenor

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7. Hue close to aqua

9. Roach and Linden

10. Blowup: Abbr.

12. ____ oil 13. Biblical possessive

6. Piglet's mother

3. 1899 warrior

4. Doohickey

8. Recollect

11. Bad blood

67. Make sure

64. "Cruel Intentions" actress

"All the President's Men"

66. Cyber communications link

Reed Hall

59. :56, timewise

8. Something bad to be caught in

Across

15.

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- 17. Judging by its circled letters, what this puzzle's grid is
- clearly struggling with 21. Jam ingredients?
- 24. Have an _____ grind 25. Mil. suppliers
- 27. One of Time's 1993 Men of the Year 28. Jennifer Lopez album "J to
- LO!'
- 29. Scribble
- 30. Org. for Bonds 35. Writer Kafka
- 37. "Old MacDonald" refrain
- 39. It may be 20%
- 40. Penlight battery

- 54. SSE or WNW
- 57. "Easy to use," in product names
- 58. "Hey, pal, over here!" 60. ____ Tin Tin
- 62. 1973 court alias 63. Homer's dad on "The Simpsons'
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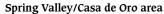
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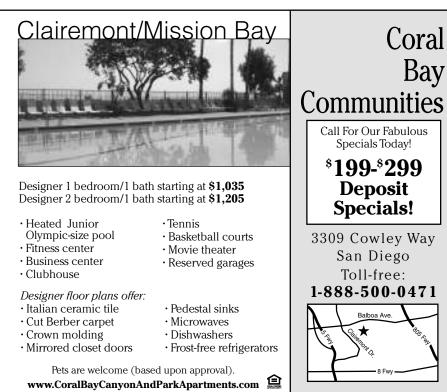
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D_Own and Up and D_Own Again

YOU LOOK ... | By Frances Kuffel

You need never feel lonely on a diet again. There are a million weight-loss blogs and strings a couple of clicks away, varying from triumph over potato chips to the bride-to-be who needs to lose a hundred pounds in a year.

"How do I do it?" she yelped in cyber panic.

My friend Deb was aghast. "Is it possible she doesn't know how to lose weight?"

"I didn't know there was a woman in America who doesn't know how many calories are in her kitchen countertop," I answered.

Then there's the young woman who regained 200 pounds in 15 months. This is her third go-around at dropping from 400plus pounds to a size 8. She's had a lot of experience with compliments, and I had a frisson of recognition when she described how little they bolstered her maintenance resolve. "People would say, 'You look so good.' I thought to myself, 'Yea, but I should have never been fat in the first place, so it's really not an accomplishment."

Fie! I say. The odds are, "four hunsky" (her words), that you were more likely pulled to fat than Paris Hilton would make straight A's at a junior college.

This is not an excuse. I was also born with weak eyes, but it doesn't mean I drive without glasses

All of us who strive against seatbeltextenders have a diffident relationship with compliments. We adduce our fat to an abomination against nature, while our thin is a false beauty in contrast to how we used to or should look. There's not a lot of room for pride in there.

Hunsky is two weeks into her new food plan, while I'm imperfectly 16 weeks into mine. My sponsor says my cheekbones have emerged, that I look like myself again, an observation I like, despite its similarity to Four Bills's never-shoulda-been-fat defensiveness. I like the idea that by looking more like myself, I'm becoming more myself — a more pronounced face might mean I can pronounce on my life as well. And I love it that there are people in my world for whom my obesity is an anomaly.

But comments are dangerous. Yesterday I took two Labs to the dog run for a drizzling hour of fetch. I intended to shower but was still wearing my sweat pants and T-shirt when Liz asked if her dog could come over and hang out. "Sure," I said. "Just let me walk Hero

and Daisv first."

Halfway home we ran into Mad Mally. "You're looking great," Jeanette said as Mally went Cirque de Soleil on us. "Have you gotten tan?"

I'm out for a couple of hours a day with dogs, so it's possible. "I touched up my roots and had my eyebrows waxed," I added, and then, stupidly, "I've lost some weight."

Shitshitshit, didja have to say that?

Twenty-four hours later I can't remember if I forced a comment from her or not. I'm still cringing at having said it, no matter how quickly I launched into my imitation of the gyrating Mally's past life as a drunken, very bad Irish poet whom people bought drinks to keep him from reciting his songs of Far Gorta. My performance meant Liz was waiting for us when we got home.

"Wow," she said as I opened the door. "You really have lost weight!"

I believe there was an exclamation point there.

I mumbled something about only 20

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I'm pleased and not pleased by the notice. Getting clean days together has been viciously difficult. Comments are something to show for it. I'm not pleased because one of my several hundred voices says, "They're gonna start keeping track," and another whines, "Can we eat now?"

"Maybe some of us are meant to be fat," another blogger writes. Having fat as a lodestone, we are not predestined to have Oreos at our elbows 24/7. Ours is a talent for surviving the demise of the wooly mammoth. Paris Hilton would have died, but we would have shrunk to take her skinny-ass place.

Upon consideration, I think I'll write "thank you" on the palm of my hand to remind myself to be pleasant and shut the hell up. Maybe I need to concentrate on having a body whose changes are not contingent on other people's comments. Maybe I'll better live in my body if I keep my eyebrows in order and put on clean clothes.

Because until I blurt "you look great" to myself, nothing I can force or surprise from someone else is going to keep me from wanting to eat, if it comes down to the last resort, the kitchen counter.

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LEAD STORY

- Britain's Prince Philip has for at least 30 years accommodated a tribe of 400 "cargo cult" people on the South Sea island of Tanna, who revere him as the human face of an ancestral spirit, according to June revelations by London's Daily Mail. Both sides have been discreet, but the prince has acquiesced by sending the tribe signed photographs, including one in which he is holding the traditional war club (even though a totally authentic pose would require that the prince hold it while naked). Cargo cults are so named because, lore has it, an ancient god forecast that one day wealth would fall from the sky, and then, during World War II, it did, in the form of parachutedin supplies for American troops who used the islands as staging areas.

Compelling Explanations

— An Iowa tribunal turned down Chris T. Coppinger's demand for unemployment benefits in May, following his firing from a charitable fundraising company in Davenport for various alleged indiscretions. Among the company's charges was that Coppinger had had sex on top of his desk with a co-worker, but Coppinger argued that that should not be a terminating offense, since many other company employees had had sex on his desk, too.

— Never Give Up: Ronald Blankenship, a shoe repairman in Birmingham, Ala., finished second in June's Democratic primary for sheriff and was placed in a run-off, when the *Birmingham News* discovered details of an apparently shady past: faking his death in connection with an insurance policy, assault and passing bad checks. Blankenship's defense, a week later: It must be another Ronald Blankenship (even though "both" men have the same middle name and birth date and coincidentally are married to women with the same first, middle and maiden names).

- Honesty Is the Best Policy? (1) Jonifer Jackson, 20, was arrested in Clarksville, Tenn., in April and charged with reckless endangerment for firing a

9 mm pistol while street-preaching (because, he told police, it was the only way he could get people to listen to him). (2) Phillip Daniels, 42, was arrested in Dallas in April as the one who had set off five explosives in the previous two weeks (which he told Dallas' KXAS-TV he did because he likes the sounds). (3) Yasuhisa Matsushita, 25, was arrested in Iwata, Japan, in March as the man who stole a high school girl's swimsuit, put it on, and pranced around in it while relieving himself because, he told police, "It felt so good."

The Latest American Right

— In the course of an April ruling that the New York City school system had gone too far by firing Toquir Choudhri for poor work habits, administrative law judge John Spooner declared that city workers have a "right" to surf the Internet for personal use while at work. Choudhri was expecting reinstatement, but two weeks later Chancellor Joel Klein fired him anyway, citing poor work habits beyond his Web-surfing. (Choudhri was unavailable for comment; he was suspected of being on leave in a country on whose tourist Web sites he had been lingering.)

Ironies

— In May, in the midst of the Ford Motor Co.'s "Red, White & Bold" buy-American ad campaign touting its classic Mustangs, the research firm CSM Worldwide (using statistics from the U.S. Department of Transportation) revealed that 35 percent of the 2006 Mustang's content came from overseas, and, in fact, that five Honda models and seven Toyota models contained more U.S. content than the Mustang, including Toyota's Sienna minivan, which was 90 percent U.S.

— More Ironies: (1) The May 10 tornado that hit Highland County, Ohio, touched down in the town of Hillsboro, along Wizard of Oz Drive. (2) In April, the *Washington Post*, covering outdoor press conferences by Capitol Hill legislators to decry the then-recent bump in gasoline prices, reported that the vehicle of choice for most of them returning to offices only a few blocks away was a gas-guzzling SUV, and in fact that several senators hopped into idling SUVs even to travel across the street from the Capitol to their offices.

Clichés Come to Life

— (1) The *Chicago Sun-Times* reported in May that at least six homeless addicts claimed that someone had paid them \$5 each to vote for certain candidates in a recent Chicago school board election (and that a schools spokesman, after consulting the rules, said vote-buying in Chicago school board elections might not even be illegal). (2) London's *Guardian* reported in April that access to British dentists is becoming so difficult that in a recent week, 6000 do-it-yourself crown-and-cap replacement kits had been sold to consumers.

Creme de la Weird

— In May, a judge in Reno, Nev., sentenced Raymond Russell George, 58, to five consecutive life sentences for molesting three young girls over a two-year period, but George said he welcomes the prison time because it will give him a chance to use his comprehensive knowledge of the Bible to help inmates find Jesus. George is notorious also for his inattention to hygiene, which he said is necessary to keep fellow prisoners (his potential congregants) from getting too close to him. (Otherwise, he said, they "flick boogers at me and fart in my face.")

Undignified Deaths

- (1) Recent incidents in which people were fatally run over by their own cars: a 62-year-old woman backing out of a parking space at a Wal-Mart in Kahului, Hawaii, in May (she had apparently opened the door to look behind her and fallen out), and a 76-year-old woman visiting her husband's grave at Maple Grove Cemetery in New York City in April (details not reported). (2) A 67-year-old woman was killed in Houston in May when her car went out of control, swerved

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across a road, and slammed into the lead car of a funeral procession about to depart Guadalupe Funeral Home for the cemetery. The woman's family later announced that they would just leave the body at Guadalupe for funeral arrangements.

Least Competent Criminals

- Flunking Finance 101: John Faux, 41, was arrested in Niagara Falls, N.Y., in April and charged with robbing a Key Bank branch of about \$2000; Faux had complained to the teller that he had clearly demanded not \$2000, but "\$100 million," and the two were still arguing when the police arrived. And Tekle Zigetta, 45, pleaded guilty in Los Angeles in March to trying to smuggle \$250 billion into the country (which customs agents discovered in the form of 250 \$1 billion bills bearing the picture of President Grover Cleveland).

Updates

- Veteran New England mobster Anthony St. Laurent, 64, was arrested again in April, in Providence, R.I., on loan-sharking charges. As with previous arrests, St. Laurent tried to convince the judge not to jail him because his colorectal condition required him to take 40 enemas a day, but the condition has apparently worsened, in that he now claims to need "to have his stool removed, [twice a month]," according to his lawyer.

— Four weeks ago, "News of the Weird" reported that a "side business" of British farmer David Lucas was building gallows for export to Zimbabwe and other countries that still execute by hanging. After the story was reported in the British press, a man who identified himself as Lucas's sometime-business-partner told reporters that Lucas had been joking, that he had built only one gallows and was not actually in the business. At press time, it is unknown whether Lucas or his partner was telling the truth.

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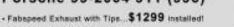
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Thirty Years Ago

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Freda, the barmaid, who is much older than Jane Stein, takes a cab every night four and a half blocks to her apartment because she is scared of the young blacks who yell, "Look at the white bitch in the short skirt."

— "GOLD IN THEM HILLS," Richard Louv, July 8, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The idlers who guzzle beer beside Sam's Market in Mission Beach aren't sure whether they should still hang out with Max Manning. Since Manning testified a couple of weeks ago before the federal board considering licensing at San Onofre nuclear power plant, the guys in the alley have wondered if some hit man will come looking for their buddy. "I'm scared, sure," said Manning. Manning gave testimony about working as a "jumper" repairing steam generators last May in San Onofre's power plant.

Twenty Years Ago

— Somewhere down the line, in an unguarded moment, Papa Meltz spills it. No, he didn't *exactly* enlist to save England from the blitz. It was more like, well, to get away from his own grouchy pop. And no, he didn't quite *battle* the nazzies. Slipped on the ice, tore cartilage in his knee 10–11 months *before* Pearl. On the grounds of — where was that again? — Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. Medically discharged, the cocksucker; and here I've been haunted by bloodlines, shedding my own psychic blood since close to the crib." — **"RICHARD MELTZER'S NAVY,"** *Richard Meltzer*,

July 10, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

"I screen lifeguards in San Diego and Solana Beach," said Mitchell Goldman, M.D., a La Jolla dermatologist. "And of the 150 I saw last year, about 50 — a full one-third — have precancerous lesions. These are areas of the skin that will turn cancerous in the future. We're talking about kids between the ages of 20 and 30. And to have 30 percent of a population that age with precancerous lesions is horrible and very frightening."

—CITY LIGHTS: **"BY THE SHORES OF MELANOMA,"** Colin Flaherty, July 11, 1991

Ten Years Ago

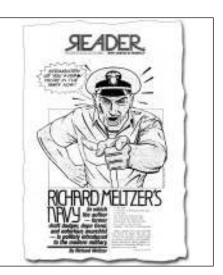
Personally, I want a lunch-counter cheeseburger, good meat with fried onions, weighty, cooked flat, solid to the grip, with a dense, unaerated bun, sweet as a kiss and solid as a high school girl's femur. It should be dripping moist, undoctored by garlic powder, cream, or Worcestershire sauce, and crowned for graduation with a mortarboard of yellow American cheese.

— "QUICK TO BUY, EASY TO HOLD, CHEAP AND

DELICIOUS," Alexander Theroux, July 3, 1996

Five Years Ago

I wrote a crossword puzzle when I was 19 years old, and the *New York Times* published it. The event wasn't exactly the second coming of a young Mozart (and Little Stevie Wonder was littler), but I had Lord Byron beat (he published "Childe Harold" at the ancient age of 24), and I felt ready to answer to triumphant



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pats-on-the-back and general remarks about my youthful intellect and precociousness.

It was interesting, then, to see people's real reactions when I give them the news of my crossword debut. They only had two. If you weren't a crossword solver, you put forth some expression of benign confusion, such as "Huh! How much does something like that pay?" or "Neat — you must be good at math." —CITY LIGHTS: **"I BECAME A NUT JOB."**

David Levinson Wilk, July 5, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

I'm a middle-aged single man who wonders what I'm supposed to do when I see a woman breastfeeding a baby in public. This has been happening more and more lately - at cafés, in parks, at parties - and was not something I ever saw growing up, even in my own family. What's the polite thing to do? Should I pretend I don't see the woman and avoid her? Leave the area immediately? If I smile and make eye contact I'm afraid I'll make her embarrassed or she'll think I'm some kind of lecher. But totally avoiding someone can be construed as rudeness, too. There's no precedent for me here. Any tips on the ideal way to act in this situation?

DON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK IN EL CAJON

Dear Don't Know Where to Look, I'll let you in on a secret: Lots of us aren't

accustomed to the amazing sight of a mother with a baby at her breast and might feel a little awed and flummoxed by it. If a woman is breastfeeding in public it might be nice to give her some privacy, but you don't have to avoid her like the plague. I wouldn't go all bug-eyed and stare or run out of the room as though it's on fire. If you can just relax and act naturally when you happen to be present for this most natural of acts, it would probably help mother and baby to do the same. Any nursing mothers have other ideas?

Dear Readers,

I am printing the impassioned letter below without response. It is not a request for advice but a call for community awareness and activism. As a diehard animal lover, I take an interest in issues like this one. Comments?

Dear Saffron,

I am a resident of San Diego, and I have been appalled by what I've seen and heard regarding the seals at Casa Beach in La Jolla. I have observed harassment of the seals on many occasions by people who don't want the seals on the beach. I've talked to some of them to try to understand why they hate the seals and are willing to break a law repeatedly (the Marine Mammal Protection Act). The common thread I found was that they are local

residents who don't want a "free SeaWorld" in their back yard and think chasing off the seals will decrease the number of "low class" tourists in their neighborhood. This is their motivation! These mammals have made this cove their nursery, and the city has agreed to take away their protection. Why? Thank God for the volunteers there who are brave enough to put up with these greedy, selfish men who harass them and the seals on a daily basis. Why is it that the lifeguards get away with breaking the law as well? The Rake-a-Line [volunteer sealprotection] group is there daily to help educate the public, answering questions about the animals and their habitat as well as giving directions to restaurants and shops in the area. They also keep a daily diary of everything that happens there, and there are entries of the lifeguard flushing the seals in the water by waving their rescue surfboard and placing it near them. That is harassment! I have made calls to the NMFS [National Marine Fisheries Service] and made reports of the violations I have seen. No one has ever responded. I see a motorcycle cop come by regularly and chat with them, but when I questioned the lifeguards about their motives in front of the officer, the lifeguards ignored me and walked away. I am saddened and sickened by this. I will volunteer my time to help out the Rake-a-Line group even though I know that seal haters will harass me. This place is the only rookery in California...please reinstate the rope barrier. This will solve the problems of harassment that occur on a daily

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There are probably a lot of things I never had her teach me to do.

My relationship with her was so complex - not one interaction clean and forthright, and each dredging up the one before it and numerous others before that.

I hated her and loved her and hated myself for not being able to evolve beyond my primordial responses to even hearing her voice on my answering machine on the rare occasions she would call.

Each inflection of her distinctive voice was so reminiscent

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of the hurtful arguments we used to have, how hateful she could be when my budding sexuality in adolescence brought up painful memories of her own in eclipse. The very sight of me would send her off into the dangerous primitive netherworld of thwarted hopes, dashed dreams, disappointment.

She hated me at times because I reminded her of her.

And she was a mysterious powder keg that I only recently came to understand, or at least came into possession of a plausible theory with which I could make some peace.

She was unhappy a lot of the time. The transitory optimism that I remember she had at one time became dimmer and dimmer; the fight to keep it became like that of someone in the sea after the Titanic had sunk, the strength to hold on to the life preserver to stay alive diminishing much like the strength in her legs.

It became difficult for her not to complain and express her misery to anyone and everyone she talked to toward the last years of her life. It was easier just not to reach out to anybody at all.

Hence the long periods of being incommunicado, which I took for indifference.

I think there was indifference, the kind that comes from a self-absorption borne of the belief that she was due something she never got. Something she was robbed of.

But what it was and by whom will now never be answered

Fortunately for me I feel confident that I tried as hard as I was capable of to have a relationship with her of



whatever quality. Could I have tried harder? Maybe. But I was so conflicted about what she had done to my self-esteem that I alternately wanted her to pay for it, pay like the laws of the universe, the "spiritual quantum physics" I was so convinced at the time would ultimately render justice, that I was reduced to screaming vulgarities at her, hoping for justice later.

I could have tried harder, and I knew I would regret not having done more to

make her last years more comfortable, less lonely, less wracked with pain. I also knew I wouldn't be able to.

It was just so goddamned hard.

I would go to visit her with the best of intentions, therapied to the point where I really believed I was beyond all that was between us that made me crazy and inevitably led me home to

> take to my bed with a crushing depression and hopelessness no other experience with anyone else could engender.

I would sit in her living room trying to figure out what to talk about next, what activity I could do or chore I could accomplish for her that

would make the trip worthwhile. I wanted to go home feeling like I had turned a corner in my relationship with her.

But too many times I would leave her apartment and take a walk outside in the neighborhood feeling like I couldn't breathe, fighting for air, wanting the city of Chicago to restore my breath before I could go back there and try again.

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BATTERY WITH SERIOUS BODILY INJURY

Location: 4700 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont Time/Date: 9:00 p.m. on 6/6/06-3:10 a.m. on 6/20/06

Officer's Report: Officer Sherman #5194 and I responded to the Sharp Nursing Facility Room 806 to



investigate an assault with a deadly weapon. At the scene, I spoke with Craig R. After speaking with R. I spoke with

Paul S. S. is the Director of Long Term Care. S. went over R's medical file with me.

R. said he had gotten into a fight with three people at the "Blue Bayou" one month prior. R. said that he got into an argument because there were not a lot of girls in the bar, and one of the guys bumped into him. R. said the guys chased him out of the bar, and he ran away until he sprained his ankle. R. said that he then went back to the bar to get his radio, and the bartender "Steve" chased him out...with a stick. R. did not report the fight because he did not get injured. The description of the three guys is one black male about six feet tall. He has black curly hair about two inches in length, and wears glasses. The second suspect is a white male about six feet tall with shaved brown hair. The third suspect is a white male about six feet tall.

Victim's Statement: I went to the Blue Bayou on June 6, 2006. I saw three guys I got into a fight with about a month prior. I decided to leave. I went outside and got about twenty yards from the door. Something hit me from behind. I never saw the people that hit me. I couldn't call police sooner because I was too busy. I have been in the hospital for the last two weeks. I was uncon-

scious for the first night. I have lumps on my head, a broken spine, broken ribs and broken hip. I am just now having flashbacks, and I believe it was the same three guys that I got into a fight with a month prior. Steve the bartender of the Blue Bayou knows the three guys, but he is a friend with them so he will side with them.

I first thought I wrecked on my bicycle. Then I spoke with my friends Moe and Mike. They told me that I got jumped by the same three guys that I got into a fight with one month ago. They did not see it happen, but they heard about it.

If I was unconscious I don't remember it, I just woke up with tubes sticking out of me.

Statement of Paul S.: R. has no major extracting injuries. He had no head or neck injuries. There was no bruising or lacerations. [He] was unconscious when he arrived at Sharps Memorial. He answered all the guestions. R. stated to his therapist that his injury happened on his bicycle. The only injuries R. has is a pelvic hip fracture, and a fractured L3, L4 vertebra. R. is clear for release, but has no place to go.

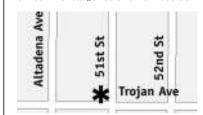
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Location: [4300] 51st Street, Colina Park Time/Date: 11:35 p.m. on 6/19/06

Officer's Report: I arrested Ivone T. for 243(e)(1) PC. At 11:41 p.m., I responded to...the report of a domestic violence incident. Ivone T.

was the reporting party. En route to the call, she called to update her boyfriend, Pablo S., has left and was last seen walking towards 51st Street. Officer Nichols #5783 and I arrived at

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the same time and S. was on the corner of 4200 51st, waving his arms trying to get our attention.

S. and T. have been in a dating relationship for about six months. They have never lived together and have no children together.

Statement of Pablo S.: L came

over to T's apartment after work but she was not home. I called her cell phone and a male answered and then immediately hung up. A few minutes later, T. called me back, she sounded drunk and was slurring her words. I hung up and decided to go home. A few minutes later. T. came to my apartment and she was angry. She went into my bedroom and began tipping over the furniture and messing up my papers. I went in to stop her and she hit me five times in the face and started scratching and biting me. I took hold of both her wrists to stop her from hitting me and we both fell on the bed. I didn't know how to make her leave, so I told her I was going to vandalize her car if she didn't leave.

This worked and she left. I have a witness at my apartment that saw everything. His name is Gabino.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Location: [12300] Calle Albara, La Mesa Time/Date: 11:28 p.m. on 6/24/06

Report: Deputies Telly Garcia and Ceasar Castillo responded to an interrupted call for help from an apartment...in unincorporated La Mesa. When they arrived, the deputies got no answer at the front door, but then heard a woman screaming for help and tried unsuccessfully to force open the metal door. The deputies then went to the rear of the apartment and broke



through a sliding glass door. Inside, the deputies found a man and woman in one of the bedrooms engaged in a physical struggle. The man was on top of the woman, choking her.

The deputies could not immediately break the suspect's grip on the woman's neck, so they used a TASER to subdue the suspect. The suspect released his grip and was taken into custody. After his arrest, the suspect was taken to the hospital to have the TASER darts removed before being booked.

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I HAD NEVER BEEN SO DISAPPOINTED as the day a troupe of Harlem Globetrotters came to town. On TV they were the finest club of ballplayers anyone had ever seen.

Steven Brown and I had gotten into a fight because he said the L.A. Lakers were the best team in history, and before I shoved him and punched him in the ear, I informed him of the spotless record, impeccable dribbling, and shooting prowess of the Globetrotters.

My dad bought me a red, white, and blue basketball that was bigger than my head, and I had a tough time dribbling with one hand. He yelled, "Take that damn thing outside! This is the last time I'm telling you!" when I had my most successful attempt at rolling the ball down one arm, across my shoulders and neck, where it shot off my opposite arm and smashed into a shelf of religious figurines his mother had left him.

The day the Globetrotters came to town I wanted to show them I was a basketball player, too, so I put on my green shorts and tank top with the white piping around the arms and legs. Since Sonora was an authentic Western town and I thought I might shoot the breeze with the fellahs after their game and maybe show them around, I also wore my cowboy boots and hat.

"That's what you're wearing, huh? Shorts and boots?" the ol' man asked when I clomped out of my room and onto the kitchen tile. "Okay," he shrugged.

The game was set to take place in Old Towne Sonora, down the block from our house, and we met other neighbors who were walking to the game, and I yelled, "Hey Steve," at Steven Brown, who still had a purple mark on his neck from where I'd thumped him

Steve and I took our seats along the handrail on Washington Street, and my dad bought us bags of popcorn from the vendor in the post office parking lot. From a red, white, and blue van, the black shaved head and long slender arms of a player poked out, and I told Steve, "That's Curly, he's the best," but I corrected myself. The man coughing and tossing food wrappers out of the van couldn't be Curly.

They were all fakes. The real Globetrotters, the ones from TV, weren't there that day, and their replacements were miserable, and the actor playing Meadowlark Lemon smelled of booze and cigarettes.

A couple of the players did okay, but it seemed that the Columbia Junior College Claimjumpers, the local team, might have taken them had they made a couple key defensive moves

"That wasn't the real team," I told Steve, and I rubbed my eyes. "The real guys are probably busy being drawn for Scooby Doo, or they're trouncing Michigan State or someone. And they're in New York." And they were. Somewhere, gliding on air to the whistle of "Sweet Georgia Brown."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 6 **ROCK STAR: SUPERNOVA** CBS 9:00 P.M.

Apparently that Mötley Crüe and Jane's Addic-

tion money didn't go quite as far as they

thought it would, because Tommy Lee and

Dave Navarro are cobbling together a new

band on a reality television series. Reaching

way into their bag of vocabulary words, they've

pulled out the name Supernova. Super, mean-

ing great, and nova, meaning new, combine

in a compound word to mean, "good luck

with that piece of crap."

SHALLOW HAL (2001) FX 7:30 P.M.

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ABC 9:00 P.M.

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ing, whichever holds more satisfaction for you.

SATURDAY, JULY 8 FOOTLOOSE (1984)

WGNSAT 12:00 P.M.

The reviews are in for Footloose. Dudley Redford of the Kentucky Derby Program says, "Sarah Jessica Parker prances across the screen and majestically trots through this role." Mike Alvarez, reviewer for New Mexico State University's student newspaper, adds, "Bacon sizzles!"

ALPHAVILLE (1965) K35DG 7:00 P.M.

The folks of Beta Pointe got along okay, but they always felt a little inferior. Their football team never took the county championship. Their tallest building was one story shorter. Stuff like that.

SUNDAY, JULY 9 **VENGEANCE (1986)**

FOX 10:00 A.M.

Through advanced hydraulic nanotechnology, I've isolated and overcome the weaknesses in my robotic tail. My tail is now strong enough to punch through a car door while I'm comfortably eight feet away, but it's also dexterous enough to peel a banana or build a model ship in a bottle. Soon, my army of loyal baboon soldiers will storm the Gateway Arch of St. Louis, carrying the recombinant ray generators, and we'll begin phase two of my plan.

MONDAY, JULY 10 HELL'S KITCHEN FOX 8:00 P.M.

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Footloose

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TUESDAY, JULY 11 I LOVE THE '70S VOLUME II VH1 8:00 P.M.

Milk it. When it stops giving milk, beat it. Ride it into the ground. Slap it. Club it. Wring the last breath from its lungs. Empty its guts into the dust. Stomp it. Spread around whatever remains and make it thin. Keep going. You can get more out of that one show premise where Q-list comedians make snide remarks about bell-bottoms. Harvest whatever grows where it once was and force the crop back down our throats. Please and thank you.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 SPRING BREAK SHARK ATTACK (2005) FAM 8:00 P.M.

I'm going to spice up my time watching this movie by dressing up in my foam crab claws, a spicy little pair of red thong undies, and bouncy pogo shoes. When a shark attacks on screen, I'm going to spring into the courtyard and warn my neighbors that there might be an animal attack going on in my bedroom. I may growl and snap my claws like castanets to get my point across.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING (1995) FAM 8:00 P.M.

I rubbed my naughty bits on one of your glasses, one of your forks, and one of your bowls. Now that you're awake, we can start our game of Which Place Setting Will Make Me Giggle. On the table! Dance, fool, dance!

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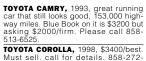
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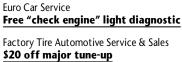
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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

I pondered some more (having brought it up once before) on the fact that -Peter Principle–like — I rather don't belong in what could be construed as the position of a regular-loe voice. blue- collar, working stiff with an oppressive job, working for the man every night and day. I only have 800-1200 words once a week to plead the case for my proletariat brothers and sisters. You know — Barton Fink as real-life playwright Clifford Odets, a ham-fisted champion of the noble but, I guess, lumpen hordes that make up the world's brotherhood of workers.

Living in a large family, I was always trying to shed a sister here or brother there; I always seemed to have a surplus, and others seemed more in need. So I never really took to the brotherhood thing in unions (like the musicians, the AFL-CIO, Teamsters, retail workers, Book of the Month Club, and a couple others). The same principle went into play when communes became the big thing during the Age of Aquarius. I was always trying to weasel out of "Ooh bla dee, Ooh bla dah, life goes on!" at the dinner table piled with brown rice and mashed twigs.

But there is another reason why I feel the irony. That would be my workaday week: staring out the window, taking long showers, and thinking up ideas for that moment when I face, as Hemingway called it, the 'White Bull,' a blank sheet of paper, when the true

test began between hombre escritor and that chimera of untamed language. This is hardly something to express gratitude about to the deity in regard to its cessation.

To put it less tortuously (and who couldn't?), my job just isn't that tough. When I finish this column, a few inches from now, I am not likely to sigh in relief, "Thank God: another hideous week of collecting noun after verb after preposition has come to an end. I've strung them together with canny insight, pithy observation, rakish humor, heartfelt poignancy, and universality for the ages. What a bitch!"

The naked fact is (my father, by the way, my only writing teacher, would tell me to throw the word "naked" into the text here and there. It didn't really matter where. You could say naked greed or naked tomato or even, "the naked joy of a child's Christmas," whatever)...the naked fact is, I love my job. So to say that, in my case, "Saturday morning is my Friday night, and thank God it's Friday!" would be less than sincere. Saturday morning I'm already looking around for the next thing to write about, or better yet, complain about.

Years ago the column started out with the general idea of documenting things people do or could do, might do, thought of doing, or didn't do on Friday. And then before long it became the Andy Rooney spin-off where each week I'd begin, more or less, "Ever notice how you can never get just one plastic bag off the rack at the produce section in your supermarket?" Or: "Is it just me, or does it seem like the more expensive a perfume you might get for your wife after weeks of hinting, the more it smells like some kind of insecticide?"

That was a fun period for me and the column, until my friends actually started calling me Andy Rooney, and I, in fact, developed wild and maverick white eye-brow tentacles that chuckled at wire-cutters and finally responded only to curling irons. This accounts for the cosmetic or hirsute Brezhnev effect I seem to be stuck with. How a writing style can affect one's physical appearance, I don't know. But take that guy who wrote The Bridges of Madison County. His prose seems a direct by-product of his countenance, to me. And what about guys like Harry Crews? He's not that famous, really, but is certainly a solid culttype novelist. And if you know who I mean: could he look much less the way vou might have expected? I don't like to bring up Bukowski too much, but...

Then there is the voice of the other columnist — treating them somewhat as multiple personalities. And why not? No one else is ever going to mythologize my life. I feel it's damn well up to me. Yeah, there's the hard-bitten, seenit-all, crusty but benevolent guy with the long view, plays the house odds, no



Andy Rooney

stranger to whiskey, lipstick, shadows, and the Grim Reaper, like a wanna-be buddy always dogging his heels. Yeah, picture me with a butt dangling from my lips against the hard truths out there, but not really because of the emphysema. No stranger to pain, but not afraid to show his feminine, yeah, sure, even sissy playground side when it comes to that. I've had my heart cut open (for real, babe), sliced up four ways to Sunday (although the bypass might have been on a Monday), and did you hear me whining about it? Maybe for 36 hours or a few weeks in columns (but the intensive-care nurses said the average was about 41 hours and about 10 weeks of cardio-therapy exercises), and then I clammed up. So, yeah, I'm one of you, okay? Like Clinton, I feel your pain (hey, maybe he really does); and if I say I did not have sex with that woman, the odds are really enormous that I didn't, and I don't need to come up with cheap lies about it.

I'm here for you, and when I say "Thank God it's Friday," I mean - without exactly blubbering in any noticeable way, I hope — I'm still here, alive. You too?

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