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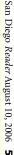
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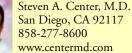
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#### LIGH

### **Florida Overpays** For San Diego's **Cluster Outfits**

By Don Bauder

#### Ill San Diego's vaunted industrial clusters bomb out? Hardly. But one biotech center, Scripps Research Institute, is already

setting up a branch in Florida, and another, Burnham Institute for Medical Research, is expected to announce a similar operation this month. These deals represent growth that won't take place here. Little by little, Florida is paying big bucks to pilfer our clusters.

California, San Diego, would provide cerebral input. Of course, this was already happening; a new ribbon was simply put around an existing phenomenon. The clusters were biotech,

telecom, software, computers and electronics, space and

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Communications	2.1	2.0	\$84,000
Computer/electronics	1.5	1.2	\$70,500
Software	1.1	1.1	\$76,000
Average salary countywide			\$39,300
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Meanwhile, we're not helping ourselves. Telecom superstar Qualcomm threatens to stop any expansion in Sorrento Valley, and perhaps move out altogether, if the City goes ahead with its wacky plans to put a commercial airport at Miramar. Other techs and telecoms located in the same area may well echo Qualcomm's warning. (Happily, San Diegans seem to realize the Miramar push is an attempt by real estate developers to snatch choice Lindbergh property; it's not likely to succeed.)

The concept of cluster was always part bluster - a gimmick of the giddy 1990s. The idea was that a group of related companies producing products for export could mushg room and, through the ripple effect, give birth to service ć providers, vendors, and spinoffs of related companies. Institutions such as Scripps, Burnham, and the University of

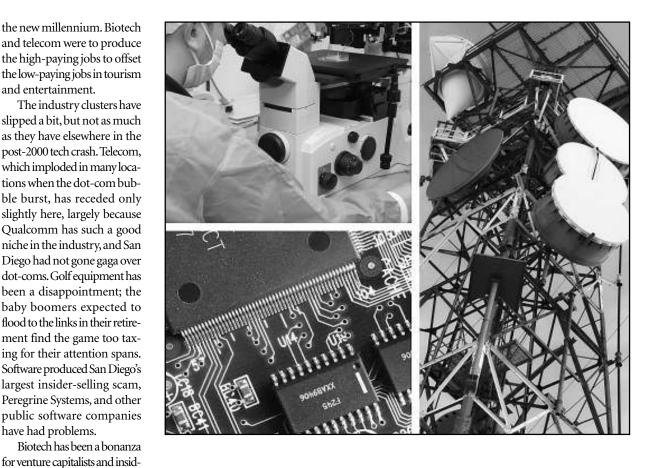
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defense, financial services, tourism, entertainment, business services, recreational goods (largely golf), environmental technology, horticulture, and fruits and vegetables. The emphasis was to be on the first six-supposedly industries for

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declining percentage of San Diego jobs. However, the pay is high in tech.

San Diego's cluster industries are suffering from a malady that was predicted five years ago. Harvard Business School professor Michael Porter said in 2001 that the clusters were doing well but San Diego had to address the disparity between average wages and the cost of living. He noted that San Diego's wages were "comparable to the national average," but the cost of living was 23 percent higher. Would cluster companies expand? With such high living costs, particularly for housing, would companies relocate here?

San Diego family income remains moderately above the U.S. average (about 10 to 15 percent), but the cost of living is now a whopping 50 percent higher, according to the most recent report by the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association. San Diegans'income/outgo squeeze is worse. The bursting of the housing bubble may bring some price relief, but it will also engender a rash of families in trouble with their risky mortgages. Housing deflation will dent retail activity because people have been borrowing against the bloated equity in their homes to keep consuming.

The city government is dysfunctional, and taxes will have to go up unless city workers' outsized pension benefits can be brought down. Without higher taxes or benefit cuts, the infrastructure will continue to decay. The dilemma is not conducive to attracting or retaining cluster businesses.

Although officials at Scripps and Burnham aren't saying so, such factors must have weighed on their decisions to locate branches in low-cost Florida. It's a beggar's game: see how much in subsidies you can get from state and local governments.

Scripps set the tin-cup standards beginning in 2003. It got the state and Palm Beach

County to ante up \$569 million. Scripps said it could produce 545 jobs in seven years, so the cost would be \$1 million a job. Skeptics said there were other expenses — debt service, roads, utilities, miscellaneous infrastructure that could bring the subsidy close to \$1 billion, or \$2 million a job. Realists and environmentalists put up a fight, but Scripps got its way. Scripps has 170 scientists working in a temporary facility, but the project is now behind schedule.

Burnham appears to be choosing among three locations - Orlando, which lost out in the bidding war for Scripps; Port St. Lucie, which is 35 miles from Scripps; and Naples, which is a long shot. Burnham can possibly receive \$245 million in state funds and about \$90 million from local governments, for a total of more than \$330 million. The target: 310 jobs in seven to ten years, according to Florida media. Once again, the price would be more than \$1 million per job at the least; there could be additional large costs, as there will be with Scripps.

Florida media know this is costly but point to factors such as spin-offs. Technologies will continued on page 8

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#### CITYLIGHTS

## OTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN



By Roger Newell

Prior to voting for a new airport, San Diego residents should ask if it's needed, who will benefit, and who has paid

for studies conducted over the past 50 years. Airport and ball stadium projects typically get hatched when city government and developers share the same bed. Does anyone doubt that developers cannot wait to get their hands on the land occupied by the current airport?

When former presidential candidate and Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis became CEO of Amtrak, he spoke at UCSD about the need for a new San Diego airport. He pointed to a study showing that the increased San Diego air traffic was from Los Angeles. Given this, he suggested that building a new high-speed train between these two cities would not only reduce traffic congestion but be more cost effective than building a new airport. Today the high-speed French TGV extends across Europe, and for flights of less than three hours, 80 percent of Europeans ride the train because it is faster than flying.

A few years after Dukakis spoke, the woman heading the site selection for a new San Diego airport spoke on UCSD TV. She gave no facts to back up her claims that a new airport was needed. I wrote her asking how a new airport was being justified and suggested that the increase in San Diego-to-Los Angeles air traffic might be handled by commuter fights to Palomar airport. I also suggested that if her data was different from Dukakis's, San Diego and Orange counties should consider jointly building an international passenger and freight airport at Camp Pendleton and linking all Southern California airports together with a high-speed train. I got no reply.

One reason now being used to justify a new San Diego airport is that the current airport cannot handle planes like the Airbus A380. What is not reported is that higher fuel costs are causing order cancellations of the fourengine Airbus A380. Airlines are ordering the new twoengine Boeing 787 at twice the rate of the A380. The 787 can be accommodated at the current San Diego airport.

For years I flew to Denver and watched as a new airport was justified and built. I did not believe that moving the airport 15 miles to the east would create an all-weather airport. It did not. The first big winter storm shut it down.



Lindbergh Field



Some of us living in San Diego may identify with what Michael Fumento had to say about the Denver International Airport. He wrote the following in 1996.

"When Federico Peña became mayor of Denver in 1983, he must have smacked his lips and roared: 'Let the good times roll!' Yes, that's a Louisiana expression. But Louisiana's symbol of corruption, Huey 'Kingfish' Long, would have been proud of our current U.S. Secretary of Transportation. This goes especially for his crowning achievement, Denver International Airport (DIA), which just opened 16 months late.

"Peña took over a city wracked by recession, promising that 'Denver is poised for greatness.' Under him, Denver launched one mega-project after another. It hosted a Grand Prix, built a new convention center, and authorized the building of a new baseball stadium. In each case, the pattern was the same. The city government broke its promises, some select businesses gained, and taxpayers ended up footing the bill.

"The Grand Prix tied downtown traffic in knots for two years, then left, with Denver taxpayers holding a \$2.5 million bill. The convention center saw a drop in bookings over the predecessor, and the baseball stadium promised at \$140 million is coming in at \$215 million.

"And then there was DIA. Practically everything Peña ever said about the need for the airport and its cost was a fabrication.

"He said that flight delays at the current airport, Sta-

pleton, were, 'an embarrassing bottleneck, both in our national transportation system and our ability to have an efficiently run airport to build a strong, stable economy.'

"But Stapleton's flightdelay record in years just prior to the building of the airport was among the best in the nation.

"Peña said Stapleton could no longer keep up with increasing demand, predicting that Denver's airport would serve 52 million passengers by 1995.

"The actual number is now estimated at 32 million, less than Stapleton served in 1987. [In 2005, DIA had 43.4 million passengers.] Even if traffic had increased, Stapleton could have handled it, since counting from the top of its radio antenna. It is in part because of this surplus land that the airport is farther away from a population center than any metropolitan airport in the nation.

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Federico Peña



Denver International Airport

it had just added a new runway and a new concourse. "Peña said DIA would be to Denverites.

"Peña said DIA would be to Dem the world's second-largest airport, a claim that surely appealed to the vanity of Denverites. ver Airp

"But DIA has both less terminal space and fewer gates than Stapleton did. The 'second largest' claim is only justified by the amount of the land around the terminal and runways, rather like measur"Peña said the new airport would be essentially cost-free

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"But the Charleston (WV) Daily Mail was more accurate when it headlined, 'Denver Airport Great If You Don't continued on page 8

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#### Cluster outfits

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come along, and new companies will be formed to make and merchandise promising new drugs, Floridians are told. One study indicated that the new Burnham facility could generate 3600 spin-off jobs in 15 years.

Balderdash. San Diego, the nation's biotech hub, is proof that spin-offs don't create many jobs.

On its website, Burnham boasts these accomplishments by its scientists: (1) the laboratory technique that forms the basis for the PSA (prostatespecific antigen) test for prostate cancer, (2) the enabling technology for the cancer drug

Epogen, and (3) one of the first vitamin-based drugs for cancer, Targretin.

Nancy J. Beddingfield, director of institute relations for Burnham, says that Epogen, controlled by Thousand Oaks biotech Amgen, provides no royalty stream to Burnham.

Targretin throws off a modest royalty. It is controlled by a San Diego biotech, Ligand Pharmaceuticals, which is truly a Burnham spin-off. Ligand has two Targretin products that serve small niche markets. The company has lost money for 11 straight years, and last year was its worst. Its cumulative deficit is \$973.3 million. It has restated its earnings for 2002, 2003, and most of 2004 and just announced it will pay \$12.2 million to settle related lawsuits. The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating the earnings problems. Ligand admits it has faulty internal financial controls. Last week, David Robinson, chief executive since 1991, resigned under pressure from unhappy institutional shareholders.

Another Burnham spinoff was Telios Pharmaceuticals, which went into bankruptcy in the middle 1990s and was later purchased. A third spin-off is Neuro-Molecular Pharmaceuticals, which is privately held and based in Emeryville.

In filching our clusters, Florida will suffer expensive disappointments.

#### Mile high mess continued from page 7

Live in Denver.'

"Thus cab fare to catch a plane has shot up dramatically because of the new airport's distance. You could park fairly close to Stapleton for \$4; for DIA it's \$10. Because DIA is three times more expensive to run than Stapleton, its landing fees have more than tripled. This forced Continental to drop it as a hub and United, the only hub airline left, to slap an extra \$40 on all domestic round-trip fares either departing or entering Denver.

"While construction did provide a short-run boost to Systems Research Corporation President Michael Boyd has estimated the cost to the Denver economy of the new airport at \$200 million a year on into perpetuity. The extra cost of flying into town is also guaranteed to stifle tourism and convention business.

the local economy, Aviation

"As far as actual construction costs go, Peña told voters who later approved the project it would cost \$1.7 billion. But the final cost will be about \$5 billion. For all the talk of the infamous baggage handling system, the airport would probably have opened a year late anyway because Peña used a ridiculously low estimate of construction time in order to keep the budget low on paper.

"Corruption has bred corruption. About a dozen investigations are underway into various practices at DIA, including shoddy construction.

"But Peña wasn't the only high government official working to force the world's largest white elephant down citizens' throats. Democratic Governor Roy Romer, nice man, threatened to 'roll over' and 'crush' any opposition. What's more, it's clear that Denver's daily newspapers, both of which editorialized in favor of the new airport, also greatly ignored the problems of DIA on their news pages. At least until just a few weeks ago. Then they began running stories like the Rocky Mountain continued on page 10



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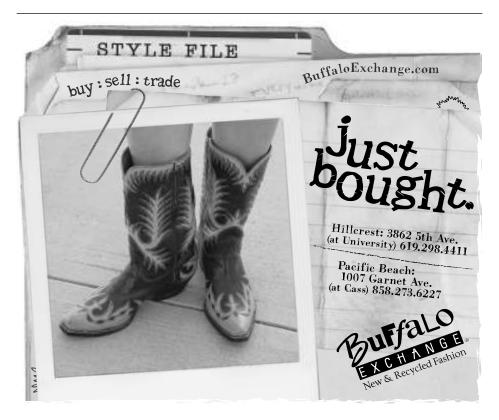
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News's 'Flying Blind into a Mountain of Debt: The Untold Story of How Denver Hitched Its Destiny to DIA and Closed Its Eyes to a Gathering Storm of Doubt.'

"Actually, this 'untold story' was the subject of my cover article in the December 1993 American Spectator. Others had attempted to sound the alarm long before I did. Said one of them, Aviation Systems' Boyd, 'They've had this information for years but wouldn't release it because it might harm the project.' The Rocky Mountain News reporter assigned to cover DIA, Kevin Flynn, actually ran a

series called 'Myth of the Month' to counterattack airport criticisms. He once sent an angry letter to the Associated Press after it ran a piece critical of DIA.

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"After I sent a draft of the American Spectator article to a *News* columnist who was critical of DIA, another News staffer leaked it to airport officials who 'leaned on me,' as the expression goes, and made an investigation into my background to find dirt.

"As for the Denver Post, in response to a reporter revealing how incredibly far away the new airport was, the newspaper transferred his editor, Al Knight, to writing editorials. This was under a publisher who had already given some

\$70,000 in political contributions to the airport project. The publisher later departed, but reporting on the airport project remained lax. Says Knight, 'I think, unconsciously or semi-consciously, the newspaper sort of took some time off?

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" 'Denver and Colorado, from a government point of view, is one of the most corrupt places in the country, says Boyd. But corruption, like cockroaches, needs dark corners."

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#### They Have Power

I would like to respond to a letter titled "Jell-O Island and Other Bum Ideas" in last week's *Reader* (August 3).

Most of what "Name Withheld" wrote about concerning the various sites for relocating Lindbergh Field I'll have to agree with. It will be a cold day in hell before the military gives up any of their bases, nor should they be expected to, just for an airport that would only bring bigger aircraft and more flights into our fair city. San Diego is on the fast track to becoming another L.A. as it is now, and I don't think we should rush it along any faster than it's already moving. The floating-airport idea, besides being costly, might have worked if construction had been started 20 years ago. A few years ago there was some talk about expanding Brown Field in order to use it as a cargo-only airport, to help take some of the load off Lindbergh Field. If I remember correctly, the cities of Coronado, Chula Vista, and National City were totally against that idea, as they were when "they" thought it was a good idea to share Tijuana International Airport. "They" being the ones who decided we need to move the air-

port from where it is now. Like I said before, I agree with most of what "Name Withheld" wrote in his/her letter to the *Reader*, but there is one more bum idea I'd like to add: Brown Field. Thousands of homes have been built down here in the South Bay in the past few years, so a lot of that so-called barren and industrial terrain is no longer barren and industrial. The terrain to the east is just as dangerous for landing and takeoffs as it has always been. Traffic on 5, 805, and 905 has doubled since all those homes have been built, and believe me, there are more homes coming, which means more traffic.

When the South Bay wanted the new ballpark, "they" ruled against it and gave us the county jail and state prison instead. When NASCAR was looking to build a new racetrack in California, "they" decided against it; Riverside got the racetrack, we here in the South Bay get the Tijuana sewage plant. Don't get me wrong, we did get two nice things added in the South Bay in years past. I'm talking about the Olympic Training Center and the Coors Amphitheatre.

Now, "Name Withheld," since you didn't have the testicular fortitude to sign your name to your letter, I'll have to assume you have something to benefit from having Lindbergh Field moved to Brown Field. Did "they" have you write that letter, or maybe you just own land near Brown Field? Either way, I'm sure you don't live down here in the South Bay area, or if you do, you're looking to make a handsome profit when you sell off your land and move away. Maybe to your new high-rise condo that "they" will be building once "they" move Lindbergh Field. With the small aircraft flying in and out of Brown Field now - the highway patrol helicopters, the sheriff helicopters, the San Diego police helicopters, the news/traffic helicopters, and all the Navy helicopters flying in and out of North Island and Ream Field — the South Bay has enough air traffic overhead now, and we surely don't need any more. Leave Lindbergh Field right where it's at. As you stated in your letter, tourists and business people love Lindbergh Field just where it sits.

Pete Tancredi via e-mail

#### **Applied Logic**

This letter is in regard to "Stop Mr. Sanford" (Letters, August 3). I just wanted to let Mr. Ashton know that while we're all very impressed with his B.A. in English and that he graduated summa cum laude, there's just one thing I can't figure out. If you don't like Mr. Sanford's writings, don't read them.

> Dale Allen Poway

#### **Lighthearted Piece**

In response to "Shrivs at the Drive-in" (Letters, July 13) and "Field of Screens" (Cover Story, July 6).

Thank you, Mr. Sanford, for the compelling article about drive-in theaters. I enjoyed reading about this historic piece of Americana. Your article prompted me to revisit the drive-in for the first time in eight years. My parents took my sister and me to the drive-in as children. We thought it was a great way to spend time together. Last Saturday I took my girlfriend, Lauren, who had never been to a drive-in, to the double feature in Santee, which was packed. There were several families and twentysomethings, contrary to Mr. Ashton's claim that drive-ins are reserved for old people.

Mr. Sanford, thanks again for writing a lighthearted piece that allowed me to reminisce about my past experiences at the drive-in. Surely there are many other topics that deserve San Diegans' attention, such as racism, poverty, and the state of our schools, and perhaps Mr. Ashton will be contributing his article soon, but last Saturday for a few hours, I relaxed at the drive-in because of an idea I got from Jay Allen Sanford and the Reader. Bob Netcoh

via e-mail

#### Sad, Outrageous

Re: "City Lights" July 6 by Ernie Grimm ("Nearby Residents See Red Over Nightly Fireworks"). It is a sad commentary and an outrage that in our community, commercial interests take precedence over private citizens. It is especially sad to note that the latter include the elderly and young children.

I wish I were smart enough to suggest a remedy to the ubiquitous noise we *continued on page 14* 

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all have to suffer, but in this case at least, SeaWorld should be asked to investigate the mitigations suggested by the anonymous source at Pyro Spectaculars. Howard Goldman via e-mail

#### Convert To Wooshing

Some of the letters in response to Ernie Grimm's "City Light" on July 6, "Nearby Residents See Red Over Nightly Fireworks," display a reading-comprehension problem. The focus of his report is that Sea-World could do as Disneyland did in July 2004: switch from using explosive powder to using pressurized air to launch their fireworks. Disneyland stated that they did so to "reduce noise, smoke, and safety hazards," that they wanted to be "good neighbors."

This past Tuesday, a San Diegan with a coach full of out-of-state relatives visited Disneyland. In response to questions about their fireworks display and their launching method, he replied that the display was "great," that there was no "booming," just "wooshing" in launching them. We do not ask Sea-

We do not ask Sea-World to discontinue their nightly fireworks display. A former mayor's spokesperson stated that they have a permit to do so up to 11:00 p.m. nightly. What we implore SeaWorld to do is to become a good neighbor, to stop "booming" us, and to convert to "wooshing" by launching their fireworks by using pressurized air.

Karl A. Kortum Loma Portal

#### **Rebut The Rebutter**

I am always disappointed that you publish anonymous letters, which I equate to cowardice (on the writer's part). The latest response by "Anonymous" (July 20) to the letters against SeaWorld's annoying noise ("Nearby Residents See Red Over Nightly Fireworks," "City Lights," July 6) makes the point and does not provide any opportunity to rebut the rebutter.

The writer's contention that those who don't like fireworks should move thoroughly dismisses those of us who were lucky enough to buy our homes in Pacific Beach before Sea-World existed. We moved here precisely because it was small and quiet and not overrun by bars and tattoo parlors, to say nothing of the ever-expanding Sea-World. (In 1965, SeaWorld was only 20 acres and definitely family friendly. You could buy an annual family pass for \$12.75 and take your own food into the park for lunch.)

Some of us do oppose what's become of our beautiful Mission Bay Park and are spending our time to recover some of its more pleasant aspects. We don't think it's fair for others to ask us to move, particularly those who were ignorant of what this place was in years past. Things are not always getting better.

If "Anonymous" cares about the community, he should join us in making it a better place rather than hide behind his mystery mask and complain about others.

> Al Strohlein via e-mail

#### Memories Of Peace And Quiet

Well, let's see if anyone else picked up on this commonality regarding the people who wrote in who like the fireworks at SeaWorld ("Nearby Residents See Red Over Nightly Fireworks," "City Lights," July 6). None of them have been around here long enough to remember a San Diego without it.

Well, I can remember when it wasn't there and folks used to go out there and go camping in the sand dunes, where SeaWorld is now, to get some peace and quiet and get away from it all and go fishing and stuff. And then I believe in '63 or '64 it was announced that a restaurant was going to be built there called Sea-World. That's right, a restaurant. Well, that never happened, and we got Disneyland instead. To all you newbies out there who don't get it, things like Sea-World fireworks take away from our personal freedoms that the City shouldn't allow to happen to the thousands of residents who have been living here for generations. In

this case, I'm talking about our freedom and right to peace and quiet and to be able to breath clean air.

James Comstock via e-mail

#### **Textbook Failures**

Thank you for "A Tenth Grader's History of the World" (Cover Story) by Thomas Larson that appeared in the June 22 issue. I spent more than 30 years teaching world history at Riverside-Brookfield High School, Riverside, Illinois. One of my continuing efforts was trying to compensate for textbook failures, many of which Larson clearly describes.

Brant Abrahamson Illinois Master Teacher, 1986

#### Farber Helped Serious Addiction

Thank you, Duncan Shepherd, for putting your very personal tribute to Manny Farber in print ("Debt," Movie Review, May 25). My own life was changed indelibly at first glimpse of his "Hard Look at the Movies" lectures in 1972. Film, for me, already a serious addiction, would never be the same. And thanks to you, I was privileged to work as one of his teaching assistants for several years. Where would so many of us be now without our brush with Manny Farber? Salut! Jennifer Kotter via e-mail

#### **Easy Archives**

I enjoy reading all the articles in the Reader. I've read the Reader for many years. The suggestion that I have is the following. Under the articles "Back When," you give us a tidbit of an article from, for instance, 25 years ago. I would like to see a link to the whole article. Some of these past stories are worth reading. I understand I could go to the library and find them on microfiche, but it would be so much more convenient to just click on the link and read the whole article. I know it is more work, but again, just a suggestion. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

> Pedro Escalante via e-mail

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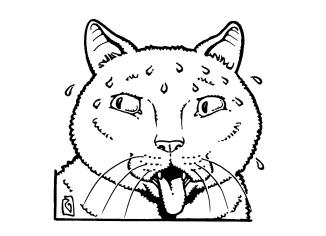
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Ugh. Summer. Under our recent extreme conditions, Grandma and the elves have taken to stripping down to skin and spritzing each other with water. Grandma won't shed her apron, which at least keeps things a little more bearable. All in all, though, it's not a pretty sight. But it's a good example of what the science guys would call behavioral thermoregulation. When it gets hot, we seek shade, take a cold shower, sit in front of the AC — do something to take the edge off. All animals take some sort of cooling action to regulate body heat.

As for kitty specifically, she sweats mainly through her paw pads and a little bit around her nose. Sweat glands in heavily furred skin would be more dangerous than useful, since skinsweating like us human beans do depends on evaporation for its cooling effect. Soggy kitty would eventually expire. If things get really bad, you might see your cat pant to shed heat, though cats also pant from stress and fear, so it's hard to tell what's going on. Paw-pad sweat glands are common in the world of fur. Lack of skin sweat glands also conserves water, a real plus on a scorching day. This also explains why we carry around water bottles and cats don't.

Dogs also sweat through their feet. (You might even see a dog's or cat's sweaty footprints on a rugless floor on a hot day.) But their principal heat-shedding system goes straight to the heart of the matter. All thermoregulation is aimed at reducing animals' core body temperature. We feel the cooling on our skin, but the radiated heat has been pulled via a heat-exchange system out of our internal organs. When dogs pant, they're exhaling heat more directly from their guts, a very efficient method.

One common behavioral technique for furry animals in hot weather is to flop bellydown on a cold surface. Belly fur is normally not as thick as back or limb fur, which increases the odds of radiating some body heat into the cool floor, dirt, whatever.

Only primates and horses have what we think of as skin sweat glands. So if you're fond of the old expression "sweating like a pig," in fact you're not sweating at all. In spite of the fact that they're nearly hairless, pigs depend entirely on behavioral thermoregulation. Pigs need shade, cool surfaces, air circulation, and mud or they'll end up as premature bacon.

#### Hello there, oh great one:

Where does the phrase "break a leg" come from? One source says it may have come from the whole incident with Abraham Lincoln and John Wilkes Booth. The same source says that that is probably not true. What gives?

*— Alison, the net* 

This is the answer, but don't believe it. It's an old know-it-all trick that makes you look as though you've done your research but doesn't put you in the line of fire if somebody out there has better info. We see it all the time here at Matthew Alice's Fact-o-Rama (LLC). The word nerds are particularly fond of that dodge.

The natural history of a common expression takes some predictable turns. First, it springs up in conversation. Years later it is common enough to appear in print. Then it spreads to the general public and becomes a cliché. The general public, eager to fill the collective brain pan with something other than helium or lithium or whatever fills the average skull, will look at the expression and ask "Why?" Why would anyone say "break a leg"?

The urge to answer his own question is irresistible to Average Joe. He applies what passes for logic to the quandary and comes up with the Lincoln-Booth story, since he vaguely remembers from history class that Booth broke his leg after shooting the prez and leaping onto the stage to make his escape. That's the only broken-leg/theater link he can think of — proof enough that he is indeed a sage and has answered his own question. The explanation makes it into print, we slugs buy it, so it passes for fact. The word nerds even have a name for this process: a folk etymology, a goofy explanation fabricated by us folks after the fact.

Other stories from free-lance thinkers are even more preposterous. How about this one: The pole that holds the stage curtain is called a leg. May you wow the audience and have so many curtain calls that the leg breaks from rising and falling so often. Makes the Lincoln story look half sane.

Actual language researchers offer this explanation: The term came into use with the Yiddish theater as a more or less direct translation of the existing German expression *Hals und Bienbruch*. In highly superstitious worlds such as the theater, it's common to reverse good wishes — to say something negative so you don't tempt the gods. Culturally, this kind of thinking is universal, not just a German or theater thing. The German expression might have originated with air force pilots, as an alternative to "don't crash and die." That's the best the word nerds can do for you. Don't blame me, blame them. That's my dodge.

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### SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

## The Centrifugal Protocol

hat turned me was the Floyd Landis interview on...pick one, the Today Show, Good Morning America, CBS Live, CNN Live, ESPN News, or Fox News. Landis is answering questions, but he's speaking mealymouth lawyer instead of English. That's new.

I even remember the sentence that turned me; when Landis said that they - meaning the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI ) — didn't follow their own protocols.

Protocols sounds so scientific. I picture whitesmocked scientists, a vast underground bunker, every wall coated with blinking yellow, green, and red lights. Yes, I see it now, those corrupt scientists are ignoring their protocols, probably the centrifugal protocol and the nuclear-implosionto-get-the-coffee-going protocol.

Turns out, the protocol Landis was talking about had to do with the UCI releasing his test results to the media before he got a chance to see them

Just a couple problems with that. The UCI didn't say Landis failed a doping test; they said "a rider" failed. And it was Floyd's own team (Phonak) who outed him, not the UCI. Later, the New York Times reported that a UCI source said that some of Floyd's testosterone was synthetic. Still, leaking Floyd's test results, while unethical, has nothing to do with the actual test results. The test results remain the same, leaked or no.

The way it works... The French national antidoping lab does the testing. They are sent urine samples by Tour de France authorities, but do not know which sample belongs to which rider. All the samples are numbered. The UCI holds the master list.

Landis's urine samples showed that his ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone was 11 to 1, far above the usual ratio of 1 to 1, and way over the allowed ratio of 4 to 1. Worse, his sample showed traces of synthetic testosterone.

Landis is using the standard California DUI defense; namely, attack the tests, attack the methodology of the tests, question the chain of control, and propose alternate theories. ("Somebody rubbed flax seed oil on my knees.") The idea is to plant doubt, which is not that hard to do. According to a recent Harris Poll, one out of two Americans still believe there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Landis also complained that the UCI "made this public before I had a chance to figure out what was going on, and I was forced in the press to make comments before I could get educated on this."

The problem is the test results, not whether Landis had a chance to figure out what was going on. The press nags and whines and bullies, but I don't believe they actually forced Landis to make up increasingly desperate stories.

Landis and those around him have said his positive test can be explained by cortisone shots he takes for his hip condition or his thyroid medication or his natural metabolism or drinking beer with some whiskey the night before he was tested or getting dehydrated on the day the test was taken. After each theory was laughed off the table, Landis came out with a denial of his denials, saying, "Number one, the whiskey idea was not mine from the beginning. And the dehydration was a theory from the lawyers, which I must say I hired in Spain to represent me at the opening of the sample — but was not authorized by me to say something like that, and I'm disappointed with that and something has to be done with that.'

UCI president Pat McQuaid sees the predicament, "Of some 300 tests carried out during the tour, there was only one positive test. The problem is that it was the winner.

Landis started the tour lucky. By the time the race began, the top *five* finishers from the 2005 tour had either retired or were excluded due to an ongoing Spanish doping investigation. Landis had a good race through the Pyrenees, good enough to take the yellow jersey (by ten seconds) after the 15th stage

And then, the collapse. He finished the 16th stage 8:08 behind the leader. Nobody makes up that much time. And he looked like dead-manpedaling. And then, the next day, he flew over five hard climbs, cranked out the last 80 miles alone. and made up all but 38 seconds of what he lost.

You had to love his story. Even the French press got behind him.

Now comes the bust. Here's what German doctor Kurt Moosburger told cyclingnews.com about recovering after bonking on an Alpine stage: "To help recover, testosterone and human growth hormone can be used.... You put a standard testosterone patch that is used for male hormonereplacement therapy on your scrotum and leave it there for about six hours. The small dose is not sufficient to produce a positive urine result in the doping test, but the body actually recovers faster."

Message found on a podiumcafe.com forum, "If this is true. I'm done with it. Just fucking done."

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This summer has been filled with parties. There was husband Patrick's poker party with pals. There was karaoke night with old college friends who have an obsession with Sinatra. An early-July barbecue and bonfire at Mission Bay for Patrick's birthday was followed by a family reunion bash on a cousin's family farm, complete with a mooing cow, cawing

peacock, and a herd of quail babies bustling after their adopted mother, a chicken.

I thought there would be a party respite after that. I forgot about my pregnant friend. A tea party baby shower was in order for my chum who has been on bed rest for weeks.

I needed to find the best shortbread cookies - her favorite - to have with tea.

First stop was All Things Bright and British tea shop in La Mesa. "Shortbread is a Scottish dessert," the saleslady informed me. She pointed out a shelf of Walkers shortbreads. "I like the Shortbread Petticoat Tails (\$4.29 for 5.3 oz.)

because they come packaged in a pie shape, cut into triangles, and it is easy to snap off a piece and dunk it in some tea." I picked up a package and also the Walkers Pure Butter Shortbread (\$4.29 for 5.3 oz.) and Walkers Pure Butter Stem Ginger Shortbread (\$5.29 for 6.2 oz.). I was curious as to whether the petticoat tails and the butter shortbread would taste different since they had the same ingredients. "Most shortbread is about a third butter, that's why it tastes so good," she offered. "Some people say the shortbreads taste the same, but to me, the different-shaped shortbread makes them taste different."

The saleslady recommended a tea from the myriad of teas on the shelf. "Yorkshire Tea by Taylors of Harrogate is my coworker's favorite," she told me. "She's from England, and to her there is no other tea." I picked up a box for the party and headed on to Trader Joe's, Henry's, Whole Foods, and Vons and bought any shortbread I could see. I arrived home well after dinner and exhausted, so we decided to taste the next day with our morning tea.

Around ten o'clock, I lined up the shortbread boxes on our kitchen counter and sat down with Patrick and my

LORNA DOONE

mother. We started with the Yorkshire tea. Patrick enjoyed it, as did my Irish mother, though she remarked with a smile, "I like Barry's better." Then we dug

into butterdom. We started with the Lorna Doones (\$4.29 for 10 oz. at Vons). "Too much like a sugar cookie," moaned

Patrick, "shortbread should be more bread-like, not snappy."

Pamela's Products Butter Shortbread (\$2.99 for 7.25 oz. at Whole Foods) had the opposite problem. "The softness is off-putting," remarked Mom. "It is like a cookie that has had water spilled on it." We wondered if the lack of wheat and gluten had something to do with the sogginess. The same brand's Lemon Shortbread and their Pecan Shortbread (each \$3.29 for 7.25 oz. at Henry's) were crumbly, falling apart in our hands. "I am a big fan of shortbread and a big fan of pecans," Patrick commented, "but I "The shortbread bite is

reminiscent of a sourdough

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am not a fan of them together."

No one at the table liked the Safeway's Pecan Shortbread Cookies (two one-pound packages for \$5.00 at Vons), which had an acidic aftertaste. And neither the Sandies Pecan Shortbread (\$3.99 for 16 oz. at Vons), which left a greasy film on the top of our mouths, nor the Shortbread Fudge Drops (\$2.77 for 9.5 oz. at Wal-Mart) went over well. "This bears no taste resemblance to shortbread," said Patrick of the latter, "and its shape calls to mind a toilet seat."

"What are you saying?" laughed mom, discreetly spitting hers into a napkin. We quickly got off that topic and moved

on Finally we tasted a cookie we all loved, the Wild Oats Natural Assorted Shortbread (\$6.99 for 8.8 oz.. at Henry's). "A strong buttery taste," said mom, "[with] perfect thickness and perfect texture." We set the box aside as a keeper. The '50s-style packaging of the Starr Ridge Shortbread Classic Butter Cookies (\$3.99 for 6 oz. at Whole Foods) sent us all reminiscing. The cookie had huge sugar crystals sprinkled on top

and the taste, though pleasant, was more sugar than shortbread. "If you handed me this

alkers

SHORTBREAD

PETTICOAT TAILS

cookie at a party, I would think it was a sugar cookie," noted Patrick. The kilt-wearing cartoon ginger root playing the bagpipes on the package of The Ginger People Ginger Shortbread (\$3.99 for 6.2 ounces at Whole Foods) also tickled our fancy. The strong ginger taste appealed to the table, but

the cookie was a tad on the soggy side. The bite-sized Trader Joe's Ginger Shortbread Squares (\$2.29 for 5.3 oz.) carried even stronger ginger flavor, though some found the cookies too snappy

Trader Joe's also sold All Butter Shortbread Cookies with chocolate filling and another package with apricot and raspberry filling (each \$3.99 for 14 oz.). The chocolate-filled cookies had perfect texture and, though dry, retained enough moisture to make it pleasant. "The chocolate is like gilding the lily," said Patrick. "I prefer it without the chocolate." The fruit-filled cookies were soggy and flavorless. Patrick went on to wax poetic about shortbread cookies. "If you bite into the cookie and it just snaps, I think Wrong? But if you bite into it and it just crumbles around your teeth but doesn't fall apart, it's

right. And it's got to have that shortbread bite, which is reminiscent of a sourdough bite. It leaves a ring of flavor in the mouth."

Island Bakery Short Bread cookies (\$4.49 for 5.3 oz. at Whole Foods) was another winner, and the Wholesome & Delicious Heaven Scent Shortbread Fudge Thumbprint Cookies (\$2.69 for 6 oz. at Whole Foods), though they had a pleasant taste, the fudge overpowered the shortbread flavor.

Finally we broke into the British teashop cookies. The Walkers Pure Butter Stem Ginger Shortbread was hard to cut and chew. "This is another cookie with an identity crisis," offered Patrick. "Is it a sugar cookie or a shortbread cookie?"

The Walkers Shortbread Petticoat Tails were a favorite, with their creamy butter taste. But the cookie that took the cake was the Walkers Pure Butter Shortbread.

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## **C**rasher

### BEER, BLONDES, AND MORE BEER

#### by Josh Board

friend called to tell me about a party she was crashing in Mission Valley. Country singer Kenny Chesney was there. (I recognized the name from his two-month marriage to Renée Zellweger.) One of Chesney's roadies was reluctant to let my friend crash the party as it was Chesney's birthday, and my friend said she was stared at as she went for the buffet. Since the party was wrapping up, I didn't head down.

This same friend told me about a private party at the Belly Up Tavern. That party would be attended by actors Ed Begley, Jr. and Geena Davis. I tried to crash it, but was unsuccessful.

As I was driving home dejected, another friend called to berate me. "You write about parties, but the biggest party of the year is happening at Fiesta Island, and I'm sure it'll be another year you don't write about it."

This friend is a member of the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC), which organizes the Over the Line softball tournament. After years of avoiding the large crowds with their obnoxious team names, I figured it was time to see



the teams that were competing Dick." Turned out it was a team's name.

> There was a team called "Attention Please, All Further Games Have Been Cancelled," which created confusion. Other

#### "Why hydrate when water is \$18 a bottle? I'll just stick to drinking beer."

It was amusing when the announcer had to introduce the teams by their names. Rod Luck was at the tournament covering the story for KUSI, and I was surprised when the announcer said, "Rod Luck Is a

two bears mating.

The scoreboards displayed

this year. I asked someone

about the brackets, and he

pointed to a sign that read

printed on their shirts.

"No dumb shit questions." A

few organizers had this phrase

team names included: "Barry Bonds Flaxseed Oil," "Clairemonsters," and "Short Fat & Ugly, But We Can Still Get Some If We Pay." Perhaps team names shouldn't be whole sentences.

A few businesses used their company name as their team name with ".com" attached. I didn't get the joke until I saw a business called "Law Offices of Craven, Moorehead, and Tayle."

Several OTL teams had topical names, such as "Duke Lacrosse" and, among three different teams with Cheney in their name, "I'd Rather Go Shooting with Cheney than Driving with Kennedy," which won most of its games and advanced to the following week.

There were several team

names about drinking: "Our **Drinking Team Has an OTL** Problem," "Three Drunk Bastards, But We Can Still Beat the Hawaiian Shirt Guys," "We Promise Not to Drink this Year so We Can Get a Hit," and "Beer Is Cheaper than Therapy."

There were various divisions, including one that was explained to me as the players' ages adding up to 100.

I would've watched more games, but it was windy, causing small sand storms. Also, I had heard that the Tonight Show was filming, with Stuttering John (formerly of Howard Stern) doing stunts with people. A friend and I went searching for him.

While searching for the Tonight Show crew, we ended up in an area for OMBAC members only. My friend and I got free booze and burgers. One of the rules about drinking at OTL is that nothing can be in glass bottles, so people were pouring their drinks into plastic cups.

A few people walked in complaining about a bus driver. The woman told us, "He got lost, and we ended up in the SeaWorld parking lot. It took 15 minutes just







to get out of there!" Thirty minutes later, another group of people came in with similar complaints.

Various companies held areas that they paid for. At most of these areas, you could see empty beer cans scattered. The fire fighters' area, however, had empty water bottles everywhere. A quy walked by and said, "Why hydrate when water is \$18 a bottle? I'll just stick to drinking beer."

Each booth was hosting a party. A Jimmy Buffet fan club had an elaborate Margaritaville set up. A group of hunters had ammo, camouflage, and sandbags set around them.

I watched a team called the Killer B's practice before their game. I asked what the B's stood for and was told, "Beer, blondes, and more beer."

I overheard one girl complaining that there were photos in the OTL program of women's

breasts. She said, "Why not any photos of men and their private parts?" The OMBAC guy looked at her and said, "We aren't stupid. We don't hire female photographers."

The first woman I asked to take a picture of for this story promptly lifted her shirt. I later saw her dropping her shorts for another photograph. It was as if we were at a Girls Gone Wild video shoot.

I wondered how hard it is to get permits to do this on the beach, and how they go about hiring

security for an event where everyone is drinking, carrying baseball bats, and getting naked at the drop of a hat. It seemed like trouble waiting to happen.

But as one OMBAC guy told me, "Like we say at OTL...if you don't remember it, it didn't happen."

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## **Pride and Prejudice**

by Barbarella

A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.

- William James

sn't it ironic that this thing begins on Normal Street? You gotta love it!" Dad shouted, his voice competing with the revving of motorcycle engines.

Dad loved the
showy, extravagant
costumes of the
Sisters of the
Asylum of the
Tortured Heart,
which included
men in brightly
colored, sexy nun
ensembles.

"And there's no group better to kick it off than Dykes on Bikes! Hey, look, there's an Indian!" Because my father rarely bothers with trivialities like political correctness, I scanned the

crowd for a man in a giant feather headdress or a

woman sporting a red dot

on her forehead. As if in

clarification, Dad added,

"God, that's a hot bike!"

noticed the blue, white,

by a petite woman with

her back like spirals of

and chrome beast before

us, a giant machine tamed

golden hair flowing down

and it was then that I

corn silk.

I insisted that David take a picture of me sandwiched between one particularly sexy couple - a woman wearing thigh-high vinyl boots laced up the front and further secured by an array of straps and buckles, a pink dress just short enough to reveal a glimpse of bare skin above the boots, and a rainbowcolored feather boa; and her partner, an equally stunning creature whose breasts looked dangerous in a bikini top covered with pointy rubber spikes. The women looked impressed, and my father perplexed, when I correctly guessed the shop, Madame S in San Francisco, where those boots had been purchased.

I returned to the side-

walk to stand by Dad and David as scantily clad lipsticked and leather-swathed butches straddled their mechanical horses. When the signal was given, dozens of bikes (most of them Harleys) growled to life, creating a deafening roar that resonated through the asphalt, reaching my toes and sending a shudder of anticipation up my legs.

"Don't you love this? There's such great energy here!" Dad exclaimed, before giving a whoop of encouragement as the motorcycles slowly proceeded forward in rows of two. Homosexual men and women smiled back at him, unaware that on paper, my father represents everything the gay community hates — he is a straight, middle-class, white male Republican who voted for Bush and has a career in military war-gaming. But, unlike most people I know, my dad is an entity separate from, and impossible to define by, his politics. The sad thing is, not many people are willing or capable of understanding or accepting a man with such a dichotomous system of values.

It's understandable how one might make assumptions given a few snippets of information. Even my father's own siblings have succumbed to the urge to draw conclusions, the way one might select from a menu the familiar comfort of macaroni and cheese rather than hazarding the elaborate Chicken Bastilla.

Congresswoman Susan Davis waved at us from the procession, and Dad muttered, "I don't know why this has to be political. It's about equality and acceptance of diversity; they should keep the campaigners out."

"You have to understand, Daddy," I reasoned, "that these campaigners represent the interests of this community, and that by marching in the parade, they are demonstrating their support for the issues that are important to their constituents."

"Yeah, I can see that," said Dad. "Still," he pointed to two men in dresses with large masks of the president hiding their faces, "you can't tell me that these guys right here aren't promoting hatred and negative shit. Why can't it just be about celebrating diversity? Why evoke negative energy?"

My father often jokes to his reverend, "I practice what you preach." The congregation at Midtown Church of Religious Science is reflective of the church's location in the mostly gay and liberal Hillcrest area. Dad often feels he is more willing to be tolerant of the fact that his fellow churchgoers are Democrats than they are willing to accept his Republicanism.

It's convenient, even natural, to assume that if someone goes so far as to register with a certain political party, that that person embraces all of the planks comprising that party's platform. But not



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all Republicans are against gay (or what I prefer to call "human") rights. My father, whose views on many issues mirror mine, just attended a "visioning for gay marriage."

"Finally...here comes a club float!" I bobbed my head to the fast beat of techno music blaring from speakers mounted on a flatbed trailer. Hillcrest dance clubs always have the best floats. They're elaborately designed with vibrant colors and reflective bits that sparkle, and they're populated by magazine-perfect, nearly naked, energetic dancers in matching Speedos or bikinis; I always have to resist the urge to hop onto these floats when they roll by, to join the party for the rest of the ride.

Dad loved the showy, extravagant costumes of the Sisters of the Asylum of the Tortured Heart, which included men in brightly colored, sexy nun ensembles, their faces painted as clowns, geishas, and Mardi Gras revelers. Eye candy and performers aside, Dad's favorite sign during the parade declared, "When did you CHOOSE to be STRAIGHT?"

"Isn't that great?" he said as the sign passed by. "People are born how they're born. Jimmy and Diane didn't choose to be gay; they just are. Just as we didn't choose to be straight."

"Speak for yourself, Dad, I'm more diagonal than straight," I teased. "Oh, hey, here comes PFLAG!"

"I'd march with them, but it's not like Jimmy and



Diane would give a crap," Dad said, the sharp edge of the joke made dull by its undercurrent of truth. "I don't do what I do in order to prove anything to anyone," he said. "I'm here because these people are my friends and because I love the energy and excitement and happiness this parade creates. Not to prove myself to people who will think what they're going to think of me anyway."

I almost responded, but then I realized it wasn't me Dad was really speaking to; it was his younger brother and older sister, both of them gay and living in New York ----each of them seeming to struggle unsuccessfully to see their brother any other way but through the lens of his politics, as if they can't look past the piece of paper labeling him as the enemy to see that the man before them is not judging, but being judged.

The marching members of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) never fail to bring tears to my eyes — there's nothing more touching to me than a display of loyalty and love in the face of adversity. An old man marched by holding a sign reading "My Gay Son is a GREAT GUY!" high above his head, his face a poignant combination of unconditional love and pride. That's all it took this year to unlock the fountain of emotion within me, just one person to acknowledge that different does not equal bad, and that tolerance is our only hope for happiness.

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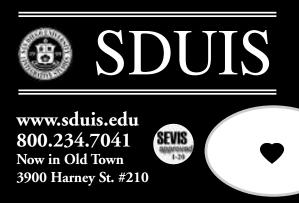
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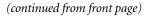
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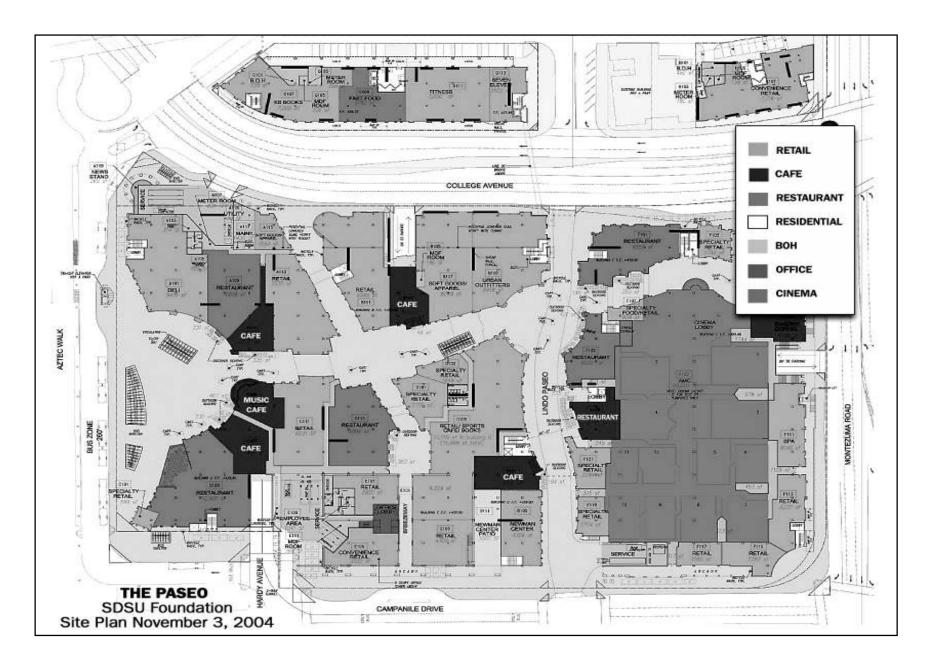


Until the spring of last year, only a few insiders knew that the Paseo was in trouble, beset by internal criticism and bureaucratic bickering. Records recently disclosed by the university after a request under the state's Public Records Act reveal that as early as mid-2003, Weber's bosses in the California State University's chancellor's office in Long Beach had voiced serious doubt about the project.

In a June 30, 2003, letter to Richard West, CSU's executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer, Weber wrote, "We now understand that your key concern is the level of risk engendered by the retail component of the project. As we discussed, we continue to review the retail component of the project and its associated risk, and we will pursue an updated housing demand study. We have also determined to undertake a risk mitigation assessment and develop an exit strategy.

"We support your approach of retaining a consultant to advise you and Chancellor Reed as to the viability of the retail component," Weber continued. "We ask that this process be initiated as soon as possible. The cliché that 'time is money' is probably more true in property development than in most endeavors. It is also difficult to be 'on hold' with interest rates at a fifty-year low. Thank you for your reasoned approach to this issue, which is so important to our campus.

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Clearly, the project was endangered, if not facing outright demise. Later West and others would make clear that the chancellor's office would never approve the project if the foundation financed it, claiming that the foundation's debt, though off university books, would become a de facto obligation of the state.

The foundation had already completed two smaller projects in the redevelopment area, a 66-unit apartment complex costing \$8.5 million and the \$16 million Fraternity Row. Incorporated in 1943, the foundation has an annual budget of \$200 million and over 5800 employees who administer research grants and other funds and manage a large real estate portfolio that includes parking lots, apartment buildings, and a medical facility near Alvarado Hospital.

Neither Weber nor his bosses at CSU went public about their ongoing dispute, even though the foundation had spent millions of dollars on land and architectural designs for Paseo, and City redevelopment officials were spending taxpayer dollars in planning for the project.

The documents reveal that as project delays mounted, Weber lost confidence in his staff and that of the foundation. On July 25, 2003, he fired off a memo regarding development of the school's master plan to provost Nancy Marlin, Student Affairs vice president James Kitchen, and Sally Roush, his top deputy and the university's vice president of Business and Financial Affairs.

"You are each superb in your own area of responsibility, but lately I have observed a diminution of collegiality and a loss of focus. Simply put, we can afford neither as we move into the challenging years ahead.

"I recognize the increasing pressures that the budget imposes on us all, but you need each other, and I need you all working together as a team if we are to lead San Diego State through these difficult waters."

On September 8, Weber sent a memorandum marked "Confidential" to SDSU Foundation chief executive officer Frea Sladek complaining about the foundation's plans to include a sports bar and a 7-Eleven as part of the Paseo.

"To be perfectly candid, what is bothering me is that this seems to



be driven completely by staff rather than having your endorsement after coordinated conversations with the campus.

"For example, at our last presentation we found the Gerdi [Jerde, the foundation's architectural firm] folks redesigning the campanile. I am not clear

why the Foundation is spending its money on redesigns of the campanile, but I am clear that it is completely inappropriate.

"Now I am told that Gerdi folks have been asked to design the interface between the Paseo and the campus. I want to be very clear that this

is going to be the campus's call rather than the Foundation's.

"If the Foundation would like to look at the interface between the campus and the Paseo, it should do it in rigorous conversations with Sally. "Do not misunder-

stand me, we are not unwilling to look at the interface — in fact, I do not think the interface has had as much thought directed to it as it should have. It is just that the project has to be a collaborative project between the university and the Foundation."

Six months later, on March 30, 2004, Weber dispatched a memo to Roush requesting that she assemble his executive staff. "I want to convene a summit with regard to the outstanding issues on the Paseo Project. By 'outstanding issues' I mean those aspects of the project with regard to which you have not been able to reach agreement."

Despite the meeting, questions about how the university and the foundation would collaborate remained unanswered on May 7, when Weber sent another memo to Roush and Sladek. "As we

come closer to a 'go/nogo' decision on the Paseo, we need to sort out the business relationships between the University and the SDSU Foundation vis-à-vis the Paseo.

"These are issues that have arisen before in tangential ways, such as the university's request to be held harmless. However, what I am more interested in is a synergistic conversation that will ensure that we maximize the opportunities to both parties that this project presents."

But if Weber truly thought that the Paseo project was ripe with synergistic opportunities, some on his staff felt it was ready for the knife. Chief financial officer Roush, in particular, demanded more personal control over the project.

On May 25, 2004, Roush e-mailed Ellene



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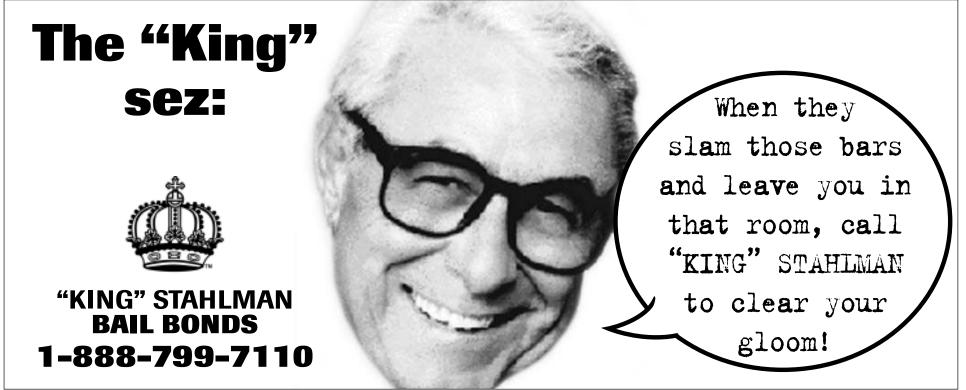
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Gibbs, the school's associate vice president of Financial Operations, about an upcoming meeting between university and foundation staffers. "What a way to have the beginning of my vacation ruined," said Roush. "You, and President Weber, will see that I have added a discussion of the role of the campus chief financial officer. Much of the tension revolves around the failure of the SDSUF organization to acknowledge and work within that construct.

"If that does not apply to the Paseo, that needs to get stated up front — to me as well as to them," wrote Roush, threatening to boycott the gathering. "If the campus CFO role is to be diminished in this project, there is no need for the summit meeting.

"My colleague from

versity of Idaho, which is still reeling from their redevelopment scandal. More individuals will be fired before it is all over. I cannot be party to anything that I feel will harm the University's operating and policy requirements. I hate to sound so negative but from far away this still looks very problematic."

(In 2003, the University of Idaho's president resigned and the vice president for finance was fired after it was revealed that unauthorized loans had been made from a university trust fund to the university's foundation, which was developing a satellite campus. The project fell apart, and the foundation was left with a \$26 million debt.)

The next day, Gibbs e-mailed Roush back, denigrating the design of the Paseo. "We do not





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dents," she wrote. "Let's say it was going to throw off millions: does that change how we expect our students to live, our traffic to flow, the safety we expect, the degree of class we want the front of our campus to have?

"It's like the old joke about the lady asked to sleep with someone for \$2,000,000. That was OK, but when asked whether she'd do it for 5 cents, asked 'what do you think I am?'

"I don't see the need for a summit meeting either. But if it goes, you didn't call it so you don't need to lead it. In fact, I'd probably let them be lead speaker on every single agenda item with University only providing responsive comment as to agree/disagree basis in very brief form.

"Time to pick that pocket thread. Sit back and let your staff state



their expert opinions one final time. No apologies, no bargaining. (There shouldn't be any bargaining in front of Fdn board members anyway!)"

Though the e-mails show a virtual revolt of

university staff, with Roush leading the charge — demanding to wrest control from the foundation — Weber remained seemingly oblivious to the brewing mutiny.

"Welcome home. I

hope Hawaii was great," he said in an e-mail to Roush dated May 27, 2004. "When you get back I am going to try to put together a meeting which will ask whether we could move for external ownership of this project. I know that would mean less for us — and perhaps fewer controls, but Charlie seems set on screwing this deal up any way he can."

Charlie is almost certainly CSU chancellor Charles B. Reed, Weber's boss. Elsewhere in the same missive, Weber mentions him again, saying, "Charlie is mad at me again (not important why, but I will fill you in when we see each other next week), and has abruptly cancelled (without explanation)" a meeting about the Paseo financing. "He has said it might be possible to schedule a meeting in July!"

On June 14, in an email to foundation CEO Frea Sladek about disagreements over preparation of an environmental impact report for the Paseo, Roush said, "There is a continuing failure to recognize that for a project that has so much importance for and impact on the University, the University must be the driver."

On August 9, Thomas F. Carter, a longtime member of the SDSU Foundation board and an influential alumnus as well as a staunch backer of the Paseo project proposed by the foundation, e-mailed Weber about a meeting Carter had had with CSU's executive vice chancellor Richard West.

"All in all, I think it was a good meeting and as I told him, we want to work with him to make this happen. My read is that and to use his words 'if we can show him that our proposed financing is dollar neutral' he felt he could support it."

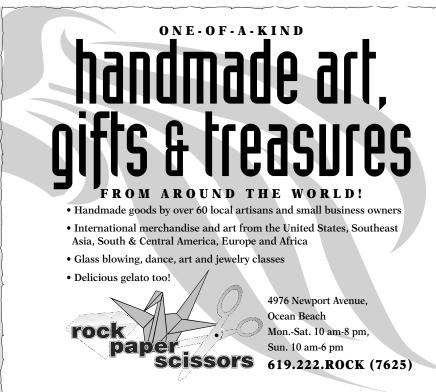
Then Carter alluded to the static that Roush





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and her backers were creating. "Another issue that I took away from our discussion is that he is getting two messages from San Diego. I think it is critical that we have only one person talk to the Chancellor's office on the Paseo."

Replied Weber: "Yes, there is the rub. What single person can represent us to best advantage? Sally is most knowledgeable and most respected by Richard, but is skeptical and less than enthusiastic about the project as it now stands. "Frea is not knowl-

edgeable about the project.

"Steve Bloom and Fred do not have the standing and have proven themselves to be 'true believers' — which is to say, I doubt they have much credibility. "I am supportive —

but technically deficient." Four months later, with the Paseo status still

unresolved, Carter again

e-mailed Weber, this time to say that he had contacted Bob White, an influential SDSU alumnus and Sacramento insider who is a longtime advisor to ex-governor Pete Wilson and has also worked for Governor

Arnold Schwarzenegger. "I have discussed the Paseo financing issue "He understands that issue and is an excellent person to precede our visit," continued Carter.

"Tom, you are always a source of wonder," wrote Weber.

Weber apparently didn't tell his second-incommand Roush about White's involvement, as

"This won't sell well with the Trustees but I'm sure it can be faked."

with Bob White," wrote Carter, in the e-mail dated December 5. "Interesting,"

responded Weber. "He said he would represent us for free as long as I am not making any money on this. I am sure you can clarify that for him," Carter wrote. "Of course," said

Weber.

evidenced by her frantic e-mail to Weber a little over a month later, on January 19, 2005.

"Dennis Hordyk from the Chancellor's Office called me this morning in regard to the Paseo," said Roush. "One of the items he wanted to discuss was a conversation he had with Bob White, whom he knows











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well from the days when Dennis was in the state Department of Finance. Bob talked about how the Paseo project has been underway for years, much has been spent to date, etc. He talked as though the [chancellor's office] is blocking the campus from proceeding with the project. Dennis was much taken aback. Dennis, a generally mild mannered individual, was very displeased that we had in essence raised the stakes by having Bob White lobby him.

"I think it is a bad idea to have this kind of outside lobbying on an issue such as this," she continued. "I hope I am wrong. What is it we want to occur as a result of the lobbying by Bob White? We already have approval from the Chancellor himself to move forward with the project. It is the debt-capacity problem that we are struggling to manage, and the likelihood of an exception is non-existent. I'm afraid we are using a contact for no useful outcome."

On February 11, with the Paseo still alive, if limping along, SDSU Facilities Planning and Management director Tony Fulton e-mailed



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Roush with his criticisms of its design. "They are still proposing a pedestrian bridge crossing College at Lindo Paseo," said Fulton. "And it's the ugliest bridge I've seen in some time. Reminds me of a railroad trestle." He added that the project "will barely meet the proposed energy standards and guidelines that even the City of SD is adopting. This won't sell well with the Trustees but I'm sure it can be faked."

On March 17, a worried Tom Carter again emailed Weber. "I understand that Sally Roush or her staff is proposing that SDSU could acquire the Foundation position and develop the Paseo. This would never be accepted by the city."

Replied Weber: "In the best of all possible worlds, that would not be our preference. If it is on our credit no matter what, then we would be better off to do it ourselves and at least have the control we would otherwise lose to a third party."

As to possible opposition to the takeover by the City, Weber responded: "They would block the state from undertaking a development they want to see??? How does a city trump the state of California?"

Weber then forwarded Carter's message to Roush and proposed that Carter be "briefed" by her about the takeover, but she quickly demurred.

"I think it would be difficult and likely unproductive for me to talk to Tom absent you," she wrote on March 17. "His comments regarding me sound increasingly critical, and I don't think it is appropriate for me to be involved in a 'spat' with a community member and an alum."

Alluding to the rapidly developing controversy over the university's sudden move to take control of the project,



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Pierce, the consultant/ developer in charge of the Paseo, as an unwelcome source of opposition. Pierce was lobbying heavily to complete the Paseo under control of the foundation. (Pierce is a former president of the troubled San Diego pension board. This April, his offices at the foundation were raided by FBI agents, who hauled off computers and piles of records. He has not been charged with wrongdoing.) "The Foundation or Fred is presenting this as

Roush singled out Fred

the Foundation and City vs. the University. In my position, I cannot cajole, require, or otherwise get them to stop. As long as that is the position that Tom and other community board members believe in, the whole mess is just that much worse."

Then she threw down the gauntlet to the wavering Weber: "It is really only presidential authority and direction that can get things going in a different direction, if that is even possible."

The next day Weber fired off a terse memo to the foundation's Frea Sladek: "It seems to me more and more likely that the only way in which the Paseo Project can be done is if it is done by the university using university credit. Have you reached that conclusion as well? If not, why not? Assuming you have reached the same conclusion, I think it is time to direct our energies to that end."

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But that was not the end of Weber's dallying. In early April 2005, Carter came up with a proposal to sell the project to a real estate investment group from the East. Roush had a quick response. "Bond counsel refers to this group as 'shady,' " she told Weber in an April e-mail. "They have no construction, project management or

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"Steve, sooner rather than later we need to make a decision on this project," she continued. "I don't think you have the confidence you need to have in the project management team (Pierce, Bloom) for a

project of this magnitude. Each day we delay a decision, it gets more difficult to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

"If you are ultimately going to assign this project over to the University, the sooner it is done the better for all. If you choose to leave the project with the Foundation, again the sooner we all know that the better." But Weber still con-

tinued to wait. On April 27, he sent a letter to Chancellor Charles Reed asking him to consider "an option that would entail the sale of the project to a third party non-profit corporation and provide offcredit treatment for most of the project's

components."

The next day, Roush e-mailed a staff member. "This is going to overwhelm us sooner than later, I now think." On April 29, Tony Fulton, the university's director of Facilities Planning and Management, sent an email to Roush. "I'm starting to draft some items for our discussion of the Paseo takeover next week."

Finally, on May 3, Weber sent a memo to the board of the SDSU **Research Foundation** announcing that the chancellor's office had spurned his latest proposal. Roush, he said, "has been working with the Chancellor's Office to design a credit plan which would give San Diego State access to sufficient credit to devote up to \$350,000,000 to the development of the Paseo project."

On May 9, Roush emailed Jim Kitchen, SDSU vice president of Student Affairs. "I think there may be some big changes in the near future regarding the Paseo." On May 11, Weber e-mailed the foundation's Frea Sladek. "I am eager to move forward with or without the cooperation of the foundation," he wrote. "Regrettably, we do not have a great record of clear and unambiguous communication either with the system office or among ourselves.

"Given recent events, I am less optimistic about our working together, but no less optimistic about bringing the project to a successful completion."

On May 17, Ellene Gibbs, the university's associate vice president of Financial Operations, sent an e-mail to seven SDSU staffers, including Roush and CSU attorney Steven Raskovich, announcing "a high-level strategic meeting, expected to be followed up by meetings that are more tactical" about the



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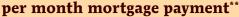
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By then, alarm bells were ringing at city hall. Jim Madaffer, the city councilman representing the district, had made the Paseo a pet project and badly wanted to see it completed before his departure from office in

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2008. He mistrusted Weber's motives and feared he would soon kill the Paseo outright. Planning groups that had already signed off on the project withdrew their endorsements.

Under an agreement between the foundation and the City, land for the project was to have been acquired either through negotiated purchase or condemnation, and property taxes thrown off by the development

had been earmarked to pay for nearby public improvements. With the university questioning the retail component, which would have generated property taxes, the City was facing a loss of income.

Hank Cunningham, assistant executive director of the City's Redevelopment Agency, sent Weber a letter sternly warning him against a transfer of control from the foundation to the university. On June 7, Weber responded. "I believe," he wrote, "that your letter is based on a misunderstanding: you have created a distinction between San Diego State University and the SDSU **Research Foundation** that is not material."

On June 11, Weber sent a different message in a memo to the foundation board. "I believe it is in the best interest of the University for the University to take on the project directly, making the Foundation 'whole' by repaying the monies invested to date, and putting Business and Financial Affairs in charge of carrying out the project."

"The term 'takeover' does not apply here," Roush told the Union-*Tribune* in a July 13 story. "The foundation is part of the university; we are one in the same." The paper quoted her as saying that all contracts would remain in place, including the deal for a multiplex theater.



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Though it was clear that Weber was moving to take the Paseo away from the foundation, the foundation's board had taken no official action to authorize the move. Weber was behaving as if he alone controlled the foundation and the board were merely window dressing. But for seven months, no one on the board would speak out.

Then in February of this year, Tom Carter, who last month died of colon cancer, stood up at a foundation board meeting and quit. "First I have to say I am going to resign from the board today," he announced. "I have served on almost any kind of board you can imagine. I take it

very seriously when I'm on a board of directors. The word 'fiduciary' is always something you must remember. What I have seen happen here in the past year is foreign to the kind of operations I have been accustomed to."

Though Weber had promised to make the foundation "whole," Carter didn't believe that would happen. The foundation had plowed at least \$12 million into the Paseo, and now it was



being forced to divest its real estate in a fire sale to the university to raise cash to pay off its massive debt.

"We are starting a downward spiral," Carter warned. "This foundation is the largest contributor annually to the university — \$2.5 million. That's not going to be there anymore. When we start selling real estate, that money won't be there in the future. I see a downward spiral that will be very difficult to turn around. I don't want to be fighting with President Weber. He knows where I stand on these matters."

Ten days later, on March 6, foundation chief executive officer Frea Sladek and chief operating officer Steve Bloom retired. Chief financial officer Leslie Levinson had departed a few days before. "Steve, Leslie and I realize that it is unusual for three of the top four leaders to leave an organization within a relatively short time period," Sladek wrote in a statement, claiming the joint exodus was just a coincidence.

If it hews to the road that Weber has outlined during recent board meetings, the foundation will have to live without a big chunk of its real estate development business. Based on the evidence, Sally Roush is in charge of the Paseo project's direction. Tom Shepard, political consultant to Mayor Jerry Sanders, was hired by Steve Weber for \$10,000 a month to spin the Paseo story. The City's Redevelopment Agency rescinded a threat to take over the Paseo property and put the project up for bid. At last word, Roush was negotiating with the City's Real Estate Assets Department and Mayor Jerry Sanders for a new Paseo redevelopment deal. Details won't be revealed until the fall.

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A ccessing the following Internet website: www.dmaclassaction.com A hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on September 5, 2006 in Department 301 of the San Francisco Superior Court, located at 400 McAllister St., San Francisco, California 94102, to decide whether to approve the proposed settlement as fair and reasonable, to award attorneys' fees and expenses, and to address other matters. Any class member is permitted to attend the hearing and object to the settlement at the hearing, but it is not necessary to attend the hearing in order to be eligible to receive benefits under the settlement. If the proposed settlement is approved by the Court, then all members of the Settlement Class who do not exclude themselves will be bound by the settlement whether or not they submit a Claim Form or receive any benefits under the settlement. Class Members who are bound by the settlement will be releasing their claims against Darkside as detailed in the Stipulation Regarding Class Settlement.

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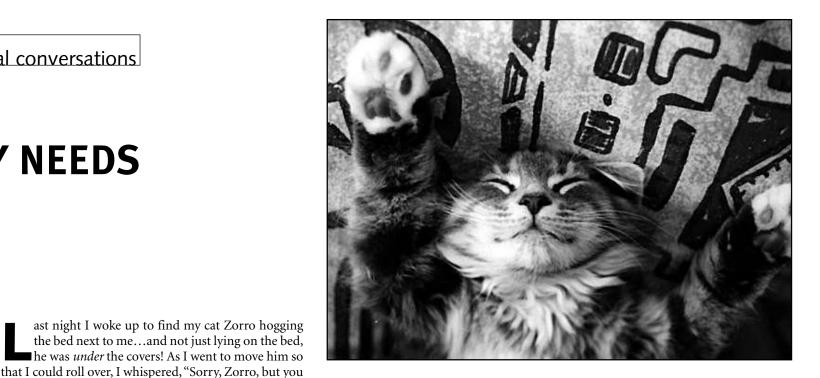
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minute," he suggested. "You pick up my poop, you feed me when I'm hungry, you take care of me when I'm sick, and shower me with attention. Explain to me again, please, how I'm not in charge of you."

"Oh..." What else could I say? He had an excellent point. I mean, I do cater to every one of his kitty needs, and if I don't, I always feel guilty. Like, if I go on vacation, I always feel a twinge of guilt upon returning because he looks at me as though I've abandoned him.

In an attempt to create peace, I told Zorro, "I agree to let you sleep on my bed as long as you don't sleep on my face anymore or hog the bed."

"Agreed," said Zorro. "Can I have my catnip back now? I promise not to act spazzy and race around the house in the ungodly hours of the morning like I did last night."

"Sorry, I value my sleep too much to allow that to happen again! But I will guarantee a daily pat on the head and food."

"Fair enough. Good night." — Emma Seemann, Carlsbad H.S.

'm the only person who has heard the sweet voice of a female ladybug. The creature landed on my index finger this afternoon and I adored her for her petite size and lovely look. As I stared, I heard her sing a tune that's never reached my ears before. I thought to myself, Hmmm...she must be able to talk if she can sing such a song. I asked her, "How are you so small and still alive in this dangerous world?" The singing stopped and she flew to my shoulder, next to my ear.

"For many years my kind flew about in a timid way, afraid of the viciousness this world has to offer. We feared everything — from fierce snakes to a tiny flea, and large elephants to the stinging bee."

"I understand how these things must be scary to you and your kind, but, again, how do you flee from these things? This I still do not see."

'Well, eventually it came to pass that fear was the only thing to blame. The harmful creatures of the world sense insecurity in anything that lives. This gives them the motivation to harm us. However, if we stand strong and live with dignity, this

on top of the jeans that I need to wear." Zorro continued to talk. "Whenever I find a mouse to play with, you always take it away from me before I'm done with it." "And I have good reason to do so! If I want to have presents left in my shoes, I'll let you know, but until then I'm not going to allow you to play with them in the house!" "And whenever I see something fun to play with in the dark, you scream." "That's because the 'something' is my foot!" I retorted. "How was I supposed to know that?" defended Zorro. "And don't even get me started on you not constantly

rubbing my tummy!" Slightly frustrated yet still amused, I replied, "You're not the boss around here!"

'Now, wait a second. Let's think about this for a

"But I'm comfortable!" replied a sleepy voice. It star-

"Zorro?!" I asked, sure my parents had dropped me

Zorro planted himself in his spot on my bed and

"Yes, really," continued Zorro. "Whenever I find a

"Well, I wouldn't have to if that sunny place wasn't

declared, "You always seem so determined to prevent me

tled me so much that I almost fell off the bed!

one too many times as a child.

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sunny place to nap, you always move me."

"Oh, really?" I replied.

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intimidates even the largest of animals and keeps them away from us. Our newly attained senses of courage and pride override those feelings of hunger and fierceness normally directed toward our kind."

I pondered that this tiny creature stays alive by something no one can see; it survives because of its pride, strength, and dignity. Then, another thought planted itself in my mind... "Do you know how much joy you provide the smallest of children and the oldest of men when you land on them and allow them to gaze upon your beauty?"

"Why, yes," she responded, "indeed I do. Their smiles and laughs are what keeps our hearts beating, our wings pulsing. Without the true beauty of the world — the joy of others — our beauty would never be able to shine through. And I want to give you a message to inform mankind: it is simply 'Thank you.' Without you, my kind would never have attained our positive state of mind." And with that, she beat her wings as gracefully as ever and flew off into the distance, leaving the world with more light and happiness than the human eye could ever see.

> – Lexie Sebring, Carlsbad H.S.

think every "animal person" has at one time or another wished they could find out what their pet was thinking. I often find myself questioning my dog's strange behavior and wish that we could somehow communicate. Therefore, if I had the option to talk to any animal on earth I wouldn't look past my own home; I would want to talk to my golden retriever, Sandy.

One question I would immediately ask would be, "Why do you find it necessary to steal every sock and shoe from my room and put them where I'd never think to look?"

Sandy's response would probably be simple. Something along the lines of, "I get bored at night when everyone's asleep. I sleep all day and have nothing to do at night, so I keep myself busy and hope that in the morning this will help get me more attention." To understand the next question I would ask, you have to understand Sandy's personality. She is scared to death of other dogs. I will never forget the time she all 70 pounds of her was intimidated by a 20pound Yorkshire terrier. So, I would ask Sandy, "Why are you so scared of other dogs, even little dogs?"

Her response would probably be, "Ever since I was a puppy, my personality was very timid. I often got pushed around and soon grew to let other dogs have their way. I don't like to cause trouble."

I would try to convince Sandy to "Stand up for yourself. Don't let other dogs push you around. You need to gain respect and confidence."

One part of being able to communicate with Sandy would be the hassle at meal

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times. With the way she begs at the table already, I can't imagine how annoying she would be if she could talk to us. She'd say, "I don't find it fair that everyone else gets spaghetti while I get stuck with this hard, dried-out dog food. At least give me the wet

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While I'd love to know what's going on in Sandy's mind, it's nice to have someone mellow and quiet in the house that I can turn to when I'm sick of my sisters complaining.

> – Bryanna Schwartz, Westview H.S.

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can talk to insects. In fact, I was about to talk to an ant...no, not the kind that squeezes your cheeks every Thanksgiving; I'm talking about those six-legged creepy crawlers with the antennae and itsybitsy fur.

"So, uh, Mr. Ant, describe to me an average day in your six shoes."

"It's terrible. I spend 99 percent of the time marching. Marching where? Nowhere. All we do is march. Us freaking ants, we're always marching. No one ever asked me if I wanted to march, though. No one ever asked me if I'd prefer parading or even treading. My entire existence has turned into one giant game of follow the leader."

"Well, yes, uh, I'm very sorry about that. But, living in a hill, that must be nice, right?"

"Are you kidding me? I've got to deal with stupid kids sticking a hose down my hole. And then, if we try to run, they attack us with a giant magnifying glass! Now, where I want to live is on one of those farms, those ant farms. I'm not exactly sure what I'd be growing or even if I'd raise animals, but a quiet life in a glass case, that's definitely for me."

"Well, I'm sure life can't be all that bad...what about picnics? Ever invade one of those?"

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"Well, it certainly sounds like you've got a pretty hard life."

"Hard? HARD?!?! For God sakes, ever heard of an anteater? There's an animal out there whose sole purpose is to eat me! Between Raid and the constant firecrackers in my hill, life sucks. Life, for me, is for the birds."

> — Andres Perez, Valhalla H.S.

rom the day we ∎brought her home, Abby and I hadn't had a good relationship. Almost the instant she was out of her cage, she walked over and bit me. One day, Abby stared up at me, her nose wiggling wildly, her whiskers twitching. Her little bunny eyes seemed more intelligent than they normally did. Because she was looking rather philosophical, I decided to ask her about it, as pet owners and crazy people tend to do.

"What made you hate me, you silly bunny? What did I ever do to you? We get you home from the pound and — chomp — no sooner do you get out of your cage, you are clamped onto my

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ear. Why?"

She snuffled around her hay box, then suddenly she looked up to me with her brown eyes and said, "It's because I like you."

Perhaps all those years of my mother baby-talking the stupid creature had paid off. Was I insane, or had the rabbit just talked to me? Deciding that it was probably the former, I proceeded, "You like me?"

"Well, yes," she said.

I was having a conversation with an eight-pound creature whose brain was no larger than a walnut. I sure wasn't crazy. This led me to wonder if she could have talked this whole time, so I asked her.

"Oh, no," she said. "Nothing like that. You never let me get a word in edgewise — all that 'ooooh, fuzzy little bunny' stuff."

"Hmmm...I never really thought of it that way," I said. "Well, I must ask, how do you like carrots?"

"Don't even get me started, buddy. If I had a dollar for every carrot I've eaten... Well, let's just say I wouldn't eat carrots anymore."

"Well, I guess I've always just pestered you. I really had no idea that you were a smart critter." As I said this, I recalled how I had thought she had no brain at all. "Huh, well now that I'm talking to a rabbit, I have nothing to say... Eh, what's up doc?"

"Is that the best you can do?"

— Grant Barba, La Jolla H.S. ■



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All are ill. Those that can walk just wobble, like fish on land. They row rafts of sick men ashore — pur-

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wings. The sick go in. The dead come out. But the strangers just dig holes for the corpses. Why don't they burn them, like the "people," the Kumeyaay? Not to burn the dead is the most heathen of wrongs!

In 1769, the "Sacred Expedition" of Don Gaspar de Portola and Father Junipero Serra came to San Diego in four phases: two by sea, two by land. On April 11, 1769, the packet boat El Principe (the Prince) anchored in the bay. A majority of the soldiers and sailors suffered either from scurvy or severe malnutrition. Two died on the way.

The day the big raft came, the earth shook and the sun hid behind the moon.

The strangers didn't feel the quake, but the people did. Now another raft. More sick men. More unburned dead. Why did they choose to die here, like beached whales?

The second boat, San Carlos, arrived on April 29, its crew in a similar state. Of the 90 men who came by sea, only 16 were mobile. They dug new graves every day. The site came to be known as Punto de Los Muertos — "dead man's point."

We showed them a sign: stuck the points of our bows in the ground, grabbed the tips, and danced around the bows with whirling speed. This did not stop the strangers. Surely they are witches. But is their power positive or negative? We must observe and understand.

On May 14, the first land party from Loreto, led by Captain Fernando Rivera y Moncada, came to San Diego: 25 men on horseback and a herd of cattle. "A day of great merriment and rejoicing" turned to sorrow, writes Miguel Costanso, the expedition's engineer. When they reached the camp, newcomers found "nearly all the soldiers and sailors perishing." Costanso, Rivera, and Pedro Fages decided to move to a site halfway up a hillside, overlooking the river and the native village of Cosoy. Soldiers carefully transported the sick to the new camp. Don Pedro Prat, the ship's French surgeon, who also suffered their symptoms, labored day and night to heal the afflicted.

More strangers from the south. Leather men ride the large animals. A hairless man in brown, no taller than a bow. Piercing smile. Walks with a limp. Is he their Kuseyaay, their shaman? Why has he come? Why won't they leave?

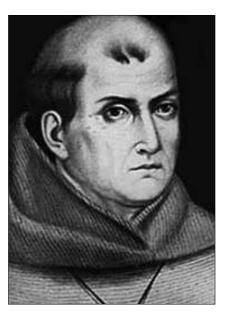
The second land party, led by Don Gaspar de Portola and Father Junípero Serra, arrived in San Diego around noon, July 1, 1769. With them were at least ten soldiers, plus servants, muleteers, and a pack train with 163 mules loaded with provisions.

On July 16, 1769, Serra founded Mission San Diego de Alcala at the foot of Presidio Hill: a rustic shed for a chapel, huts encircled by a brush barrier. A wooden cross faced the harbor. Serra wanted his mission apart from the camp on the hill: as an accessible place of worship for all; and to keep soldiers from the natives especially native women.

Serra didn't know his chapel stood on a cultivated field shared by neighboring Kumeyaay villages.

He blessed the site with holy water. By this time, writes Costanso, the Spaniards had found the natives to be "of haughty temper, daring, covetous, great jesters and braggarts." Fierce as Achilles, Serra had come not to sack this pagan Troy, but to save it "from the hosts of Hell and subject [it] to the mild yoke of our holy faith."

On July 14, 1769, Portola, Fages, Costanso, Rivera, most of the able soldiers, and a large caballado of horses marched



Junípero Serra

north to find Monterey. They left behind "an escort as seemed sufficient for the guard of the mission and the sick": eight soldiers, who also kept watch on the livestock and escorted parties to and from the San Carlos.

Less than a month later, the natives attacked.

Their curiosity decreased as the intruders' health improved. They mocked the blasts of rifles and, wrote Zephyrin Englehardt, "since the fathers could not understand their language, the Indians would accept gifts then try to steal whatever came within their reach."

To the Kumeyaay, who assumed that everything on their land was common property, this was sharing, not theft. Nor

#### QUOTATIONS

1. Pablo Tac: When the first friar came to the Quechnajuichom (of San Luis Rey), a chief shouted, "What is it you seek here? GET OUT OF OUR COUNTRY!"

2. Richard Pourade: Father Crespi gave the first baptismal ceremony in California. Father "Serra was

to recall with unhappiness to his dying day that he had not been the one to perform it."

3. Michael Connolly Miskwish: "Gradually the missions attracted a few converts. While some were curious to acquire Spanish knowledge, others became genuinely devout followers of the Catholic Church."

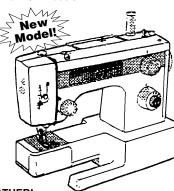
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was it theft, their rowing out to the San Carlos on tule rafts and cutting a rope, and later one of its sails.

At night, however, they shot arrows at the cattle.

More and more natives drifted into camp. Convinced it was poisoning the intruders, they refused to eat Spanish food. They also became confused by mixed messages: the men in brown robes embraced them; the men in long leather jackets turned them away.

On August 12, 1769, a handful of natives stalked the camp. Cries of anger filled the air. One shot an arrow. Then another. Then a volley pelted the tule-roofed huts. Ordered not to, Spanish soldiers didn't return fire that day - or the next, when the small band briefly attacked again.

On August, 15, 1769, to celebrate the fiesta of the Assumption, Father Fernando Parron went out to the San Carlos to give the mass. Two soldiers escorted him to the ship.

During Serra's mass at the chapel, Kumeyaay began



to appear in groups. Many

were armed with longbows

and quivers of arrows. To

guarantee Parron's safe

return, Serra sent four more

soldiers to the San Carlos.

That left Serra, Father Juan

Vizcaino, Corporal Mari-

ano Carillo, and another

soldier, Chacón (the ship's

blacksmith), a carpenter,

eight neophytes, sick men

in the infirmary, and José

Maria Vergerano, Serra's 20-

year-old servant, at the

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Serra: "When these natives noticed how small our numbers were, and that we continued to bury so many...they imagined they could kill us all very easily."

Twenty Kumeyaay stormed the mission. They ripped sheets from hospital beds and took everything they could lift. Amid war cries and the screams of sick men, Corporal Carillo shouted "To arms!" He and

arrowproof leather jacket ---grabbed thick cowhide shields and muskets, and charged into the fray. Chacón, the carpenter, and the few sick soldiers able to walk also fought hand-to-hand with the attackers. The natives withdrew.

the other soldier donned

their *cuera* — a sleeveless,

Then they stopped, turned, and began firing volleys of arrows and hurling stones and curved macana clubs into the compound.

Serra and Vizcaino hid in a makeshift hut by the chapel. For a brief spell, the shouts died down. Vizcaino wanted to see if the natives had left. He lifted the hut's door, a maguey curtain. A covey of arrows zipped past. Stones thumped the walls of willow leaves. An arrow struck Vizcaino's hand. He fell back in shock. Staring at his crimson fingers, he "recommended himself to God."

So did Serra. He clutched statues of Jesus and the Virgin Mary. "With such defensive armor I was in good hands. Either I could be spared death, or I would die well."

Outside, the Spanish opened fire. For the first time in San Diego, muskets made more than smoking



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pops. War cries turned to shrieks of pain.

Unprotected by a cuera — and yelling "Long live the faith of Jesus Christ. Death to the hostile dogs!"-Chacón raced from hut to hut, firing his musket and rallying his cohorts. An arrow brought him down.

As Serra prayed for no casualties "on either side," his boy servant, Vergerano, tumbled through the curtaindoor, blood pouring from his mouth.

"Father!" he cried with a cracked voice. "Absolve me! The Indians have killed me!" He slumped to the floor,

an arrow stuck through his throat. Vergerano died at Serra's feet. Fifteen minutes later,

the floor of the hut had become "a sea of blood." Serra stayed with the

boy,"thinking over the imminent probability of following him myself, yet I kept begging God to give victory to our Holy Catholic faith without the loss of a single soul."

The four soldiers sent to escort Parron heard the tumult and raced to the mission. The natives pulled back, carrying the dead and wounded. Soldiers said they killed three warriors. But



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for several days the wailing of native women around cremation fires suggested a higher number.

In the Spanish camp, Vergerano lay dead. Dr. Prat picked arrow splinters from the wounds of Vizcaino, Chacón, a neophyte Baja Indian, and an unnamed soldier, each of whom recovered

Fearing retaliation, the Kumeyaay scattered to neighboring villages. Some fled to the mountains. But their healers had no remedy for musket balls. Hoping the Spanish had stronger medicine, they brought their wounded to Dr. Prat, who treated them, writes Costanso, "with much sympathy until they had recovered."

Serra ordered a stockade of log poles and reeds to encircle the mission. He also made a new rule: no armed natives within gunshot of the compound.

During the attack, Serra also prayed for the Kumeyaay. He feared that, because unbaptized, if they died they would burn in hell.

After the attack, conversion seemed impossible. But Serra persisted.

He had befriended a 15-year-old Kumeyaay boy, who learned rudimentary Spanish. Serra told the boy to bring a little child for the ceremony. According to Palou, Serra explained that "he wanted to make it a Christian like the white men, by pouring a little water on its head; this would make it a child of god and of the Fathers, and a relative of the soldiers, who would present the child with clothing, so that it could go about dressed like the Spaniards." Serra added that he

would only baptize the child with its parents' consent.

dren — came to the compound. At its head was a male, cradling an infant in his arms. The man handsigned to Serra: baptize my child. Serra donned his surplice, a white vestment. He kissed a silk stole and placed

Days passed. One morn-

ing, a large group of natives

- men, women, and chil-

it around his neck. Natives and soldiers gathered at the chapel. Serra ordered the naked infant covered in cloth and asked Corporal Carillo to be its godfather. For 15 minutes, as Carillo held the child, an elated Serra read prayers over his first convert. Then he anointed the infant's head and chest with oil. He applied spittle to its ears and nostrils. No native objected.

For the baptism, Serra filled a large shell with holy water. Just as he was about to pour it onto the infant's forehead, a Kumeyaay snatched the child and dashed out of the chapel, his voice a shrill cackle. The other natives ran after him, writes Palou, "laughing and jeering."

A stunned Serra dropped the shell. When the soldiers wanted to "avenge the profanation" of the fleeing hecklers, Serra said no.

Palou: "So great was the sorrow of our venerable Father at seeing the Baptism frustrated that for many days he went about with a countenance which plainly showed the pain and grief he felt. He attributed the failure to his sins; and whenever, even after the lapse of years, he told the story, his eyes would fill with tears."

Next time: Assault on the mission.

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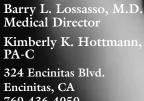




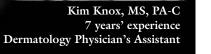
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his one guy came in; they said he had raped and strangled a three-year-old girl, then burned her corpse. The guards told us; that's how we knew. As soon as this guy walks into the cell, they jump him. There must have been something like 20 or 30 guys who beat on him. They took off his pants and shoved a broom handle into his rear six or seven times. They spit on him. They peed on him. They hit him in the face with his own shoes. They never let him up off the floor. They just kept punching and kicking him. Then the guards came into the cell — about six of them. They yelled, 'Everybody against the wall!'; then they lifted the guy off the floor. I thought he was being rescued. But then *the guards* began beating him. They took turns smacking him around for maybe five minutes. Then they just left him there on the floor. He was in bad shape. He was bleeding. His face was swollen. This one guard turns to us as he is leaving, and he says: 'Children are sacred.' "

Carlos Vera would see convicts and guards working in tandem again and again during his stay in prison. This particular beating was just the first of many he witnessed, and just one of various ways guards and prisoners regularly blurred the distinction between the keepers and the kept. "I was speechless," he says. "I didn't say anything. I just stood off in a corner trying not to attract attention, trying to not to show my fear. I was really scared, terrified to be honest. I did not know what was going to happen next. I thought they were going to kill the guy. I don't know whatever happened to him. That night they came back and took him out of the cell. I never saw him again."

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Carlos was new to the prison when he witnessed that first beating, and it left an enduring impression on him, what he calls "a great fear." His legal status had just changed from the "under investigation" to the "probably guilty" category in the Mexican judicial process. That is when he was moved from a temporary jail at the Ministerio Público (state prosecutor's office) in Zona Rio to the state prison, where, at 26, in the midst of building what appeared to be a bright future, he was instead being held without bail on charges of rape, pandering, and battery. Carlos was still sick at heart from the news that he would not be released. He had been certain that, after a review of the facts, after hearing from a few witnesses, he would be freed quickly. When he saw the beating, it had been only a few hours since he had been notified that he would remain behind bars indefinitely. Carlos was devastated. "I felt wounded," he says. "I was in a deep, deep depression. You don't know what's going to happen, how long you will be there, how long this suffering will last. Especially being accused of rape... I felt so frustrated, so angry - frustrated because I knew I was innocent, angry at the woman who had done this to me. Why? Why did she do this to me? It is such



a painful experience, such anguish. You don't know why this is happening to you. And there is nothing to comfort you; there is no escape from it. You feel hopeless."

At the time, Carlos was being held in a 15-by-12foot holding area with 200 other prisoners. He describes it as an over-crowded chicken coop. "You sleep curled into a ball because there is no space. The floor is wet and smelly — no pillow, no blanket — just the stinking wooden floor. There is mud and dirt, lots of fleas and other bugs. It smells horrible, like urine and excrement. There is no bathroom, just a hole in the floor. When the hole was full, we used a 20-liter pail. Can you imagine the smell? It made me gag. Guys were always sick — fevers, vomiting, diarrhea, fainting."

As the weeks passed, says Carlos, he realized that the liaison between guards and prisoners was at the core of the prison's political and economic subculture. One of the first examples he witnessed was when a young, well-to-do inmate in a nearby cell — "*hijos de papî*" (daddy's boys) they are called — pointed to a pair of expensive tennis shoes worn by a newly-arrived

prisoner. "Two guys held him down, and another guy takes off his shoes and hands them to the guard," Carlos recalled. "The guard takes the shoes to the *hijo de papí* in the other cell. He paid a tip to the guard, but I didn't see how much."

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Centro de Readaptación Social is its official name, a misnomer so ridiculous that it elicits smiles - if not outright laughter — if you use it in Tijuana. It means "Center for Social Re-adaptation," bureaucratese for the Baja California State Penitentiary in Tijuana. Best known simply as "La Mesa," after the neighborhood where it is situated, la peni is wellstoried for its Third World depravity. It has been called "the black legend" by state officials in Mexicali, and mentioned repeatedly in yearly human rights reports by the US State Department as an example of what is wrong with Mexico. In 2002, it was the subject of a Pultizer Prize-winning series in The Washington Post called "In Mexico, Justice at a Price."

La Mesa made international news in August 2002 when 1500 heavily armed police stormed into the prison in the wee hours and razed El Pueblito, a "little town" within the prison walls in which inmates were living with wives and children, posh apartments were available for rent, convict entrepreneurs operated businesses from taco stands to bars, and prisoners were allowed to roam freely. "We could no longer tolerate the situation," Eugenio Elorduy, governor of Baja California, said on Tijuana radio at the time. Vicente Fox, the president of Mexico, was widely quoted in the Mexican press as saying the raid was meant to be "a complete cleansing." But the cleansing was

hardly complete, and apparently transient. Like an antibiotic-resistant bacterium, La Mesa remains largely immune to efforts to cure it of its ills. Bribery, corruption, drug-dealing, violence — all persist inside, deeply imbedded in the prison culture. Prisoners continue living in filth, squalor, and deprivation. In the fall of 2004 - two years after the razing of El Pueblito -----Mexico's National Human **Rights Commission declared** La Mesa "among the worst" prisons in the country. The federal inspectors gave La Mesa a passing grade in just three of 17 categories, citing overpopulation, inadequate food, and what they termed "self-governance" by inmates. A 2005 report by state health authorities found that tuberculosis and hepatitis posed a serious risk to inmate health. Survival of the Fittest, in its worst, Malthusian sense, remains the organizing social principle inside La Mesa: "Either you act like a lion or they will treat you like a lamb," Carlos says.

The prison — a complex of six, three-story buildings enclosed by high walls topped by barbed wire on all sides — was built in 1956, on a site that, at the time, was on the outskirts of Tijuana, in a mostly agricultural area. Today, the city has grown up all around it, and the prison is in the middle a busy neighborhood of private homes and businesses. The recently constructed state courthouse is next door, but is already showing signs of wear. Pavement runs right up to the prison walls. There are no trees, no grass, no landscaping. There is nowhere for people waiting outside to sit. And litter is everywhere, blowing around in swirls at your feet. It is a barren, parched, unpleasant place. Boulevard Díaz Ordaz, a major six-lane thoroughfare that has traffic 24 hours

a day, is just a block away, providing easy access and exit to cops and crooks alike, although it is often difficult to tell the difference.

For example, on July 31, 2005, a caravan of latemodel Dodge Durangos, Chevrolet Silverados and Jeep Cherokees pulled up outside the prison shortly after 10:00 p.m. Those who live in Tijuana recognize almost instantly that such vehicles traveling in convoy spell big trouble. They are either occupied by police or by criminals — or perhaps both — the so-called "black commandos," responsible for a continuous wave of kidnappings and murders across the city. Outside the prison on that July night, a group of men armed with high-powered weapons and wearing black ski masks emerged from the vehicles. They forced their way into

the prison, and disarmed the prison guards at gunpoint. Tijuana municipal police summoned to the scene said that they had thwarted an escape, but the guards' weapons were later found wrapped in newspapers in a trash barrel behind Plaza Patria, near the municipal auditorium, less than a mile from the prison, along Boulevard Díaz Ordaz. Officials with the state preventive police — a special unit organized to combat Baja California's out-of-control criminal violence — said there was no escape attempt at all: the commandos were just trying to publicly embarrass inept prison guards. They did not say why.

La Mesa was designed to hold 1500 prisoners. Today, it houses more than four times that number, with an official census of 6693 inmates as of August 2005 -

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## **BIPOLAR DEPRESSION**



Do you...

- $\succ$  Feel sad or anxious
- > Have feelings of hopelessness
- Feel tired, lack energy or are unmotivated
- 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.

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more than 50 percent of them addicted to drugs, according to state officials. Carlos says drug use remains widespread inside La Mesa, mostly heroin and crystal methamphetamine, sometimes a mixture of both at once: "I saw as many as a dozen guys use the same syringe. I know they say they inspect everyone and everything coming inside, but that's a lie. They don't check the guards. The guards are the ones selling the drugs."

The prison has seen several violent and daring escapes in recent years, a measure of the level of corruption inside, and the impotence of the government to do anything about it. In April 2004, five men escaped from La Mesa in a shootout with guards --- including a reputed drug-trafficker accused of participating in the 1998 execution of 19 people in Ensenada, among them seven children, two newborns, and a pregnant teenager. During their escape, the fleeing prisoners seriously wounded one guard while running to a getaway car awaiting them

outside the prison's gates. The prison director, the commander of the guards, and the director of medical services were all later arrested on charges of "permitting an escape."

The so-called "reforms" instituted in the last few years did not include meeting a prisoner's basic human needs."They give you nothing — nothing," says Carlos. Prisoners must provide their own shoes, clothes, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste ---even a dish if they want to eat. The poorest, those who can't count on help from family or friends outside, craft bowls from used plastic milk cartons. "That's what they eat from," says Carlos. The food is ladled out of big aluminum pots carried from cell to cell by large handles, and if a prisoner has no bowl, he goes hungry.

"Breakfast was some powdered eggs and beans one ladle of each — and four corn tortillas, and water. Lunch was usually a few pieces of fatback, some rice *or* beans, and water. At 6:30 they brought hot tea and a piece of bread. And that was it. That was all there was. And they did not use any salt, or any sugar. They did not use any seasoning at all. The food made me sick. I began to eat only what I needed to survive."

Carlos was tall and thin to begin with, a product of a high metabolism and skinny genes. During his 10-month stay at the Centro de Readaptación Social, he would lose 20 pounds — dropping from 150 pounds to 130 pounds. Carlos also developed a scaly, red rash on his arms and legs, a persistent dry cough, and a severe case of athlete's foot. More striking, though, was his change in temperament. As soon as he set foot inside La Mesa, the "great fear" began taking its toll, triggering nearly constant fight-or-flight alerts emanating from the most primitive regions of his brain. Stress hormones poured into his body, and in a cascading reaction, his limbic system went awry. He came out of La Mesa rewired, always ready for a fight, always on guard, even though the dan-

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#### ger had passed.

"I learned how to fight right away," he says. "In the months I was there, I must have been in 20 or 30 fights. I had no choice. They will steal anything if they think they can get away with it. I saw them steal shoes right off the feet of other guys. They will try to push you around, or worse. And people fight all the time, and for any reason. You can get punched for giving somebody a bad look, for brushing against someone by accident, things like that. I didn't go looking for fights, I didn't have to. There was always somebody who wanted to fight."

When it came time for Carlos to leave the holding cell, he had already figured out from conversations with other inmates that, if he did not want to live in abject misery, he needed to "make arrangements with the guards." That meant he would need to pay "rent" for a "good" cell. In his case, the "good" cell included a 19-inch color television set with rabbit-ears antenna, a small refrigerator, and a

fan - all items he says were leftovers from when El Pueblito was destroyed. "Fortunately for me, I was lucky," Carlos explains. "Everyone, including the guards, knew I was innocent. They believed me." That was an important factor in acquiring a "good" cell: murderers are okay, as are drug dealers and armed robbers — but rapists and child molesters are untouchables, condemned to the most wretched of circumstances.

Carlos arranged for his "rent" payment by telephoning his brother and giving him the cellular phone number of a guard, and a specific day and time to call him. His brother called the number at the appointed time, and he and the guard agreed to rendezvous at a Burger King just a few blocks from the prison on Boulevard Diaz Ordaz. His brother paid the guard the one-time rent of \$100, and Carlos was "assigned" to Building H-1, Second Floor, Cell 226.

It was in that 12-by-9foot windowless cell with lime-colored walls and a

concrete floor that Carlos would spend the rest of his time at La Mesa. The cell had nine bunks, stacked three high, one atop the other along three walls, like berths on a submarine — and 15 inmates. Six prisoners slept on the floor. Beds were assigned by seniority, so Carlos had to wait several weeks before getting one. "I spent most nights scratching from the fleas," he recalls. "The first few days, I scratched so much that in the mornings my arms and neck were bloody." When he finally got a bed, he says, he had to "rent" a mattress from the guards — which was really just a large rectangle of foam rubber. Bed linens and blankets were provided by family members who visited him on Sundays.

On his first day in the cell Carlos was introduced to "El Cabo," ("the chief"), a convicted drug-trafficker named Abel. Abel, 47, was serving a sentence of seven years. Police said they had found more than 600 pounds of marijuana in Abel's truck. El Cabo arbitrated disputes,

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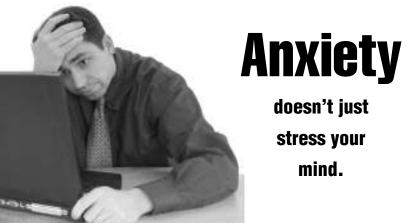
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made the rules — and enforced them. "First he tells me, 'This is a rented cell, and we can kick you out anytime. Remember that.' Then he explained the rules: Don't get caught stealing. Everyone has to bathe at least once a day. No talking during his favorite TV shows. Break the rules and they will punish you or kick you out. Then he says, 'Go take a shower.'"

Carlos says the tiny bathroom in his "rented" cell was only a small improvement over what he had experienced in the holding cell. "It was about three-feet-wide by one-foot-deep, with a faucet. The toilet bowl was made of cement, and you flushed it with a pail of water. There was no shower, no hot water. We used 20-liter buckets. We filled them up and dumped them over our heads. There was no privacy, and you had to hurry. No more than three minutes to bathe. There was water for only about three hours in the mornings, from around seven to ten, so we filled up as many buckets as we could before they turned off the water."

The television, a luxury item found only in a few cells, was on from 6 in the morning until lights out, around 11:00 p.m. Among the favorite programs of the hardened criminals inside, according to Carlos, were two *novelas*, or Mexican soap operas — *El Rebelde* ("The Rebel") and *La Madrasta*  their cells all day — except twice a week one week and once a week the following week. During these alternating periods outside their

**"I** told her I would help her get out of the life of prostitution, that we could find her a job as a real waitress, or as a store clerk, or maybe at a maquiladora."

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("The Stepmother"). Following the destruction of El Pueblito, one of the "reforms" instituted at La Mesa requires that prisoners remain in

cells, which last about two hours, prisoners are allowed to roam the prison's dirt courtyard, where there are public telephones and a handful of vendors selling tortas (Mexican-style sandwiches), *flautas* (rolled tacos), and soft drinks. "The food was so-so, but compared to what we were fed every day, it was excellent. A torta cost 25 pesos; a soda 10 pesos." For 15 pesos, says Carlos, prisoners could get a haircut.

Once a week, in Carlos's case on Sundays, prisoners were allowed outside the cell to see visitors — if they had any. "Guys who did not have visitors were the worst off," he says. "They had no money, no way to get the stuff they need to survive." Carlos's family and friends provided him with about 20 dollars a week in

vales, which he says put him in the upper-middle class in the prison's economic hierarchy."I was really pretty well off compared to the other guys," he says. "I had my own cha-cha (an insulting term derived from the word muchacha - girl but without sexual connotations. A cha-cha in normal circumstances refers to a woman hired to do housework). He watched my back, took care of my things when I left the cell, looked out for me. I paid him 25 pesos a week and brought him a pack of cigarettes every Sunday, sometimes toothpaste or soap or toilet paper."

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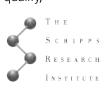
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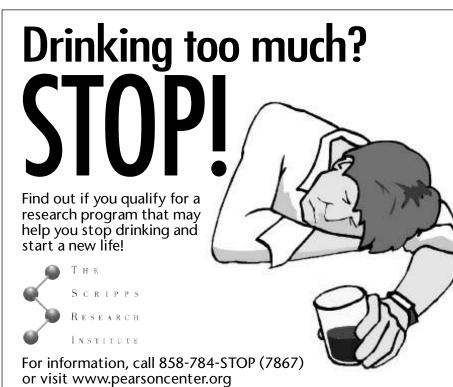
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were unlike anyone he had ever associated with before in his life, says Carlos, who until his arrest, had never had any run-ins with the law, not even so much as a traffic ticket. Inside La Mesa, prisoners are not segregated based on those who have been convicted and those who are awaiting trial, nor by seriousness of offense or whether the charges are federal or state crimes. "I met a lot of really bad people in there," he says. "Fernando

planned a bank robbery and got caught. He had a shootout with the cops, and was convicted of murder because a passerby was killed. José Luis was in for 25 years for kidnapping, drug-trafficking, and killing people for money. He said he made as much as \$20,000 a killing. Of the 16 guys in my cell, I would say six or seven of us were innocent; the rest, no. You had to be very careful with these guys. If you were not in your bunk, you had

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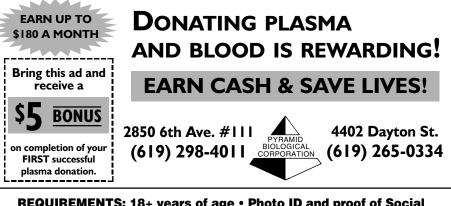
of peace. There was always noise. You had to stay on the lookout, had to sleep with one eye open. You never get any rest." After a month or so of being cooped up in the cell,

to step over people on the

floor. There was not a minute

Carlos discovered he could also "make arrangements" with the guards to get a prison job that would allow him to get out of the cell every day. Again, his brother met a guard — this time outside a movie theatre in Plaza Carrousel, a shopping mall about a mile from the prison — and paid another \$100 "fee." The following week, Carlos received his "orange vest," which identified him as a trusty. He was put to work as a servidor a "servant" — whose job was to sweep, mop, empty trash, paint, and do minor construction work. After a short time, Carlos was promoted to the position of notificador (notifier), responsible for notifying other prisoners of court hearings, visits by their lawyers, and serving court papers. He was paid with "a thank you," he says, and the privilege of not being confined to his cell every day.

Eventually, however, Carlos decided the relative safety of the cell was a better option. "People are constantly asking you for favors," he says. "One time I had to go to Cell 126, the one where they put all the gays. When I opened the door, this one gay guy — a real queen jumps past me and runs out of the cell. I ran after him and caught up with him at cell 104. He is already inside and I see him go up to this big cholo --- this guy had tat-toos all over his body, big muscles, super-macho —



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and this queen plants a big kiss right on his lips. The other prisoners in the cell just acted like everything was normal. I took the gay guy back to his cell. I didn't say anything to him, but I realized how dangerous it was to have keys to the cells. If you refused to do favors for some guys, they wanted to fight or they would say they were going to have you killed. I saw a lot of people shooting heroin or crystal, or smoking pot. The guards sold it to them. I always had this feeling that something was going to go wrong any minute, and I was going to

be in even more trouble. I didn't like it. I decided to turn my vest in and go back to the cell. I didn't want to take any chances."

Carlos began to read to pass the time. He says he read the Bible in its entirety, and an odd collection of other material he said was passed from inmate to inmate: The Diary of Anne Frank, Chicken Soup for the Soul, Think Like a Millionaire, and Who Moved My Cheese? He also began to pray the same words quietly over and over while lying on his back: "Help me God, help me," and to wear a white,

plastic rosary around his neck that had been given to him by a nun his first day in prison.

Carlos's journey to La Mesa began on Halloween Night 2003 on Avenida Revolución in downtown Tijuana, although he did not know it at the time. A strikingly sexy young woman caught his eye — "a real Barbie," he says — and he struck up a conversation with her. She was in her early 20s, thin, with black hair that fell just below her shoulders. Three weeks earlier, his wife of six years had left him, taking their four-year-old daughter with her to live at her mother's house near the Otay Mesa border crossing. Carlos was left alone in the one-bedroom apartment he rented for \$130 a month in Colonia Hidalgo, a lowermiddle-class neighborhood not far from downtown. "We just didn't love each other anymore," says Carlos of the breakup. "We didn't hate each other. It was more like indifference. That's what it was: indifference. We just didn't care about each other anymore."

When Carlos spotted the sexy young woman on Avenida Revolución, he was on the prowl for female companionship — and she was available. He and the young woman flirted, exchanging suggestive glances and comehither smiles. Soon, Carlos approached and introduced himself, and they sat down together on a street-side bench. "We just sat there and talked, maybe for an hour or so. She told me she was a waitress at a bar; her name was Sonia." Later that night, in a coincidence he later came to believe was "the wheel of fortune turning downward on me," Carlos found himself waiting at a collective taxi stop for

a route taxi home — along with the "waitress" he had met earlier that night. He lived in Hidalgo, she in La Cima. The neighborhoods were on the same taxi route.

They talked some more, laughing at the chance second encounter. She told him that she lived with her mother, and that she, too, had just ended a long-term relationship.

Long story short, Carlos ended up inviting her to live with him two weeks later. She told him that she did not get along with her mother, that her father had crossed into the US years

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ago and had not been heard from since, that her brother was a drug addict who was constantly hounding her for money, and that her exboyfriend regularly beat and raped her, and now was threatening to kill her. Carlos offered her shelter; he says he felt sorry for her ---that, and she seemed so sexy. Three weeks later, in a dramatic, teary confession, she told him she was not a waitress at all — she was a prostitute.

"As soon as I found out she was a prostitute, I should have left her," says Carlos. "But at first I didn't care. Sex with her was incredible. She did things my wife would never do. I knew what I was doing was wrong, and I knew it would end badly, I just didn't know how badly. I was an idiot. Friends told me not to mess with that kind of woman, but I didn't listen. By the time I realized how bad the situation was, it was too late: I was in love with her. I told her I would help her get out of the life of prostitution, that we could find her a job as a real waitress, or as a store clerk, or maybe at a maquiladora. I even brought home job applications for her to fill out, but she just kept telling me *later*, *later*. One day she came home with hickies on her neck, and I just lost it. I

grabbed her by her shoulders and yelled at her. I called her a cheap whore. I told her to get out. And I slapped her across the face. But I swear to you, that was the only time I ever touched her. We had arguments, a lot of them, always about the same thing, and she left me a couple of times. But she always came back. The week before she had me arrested, I told her she had to go — that she was never going to change. The next thing I know she is in the bathroom, slitting her wrists with a razor. Me and a neighbor had to take her to a clinic." The doctor told Carlos that the selfinflicted injuries were superficial.

During the course of his ill-fated love affair, Carlos shared his problems with a priest and a friend from work — but otherwise kept the relationship a secret. Both, who would later testify on his behalf, told him to get out of the relationship immediately. But as one witness said in court, "He did not listen. He was really sweet on her." Sonia - who also used the aliases Erica, Jennifer, and Marisol quickly became jealous of his continuing relationship with his estranged wife. Carlos made it a point to visit his daughter every weekend, often spending hours

in the park on Sunday afternoons with his little girl and his ex-wife. He called his daughter every day, and he gave his wife \$50 a week in child support. His wife called him often — whenever a problem arose with his little girl, or to arrange the details of his next visit. According to the testimony of his ex-wife, she began receiving calls on her cellular phone a few months into Carlos's relationship with the prostitute: "She said, I am his wife now; vou better leave us alone." Three days before his arrest, Carlos's prostitute girlfriend called his ex-wife again, this time with a threat: "If you don't stop calling him, if you don't leave us alone, you will see what I am capable of." Neither Carlos nor his ex-wife took the threat seriously. They should have.

On the morning of June 10, 2004, at about 9:00 a.m., Carlos received a call on his cellular phone from his nowestranged girlfriend. They had not seen or talked to each other for three or four days. She asked him to meet her at Sanborns Restaurant at 8th Street and Avenida Revolución in downtown Tijuana. "She told me she was going back to Sonora, that she wanted a final goodbye," he recalls. Carlos agreed to meet her. Moments after

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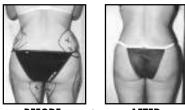
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At the Ministerio Público, Carlos was placed in a small interrogation room with white walls and bright florescent lighting, where he says he underwent "questioning" at the hands of the state judicial police, well known in Tijuana for their brutal techniques. A 2002 report by the Baja California state attorney general for human rights listed some of the most common techniques employed by Mexican police officers during interrogations: covering a suspect's head with a plastic bag until he almost stops breathing; electrical shock, pulling out chest hairs and; beatings "to various parts of the body." Of 400 cases of alleged police torture filed by human-rights activists in Baja California over the last 20 years, only 90 have resulted in formal criminal complaints, and, of those 90, only one has actually resulted in a conviction.

"They would ask me, Why did you rape this girl?" says Carlos of his interrogation. "I said, I never raped anyone. Then they would hit me, open-handed, across the face, bam! They asked me, How long have you forced this girl to be a prostitute? When I told them I never asked her to prostitute herself, that it was just the opposite, they slapped me again. They punched me in my stomach and ribs over and over, slapped me in the face over and over. I can't tell you how many times, but it was a lot. This went on for more than three hours. They would ask a question, I would answer it, and they would hit me."

Carlos says he could not believe what was happening to him: "I kept thinking, this is just a nightmare.

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But I knew that I was in big trouble. They didn't let me tell my side or explain. She was lying. It was so obvious. She told them I had raped her over and over, that I had beat her up every day for six months, that I had forced her to be a prostitute, forced her to charge a hundred dollars for 15 minutes, that I was a cocaine addict and put drugs in her orange juice. She told them that I kept her under constant surveillance. It was all the same stuff she had told me about her ex. This girl was crazy, bad in the head. None of it was true. None of it."

A few hours after his interrogation, Carlos was taken before a judge at the state prosecutor's office. The judge told him he was being charged with rape, living off the proceeds of prostitution, and felony battery. By Baja California state law,

people accused of rape are not eligible for bail. While a desperate Carlos searched for ways to free himself from jail, Sonia returned the same night to the apartment they had shared for six months. And she dealt Carlos one last blow: she robbed him of everything of value he owned. She took a gold crucifix given to him as a child by his grandmother, his television, his stereo, his video player. These were items it had taken Carlos years to acquire. Later, when she was asked by defense attorneys about the robbery, she testified that they were "gifts." She also said that, when she was finished, she returned her set of keys to the apartment to the landlady. "How odd," said Carlos's lawyer. "She claims she was under constant vigilance, that she could not even go to the store without him watching her. Why

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in the world would she need keys to the apartment?"

Carlos's family and friends were stunned by the news of his arrest, and at the nature of the charges. Through a family friend, they contacted a lawyer who went to the Ministerio Público around 11 that night up with that amount of money on such short notice. It was a crucial mistake: by the time the process was over, the cost of his "defense" would exceed \$60,000, and Carlos would spend a long time behind bars.

"Well, it is a good thing he did not confess," said the

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to look into the matter. He reported back by telephone: "If you want to resolve the matter immediately, we need \$10,000 tonight." The money, he explained, would be used to pay off the police. Unfortunately, neither his family nor his friends could come

first lawyer his family hired. Obtaining a lawyer was not easy. Many Tijuana attorneys have a policy of not accepting rape cases. As one lawyer said in turning down the case, "We all have daughters or sisters." The first attorney was dismissed by the family after only a few months. Although he was an expert in civil law, the family was not satisfied with his criminal work. The attorneys finally retained to represent Carlos were recommended by a prominent and successful Tijuana surgeon. "That's the way things work in Mexico," explains a family friend. "You need connections. You need to know somebody who knows somebody. That's the only way to be sure." The new attorneys said they took the case because, after reviewing the evidence and talking to Carlos, they were convinced of his innocence. Now they had to persuade a judge to share their view.

The criminal justice system in Mexico is very unlike that of the US. There is no right to a jury trial. Evidence is taken in a series of hearings in which the judge is

not even present. The judge decides the case following the hearings, based on written transcripts. Although both the state and federal constitutions provide for a presumption of innocence, the truth is that the accused must prove he didn't do it. As one of his attorneys said when asked about the constitutional guarantees: "Those are just pretty words on a piece of paper. They don't mean anything." The law also provides that prosecutors may drop the charges if it is clear that the defendant is innocent."But they never do, they never do," said the attorney. "It just doesn't work that way in Mexico."

During the hearings, the accused is brought from the prison next door with other inmates who also have hearings before the same court. They sit on a bench awaiting a turn, walled in



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The hearings are not held on consecutive days the way a trial in the US is conducted. Instead, hearings are called when witnesses have been served and are available. Long stretches of time pass between hearings. In Carlos's case, the longest period without a hearing lasted nearly three months. But once the hearings began, the tide began to turn in Carlos's favor. There was a parade of witnesses who testified that they knew Sonia and had employed her services. Of the five men who testified they had been her customers, two said the sexual liaisons occurred months before she ever met Carlos; two testified that she continued to work as a prostitute even as the trial was in progress; and another said he had sexual relations with Sonia for money just a day after Carlos's arrest. The testimony was central to the case because Sonia had earlier testified that she was not a prostitute before she met Carlos, and that, after his arrest, she never prostituted herself again. Credibility, said the defense attorneys, was of the highest importance. "Rape is a particularly difficult crime to defend against in Mexico," explained one of the attorneys. "It is what we call a hidden crime, because only two people know what really happened. It is a question of who the judge is going to believe."

There was no DNA evidence, and the physical evidence offered by forensic witnesses called by the prosecution was, at best, ambiguous. For example, the technician who took vaginal swabs said he found only microscopic amounts of sperm; because Sonia had freely admitted to entertaining clients between the alleged rape and the physical exam, he could not say whose sperm it was that he had extracted. Sonia reported the alleged rape more than 36 hours after it had supposedly occurred, continuing to work at a bar and to prostitute herself in the interim. The forensic gynecologist who examined Sonia testified that it was impossible to tell from the physical examination whether she had been raped. The condition of Sonia's private parts, said the gynecologist, was also consistent with a very active sex life. Sonia had also claimed that, during the rape, Carlos had sodomized her. The gynecologist said there was no physical evi-

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Testimony at Carlos's "trial" opened a window into the strange, sad world of prostitution in Tijuana, where for thousands of people, sex-for-money is a perfectly acceptable way to earn a living. Prostitution is not illegal; in fact, the city requires "sex workers" to obtain and regularly renew health certificates attesting that they do not have a venereal disease or HIV. The busy, popular bars where they work will not allow them to hustle customers if the women don't have a valid, current health card. Here is how a

typical prostitute-friendly bar operates: the bar owner allows the women to hang out in his bar because his customers come there looking for a prostitute. The women encourage customers to drink, and get a small commission from the bar for each drink they persuade a client to buy — drinks for the customer cost about \$3, drinks the customer buys for the woman, \$7. The systems works on *fichas* (tokens) that the woman cashes in at the end of her shift. There are no waitresses, only waiters — the women are there to attract customers for the bar. It is a successful formula: the prostitute-friendly bars of Tijuana do a thriving business, especially on

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weekends, when the gringos come in droves. There is an entire section of the city (in the neighborhood known as la Zona Norte) devoted to sex tourism.

At one of the bars where Sonia worked before she knew Carlos, "service" was provided on site in cuartitos (little rooms) equipped with a bed. Customers are given a condom and a towel, and can bathe afterwards in a shower down the hall. At the bar where Sonia worked at the time of Carlos's arrest, prostitutes take their clients from the bar to an adjoining hotel. Clients are handed a towel and a condom at the reception desk, and pay \$11 for the room. After 20 minutes, hotel workers come pounding on the door indicating that time is up. It is customary to leave a small tip — around \$2 — to the person who will clean the room afterwards. The women also receive a small commission on the room rental, as well as whatever "fee" they arranged with their client — usually

between \$40 and \$80, which goes in their pocket. "Living off the proceeds of prostitution" is big business in Tijuana, no matter what the law says.

Also entered into evidence on Carlos's behalf were a series of letters. His employer wrote that Carlos worked six days a week from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and was punctual and reli-

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able. The director of the Catholic school where Carlos took night classes wrote that Carlos regularly attended on weeknights from 7:00–9:00 p.m. until mid-April. Character references were provided by three Catholic priests, two journalists, and the director of a woman's shelter. "Carlos was an idiot to get involved with this woman," his attorney told his family. "Only a nerd

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would fall in love with a common whore. He is definitely not guilty of a crime, but he is not innocent either. He was so stupid. That's what he is guilty of, of being stupid, of being an idiot."

Carlos does not disagree with that assessment. "I ended up in prison because I chose the path downward, I *chose* to do wrong," he says. "It was the sex. Plus I thought

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choices that led me to prison." From the outset, Carlos's ex-wife, Gabriela, stood by him without hesitation. "We were together for six years," she testified. "He never raised a hand against me all the time we were together. He never hit me. After six years,

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you know somebody. Carlos is a very peaceful man. And he did not want me to work. He was the provider, and he was a good one, a good father." Gabriela attended every hearing, and, every Sunday without fail for ten months she visited Carlos. It meant leaving her mother's house around 3 a.m. and waiting hours in line outside the prison, sometimes in the rain. She was the one who brought the \$20 Carlos got from family and friends each week. She brought him clean clothes, water, and orange juice, too. She stayed with Carlos the entire day, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. He would rent a space in the shade for them in the prison courtyard. Neither Carlos nor Gabriela will talk much about what happened between them inside La Mesa, but, after Carlos's release, they got back together again.

Months began to pass with no action in Carlos's case. A gringo friend for whom Carlos worked parttime was funding his



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defense — Carlos calls him el señor del cielo (the man from heaven) — but the gringo was becoming unpleasantly impatient with Mexican justice, and began to balk at paying the skyrocketing legal expenses. About every two weeks the lawyers would call the gringo saying they needed to meet with him immediately, that there had been an important development. It always meant, "Bring us more money." The lawyers were not at all clear about what the money was paying for, but after the gringo threatened to throw in the towel and to turn off the money spigot, the lawyers gave him a written guarantee that they would spring Carlos from prison. "We do not pay bribes," said the lawyer. "These are not bribes. These are gratificaciones bonuses."

Finally, in April 2004 more than nine months after his arrest - Carlos was notified that no more testimony would be taken in his case. His last hearing was scheduled for April 28 at 11:30 a.m., at which time the prosecution and the defense would offer their "conclusions" to the judge — in writing. The only thing that happened at the hearing was that Carlos was asked to sign the transcript of the defense's closing arguments. That was it. The case was now before the judge, who, by law, had to render his decision by May 9. There was nothing to do but wait. The defense attorneys said they were "100 percent sure" that Carlos would prevail.

And prevail he did. The judge acted quickly, rendering his decision shortly before 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2004: not guilty of rape; not guilty of living off the proceeds of prostitution; guilty of simple battery, because Carlos had admitted in court to slapping Sonia. Carlos received a sentence of four months, but since he had already served ten months, the judge ordered his immediate release. But it was still not over. It took prison officials nearly 24 hours to comply with the judge's order. They cited spelling errors in the release document and sent it back to the judge's clerk. She corrected the errors and sent it back to the prison. There was also the five-day period in which the prosecution could appeal the judge's decision (in Mexico, the prosecution can appeal an acquittal). If the prosecutor filed an appeal within the five-day period, Carlos would be re-arrested. After five nervous days, the ordeal ended. The prosecutor did not appeal, and Carlos is a free man. He and his wife live together with his daughter, now 5, who just started kindergarten. Carlos put her in a private, Catholic school. In addition to working full-time, Carlos is taking an evening computer class. It took a while, but Carlos seems to have almost completely recovered from the trauma of prison. He says he has forgiven Sonia for what she did to him, but still is struggling to forgive himself: "Before all this, I was a very conceited person. I lived

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by my own rules. After I had been locked up for a while, after I had been pushed to the ground and humiliated, I began to search my soul for answers, to see if I could figure out how I had ended up in this hell. What I found was a battle between good and evil inside myself. It is the evil within us that is our worst enemy. We can choose for ourselves: good or evil. I suffered horribly, but I understand why. This was a lesson sent to me from God."

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"Late," said another.

"Probably working," a third one said. "Yeah, he's working and'll be going along later," said Moore. "Hey, somebody open the gate down thar for them steers!"



"Got it," a woman's voice came back from the far end of the arena, 100 yards away. Under the lights, one could make out the forms of young cattle waiting in front of the stripping chute to have the ropes taken off their heads and heels. That done, the steers were chivvied back into the starting gate where two ropers, a header and a heeler, would give each one a lead of 12 feet or so, then run it down and rope it, front and back.



In a rodeo, they'd wrap their ropes around their saddle horns to stop the steer cold, but Moore seldom allows it during practice. It's hard on the cattle. They are Mexican corrientes, valued for their strong horns. Moore troubles himself every few years to bring in a fresh bunch from a quarantine point in New Mexico. A livestock broker, he sells the corrientes for beef when they reach 500 pounds and in the meantime doesn't want them

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Moore, 52, is also the off-and-on teammate and steady supporter of young Carter Taylor, the local amateur whose goal is to win enough money to qualify for the national finals rodeo and have a shot at the championship. Moore and Taylor are entered to compete at the Cattle Call together as a team.

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heeler in the valley," said John Goad, standing by the phone box at the arena. He had taken a break from practice to rest his back and have a smoke. Goad is 64, a retired ranch foreman whose voice seems to emanate from behind his clenched jaw. "Yeah, he damn sure knows how to heel," said Goad. "Course, that don't say how he's going to do outside. You got some punks out there that'll outrope damn..."

Goad finished the remark with something I didn't catch.

"They're not cowboys anymore, they're athletes," he went on. "Punk bastards'll rope a steer in four, five seconds. They got timing, reflexes and all like top-conditioned athletes you'll see anywhere. But understand, that's all they do is rodeo. You take Carter and some of the guys around here, hell, they all got jobs. They'd starve before they beat most of these



professionals."

During this speech, Goad had taken a cigarette from his shirt pocket, put it to his mouth, reached back to the same pocket for the lighter, lit the cigarette, replaced the lighter and taken the cigarette away without interrupting a syllable. He stopped now to watch Moore and another roper gallop after a steer.

Back on the subject of athletes, he said some

of the top money winners in rodeo are pretty much removed from ranch work. He recalled a friend who was a respectable saddle-bronc rider but who absolutely fell off a roping horse because he'd never mastered the basics of riding a tame animal.

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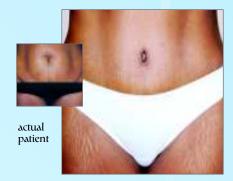
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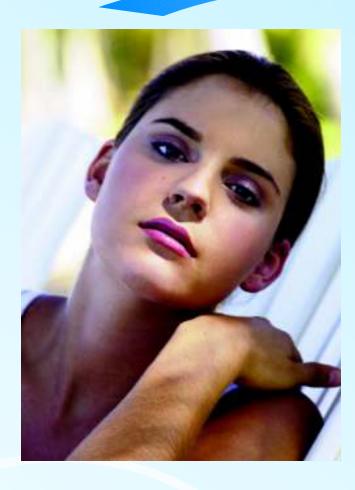
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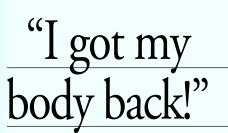
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doctoring, and almost any ranch hand is familiar with it. That and the fact that roping is relatively safe explain why team ropers far outnumber bull riders. Ropers make less money, which is only right, but also have longer careers. The event attracts real cowboys who have grown up chasing cattle, as well as amateurs and pure athletes who compete for fun or profit.

As foretold, Taylor showed up at the end of the workout. He is of medium height and build, has longish curly hair, and is wearing his usual uncowboy-like clothes: an old green baseball cap, round-toed boots, and a nonfiligreed belt buckle of ordinary size. At 29, he is married and is working his way into the family business of installing drainage pipes under farmland. Behind roping, his preferred sport is tennis.

Moore, Goad, and the others joined him at the side of the arena in the shadow of a pecan tree.

"Been pretty busy?" Moore asked.

"Finishing up," said Taylor. The last of the irrigation lines are dug before the farmers sow their winter vegetables. "I got some stuff to do capped children. "We start at ten o'clock on Thursday," Moore said. "Okay." "Ten, ten-thirty," Moore repeated. "Might want to be there an hour before." Taylor nodded to say

He could see the steer in front of him bolting out of the chute, kicking up clods of dirt and making a sharp turn to the left as his partner roped its horns.

tomorrow, then I'll be all clear."

Moore told him that the following night they'd be taking some steers down to the Cattle Call arena to get ready for the special rodeo on Thursday morning for handihe'd gotten the message — *Don't be late* — then they all fell to talking about friends who were competing at a rodeo up in San Francisco. They were Bobby Hurley and Dennis Gatz, Jake Barnes and Clay

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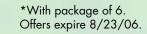
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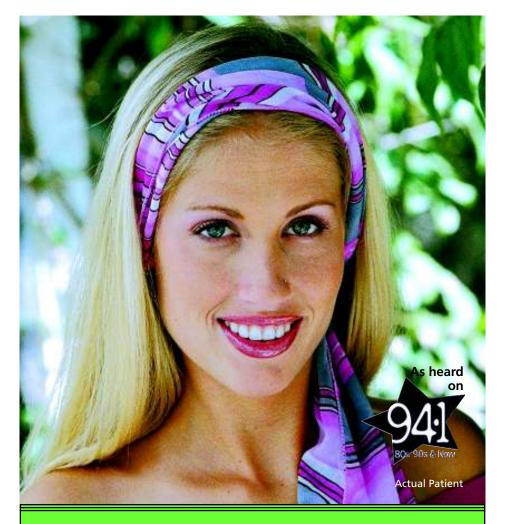
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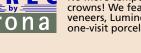
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O'Brien Cooper, Dennis Watkins, and David Motes — all among the current top money winners in competitions sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). Hurley and Gatz had won \$61,000 each; Barnes and Cooper \$56,000; and Watkins and Motes \$36,000. Each was thus on track to qualify for the national finals in December, a competition open only to the top 15 performers in team roping and each of the other rodeo events.

The national finals some \$2.2 million in prize money this year. A roping team can double its winnings for the entire year at one last rodeo. The team with the most winnings at the end is named world champion.

Meanwhile, the top teams travel around, competing with any and all newcomers. From the amateur's point of view, that's the beauty of pro-



Carter Tavlor

on Taylor's chances of making it. "He can rope," said Moore, glancing at me with very blue eyes and a poker face. "He's never had the financial backing. It takes money to travel, stay out on the road. And now he's working for his dad, and that takes time."

I asked him why he hadn't tried to become a professional roper himself.

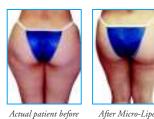
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kitchen, stir-frying some chicken for supper. "I require a higher financial reward," he said, which got a laugh from her. "I quit roping altogether for ten years when I was getting the business going," he said. "You can't do both."

In a while, the subject turned to how Taylor and

roping," he went on, "is that anybody can get hot. You get four, five steers in a row that you can handle. You start winning, get your confidence up, get a leg up on everybody. Of course, the best ropers are going to win by the end of the year. But you can be among the best if you're patient and lucky. Your

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tant part of valley culture,

Taylor's mother had

taken him for his riding

lesson one day when he

was poking around the

back of his instructor's

truck and found a rope.

He started playing with it,

and for some inexplicable

reason, life changed. He

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Some cattle are still

With the population

boom that followed

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## Ranch-style horsemanship remains an important part of valley culture, but that's all it is — culture.

Moore got along as a team. "If either one of us misses, the other one won't say anything," he said. "We don't get down on each other. We each just try to do our best, but if that don't happen, then..." He put his hands up in surrender. "The thing about

breaks will come; you gotta be ready."

Taylor feels he's been getting ready since he was 14, when he picked up a rope at a horse-riding lesson. For a roper, 14 is late to be learning to ride a horse, but Taylor never had the babe-in-the-saddle training of someone

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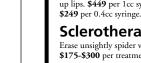
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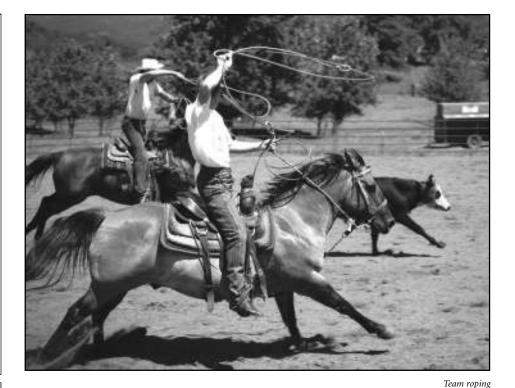
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He could see the steer

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"Then I'd look out and see the road again," he said.

When he was 22, Taylor spent four months in Saudi Arabia, making \$3500 a month teaching an assistant to cut irrigation trenches. And while his pupil worked the trenching machine, Taylor lay in the truck, alternating long periods of reading with smooth and vivid daydreams of roping cattle. "I came back and must have roped 30 steers without missing," he said.

In the meantime, growing up, he'd had some other interests. He was on the tennis team in high school, played a little baseball, raced a dirt bike. For a time, he thought he wanted to become a working cowboy, before he saw how hard he'd have to work and for how little; and becoming a trucker had intrigued him too. But he always came back to wanting to earn his living with a rope.

The turning point came when he won a few dollars at a roping in Needles and was entered the next day in a dirt-bike race in Riverside. To make the start, he would have to drive half the night back to Brawley, unload his horse, load up the bike and drive another four hours to the track. He decided that night that if he were going to drive anywhere, it would be home to bed or to another roping.

It was clear by then that if he wanted to get ahead in rodeo he'd have to make the commitment to travel. He'd been told as much in a roping class he'd taken in Brawley. " 'Get out of the valley,' " said Taylor, summarizing the instruction.

In rodeo, as in most endeavors, the successful are blessed with the ability to slog. A local rodeo champion, Ron Crawford of Lakeside, often says of himself: "Even if I had the talent to be one of the best team ropers in the world, I couldn't have done it. I couldn't have done all the driving." The full-time roper's



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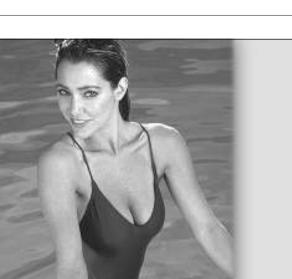
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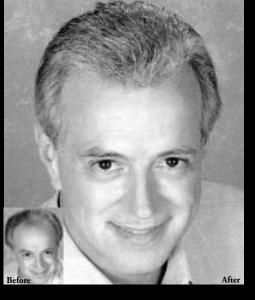
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work week begins on Tuesday night with the preparations to leave early the following morning. He loads his gear in the pickup and horse-trailer and makes a few last calls to the computer at the PRCA in Colorado, confirming when and where he'll compete. A rodeo heat is called a go-round, and at a major rodeo, the roper might compete in two go-rounds as far apart as Thursday and Sunday. Meanwhile, to make expense money for himself and the horse, he'll drive day and night to other rodeos or to nonsanctioned "jackpot" competitions, stopping only to eat, gas up, and call the computer. "I've seen many times where a roper will drive all night to San Diego from Fresno, miss his steer, turn around, and drive right back." said Crawford.

For all of this, roping the steer lasts ten seconds — five and a half seconds if the team is to be guaranteed some prize money. If either member of the team misses roping the steer, they of course win nothing. Jackpots pay from \$50 to \$1200 per team; cow-town rodeos pay an average \$500; regional rodeos \$2500. Team ropers usually travel together to save expenses, and yet they can end up spending \$1000 a week, Crawford said. By Sunday night, all the competitions are over and the roper heads back to have Monday, his day of rest, at home.

In his best year so far, Taylor won about \$20,000, not enough to live on, just enough to give him ideas about going at it full time. It was gratifying to establish a small reputation but frustrating too, for the better known he became, the more difficult it was to make money in his breadand-butter competition, the jackpot. Unlike a rodeo sanctioned by the PRCA, which is open to any competitor holding a

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PRCA card, available for \$210, a jackpot is frequently limited to ropers who haven't won much. In the spirit of giving the locals a chance, a jackpot promoter typically will exclude ropers who have won more than \$5000 in the previous year.

Eventually, Taylor found himself in a bind. He hadn't banked enough money to finance a longterm campaign that would take him to all the big rodeos in Colorado, Texas, Utah, and New Mexico, where, with the same skill he'd displayed at local jackpots, he might be able to win two or three times as much money. But he was too successful to compete anymore at the nearby jackpots, where his bankroll could take him. "I was winning lots of ropings, but I couldn't get a start. It's like I was just good enough to starve." Finally, he had a plan

to change that, quickly. He got a partner and they booked themselves into





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the finals of the International Pro Rodeo Association competition in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The IPRA finals is an open event, available to all who can pay their travel and entry fees. It would be like competing in the PRCA's national finals, with big purses and publicity; and with any luck, Taylor could break through to a high showing or even a championship and perhaps then to the grubstake and confidence he would need to reach his goal. For this he risked the plane fare back to Tulsa. In a way, it was the big time. He was headed for a rodeo that was too far to reach by truck and trailer. He would leave his horse in Brawley and fly to the finals, just like a top money-winner. He left in high spirits, having never flown to a rodeo before.

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But in the end, it was a bust. In two go-rounds, his partner missed the horns and Taylor missed the heels. They didn't even get a time, much less any money.

Worse, Taylor had glimpsed how many good ropers are out there, a bare few even beginning to make a living. He'd also come up hard against one of his own limitations, his horsemanship. He'd been

unable to handle the horse he'd borrowed. Horsemanship isn't something you can improve on quickly, as you can a hitch in your throwing motion. Taylor had to face the fact that he if were going to rope for a living, there would be no shortcuts. He'd have to go back to where he'd left off and work himself out of the bind by winning consistently on the regional circuit.

As the months went by, he won some and lost some and slowly slid into a funk. The insidious thing about sports is that when you've lost the best in yourself and are trying to grasp it again, you soon end up taking a pissed-off swipe at every beer you've ever drunk, at the stupid, the decent, and the innocent habits you have collected around yourself for amusement and protection. You're so beat up inside that after a while, you can't even open the door without getting your foot in the way.

"I just got really screwed up," said Taylor, ics. "I've always had a real good motion. Smooth. No problems. Then all of a sudden, I couldn't even throw the rope. I'd be missing everything. Then I couldn't ride. My horse didn't know what I was doing. And finally I just lost all my confidence. I

talking about his mechan-

moment in the Cattle Call Ioanie, and a dozen other getting ready for the Exceptional Rodeo title the next morning for some 400 handicapped children from all over the Imperial Valley. Cold night air had settled here at the arena, by the New River bottom, but Taylor was warm from his workout and stood hatless and comfortable next to his horse.

said through a grin. I asked him what he'd

done about it. "Nothing, really, just

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said, remembering, "Bobby Hurley came out to stay with Jeff, and for a week there we worked out every night. That's what did it. Hurley's so smooth and consistent. We call it velvet. He'd velvet that rope down over the steer and turn him so easy. See, look..."

"I was just a mess," he

sort of kept working. I worked out at Jeff's pretty



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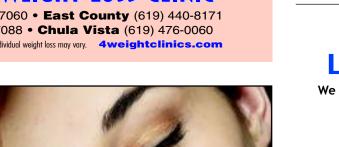
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was...' He shook his head. He was standing at that arena where Jeff Moore, men and women were

Taylor held up his hands, the right with a white cotton roping glove on it, and aligned them one to chase the other, the left hand the horse and the white hand the steer. "Hurley could handle each steer the same way. Slow, fast, go right, go left,

didn't matter. He'd follow on him just like this, turn him, and give me the same shot every time. Same shot — turn, bang — I'd rope him. One night there we must have run through 20 steers, didn't miss a one."

regular. And then," he

Taylor added that they were roping them in competitive times too, though no one had a stopwatch. I asked if he mentally ticked off the seconds during a run.

He thought about that. "Nah, not really. You're concentrating so hard on the steer. But you do know the time by the way the steer goes. If he goes like this" - he wagged his hand like a fishtail — "vou've come on him too hard or too fast, and you've lost time. Your amateur's always in a hurry. Your professionals are smooth, 'cause they know smooth is fast.

"And that's how we were," Taylor went on, getting back to him and Hurley and brightening up. "After that week I felt we could rope with anybody. Bring 'em on! I know — I really know – that I can rope. I haven't lost my goals. Maybe I have lost some of my determination. I'm tied down to a lot of things right now. But I have no doubt that I have the ability to compete."

He then laid out his current plan. Since the family business is seasonal, from May to October, he will concentrate on the winter rodeos. If all goes well, he will pick up some wins early in the year and use the bankroll

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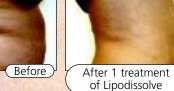
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Taylor says his dad and wife are behind him, and he knows a young header in Colorado who might be the ideal partner. They met in March at a jackpot in Arizona, won some money, and went their separate ways. "We roped together real good, communicated good," said Taylor. "I've been meaning to call him up." I asked why he

hadn't. "Well, he lives back in

Colorado," Taylor said. "That's kind of far to get together." But if Taylor wins

enough to afford to travel, would he call him then? "Yeah, well, there you

go." Taylor said. "Truth is, I'm probably just scared." This year's winter

season began with a rodeo November 10 in Denver, followed the next day by the Cattle Call. Not long before midmorning on November 12, when Taylor and Moore were scheduled to compete, the arena had a lazy, hushed feel about it. It was the Sunday slack time before the full-blown rodeo events of the afternoon, when the stands would be full of ticket-holders come to see the action of the clowns and the roughon the watered dirt. Without a ticket, or even a contestant's pass, you could have the run of the place, walk up to the stock pens or check out the standings posted next to the rodeo director's trailer.

For the team ropers who had not yet competed, first place was

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stock events, to listen again to the announcer's jokes, and to hear the cowboy band segue deftly from "Cotton-Eyed Joe" to a commercial for Copenhagen/Skoal tobacco. Now the arena was quiet and empty except for the tractor pulling a leveler around

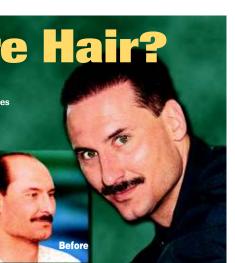
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there for the taking. The times of the previous two go-rounds, which had taken place on Saturday afternoon and evening, were abysmal. The best time was 9.5 seconds. You could hear some of the athletes grumbling about the steers all veering to the left and crowding the arena wall before you could rope them, but run-down stock is something that good ropers see a lot of, and this morning's go-round included some of the best teams: Barnes and Cooper, Motes and Watkins among them.

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to post the number of the steer each team had drawn. Not ten minutes later, Barnes, a header, was there on his horse to look at the steer he'd be chasing in half an hour, number 19. It was the second time he'd been there that morning, as Crawford had seen him earlier looking them over before the draw.

There must have been 30 other steers just like number 19 in a pen so small it looked like a bovine hydra, with 20 heads raised up and twisting for space to rest their chins.

I asked Barnes if he'd seen number 19 before. He shook his head.

I asked what he was looking for in that steer. "Aw, you just look for what they're generally like. Like, see that number 8 there, next to 27? Eight's kinda small and doggy, don't look too strong, probably not too quick." Smiling, Barnes wheeled and ambled his horse away without mentioning

whatever it was he'd seen in number 19.

Moore was hanging around the cattle chute that leads into the arena. He and Taylor had drawn number two, and Moore was trying a different tack in finding out about it. He sidled up to one of the stock contractor's people, a kid about 19 who had probably traveled the circuit with the same bunch of steers.

"What do you know about number two?" said Moore.

"Not much," the kid said.

"You haven't seen him run then, have you?" "I start looking up to see 'em run, and Mr. Rosser'll tell me to buy a ticket," he said. Cotton Rosser is the stock contractor.

Moore continued asking around and learned that, the previous evening, number two had led a roping team to post a miserable time of 18.2 seconds. It was not good news. It meant the steer

was irregular in some way, very slow or very fast or liable to duck from under the rope.

At the Exceptional Rodeo a few days before, Taylor and teammate Jim Shipman of San Diego had won the roping competition; that night, Taylor had a satisfying workout at Moore's arena, roping all but one steer in 15 runs. It had been a serious tune-up, and he'd done well.

Now Taylor was out in the rodeo arena warming up, wearing a cowboy hat for once. About 15 ropers were out there with him. Still wet, the dirt glistened where the sun fell on it and darkened to mud in the shadows. You could hear the whirring of the stiff nylon ropes as the men whirled them above their heads. A crop duster, pumpkincolored, banked over the white rim of the bleachers.

At 9:30, the go-round began. As Crawford predicted, the previous best

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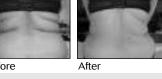
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The steers were as rough as advertised: Some were fast and outran any header who got a late start; others took off angling left toward the arena wall about 40 yards away so that the header had to beat it to the turn, then rope it, and give his heeler a shot before it stopped against the wall and stood dead as a sawhorse. On Saturday afternoon, two teams in the go-round had come up with no-times, and in the evening, out of nine teams, no-times were posted by five.

Here, on Sunday, number 19 got the best of Barnes and Cooper. Barnes seemed to have gotten a decent start, put rope on the steer, and turned it, but then it skipped sideways and out of Cooper's rope. By the time Taylor and Moore came up, the ninth team

to run, Motes and Watkins's time was still the one to beat.

Taylor started to back his horse into the box, then had to wait while the handlers cleared the chute of a steer that had been loaded out of order. Number 2 was loaded up, the lead handler holding its head so the horns would clear the gate. Moore and Taylor settled in.

Number 2 got out fast and took a long lead on Moore, who made a late start. It had started toward the wall when Moore, his hat flying, finally cut it off and turned it down the arena. Maybe ten seconds went by before Moore could get off his shot. Caught, the steer swerved to face Moore while Taylor let fly at the heels coming around. The rope grabbed only one. The time was 15 seconds and 5 seconds added for one-legging. They turned around and left the arena slowly, with the hangdown look of people who feel they're

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being watched, where actually they attracted hardly any notice, since they had finished well out of the money.

'Tell you what," a disgusted Moore could be heard saying as he rode out. "It wasn't Carter's fault. I got out of there late. I was off the line by about a foot." No one disagreed with him.

Taylor, back at the chute, smiled and said it didn't matter. Moore said, "Well, I'm sorry, partner. He got a step on me. I heard that steer ran out an 18.2 on a team last night, and I should have been ready for him."

"It don't matter," Taylor said. "I one-legged him anyway."

They exchanged a few more words about the run, happy that they hadn't given up on the steer when they'd known after the start they wouldn't beat the best time.

Back at his trailer, while Taylor was unsaddling his horse, a fan walked up and reminded him that, technically, he'd done better than Barnes and Cooper.

"Yeah," said Taylor, his voice flat with disappointment. "And the pay's the same."

"Tell you what," said Moore, a few feet away. "We're going back to the house and have a workout for some of the fellas who'll be roping later on this afternoon. You about ready to go?"

Taylor was still handling tack at his trailer but turned around and said firmly, "I'm ready now."∎

— Joe Applegate





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# What Are You?

Booksigning: Part Asian, 100% Hapa

e live in a really lazy society," says author and photographer Kip Fulbeck. "We want things to be cut and dried: 'This guy has a suit, so he must be a businessman' or 'This guy has

tattoos, so he must be a biker.' Questionnaires in school [instructed me to] 'check one box only.' I'm Chinese, English, Irish, and Welsh. Essentially, I had to pick either my mother or my father, which is not fair for a five-year-old."

On Tuesday, August 15, Fulbeck will sign and discuss his new book *Part Asian*, *100% Hapa* at Book Works in Del Mar.



book Part Asian, orks in Del Mar. "Hapa is a slang term, the literal Hawaiian word meaning 'half' or 'portion," says Fulbeck. On his website

*redsushi.com*, Hapa is defined as a person "of mixed racial heritage, with partial roots in Asian and/or Pacific Islander ancestry."

Of 1100 portraits taken of Hapas of various ages and ethnicities, 114 were chosen to appear in the book. Each person was asked, "What are you?"

"One kid from an elementary school in Poway asked, 'What do I write?" Fulbeck recalls. "I said, 'Whatever you want. Whatever you think you are. And don't worry, anything you write is right.' He was Filipino, Mexican, and Irish, and he wrote, 'I'm a very little boy in the fifth grade that has no friends.'

"One kid from Carlsbad had a hard look on his face. He was 14, but he looked 25. He wrote, 'I care about a girl, and I will never hit one.' You wonder what he's gone through in his life that would make him say something like that without any prompting." A girl whose ethnic background includes the Philippines, Yugoslavia, Norway, and Ireland wrote, "I'm a girl. I'm American. I'm seven. I'm Hannah," and drew a star. None of the children Fulbeck photographed under age 11 defined themselves by their ethnicity. "Kids almost never talk about race; they talk about things they like and don't like."

Fulbeck remembers a woman in Brentwood who had difficulty with the question. "This woman sat there with the blank sheet, and I urged her to start writing something, that it didn't matter what it was. Fifteen minutes later she still hadn't written anything, and I said, 'Look, just try to put something down.' Three hours later I was packing up, and I told her I had to leave. She still hadn't written anything. She said, 'I can't do this,' and she was teary, and she put the paper down and left."

Most Hapas, according to Fulbeck, wrestle with their identity, especially when "race is always talked about in terms of black and white." One man wrote to Fulbeck by email: "I struggle between wanting to belong to an ethnic community and wanting to be 'the only one of my kind,' an exotic amongst my black and white friends. Now that Hapa identity and culture is on the rise, I no longer feel as special as I once did. Yet I now feel a new sense of belonging to something that, until recently, did not have a name." "Some people are used to being the

special one," says Fulbeck. "One woman from the Midwest said, 'You need to photograph me; you've never met anyone like me. I'm black and Korean.' She thought she was [one of a kind]. I said, 'I can't afford to



come photograph you, and I have already

photographed fifty people who are black-

Korean mixes.' If you grow up your whole

life thinking you're the only Hapa person

around, and then you meet hundreds of oth-

ers at once [at a photo shoot] - some peo-

The Hapa community has met with

opposition. "One guy sent a pseudoscientific

journal about why it's bad for the human

stop in Los Angeles 15 years ago, waiters

the time, a Caucasian. When Fulbeck was

out of hearing range, racial slurs and com-

ments were made to his girlfriend. "It's still

one of the most difficult things for me to

believe. I don't even look nonwhite in my

Loving v. Virginia, that antimiscegenation

laws were overturned, and it became legal

throughout the country for Asians and Cau-

casians to marry. "Theoretically, my birth in

It wasn't until 1967, with the case of

enough, we're all African." Once, at a truck

would not serve Fulbeck and his girlfriend at

species to mix races. If you go back far

ple get really happy and excited, and some

are turned off.'

eyes.

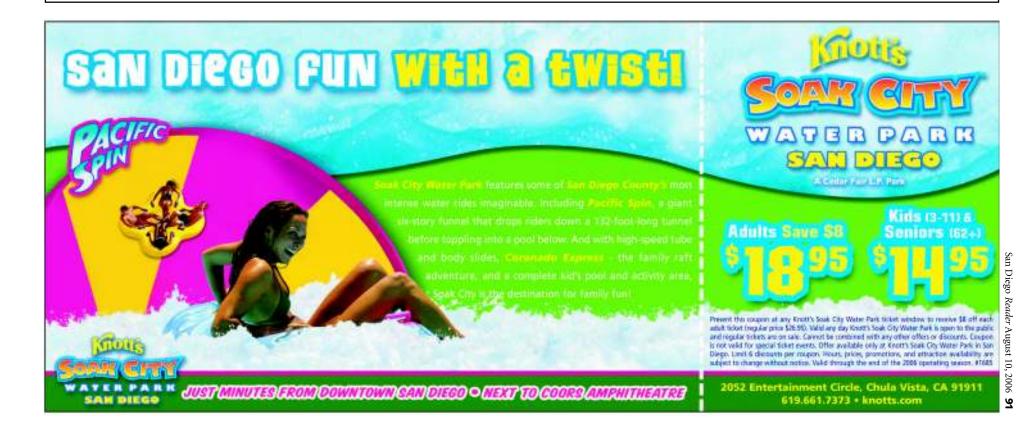
Hapa portrait by Kip Fulbeck

1965 was somewhat illegal," says Fulbeck. "It was the 2000 census that first allowed people to check more than one box [for ethnicity]." Like the majority of Hapas he has met,

Fulbeck prefers the term to other existing labels. "I find the terms 'Eurasian' and 'Afro-Asian' to be offensive — they're so clinical. Saying that Eurasians are a model minority, that they are healthier physically — it's one step away from saying mix-breed dogs are smarter. 'Hapa' feels a little more down home, a little more family. I learned it here, as a kid growing up in California."

— Barbarella

Booksigning and Discussion: Part Asian, 100% Hapa Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Book Works Flower Hill Promenade 2670 Via de la Valle, Suite A-230 Del Mar Cost: Free Info: 858-755-3735 or www.book-works.com





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#### BAJA

Author Carlos Fabián Sarabia reads from and signs his new book, Las Muchachas Solo Quieren Divertirse, Thursday, August 10, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

"Mexico al Fin," summer concert by Juan Carlos García Amaro, Thursday, August 10, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$45 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TULIANA)

Harvest Festival continues through Sunday, August 20, with lectures, country lunches, winemaker visits, dinners, music, entertainment. Details: 011-52-646-178-3038. (ENSENADA)

Nicho Hinojosa in Concert, Friday, August 11, 9 p.m., at Tangaloo Club (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-681-8091. (TIJUANA)

"Mexican Son Encounter" by La Choya, Quemayama, and los Capoteños de Michoacán, Saturday, August 12, 6 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TUUANA)

Rock Concert by Rata Blanca, Saturday, August 12, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TUUANA)

## <u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

THE FASCINATING WORLD OF BATS Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, August 12.

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"Barney and Friends," children's play presented Sunday, August 13, at 2, 4, and 6 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9650, (TUUANA)

Bullfighting, Sunday, August 13, 4 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. 011-52-664-686-1510. (PLAYAS DE TUUANA)

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"Investing in Mexico," Pedro Aspe Armella lectures, Monday, August 14, 8 a.m., at Grand Hotel (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-903-1800. (TIJUANA)

Zoé in concert, Monday, August 14, 8 p.m., at Box Underground, El Foro (Jai Alai Palace on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$20, \$25 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TUUANA)

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

Screening in the CECUT Omnimax: Viaje a la Luna, Bugs, Lions, Fuerzas de la Naturaleza, Oasis Marino.

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

#### OUTDOORS

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erally warm coastal air temperatures may keep the water at around 70° through August. However, shifts in local currents or the upwelling of cold water from offshore canyons could always change the situation at any time. Wide, sandy beaches such as Coronado, south Mission Beach, and La Jolla Shores will likely remain nearly at their best for comfortable bathing during the next several weeks.

#### San Diego's Warmest Weather,

on average, should be occurring right now according to statistics compiled from several decades of measurements taken near the San Diego International Airport. In an average year, coastal residents enjoy an average daily temperature of 70°, which compares favorably (depending on your viewpoint) with the January average daily temperature of 55°. The range between the high and low is typically 10° or less this time of year. August's warm, semitropical weather will eventually give way to September's and October's slightly cooler days interspersed with occasional heat waves brought on by Santa Ana conditions - dry, hot winds that sweep down the mountain slopes from the interior.

The Perseid Meteor Shower, the best known of the many meteor displays that return annually, will take place under poor conditions this year due to bright moonlight. During the hours between midnight and dawn (4:30 a.m.) on the mornings of Saturday, August 12, and Sunday, August 13,



#### A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | BY JERRY SCHAD

Raspy throated wild oats and foxtails chafe in the summer breeze. Hawks and ravens glide overhead, the sound of rushing air faintly audible in their feathers. A sleek coyote trots smugly along, its ears directed our way to ascertain whether we are friend or foe.

Around more than half of Sweetwater Reservoir, suburban sprawl marches relentlessly. To the east spread sensuously rounded hills, dotted with sage, pepper trees, and rare coastal varieties of cholla and barrel cactus. Our running-shoe footprints overlap the linear marks of mountain-bike tires and the inverted-U impressions of horseshoes. All kinds of self-propelled travelers are welcome

 Finale ramada overlooking Sweetwater Reservoir

on the Sweetwater Trail along the southeast shore of the reservoir. To reach the

starting point, drive east of I-805 on Bonita Road for about four miles. Keep going straight on San Miguel Road at the intersection where Bonita Road swings abruptly north and bridges the Sweetwater River. After one-

plus on San Miguel Road, turn left on Summit Meadow Road, which leads to Sweetwater Summit Campground, a county facility. This is where you can park your car and start a hike (or a tough mountain-bike ride for some of its stretches) eastward on the Sweetwater Trail. The trail has long been part of a regional trail system that will eventually consist of several linked county-wide paths.

Heading east, you pass a fishing access area for the reservoir and proceed across near-flat, grassy terrain —hot and dry in summer, but reasonably pleasant in early morning or late afternoon. After about a mile, the trail veers sharply right and begins a series of relentless and rather severe ups and downs. The flat top of a prominent knoll, where a picnic table and shade ramada stand, 2.4 miles into the hike, offers the best view of the lake and much of the South Bay area. In the opposite direction rises the massive, triangular bulk of San Miguel Mountain, its summit bewhiskered by several spiky radio and TV broadcast antennas.

This fine view spot is a good place to turn around. On ahead, two more miles of travel can take you to the foot of San Miguel Mountain. Beyond that, it is possible to follow trails and dirt paths paralleling the Sweetwater River all

some 15 meteors or more per hour should be visible streaking across the sky — as long as that sky is clear of clouds and unobstructed by foreground buildings or landscaping. When observed in past years under moonless conditions, up to 100 meteors per hour have been seen. Trekking to the mountains or desert to get a better view far from city lights may yield only marginal improvements this year, because the sky will already be brightened by the moon's glare. For best viewing results, lie in a comfortable po-

ness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and

#### SWEETWATER TRAIL

Hike to a viewful knoll above Sweetwater Reservoir in Bonita.

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gational problems if you choose to press on. This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilder-

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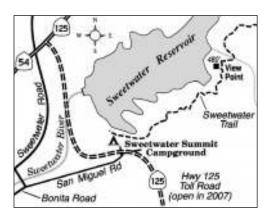
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sition, facing northeast, under an open sky. Strong coffee is advised.

**Trail-Repair Work in Paso Picacho** at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, August 12, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 619-441-0752. For those 16 and older with a parent. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

**Birding the Marsh**, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, August 12, 8 a.m.; and Sunday, August 13, 11 a.m. Free. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Learn to Track Animals and discover their natural environment during beginner and intermediate tracking walks slated for Saturday, August 12, 8 a.m., starting at Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Free. To reach site, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

**An Expert Birder** from San Diego Field Ornithologists leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, August 12, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

**Beach Cleanup** hosted by San Diego Coastkeeper at Tamarack Beach on Saturday, August 12, 9 a.m. Free. 619-758-7743. (CARLSBAD)

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Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk exploring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, August 12, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

Walk a Suspension Bridge, see Kate Sessions' gardens and Irving Gill homes when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari walking tour of Bankers Hill, Saturday, August 12, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations and departure point: 619-944-9255. (BANKERS HILL)

Dragons and Tigers! Guided walks to where dragonflies and tiger swallowtail butterflies planned in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, August 12, 13, and 16, 9:30-11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, August 12, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

**Asian Pacific Historic District** Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including August 12. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue), \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

**Diverse Plant Populations and Expansive Views**, Rick Paul plans "occasionally strenuous" four-mile hike in Daley Ranch, Sunday, August 13. Outing commences at 9 a.m. at Cougar Pass entrance. Bring water, wear hiking boots. Free. Reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego River Walk hosted bv Walkabout, Sunday, August 13. Moderate walk over flat, paved surfaces affords views of river and residences, starts at 4 p.m. at Mission Valley trolley station (behind Sammy's Woodfired Pizza and Starbucks). Free. 619-231-7463. (BALBOA PARK)

Ghost Tours led by "ghost hunter" Michael Brown around Old Town, Thursday-Sunday each week, 9-10:30 p.m. Stories "based on research and photos"; sites include Schillers Bookstore, Jolly Boy Saloon,

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**"SECRET MACHINE"** Thursday, August 10, La Paloma Theatre.

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#### DANCE

Crossing Borders and cultures, Hip-Hop Is Everywhere presented by Eveoke Dance Theatre through August 13. Piece "celebrates the value and transformative power of our rich and meaningful urban culture" in Tenth Avenue Theatre (930 Tenth Avenue). Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. is one-act kids' show, suitable for those under 12. Tickets: \$20 general; "pay what you can" Thursday and Sunday one hour before curtain. 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

Beginning Waltz featured at beginner-friendly dance, Friday, August 11, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by mixers and open dancing for all ages (until 9:50 p.m.). Partners not required. 619-583-9956. Free, (BALBOA PARK

Big Red and the Zydeco Playmakers perform for Cajun/zydeco dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, August 12, at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Lessons at 6:20; dancing from 7-10:30 p.m. \$14. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

International, Ethnic, open request dance night, Saturday, August 12, 8:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). \$6.

Dancing preceded by Mary Marshall and Steve Gould presenting slide show, video of underwater and island adventures at 7:30 p.m. (free). 619-281-5656. (BALBOA PARK, NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Ranting Banshee makes the music, JoAnn Koppany calls for contradance, Saturday, August 12, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550, (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Powav Road). Janet Arnold calls dances on August 13. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

#### FILM

"Secret Machine," SurfAid International presents new Globe surf film - featuring pro surfers Taj Burrow, Yadin Nichol, Mark Occhilupo, Nathan Webster, others - Thursday, August 10, 7 and 9 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). \$10. 760-753-1103. (ENCINITAS)

Screen on the Green, San Diego Museum of Art hosts outdoor film series in conjunction with "Andy Warhol's Dream America" exhibit. Enjoy A Day at the Races with the Marx Brothers on Thursday, August 10. John Wayne stars in The Searchers, slated for Thursday, August 17. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. on east lawn. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK

"Cinema Under the Stars," Woody Allen's Purple Rose of Cairo, starring Jeff Daniels and Mia Farrow, screens Thursday and Friday, August 10 and 11. Ang Lee's take on Iane Austen offered in Sense and Sensibility, being shown on Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13. Films begin at 8:30 p.m. at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street), \$12. 619-295-4221, (MISSION HILLS)

"Airplane!" Parking Lot Pictures series commences with this zany flick, Thursday, August 10, 8 p.m., on Astroturf-covered parking lot at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Movies before the Mast. selected Fridays are date nights, Saturdays are family nights on Star of India in August, Guests may compete in scavenger hunt aboard the B-39 Russian submarine and then see Run Silent, Run Deep on Fridays, August 11 and 18. Operation Petticoat (1959) is showcased on family nights, Saturdays, August 12 and 19. Films are projected on special ship sails.

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**"Festival in the Desert"** documentary of Saharan Music Festival in northern Mali features Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin and array of north African music. Summer film series continues Saturday, August 12, 2 p.m., Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Donation: \$5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Home Movie Day, bring in your home movies for advice on cleaning and conserving or to screen for other home-movie buffs on 8mm and 16mm projectors, Saturday, August 12, 2–6 p.m., in Seuss Room of UCSD's Geisel Library. Free. 858-822-2784. (LA JOLLA)

In Pursuit of the Elusive American Dream, Roger Weisberg's documentary *Waging a Living* chronicles day-to-day battles of workers attempting to lift their families from poverty. Sobering film screens for Sunday Matinee on August 13, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Discussion follows. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

**Peace Through Music**, activist musician Michael Franti and his journey through Iraq, Palestine, and Israel documented in *I Know I'm Not Alone*, being shown on Monday, August 14, 6 p.m., at Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue). Free. 619-225-1083. (OCEAN BEACH) The Surreal Psychological Thriller *Deepwater*, starring Lucas Black, Peter Coyote, screens for Film Forum on Monday, August 14, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800, Free, (DOWNTOWN)

**Films by Mike Nichols** showcased during ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. See Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton in 1966 flick *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* on Wednesday, August 16, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Two "Citizen Video" Shorts — The Subconscious Art of Graffiti Removal and Buffalo Common promised during "Open Screening Night," Thursday, August 17, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Free. 619-230-1938. (GOLDEN HILL)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Deep Sea, Greece: Secrets of the Past* and *Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France* (through August 31). "Fridays at the Fleet" features *Whales* (6 p.m.) and *Africa: The Serengeti* (7 p.m.) on August 11. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

#### LECTURES

"Andy Warhol's Dream America" examined by Ramón Hernandez for Insight Gallery talks on Thursday, August 10, 6 p.m.; and Sunday, August 13, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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**Commedia Dell'Arte** workshops offered by actor, dancer, singer, clown Gale McNeeley, August 11–13, at Sophia Isadora Academy of Circus Arts (4241 Park Boulevard). Fee for 17-hour workshop: \$150. Reservations: 619-543-0911. (HILLCREST)

**"The Fascinating World of Bats"** explored by Dick and Cindy Wilkins of Bat Rescue, Saturday, August 12, 1–2 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Program includes slides of bats in action, creative demonstration of bat features (including a plunger), up-close look at live bats eating and drinking using a Bat-Cam! Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Suitable for those eight and older. (BALBOA PARK)

Build a Nature Sketchbook — "Easy Colored Pencil Techniques for Absolute Beginners" offered by Sandra Angelo on Saturday, August 12, 5 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Savor nature and create a personalized sketching journal. \$49. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

**Identity Theft Happens** What are steps to avoid it, what to do if you're a victim discussed during seminar, Saturday, August 12, 10 a.m., at USE Credit Union (8697 La Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-740-0101. (LA MESA)

**Good Puppy!** San Diego Humane Society and SCPA event for pups "too old for standard puppy classes" but not quite ready for adult dog classes, Sunday, August 13, noon. Behavior help and training, calming signals, using cues, more. \$39. Humane Society,

## OUT & ABOUT

GREEN FLASH Seaside Summer Concert — Eve Selis, Birch Aquarium Museum Wednesday, August 16.

(SEE IN PERSON)

5500 Gaines Street. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2273. (LINDA VISTA)

"Three Books I'm Glad I Read but Wish I'd Written," journalist David Moye reveals his list — which includes books by Tom Standage, D.P. and N.R. Barash, and Steve Turner — for Humanist Fellowship on Sunday, August 13, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

"Scarification: Modern Artistic Cutting" is topic when "body ornamentation artist" Cynthia Wright speaks for 12 O'Clock Scholar program, Monday, August 14, at San Diego Museum of Man. What is history of this art form? What are current practices, tools, reasons? \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**"New Plant Introductions** by Monrovia Nursery" revealed when horticulturist Nicholas Staddon speaks for San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, August 14, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at



Del Mar Fairgrounds. He'll examine Monrovia's new nursery under construction in Central Valley. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-295-7089. (DEL MAR)

**"The Life and Times of Marine Cores and Dredged Rocks:** More Than a Century of Collecting at Scripps" presented by Richard Norris and Warren Smith for "Perspectives on Ocean Science" series, Monday, August 14, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). \$8. Reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

**"The Five Greatest Astronomical Discoveries** of All Time and the Five Greatest Astronomical Questions Today" illuminated when astronomer Rick Burruss speaks, Tuesday, August 15, 2 p.m., in Turrentine Room Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-750-4020. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Stop the Worry Cycle"** after Walter Holtschi speaks on Tuesday, August 15, 6 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Free. 760-505-0004. (CARLSBAD)

**"Irish Emigration and Passenger Records"** discussed by Mary Russell when Irish interest class hosted by British Isles Genealogical Research Association gathers on Wednesday, August 16, 10:30 a.m., at Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

Earthquake Safety Workshops

planned on Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo Public Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 619-538-8163), and on Wednesday, August 23, 6:30 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library (3795 Fairmount Avenue, 619-641-6100). Free. (CITY HEIGHTS, RANCHO BERNARDO)

Luiseño History and Culture, Part II, learn how early Native Americans used bones, rocks, shells, and plants to create tools, ornaments and other objects when scholar Paul Price presents program, Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m., at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center (1580 Cannon Road). Artifacts shown. Free. 760-804-1969. (CARLSBAD)

A Night with Ivan "Ironman" Stewart, San Diego Automotive Museum presents off-road racing legend Stewart talking about his racing career and adventures from his award-winning past, Thursday, August 17, at 7 p.m. Free. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

**Happy-Hour Lecture,** learn about pet vaccines and alternatives, Thursday, August 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). \$10. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)



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#### **IN PERSON**

"Art Czar" signed, discussed by author Alice Marquis, Thursday, August 10, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Do You Believe in Ghosts? New Village Arts Theatre presents Hamlet for its fifth annual Shakespeare in the Park productions, August 11-13 and August 18-20, on lawn at La Costa Canyon High School (3451 Camino de los Coches). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Bring blankets, sweaters, picnics. Free. 60-433-3245. (LA COSTA)

"Motown's Greatest Hits with the Contours" and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12. Listen for songs by Temptations, Four Tops, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles. Evenings conclude with fireworks.

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

"Downtown Summer Sounds," Skelpin plans free concert, Friday, August 11, 6 p.m., at gazebo parking lot (at Main Street and South Indiana). Bring chairs. Free. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

Summer in the Park concert series features oldies by Clyde and the Moonlighters, Friday, August 11, 6 p.m., at Trolley Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue). 619-297-3166. Free, (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

The Backyard, concert series continues with performance by Chris Hobson and Carrie Covell, Friday, August 11, 7 p.m., in amphitheater at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Art by local artists on display. Free. 760-746-1322. (ESCONDIDO)

S.W.I.M., (a.k.a. Song Writers in Motion) convene for open-mike showcase on Friday, August 11, 9 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). Free. 619-265-7287. (SDSU)

Luiseño Storyteller Cathleen Chilcote Wallace and tribal flute player Brandon Wallace present traditional Native American stories on Saturday, August 12, noon, at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center (1580 Cannon Road). Listen for tales of coyote, raccoon, cottontail, mole. Free. 760-804-1969. (CARLSBAD)

**Cross-Genre Romance Author** Samantha Sommersby signs her new vampire novel Forbidden: The Claim, and Still of the Night, Saturday, August 12, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free, 858-268-4747, (CLAIREMONT)

The Musical Malace in the Palace, the story of Esther, presented by summer music and drama camp on Saturday, August 12, 4 p.m., at Village Community Presbyterian Church (6225 Paseo Delicias). Free. 858-756-2441, (RANCHO SANTA FE)

ment and Sound," Saturday, August 12, 8 p.m., Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Tickets: \$10 before 10 p.m., \$15 after, benefiting Umoja City Village. 619-260-1731. (NORTH PARK)

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August 13, noon, at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, 858-618-1814). Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Lighthouse Bluegrass Band performs Sunday, August 13, 2:30 p.m., in Lake Pavilion at Lake San Marcos Resort (1035 La Bonita Drive). \$10. 60-591-4231. (SAN MARCOS)

Big-Band Music from '30s-'50s promised when Tom Morrow Band performs Sunday, August 13, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Donation. Optional dinner by Flying Bridge Restaurant follows (\$6.50 general). 760-439-4099. (OCEANSIDE)

Rockola performs music from '60s and '70s for Concerts on the Green at Kate Sessions Park (on Lamont Street), Sunday, August 13, 4-6:30 p.m. Free. 858-483-6666. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Indian Ocean performs "rich Indian music infused with Western rock and jazz," Sunday, August 13, 5 p.m., East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$55. 858-437- $1423. \ (\text{EL CAJON})$ 

Music by John Philip Sousa, Warren Baker, other American composers promised when North County Community Band performs Sunday, August 13, 7 p.m., in gazebo at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Bring blanket or beach chairs. Free. 619-847-2337, (POWAY)

Hoot and Holler during San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, August 14, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Perform, judge, or just observe. Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Spectators: \$2, competitors: \$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Open-Mike Poetry Readings,** Monday, August 14, 8 p.m., Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Part Asian, 100% Hapa," author and photographer Kip Fulbeck visits Book Works for slide presentation and signing, Tuesday, August 15, 7 p.m. "Hapa" is term used to describe those with Asian or Pacific Rim mixed-heritage. Find shop in Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle. Free. 858-755-3735, (DEL MAR)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series features Harvey and 52nd Street Jive on Tuesday, August 15: Sweet Adelines on Wednesday, August 16; and City Ballet on Thursday, August 17. Concerts run from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Green Flash Seaside Summer **Concert Series** continues with concert by Eve Selis, Wednesday, August 16, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Watch for green flash at 7:41 p.m.; music sets begin at 6:45 and 7:45 p.m. Aquarium docents on hand to answer questions about marine life and exhibits, food (for sale). \$15. For those 21 and older. Reservations: 858-534-4109. (LA JOLLA)

**Don Your Favorite Luchador** Mask and bring your poems and paintings to San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado) for Poetry and Art open mike and readings, Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m. Expect 'spontaneous creation of a painting by two luchadores," video clips, a lucha-novela reenactment, readings, more. Admission to "Rudos y Técnicos, Poems, Paintings, and Piledrivers" is \$5. 619-957-3264 or 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Expresión Libre," literary series continues Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m., Chicano Perk Morgan Square (616 National City Boulevard). Open-mike readings follow

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

SNEER! Billy Idol at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Saturday, August 12.

(SEE SPORTS)

feature readings. Donations accepted. 619-474-7375. (NATIONAL CITY)

Gypsy Jazz! The John Jorgenson Quintet performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$22, \$25. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

#### SPORTS

The Horses Are on the Track, seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 6, with racing every day except Tuesday. Post time 2 p.m. except Fridays, when racing begins at 4 p.m.

Pinback plays for 4:00 Fridays on August 11. Rocker Billy Idol performs Saturday, August 12, a day also promising a microbrew festival, western regional chili cookoff and salsa contest.

General admission: \$6. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle, 858-793-5533, (DEL MAR)

San Diego Padres are in New York to play Mets on Thursday, August 10, 9:10 a.m. Road trip continues with games in Houston against Astros, August 11-13, at 5:05 p.m. on Friday, 4:05 on Saturday, and 11:05 a.m. on Sunday.

Proud Mary's. 760-525-9770. (OCEANSIDE)

Kayak the Calm Waters of La Jolla during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Saturday, August 12, 8-11 a.m. Scripps naturalists team with instructors from Ocean Enterprises Express to guide paddlers from La Jolla Shores to caves at La Jolla Cove. Beginners welcome. \$60. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Up the Coast and Back, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for ride to Oceanside Harbor for lunch (bring money), Saturday, August 12. Fifty-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). 619-562-2882. (UNI-VERSITY CITY)

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to host San Francisco Giants, Au-

gust 14-17, at 7:05 p.m. Mon-

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The San Diego Surf Dawgs

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(EAST VILLAGE)

**Bicycling Beach Cruise and** Concert, join Sierra Club cyclists on Sunday, August 13, for a rolling 35-mile loop cruise through beach towns, through Rose Canyon to UCSD, and down to Del Mar, then back to La Iolla Cove for free Latin jazz concert (2 p.m.). Join group at Kellogg Park playground (Vallecitos at Camino del Oro) at 9 a.m. Free. 858-623-0628. (LA JOLLA)

Blacks Beach Bares host annual surf event, Sunday, August 13, starting at 10 a.m. at Torrey Pines Stage Beach (look for yellow flag). Body boarding, body surfing, surfing competition. Admission: free. 858-453-0361. (LA JOLLA)

22nd Annual Oceanside Longboard Surfing Club Contest and beach festival runs August 17-20 at south side of Oceanside Pier and pier amphitheater. Competition starts at 6 a.m. each day, finishing at 8 p.m. Free for spectators. 760-500-0745. (OCEANSIDE)

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"ReInvention: Orchids and **Onions Retrospective.**" exhibition of "best and worst of our architectural heritage" continues through Friday, August 11, at City of San Diego Building Department (1222 First Street). Free. 619-446-5200. (DOWNTOWN)

Sheep to Shawl, San Diego Creative Weavers' Guild sets up and demonstrates use of spinning and weaving equipment, overview of process of turning wool into fabric, Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Bonita Museum and Cultural Center (4035 Bonita Road). Free. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Home Movie Day, bring in your home movies for advice on cleaning and conserving or to screen for other home-movie buffs on 8mm and 16mm projectors, Saturday, August 12, 2-6 p.m., in Seuss Room of UCSD's Geisel Library. Free. 858-822-2784. (LA JOLLA)

Ray at Night, over 20 art venues showcase local art on second Saturday of each month, including August 12, 6-10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. (NORTH COUNTY)

"Hip and Twisted," yoga workshop led by Dana Pare, Saturday, August 12, 9 a.m., at MBS Studio (2971 India Street). "Free your hips and move forward in the world!" \$35. 619-682-7115. (MIDDI FTOWN)

Put 60 Candles on the Cake! Carvin celebrates 60th anniversary of making musical instruments with factory tours, appearances (P.O.D., Steve Vai, Allan Holdsworth), performances (Off Track, Social Green, CAB, Steve Oliver, Craig Chaquico, others). Events run 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, August 12. Find Carvin at 12340 World Trade Drive; 858-487-

22nd Philippine Cultural Arts

1600. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Festival, Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Festival hosted by Samahan Filipino-American Performing Arts and Education Center is showcase for traditional performing arts of Philippines, with folk dances from different regions, folk songs, martial arts, cultural exhibits, food (for sale). Admission: free. 619-444-7528. (BALBOA PARK)

"Five Years, Five Chefs," Macy's School of Cooking celebrates fifth anniversary with cooking event, Saturday, August 12, noon. Chefs Bernard Guillas, Riko Bartolome, Gain Kaysen, Jason Marcus, and Tony DiSalvo will participate. Donation: \$10. Find Macy's in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina. 888-424-3663. (MISSION VALLEY)

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**A Toast to Music,** "unlimited tastings" from over 40 wineries, breweries, and restaurants promised, Saturday, August 12, 5–8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). \$40 per person, \$75 per couple. Reservations: 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Panama Family Day celebrated at San Diego Museum of Man along with museum's 90th anniversary — during family day activities, Sunday, August 13, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Tours in Spanish and English of two Panama exhibits; participants make Panama bookmarks, sample "Panama punch" and rainforest cookies. Admission is half-price: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 6–17. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Art in the Village, 200 booths with "every kind of art imaginable" by artists from all over the region on display, along with live music and food, outdoors in village of Carlsbad (at State and Grand) on Sunday, August 13, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (CARLSBAD)

**CityFest 2006,** promising three stages with continuous entertainment, food and beverages (for sale), vendors offering all manner of goods, more — is Sunday, August 13, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., on Fifth Avenue (from Upas Street to University Avenue). Free. 619-299-3330. (HLLCREST) **Lemon Festival,** Chula Vista celebrates its lemon-growing heritage, Sunday, August 13, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at Third Avenue (from E to G Streets). Three stages with entertainment, dance, lemon pie-eating contest, children's fun zone, arts and crafts, food, vendor booths. Free admission. 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

**Local Artist** Ken Roberts has work on view through Friday, September 22, at Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Opening reception: Sunday, August 13, 1 p.m. 619-668-3280. (SAN CARLOS)

House of Palestine hosts lawn program at House of Pacific Relations International Cottages on Sunday, August 13, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Meaning of Life** and existentialism examined on Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

**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) ence, Thursday, August 17, 5:30 p.m., at Bernardo Winery (13330 Paseo del Verano Norte). Wine tasting, gourmet foods and desserts, microbrews, chocolatiers. \$40. 858-748-0016. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Sunset Food and Wine experi-

Annual Taste of MainStreet International Food Festival over 30 restaurants participate on Thursday, August 17, 6–9 p.m.; live music, Rods and Woodies classic car show (on Coast Highway between D and G Streets). Tickets: \$20, available at 818 South Coast Highway 101. Reservations: 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

"Beyond Superheroes and Sidekicks: Alternative Comics from SDSU's Special Collections" continues through Friday, August 18, in Special Collections and University Archives at San Diego State University Library.

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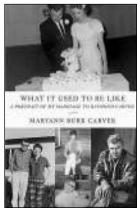
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# Reading

## What It Used to Be Like: A Portrait of My Marriage to **Raymond Carver**



By Maryann Burk Carver St. Martin's Press, 2006, \$25.95, 368 pages

#### FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Marvann Burk Carver met Ravmond Carver in 1955, when she was 15 years old and he was 17. In What It Used to Be Like, she recounts a tale of love at first sight in which two teenagers got to know each other by sharing a two-year long-distance correspondence that soon after found them married and with two small children.

Over the next 25 years, as Carver's fame grew, the family led a nomadic life, moving from school to

school and teaching post to teaching post. In 1972, they settled in Cupertino, California, where Raymond Carver gave his wife one of his sharpened pencils and asked her to write an account of their history.

Exhibit includes works by Donna Barr, Roberta Gregory, Chynna Clugston-Major, others. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

"The Art Linkletter Collection" is on view through Friday, September 8, in donor corridor of San Diego State University's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The "media legend" and SDSU alumnus recently donated his archives to SDSU, including television scripts, scrapbooks, pho-

tographs, many more items. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

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

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The result is a breathtaking memoir of a marriage, replete with an intimacy of detail that fully reveals the talents and failings of this larger-than-life man, his complicated relationships, and his profound loves and losses.

What It Used to Be Like brings to light for the first time Raymond Carver's lost years and the "stories behind the stories" of this most brilliant writer.

#### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From Kirkus Reviews: A bittersweet account of the author's hardscrabble life with her husband, the writer Raymond Carver. Divided into four decades, this memoir opens with her and her future husband's first meeting in 1955 – she was 15 at the time - and moves on to their secret engagement, their marriage in 1957, and the births of their two children in 1957 and 1958. With a husband in college

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and two small children to raise, Maryann shelved her plans to become a lawyer and took on the task of ensuring that Carver would hone his talents as a writer. Their young family, she says, was not a burden on Carver, but rather his anchor, and it does seem that she supported him for years, while the circumstances they found themselves in gave the writer material for many of his gritty, realistic stories. In Sacramento, they lived for years on the edge of poverty; she as a waitress and he in mostly menial jobs while he slowly worked his way through college. The '60s brought Carver some recognition, but his youthful optimism was fading, as stability and economic security eluded his family. They were constantly on the move, with Carver never content and Maryann struggling to get her own college degree. She divides the '70s portion of her

memoir into three threads that defined their lives then: teaching, writing, and drinking. Both drank, but for him, the drinking developed into a disease, and his writing dried up for several years. The marriage devolved into physical violence, infidelity, separation, reconciliation, and divorce in 1982. Before that decade's end, Carver was living with the poet Tess Gallagher, later to be his second wife. (He died from cancer two months after their marriage, at the age of 50.) Writing here, his first wife coats the bad times with matter-of-fact reminiscences, relating her past more by expressions of love for her husband and admiration for his talent. Raymond Carver fans will welcome this up-close, very personal glimpse into the life of the talented but troubled writer.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Maryann Burk Carver married Raymond Carver when she was 16 and he was 19. They were married for 25 years and had two children, Christi and Vance. Maryann Burk Carver is a teacher living on Lummi Island in Washington state.

#### A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

On the morning I spoke with Maryann Burk Carver, she had iust walked in the door, home from an overnight stay with a friend in Skagit County, north of Seattle. She had, the previous evening, given her third reading in a week.

"I read out of the section of the book entitled, 'A Town Called Paradise.' I feel like it contains a lot of the scenes that turned up in Rav's stories. I think it's a poignant, sweet chapter. There are just so many beginnings there - the beginnings of true family life with four people and Ray

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> Hand, Shadow, and Rod Puppets from Asia used when Big Joe Productions explores The Wonderful World of Puppets Around the World through August 13 at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Rumplestiltskin by Weaver's Tales, August 16-20.

> 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)

Would You Repeat the Word? Score! Educational Center spelling bee for children 4-16 years old, Friday, August 11, 6 p.m., at Tierrasanta Score! Educational Center. 10615 Tierrasanta Boulevard. Registration: 858-278-3316, (TIERRASANTA)

Ease on Down the Road! The Wiz is presented by actors and crew of San Diego Junior Theatre through August 13 in Casa del Prado Theater. Music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls. For ages ten and up. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday; 2 p.m. on Saturday

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#### **Stories Inspired by Paintings**

at Timken Museum of Art told by Harlynne Geisler, Saturday, August 12, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For those five and older. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)

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starting college and coming into his intellectual prowess. He was reading Richard Elman and Carlos Baker and Ford Maddox Ford and Hemingway and all these people. At the same time, he came out of the study with is first real short story, 'The Aficionados.' "Our son, Vance, was born

there, and he was in the audience last night as I was reading. I couldn't resist reading about his birth and then pointing to Vance and introducing him. I also couldn't resist telling how sweet and tender Ray was during the birth and during all that period with both children. It wasn't all just fires by any manner of means.

"I think Ray protested too much about the challenges of being an artist and living around all that children's consciousness, but the fact is that he spent so much more time with his children than most fathers did. Often

I was the one working full time. He felt it gave him more time to write, and he preferred to be home. He'd explain things while they were watching television together, or, later, he'd settle arguments between the two children with the toss of a coin or by drawing straws."

"In his work, Raymond Carver doesn't describe himself as loving and patient."

"But, he was. He cared so much.

"When you are reading from your book, it must bring up a flood of emotions. Are you able to separate your emotional memories of that time and just present it as a piece of writing?"

"Last night I was able to be more objective and just go through it, but I make sure I have some Kleenex - not just some napkin or a piece of toilet paper - in my purse. I did need it the first couple of times I read. There were things that brought a tear to my eye, but it's a good thing. It's cathartic.

"How did the book come about?

"Ray asked me to write it in 1972. He sat me down in his study at our first home in Cupertino, California, and told me to write our story. He said that people were going to be interested in him and what his life was about, and that he wanted me to be the one to write our story because we'd done it together.

"I worked on it off and on – more off than on. Then, in the '90s, I got serious about it. But it was a difficult and emotional book to write. Some of the coming to terms takes time."

"You end your book with the end of Ray's life. What have you been up to the past 20 years?" "Well, I don't want to say

it's a tough life, but the fact of the matter is, everything that's in

that book - those were my glory years, by comparison. "I've substitute taught over

the years, from computers and orchestra to science labs – things I know absolutely nothing about. I hated it at first. As a substitute, you're like a ghost. You go into the faculty room and the other teachers are talking. They acknowledge you, but barely. Afterwards, I'd have to go sit in a brightly colored Mexican restaurant for a couple of hours and get over the sadness of what my profes-

sion had come to." During the '70s, Ms. Burke Carver taught English at Los Altos High School while she and her husband lived in California.

"Then. I took a break from substituting. And, as I've returned to it the last little while, I find that I love it again. It feels like, now that I'm 65, I've got it down. "I had a firewood operation on my farm from 1984 to "Part of the reason that people loved Ray was that he dared to expose himself. People are drawn to that kind of honesty."

1987. During one of the last conversations I had with Ray before he was diagnosed, I said that I was like Scarlett O'Hara. With my second marriage I started a lumber business.

"I waitressed again from '87 to '91, and then, as I said, I did a lot of writing in the '90s. Right now I work in a health-food store three days a week in Lynden, Washington.

ten that goes into detail about the '80s. My plan is to write another one that would take my story up through 2003 or so. That would give me 50 years of a documented life.

"It's tough for me to narrow myself down, though. Ray was a man of few words. But for me, I have to curb all this verbiage. Although, you know, one time we were out driving and I was ued on page 104)

"I've got another book writ-

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12:30-2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

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"Rap to the Mic," there's a "clean" rap competition planned Saturday, August 12, 3 p.m., at Community Center (570 South 65th Street). Award money for prize winners. For those 13-19

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**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 waterfall.

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Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN Chula Vista Heritage Museum

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

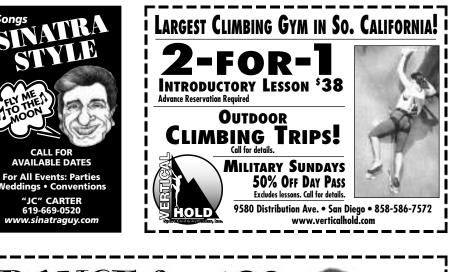
contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

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quiet, and Ray said, 'I'm just going to turn the car around right here if you're going to be morose.' I realized that he counted on me to be verbal and enthusiastic. He counted on being entertained, and I wasn't meeting my part of the bargain, so he was going to turn around and go home."

'You are very forthright in the book about some difficult times. How did you resist the temptation to make things prettier than they were?"

"Well, Ray was the great example. We used to laugh about the double entendre when we'd discuss it, but part of the reason that people loved Ray was that he dared to expose himself. People are drawn to that kind of honesty. What comes out of it is the real, universal human con-

dition. In a way, all our secrets are the same – as Gorgon Lisch once titled a book.

"What are your children doing today?'

Maryann chuckles, "They're both such good-looking children, if I do say so myself.

'Vance, who was at the reading last night, is heading to Baltimore next week to take a position at a private Catholic boys' school. He'll be teaching two classes of German and three classes of French.

'Chris, our daughter, is a happy girl in a lot of ways. She has her dad's dark humor, though. She can see something funny in even the most god-awful circumstances. It's just Ray all over again, and it's delightful.

"She was a single mother with three children when she went to college. I'm so proud of her. She was a year and a half through a human services program when she had her last baby. She gave birth on a Wednesday, and the following Saturday she took the baby along on a planned field trip. For a whole year she took the baby to school with her. She was incredibly courageous. Then, after the baby was walking and could go do daycare, Chris went on and finished school.

"Since that time, she has hurt her back and can no longer work in human services. So now she's starting a screenwriting program at the college near her home in Santa Maria.

"What in your childhood made you the tenacious 15-yearold we meet in the beginning of vour book?

"It was the women in my family. My grandmother was a teacher - a pioneer with five little children. She was a Victorian lady who never said a negative thing about anyone in the whole

time I knew her. My mother and her sister went through college together and were both teachers. too. My father had three sisters. two of whom were teachers and the other was a nurse. "My Aunt May ran a farm,

single handedly, and wrote for five different newspapers for 58 years. "All the women in my fam-

ily were well educated at a time when most men didn't go through the eighth grade. None of these women had money, either. They all worked to put themselves through school."

"How do other women respond to your having stayed with Ray during the years of drinking and the difficult times?"

"When I did the reading in Portland, a woman made a snide remark about codependency. The fact of the matter is, codependency hadn't been coined as a term when we were going through all this in the 1970s. The

in even the most god-awful circumstances."

"She can see something funny

ethos when we were young was that you got married 'till death do you part.' I especially felt that way because my own parents had gotten divorced, and it caused such terrific pain in my life. I determined early on that divorce wouldn't happen to me and my children. And, the truth of it is, they were both through high school before we did finally go our separate ways.

"I didn't say this to the woman in Portland, but I wanted to, 'I did finally leave him and claim my own life. Is that good enough for you?'

When he died, the grief I felt was profound. It was as if I'd gone from a world of Technicolor to a world of black and white. Like I said, those were my glory days. I was young, I was able to always get a job, I was with the man I loved, and I had little kids I adored. Those were my glory days. I've had to reinvent myself and heal for many years before I could produce this book." - Jerry Miller

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Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY) J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclec-

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tic 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)

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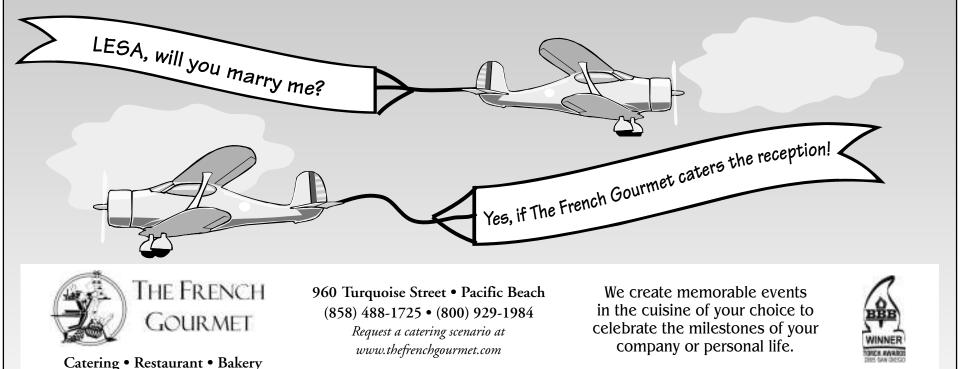
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If It's August, It's Summer-Fest Time! La Jolla Music Society's 20th annual SummerFest continues through August 20. "Gypsy Songs and Dances" expected, Friday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary

Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Prelude concert with SummerFest Discovery Artists program boasts pieces by Prokofiev, Brahms, Bartók, Dvořák.

Selections by Shostakovich, Brahms, and Tchaikovsky gathered for "Memories of Russia," Sunday, August 13, 3 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium. Expect a "Virtuoso Gathering" with SummerFest Discovery Artists playing Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich, and Schubert on Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 p.m.

Choreographer Allyson Green has created a new work to Bach's "Cello Suite No. 6," showcased during "Dancing at SummerFest," Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium. Also on tap: pieces by Moszkowski, Dvořák.

Wayne Shorter Quartet plays "Jazz at SummerFest," Thursday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue).

Tickets and information: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA, NORTH PARK)

**Redlands Symphony Orches-** ${\bf tra}\ {\rm plans}\ {\rm symphony}\ {\rm pops}\ {\rm concert}$ for Fallbrook Music Society on Friday, August 11. Co Boi Nguyen leads orchestra in pieces by Sousa, Rodgers, Rossini, Bernstein, Rachmaninoff, Wagner, Dvořák, Bizet. Concert on green begins at

7:30 p.m. at Grand Tradition (1062 South Mission Road). Tick-

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

"Le Dame Musicanti," Italian and German baroque concert by Donatella Galletti (baroque lute) and Marion Ceruti (mezzosoprano and mandolino lombardo) at House of Pacific Relations, Saturday, August 12, 7 p.m. Early musical instruments from lute family on display; question-and-answer period follows. Free. 619-315-1356. (BALBOA PARK)

Civic Organist Carol Williams plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, August 13, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Symphony Summer Pops Concert with the Contours, Sunday, August 13, 7:30 p.m., in Brengle Terrace Park amphitheatre (1200 Vale Terrace

Drive). Tickets: \$20-\$50 general, \$10 children. 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

The Civic Organist in Portland, Maine, is Ray Cornills, who will play Bonnet's "Variations de Concert" and "Sine Nomine" by John Weaver for 19th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, August 14, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)



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## Galleries

"Drawing (More or Less)," members of San Diego Drawing Group have exhibition of work on display through Friday, September 29, at Art Institute of California-San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). Meet artists during reception on Friday, August 11, 5 p.m. 858-598-1200. (MISSION VALLEY)

"15th Annual Juried Exhibition" at Athenaeum and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street) opens with (postponed) reception on Friday, August 11, 6:30 p.m. Jurors Stephanie Hanor and Roman de Salvo selected work by 21 artists who live or work in San Diego County. Closes Saturday, September 2. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Transitioning," with featured artist Alo Munizza continues through Sunday, September 3, at San Diego Art Institute. Juror Ellen Phelan selected "Outstanding Visual Artists" and "One Foot" show for exhibition. Meet artists at reception, Friday, August 11, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"French Twist — Photographs of Places, Personalities, and Possibilities," by Natalie Fiocre opens with reception on Saturday, August 12, 6 p.m., at 4 Walls (3813 Ray Street, 619-501-0879). Show

closes Wednesday, September 6. (NORTH PARK)

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Paintings by Christopher Polentz are on exhibit through Saturday, October 7, at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Opening reception: Saturday, August 12, 5 p.m. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

56th Annual Juried Art Show hosted by Carlsbad Oceanside Art League continues through Sunday, September 3, at C.O.A.L. Gallery (300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101). Awards reception is Saturday, August 12, 2 p.m. 760-434-8497. (CARLSBAD)

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**"Southern Latitudes,"** exhibit of photographic artwork by Jim Cline, Nancy Keating, and Bob Barry opens with reception, Thursday, August 17, 6 p.m., at Ordover Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Closes Sunday, September 17. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

#### Art Museums

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Friends of Niki: Works from the Private Collection of Niki de Saint Phalle" includes work by her friends Keith Harring, Larry Rivers, and Sam Francis.

Work of newspaper cartoonists is focus of exhibit "Luann & Friends: Comic Families." Cartoonists such as Greg Evans (*Luann*), Cathy Guisewhite (*Cathy*), Charles Schulz (*Peanuts*), Dean Young (*Blondie*), and Marcus Hamilton (*Dennis the Menace*), who "tap into familiar family settings, outrageous situations, and impossible slapstick scenarios" are featured.

"Passage Ways: Life's Journey. Work from Sophie's Gallery" showcases suitcases that have been creatively transformed by the developmentally disabled students of St. Madeleine Sophie's Center.

All exhibits close on Sunday, October 1. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO) 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 "¡Carnaval!" in exhibit on view through Sunday, September 17. Carnival celebrations in Europe and the Americas showcased with mannequins dressed in carnival costumes, videos of celebrations.

"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, "Folk Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" presents contemporary objects of daily use from throughout Mexico fashioned from tin, clay, wood, paper, and fiber. Exhibit "demonstrates the importance of family, community, religion, and fun." Through Monday, January 15. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

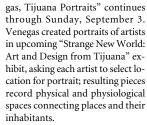
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Over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," continuing through Sunday, September 3. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

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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 that changed the world. 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.

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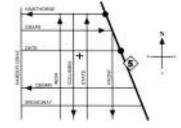
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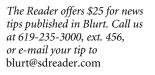




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A Show of Love at Hot Monkey Hot Monkey Love Café is the only all-age venue in the county that has offered a weekly hip-hop

Finnestad wouldn't be attending because he couldn't afford a ticket, but he still saw Killah.

"I got a call that Killah Priest was staying at our friend's house. They said if we could round up enough money, he'd play for us.... My mom let me borrow \$200, and another fan gave us

At 8 p.m. on July 31 (the

last night Hot Monkey Love

was open at its 5960 El Cajon

Boulevard address) a deal was

made. Two hours later, Killah

Priest appeared and did seven

kids saw the show. "But there

was a core group of about 20

who were really, really stoked

Despite his affinity for the

any local venue is

genre, Finnestad believes

on him being there," says

Finnestad.

IS KILLAH HEALTHY FOR SOCIETY?

songs over the beats he

brought on CD. About 50



open-mike night. MC Tran Kwell (Scott Finnestad) has been going to the College Area hangout since it opened four and a half years ago.

"I started freestyling there when I was 17," Finnestad says.

One of Finnestad's MC idols, Killah Priest, was in town last week to appear with W11-Tang Clan at Street Scene.

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\$100."

of hip-hop has really distorted what real hip-hop is all about. It's really unhealthy for society. A lot of young teenagers are strictly

concerned with all the bling. They care more about looking the part of a rapper instead of actually delivering a positive word. They are ruining it for hiphop artists who have an open mind. These are people who are more concerned with getting a hit — getting rich instead of helping people."

"playing with fire" when it

'The commercial world

hosts a hip-hop crowd.

After a litigious fight with her neighbor, Hot Monkey Love owner Alma Felan anticipates her business's relocation to the corner of 68th and El Cajon Boulevard. The building most recently housed a church but was once a music store called Ozzie's Music. "I think Rolando [the

neighborhood] is much more open-minded.... I hope to be open by August 20. We went from 2000 square feet to 5000 square feet.'

Because parking problems created conflict, has Felan addressed the issue at the new location?

'We are trying to negotiate with the Bank of America next door. We also have a couple of neighbors who will help out." – Ken Leighton

## **P.O.D.'s Touchy Thing** "When I was in Sol Power, we used to play with P.O.D. at Crowns [in Tijuana]," says Tim Pacheco, hired last fall



by P.O.D. "This was in the early '90s, before they got signed to Atlantic.'



PACHECO LEARNS ABOUT RED TAPE

Pacheco and fellow South Bay musician Odz (rhythm guitar) were asked to join P.O.D. as tour support. Though they're not fullfledged members, they aren't complaining. They've played Times Square on New Year's Eve, appeared on Jay Leno's show, traveled to New Zealand, and played the sixweek Fall Brawl Tour (Staind, P.O.D., Taproot). The band played the Cornerstone Fest in July. "It was like the Christian

Woodstock in the middle of a [Illinois] cornfield," says Pacheco. "It was a trip. I've played with hippie jam bands Wise Monkey Orchestra, Psydecar]; this was like a hippiefest, but with no drugs or nakedness. Instead they had prayer tents.... A lot of Christians can be really hardcore. They can be really

extreme. They hang on every word. They take what you say to heart.

Were there questions about spirituality before Odz and Pacheco could go on the road with P.O.D.? "Yes and no," says

Pacheco. "I have to tell you, I would like to play with people who have standards and morals." He says before P.O.D. took the stage before each show, "We would huddle up, say a prayer, and give thanks for being there.'

Regarding the forced departure of founding guitarist Marcos Curiel, Pacheco says P.O.D. longtimers "don't ever talk about it. It's kind of a touchy

thing.' P.O.D. sold three million copies of Satellite, the last album to feature Curiel. Fewer than a million copies of the follow-up CD (Testify) have been sold. Pacheco blames Atlantic.

"The label kind of dragged its feet on the release date. When it finally did come out, nobody could find it.... They didn't support it." Pacheco says that playing

for P.O.D. is a lot different than playing with Psydecar.

"I learned there is a lot of red-tape politics with a major label.... When I first started, [lead singer] Sonny had never sung with anyone onstage. I was told by the road manager that I couldn't stand next to Sonny. I do what they ask me

to do."

Pacheco sings the national anthem at Petco Park on August 19. P.O.D. will play after the Padre game.

— Ken Leighton

## **Offend in Every Way**

"Parkway Plaza's slightly overzealous mall security apparently thinks there's something dangerous about guys handing out free CDs and flyers," says Duff-O-Cide bassist Jay Sassin. "We were giving out our Don't Munch a Duff EP, and there was no crowd, really. It was about 8:30 [p.m.], and we were walking around handing



DUFF-O-CIDE: CRITICS OF CORPULENCE

them out for about half an hour. When we stopped to get a drink of water, this security guard asked us if we worked at the mall, and we said 'no.' Then he asked if we were selling our CDs, and I said, 'No, they're free. Do you want one?' He snapped back with a 'no' and then radioed to what he called 'dispatch.'... We had to leave the property immediately. He walked behind us as we left, handing out a couple more demos before we got to the door."

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Duff-O-Cide is used to pissing people off, given that "Duff" stands for "Designated Ugly Fat Friend."

"By spreading awareness and educating the people of San Diego about this growing concern," reads their website, "the members of Duff-O-Cide hope to decrease the Duff-to-average-male hook-up ratio and eventually eliminate Duffs all together." One angry e-mail response to the posting read: "Your page is hateful and hurtful. Please take some time and really think about this.... Something tells me that you mean exactly what you say." Lyrics to the song "Don't Munch a Duff": "Designated ugly fat friend / your sexual fun has come to an end / Don't think of her as a lunchable / because a duff is not munchable. – Jay Allen Sanford Missourian drummer Alex Organ moved out late last year, the two started Sirhan Sirhan. Since December, Sirhan Sirhan (Blackmore, Organ, and bassist Mike Johnston) have played a Midwestern tour they booked themselves. Locally, they've played at the Casbah, Epicentre, Scolari's Office, the Ken Club, and the Alibi. But the band has been silent for two months.

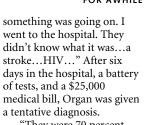
"One day in the third week of May, I woke up and my hand felt like it does when it falls asleep," explains Organ. "The numbness and tingling kept progressing. It started moving down my left side. It was obvious



SIRHAN SIRHAN GOES SILENT FOR AWHILE

Sticking It to MS Sirhan Sirhan founder/guitarist/ vocalist Jason Blackmore used to be in Molly McGuire, a Kansas City band that had one album on Epic.

"We played a leg on the last official Lollapalooza tour in '97," says Blackmore. Molly McGuire morphed into Gunfighter, which Blackmore brought to San Diego when he moved here five years ago. After fellow



"They were 70 percent sure it was multiple sclerosis," says Organ. Almost two months later, he got the phone call that confirmed the diagnosis.





"There are no specific tests for MS," says Blackmore. "It's diagnosed by process of elimination.

"I can pick up the phone, but I can't tie my shoes," says Organ, who gives himself shots of Copaxone and is concentrating on exercise and a healthy diet. "They say [Copaxone] has a 30 percent chance of warding off a relapse."

Blackmore says the band recently resumed practicing and will eventually play out again.

"We're trying to devise a glove to enable him to hold the stick in his left hand." Until then, they use duct tape. "That's punk rock. We had to find special metal and plastic sticks that won't break because if you break them in the middle of a song, he can't just pick up a new stick."

— Ken Leighton

#### The "Waitress" and "Hilary" Correlation "Gave her the song on a Friday and she got canned the next Tuesday," says Superdoo singer Christopher Dale of "Hilary," his musical tribute to the recently fired 91X DJ



(sample lyric: "Yeah, you're

the DJ that gets me down the



DALE SAYS RADIO NEEDS HILARY

have been difficult to fire someone who has a song about them in rotation. Posted on Superdoo's MySpace page as well as on one headlined "Radio Needs Hilary," the track has been played over 650 times. Superdoo played the song live for the first time at their debut gig in mid-July at the Tiki Bar. Dale says the audience sang along "with

gusto." According to Dale, 91X has been playing Superdoo's "Waitress," but he's leery

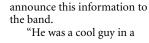
that the "Hilary" singalongs could affect the station's willingness to play it.

"It's hard to say what the impact will be," says Dale. "We haven't been using it to trash

91X but rather celebrate Hilary, and we hope it will help her in her job search.<sup>3</sup> Jay Allen Sanford

## Confessions of a

**Concierge** "When the Deftones' White Pony album came out, they played a big show at the Coors Amphitheatre. When the tour manager came in to check them in [to the hotel], they waited outside on the tour bus. The tour manager came to our department, and I proceeded to tell him that rooms were not ready. The tour manager told me that he wasn't going to be the one to go back to the bus and





THE DEFTONES COPE WITH INCONVENIENCE

good mood, so he asked me to come along with him. He took me on the bus, and I announced, 'Gentlemen, I'm sorry to say that the rooms are not ready yet,' and they all booed. Then they went back to the 'puff, puff, pass, because the bus reeked .... For the next two days, I watched those dreadlocked guys walk around the hotel with their chicks. That's what it's like, dreadlocked guys hanging out at a resort.' — Larry Harmon

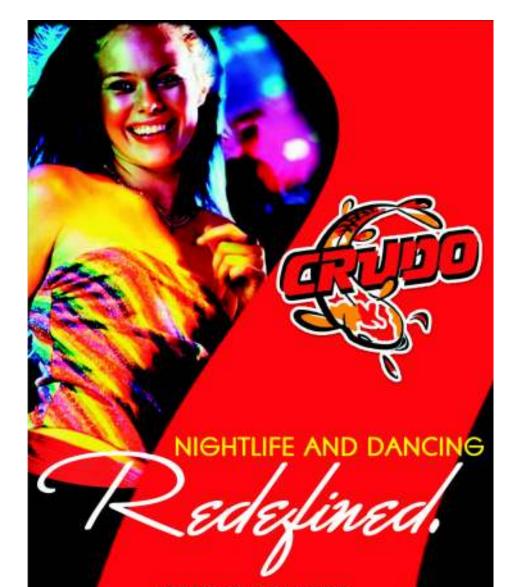
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# **Elaborate Show**

"There's a lot of cardboard, foam rubber, Elmer's glue, spray paint, and duct tape."

JAY ALLEN

illing themselves as "the Jesters of Rock," Collage Menage has gone through the dozen members since forming in 1988, with identical twins Hans and Fritz Jensen as the constant core. "To fit in with this band, you def-

initely have to have a strong stage presence and be part of a whole elaborate show," says bassist Fritz. "It's like Alice Cooper, Pink Floyd, Kiss, but with a sense of humor.

We dress up from head to toe. We have props, TV screens, and videos we shoot for all our songs...sometimes we wear a different hat for every tune. It's just as important to fit in visually as it is to fit in musically."

"We build our stage sets, and we make and hand-paint the costumes ourselves," says singer Hans. "There's a lot of cardboard, foam rubber, Elmer's glue, spray paint, and duct tape...we're going for an elaborate look with a very low-tech budget." Collage Menage has self-released three CDs. They appear Saturday, August 12 at Desi & Friends in Point Loma.

## WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

Hans:

1. Aerosmith, Get Your Wings ("I wore out the vinyl album two times.")

2. Van Halen and Van Halen 2 ("I love the early years.")

3. AC/DC, Back in Black ("High school hard rock

that's good for the soul, if you have one.")

4. Pink Floyd, The Final Cut ("I like to sit back with a rum and Coke, a smoke, and listen to the sounds and drift away.")

5. Bush, Razorblade Suitcase ("I like the lyrics and the guitar a lot.")

## Fritz:

1. Van Halen, Diver Down ("Fun SANFORD album. I love the mix of styles." 2. Aerosmith, Live! Bootleg ("It all

brings me back to when we were young.") 3. Willie Nelson, Greatest Hits (& Some That Will Be) ("'He ain't wrong, he's just different, but his pride won't let him do things to make you think he's right."

4. David Allen Coe, For the Record: The First Ten Years ("The original outlaw poet.")

5. Scorpions, Love at First Sting ("The guitars work so well together.")

## **DESERT ISLAND DVDs?** Hans:

1. Fast Times at Ridgemont High ("We used to party like that in high school.") 2. Kingpin ("Woody Harrelson is so funny. He's

#### classic talent.") Fritz:

1. Lonesome Dove ("A true cowboy story. When you're wounded, you're hurt or dead.") 2. Willow ("A cool quest.")

3. Unforgiven ("Clint did this one perfect.")



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## BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT BEING A TWIN?

Hans: "I had to share everything from my bedroom to my toys, my bike, my car, and my girlfriends.

Fritz: "You get cheated on birthdays and Christmas, but he's a permanent partner, and the chicks dig it!"

## WORST GIG?

Hans: "We went to Mexico, and the federales stopped us at the border to search us and harass us for cash. We didn't pay, so we went home with no show that night. Bogus."

Collage Menage

Fritz: "At 'Canes, the amateur booker had his PA show up late, and when the show went late, he cut off our set by standing in front of the stage and waving his hands around, shouting, 'Cut the PA.' The drummer quit that night. He was a wiener anyway."

## CHEECH OR CHONG?

Hans: "Chong, because he has his cool way, and he's still 420- [marijuana] friendly. Cheech became a TV cop [on Nash Bridges].

Fritz: "Chong, though he probably had some downtime when the times changed and their party humor wasn't selling. He didn't talk trash about Cheech, but then Cheech became [fictional narcotics officer] Sergeant Stedenko. What a hack."



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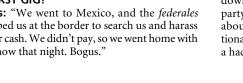
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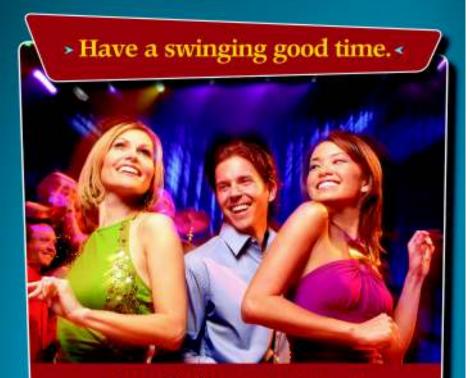


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"Roots Rock Reggae" with Ziggy Marley, Sinéad O'Connor, Sly & Robbie, and Ozomatli: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-

Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 10, 143 So Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

## FRIDAY

Yolanda Adams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island,

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park Saturday, August 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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Embarcadero, Sunday, August 13, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

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Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Death Cab for Cutie: Bayside

Concerts at the Embarcadero, Tuesday,

August 15, Embarcadero Park South,

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5400.

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Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday,

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.

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

## AUGUST

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

Circus Diablo: 'Canes, Sunday August 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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: ipayOne Center, Tuesday August 22, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Earth, Wind, and Fire and Chris Botti: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**Big Head Todd & the Monsters** and Toad the Wet Sprocket: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,

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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": ipayOne Center, 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.

Louisiana Red: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, August 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal

Heights. 619-303-8176. Roseanne Cash: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 28, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Talib Kweli: The Casbah, Monday, August 28, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

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.

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.

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DreamCatcher Show Room, Wednesday, September 20, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400. 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 Maver and Shervi Crow: Bayside Concerts at the Embarcadero Tuesday, September 26, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 27, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600

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 Wolfmother: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.

## **OCTOBER**

Del tha Funkee Homosapien: House of Blues, Sunday, October 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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: ipayOne Center, Wednesday, October 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Young Dubliners:  $\operatorname{Belly}\operatorname{Up}$ 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

Live: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, October 6, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**Cecilio & Kapono:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island,

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.

Joan Baez: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Galactic: House of Blues, Thursday, October 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-299-2583.

#### 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: Vieias Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, October 28, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

## NOVEMBER

The Blue Man Group: Cox Arena, Saturday, November 4, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Adrian Belew: Belly Up Tavern Tuesday, November 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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## JANUARY

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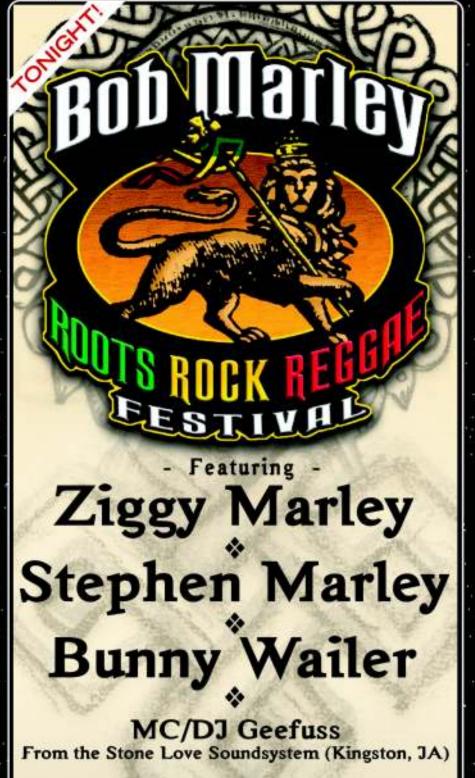


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Borders Collapse v7: Fourth Saturday of the month, Tijuana electronic artists and electroclash/minimal techno with Mono Mono, Wero, and DJ Sonico. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

BrokenBeat Night: First Saturday of the month, live electronic, machine funk, 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, nuwave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Atari. 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,

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Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Kurt Heilige, and Grimderella. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Decade: First Saturday of the month, DJs 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 DJs 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 DJs 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.

Gimmie Gimmie Gimmie: Fridays, punk, goth, and rock with DJs Atari, Bryan Pollard, and Morgan Young. Dino's, 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

Hot Wax: Thursdays, DJs Veep Reekins and friendays, Dis verp and classic hip-hop. No cover. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: 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 up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

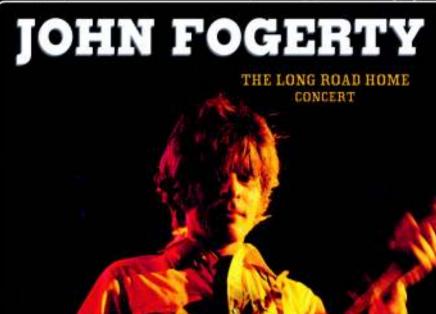
Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

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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. hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DIs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside, 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DIs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma 619-255-8635.

Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spin electrohouse and breakbeat, Clav Elliot on live horns, circus feats by local performers. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava unge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and fetish with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 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 Whistle 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.

Underworld: Saturdays, industrial, gothic, and dark electro with DIs Bryan Pollard, Cybian, and Harlot. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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#### BY WILLIAM CRAIN

With the release of Plans last fall, Death Cab for Cutie officially went from indie favorite to major-label success story. As so often happens in such cases, talk in the circles that used to love the band turned suddenly nasty. One blog tore apart the Plans track "Someday You Will Be Loved" saying that singer Ben Gibbard had turned into a "smug. pretentious, presumptious [sic], selfobsessed prick." That strikes me as over the top, especially because the irony in the song — in which Gibbard sings the part of a guy taking pity on an ex - is obvious. (The character is projecting his self-pity on the ex.) This kind of backlash almost always says more about indie fans than it says about for-

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## Beaches

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.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, Triple Shot, blues.

Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Andrea Reschke, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gregory Michael*, Motown/funk/soul.

merly indie bands.

Death Cab has long toyed with the notion of what's cool and what's not. While his band was still releasing CDs on indie labels and playing in dives, Gibbard's lyrics were always nakedly sentimental. and his music has increasingly leaned toward the oft-derided category of soft rock. His phenomenally successful side project, the Postal Service. went so far as to release a cover of a Phil Collins song.

**DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE** This may be just a matter of Death Cab playing the old hipster trick of being contrarian just for the sake of it. But the fact is that Gib-

bard's smooth voice and wistfully romantic lyrics are better suited to quiet ballads than loud rockers or wildly experimental numbers. What's more, the more mainstream his music gets, the more he reins in his sprawling songwriting — and it really needs reining

*Courtney*, solo/blues. Friday and Saturday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is punk. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Crime* Desire, Loser Life, and Protestant.

in sometimes.

Clay's (formerly Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge), atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Ritmo Tropical*, Latin jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the* Funky Players, jazz.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, the Noir Project, the Narrows, Rob Deez, Black and Tan, and Josh D'Amigo, indie. Friday, Discord, the Lost Disciples, Relentless Dufreign, and Bury the Sun, hard rock.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas, 760-230-2038, Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Studio* 848. Friday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Frank Leong. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Holly Vernon, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bluegrass Social.

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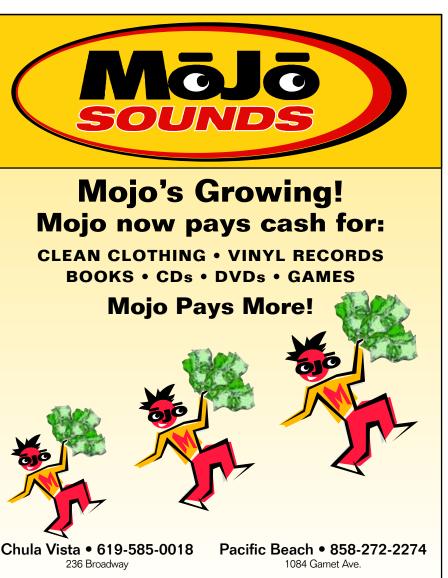
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Jack's La Jolla, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Soul Seduction, jazz.

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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483, Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues. Sunday, the Blues Brokers, Tuesday





The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. Thursday, Uplift. Friday, Semisi & Fulabula, reggae. Saturday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues, Sunday, Middle Earth. Monday, Cactus Twang, roadhouse rock. Tuesday, Jack

Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, Mick Overman & the Maniacs, blues/folk. 'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Scott & Aimee, Red Gun Radar, the Stone Senses, Stolen, and DJ 1979. Friday, Stranger, Quinto Sol, the Mayan Kings, and Tribe of Kings, reggae. Saturday, 8 p.m.

Mower, Saint Dog, OPM, and Unset. Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tomcat



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The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dan Papaila, solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

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Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678 Saturday, 7 p.m., Jazz Combo Zero, traditional jazz.

St. Tropez Bistro & 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 saxophone.

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Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues

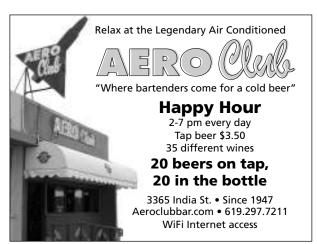
Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Shoestring Strap* and *Teflon*, rockabilly/rock. Friday, *Vegitation*, reggae. Saturday, Liquid Soul and Plump. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Wednesday, Karl Denson, jazz.

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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

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, Private Domain. Saturday, Night Shift, classic rock. Sunday, the Disco Pimps. Monday, Traffic Jam. Tuesday, the 86'd. Wednesday, the Atomic Cowhovs

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, own. 858-270-7467. Friday, 9 p.m., *Liquid Soul*, funk/jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., the Coral MacFarland Thuet, jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., Anna Troy, Gregory Page, and Bushwalla, folk/rock.

4th & B. 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343. Friday, *Too Short*, rock. Saturday, *Dirty Sweet*, *Daredevil Jane*, Fono, and Diablo Dimes, rock.

Galileo, 101 J Street, San Diego 619-702-7101. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Willovealot, smooth jazz/R&B.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, the Brat Pack. Friday, Good Times. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, Bowling for Soup, Lucky Boy's Confusion, Punchline, and Army of Freshmen, rock. Friday, Led Zepagain and Roundabout, rock. Saturday, Molotov, Zoe, and Delux, rock. Sunday, gospel brunch. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., *the Living End*, rockabilly/punkabilly.

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, 9:45 p.m., *the Edge*, disco/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., Crush, disco/dance, Monday 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Insight, jazz. Tuesday, 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.

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Album: Gone (2006) Artist: Bill Madden Label: Madmuse

Songs: 1) Weight of His Words 2) Path of the Heart 3) Might Have Been 4) Friend 5) Gone 6) Dangerous Game 7) What in the World 8) Mi Vida Es 9) Art of Being 10) Awful Good 11) Everything and That

Where available/price: Best Buy for \$14.99, Borders for \$15.98. Online at Amazon.com for \$12.98 and iTunes for \$9.99. Band: Bill Madden (vocals, guitar, shakers, bells), Billy Mohler (vocals, guitar, Wurlitzer, toy piano, Mellotron), Sean Woolstenhulme (quitar), Charlie Paxson (drums), Jason Halbert (organ), Ludvig Girdland (violin), Cameron Stone (cello), Jimmy Messer (bass), Edmund Monsef (vocals)

The title Gone works for this album because there's nothing really here. There are some songs, yes, but after the CD player shuts off there's no impression

left. Oh, sure, the songs are played well – the instruments are strummed in time, each beat is hit expertly, and the voice is okay (a little on the goofy side sometimes) - but

piano. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Fran

jazz/blues/pop. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Julio de la Huerta*.

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midnight, Faith Page.

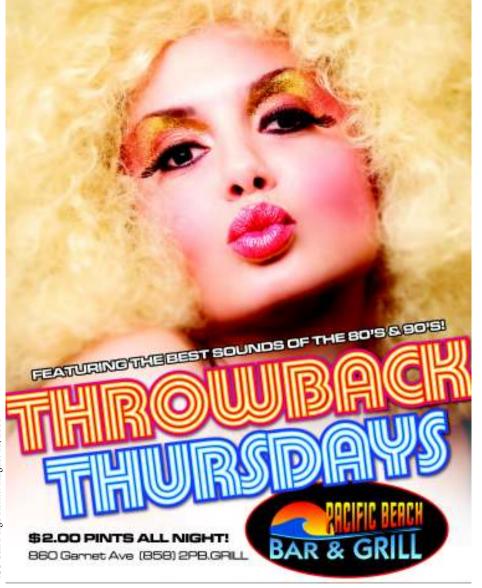
619-702-3021. Saturday, J.D. Bouchard, piano

Thursday, *Primo*, Latin jazz/salsa. Tuesday, *Piece by Peace*, salsa. Wednesday, Salsa Caliente. Sally's Seafood on the Water, The Westgate Hotel, 1055 at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: All music is

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not so well that it's enough to form a memory.

The songs are all of a light-rock type. The vocals and guitar of the first track seem lifted from Tom Petty. Later songs bring in a '60s "revival" organ in pseudopsychedelic pop, and they sound much like every other "groovy" song since Sgt. Pepper. Nothing out of the ordinary or incredibly original.

The themes vary as well; there isn't a cohesive motif for the album. A few of the songs are light protest rock. There's an accusatory tone and condescending manner that lectures us on things gone wrong: pollution, war, "anthrax in the mail."

My favorite song is the ballad about a guy who thinks of "what might've been." Bill's voice sounds like Droopy's, the cartoon pup, in this one, and the lyrics tell of a woman

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJ Marc Thrasher and DJ Danimal. Sunday, DJ Danimal. Monday, DJ Marc Thrasher. Tuesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, Crosswinds, Southern rock/country/blues. Wednesday, the Stepping Feet.

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Bill Madder

who moved away to raise a family and a man who stayed behind and, get this, found a girlfriend who "looks like you [the woman who moved away]." CreeEEEeeepy!

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The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

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Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., Tiamo, acoustic pop.

Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-2233. Thursday, 7:15 p.m. to 1:45 a.m., Mono Mono, Montecristo, Castillo, Bobby Fantasy, Paper Moon, Marcio Santos, Alfonso de la Espriella, MC Puppet, and Adan Nuvo, rock en español.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Bueno Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, Cathryn Beeks, Berkley Hart, Podunk Nowhere, Joanie Mendenhall, Marie Haddad, Evar Bethany, Marvin Glover, Elmo Jack, Erica Mantone, and Riboflavin acoustic/pop/alternative. Friday, FM Revolver, Staring at Strange, Unbeknown, Fermata, and Drevin, rock. Saturday, KRS-One, M.T. Hollis, South Psycho Cide, Super DJ Sake, and Trial-Mix-Alot, hip-hop. Wednesday, the Cut Off, Like a Weapon, and Plane without a Pilot.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845 Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, the Lee

*Brown Perspective*, jazz/dance. Saturday, *Chris Klich*, jazz.

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, house/progressive.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Friday, 7 p.m., *No Bragging Rights* and *My Waking Dream*. Saturday, call club for information.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the San Diego* Island Boys, tropical/reggae.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hiphop/disco/funk/old skool. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, Bento Beathox.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 p.m., Jose Molina Serrano, Latin jazz. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Viva Santana, Latin rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Ambrosia and Aspen, rock. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bradley Leighton, jazz. Monday, 9 p.m. to midnight, Katchafyre, reggae. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Island Breeze*, pop rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Phil* Guv, blues.

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, the Hoodoo Blues Band.

The Kensington Club, 4079

Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is metal/rock/alternative. Friday, the Screamin' Yeehaws and the Whiskey Dicks. Saturday, Earthless and Pea.

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.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk Thursday, Michael Miller and Meiko. Friday, Tyrone Wells, Annie Bethancourt, and Micah Dahlberg. Saturday, Peggy Watson, David Beldock, and Peter Bolland. Sunday, Josh Hall. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, Adrianne, Molly Jensen, Saba, and Dustin Shev.

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, 619-262-6005, Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Willovealot, smooth jazz/funk/R&B.

Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Friday. 8 p.m. to midnight, *Electric Soul*, old skool/funk.

North Park Theater, 2891 University Avenue, North Park. 619-239-8836. Saturday, 10 p.m., the Wilder Penfield Experiment, rock.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Jefferson Jay Band*, Black and Tan, and Rhythm & the Method.

rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., the High Rolling Loners, Merle Jagger, the Northstar Session, and Tramps & Thieves, rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., Hargo rock/pop. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Jen Knight, rock/pop/soul. Wednesday, 9 p.m. Sweet Tooth and the Citizen Band, rock.

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Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Saturday, 9 p.m., Swim Party, MC Flow, and A Week's Worth, indie rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Ettrick, Oaxacan, Ghost Ship and One and Seven Death, alternative rock/metal/jazz.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road San Carlos, 619-465-1730, Friday and Saturday, Blind Date, classic rock. Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El

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Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo jazz guitar.

**Soma**, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Friday, the Midas Touch, Slewfoot, Daemos, Discord, Difficult Henry, Caracell, and the Wilder Penfield Experience

Saturday, Reeve Oliver, This Holiday Life, Barcelona, Decatree, the New Addiction, and Controlling the Famous.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Smoke Staxx, blues. Friday, BHG, the High Grass Rollers, and the Red Channel Revue. Saturday, Swing Sindikit and *the Boogiemen*, swing/R&B. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., the High Society Iazz Band.

Tower Bar. 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, blues.

**Tutto Mare,** 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jaime Valle, Coral MacFarland, Bob Magnusson, and Allan Phillips, jazz.

**Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company,** 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Elise Levi* and Taran Gray. Friday, Catatonic and John Hull. Saturday, Aaron Bowen, Alvssa Jacev, and Amv Avres. Sunday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Tuesday, *the Glowfriends* and *Jeremy* Morris. Wednesday, 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. Saturday, 9 p.m., Worth Every Scar, metal.

**North County** 

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love* Rangers, Top 40/pop.

**The Backyard,** 777 West Felicita Avenue, Escondido. 760-746-7322. Friday, 7 p.m., *Chris Hobson* and Corrie Covell, acoustic.

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, 8 p.m., Asleep at the Wheel and Whiskey Tango, country. Friday, 9 p.m., Years Around the Sun, Goodbye Blue Monday, and Grand Ole Party. Saturday, 9 p.m., Breakestra, Self Sounds, DJ Sachmo, and the Illfonix Crew, hip-hop. Sunday, 8 p.m., Hal Ketchum and the Working Cowboy Band, country, Monday, 9 p.m., Sister Carol & the Yellow Wall Dub Squad and Ras Itawe, reggae. Tuesday 8 p.m., *the Neville Brothers* and *Billy Thompson*, blues. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven, 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., Blue Largo, blues/jazz

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Lee Coulter*, pop. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Joe Mersch* and *DeWayne* Cobb, pop.

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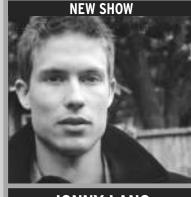
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Saturday, 8 p.m., Kova, pop. Carvers. 11940 Bernardo Plaza

Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, Laguna, classic rock. Carvin, 12340 World Trade Drive,

Carmel Mountain. 858-487-1600. Saturday, 5 p.m., *Lit, Cab, Steve* Oliver, and Craig Chaquico, rock/reggae/jazz fusion.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/country, Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock/folk

## Coyote Bar and Grill, 300

Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Restless Natives, rock/reggae; 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Jerry* McCann Band, reggae; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Roy's Showcase; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bruce Cameron, jazz Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Blue Largo

Del Dios Bar and Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido, 760-489-4800. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the North County Cowboys, country.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, Steal Dawn, classic rock.

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**Resort,** 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Oasis Lounge: Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Side FX, Latin/dance. Friday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Detroit Underground*, Top 40/Motown. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Nemesis, classic rock, Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reseeded*, classic rock.

## Hennessey's Tavern

(**Carlsbad**), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, DJ event. Friday, *Mother Funk*, rock. Saturday, Rum-Soaked Raisins, rock. Sunday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Bank in Black, rockabilly.

## 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, hiphop, house, reggaeton.

### The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe,

5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety

**The Jumping Turtle,** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Beneath the Massacre, Infliction, and Victimas. Friday, Livid, Runhoney, Ten Mile Drive, Sonic Ritual, and Faceles. Saturday, T.S.O.L., Hellfire Trigger, A18, and Dogmatic. Sunday, the Skeptix, All Out Attack, the Neon

Maniacs, 2nd Hand Justice, Defied, and Disabled Youth. Monday, Dead Hearts, Another Breath, Set It Straight, Step It Up, and Triumph. Wednesday, Slow Car Boost, Brave Monster, Longstay,

Viceroy, and Sky Farms Carol. McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the California Rangers, country. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Vintage Vegas, swing/standards.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m., *Triple X*, classic rock/blues.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*,

acoustic rock/folk North Coast United Methodist Church, 1501 Kelly Street, Oceanside. 760-439-4099. Sunday,

4 p.m., the Tom Morrow Band, big band

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 8 p.m., West of 5, rock. Saturday, live rock/blues. Sunday salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the *Cradit Union*, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Pala Mesa Resort. 2001 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook. 760-728-5881. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Cowboy Jack*, country.

Phil's Place, 2949 San Luis Rev Road, Oceanside. 760-433-2813. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Marco, jazz/pop/R&B.

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.

**Rancho Carlsbad Estates and Golf Course**, 5200 El Camino Real, Carlsbad. 760-839-0277. Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Pork the Band, 8 p.m., Diamond Is Forever!, rock.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101). Solana Beach 858-755-9474 Friday, Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones,

rock, Saturday, Streetheart, classic rock. Wednesday, open mike Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday,

60ne9, classic rock. Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Friday, 10 p.m., *City* Limits, country/rock/blu

## South Bay/Coronado

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 Sa Canonizado, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Scott Wallingford, jazz. Wednesday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 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 jazz.

Galley at the Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-422-5714. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Justin Brothers*, rock and roll. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *David Hauser*, acoustic. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Gary Seiler, acoustic.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 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

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Garage, classic rock. Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Saturday, 9 p.m., *West of 5*, rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Justin Brothers. Friday, Shagadelic. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Steve Brewer, 8 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Shagadelic*, 8 p.m. to midnight, Iackson & Iesus, Monday, Garv Rich. Tuesday, David Houser. Wednesday, 2 Guys Will Move U.

South Bay Fish & Grill, 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-720-7234. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Uncle Bob & the Earthmovers, blues,

## East County

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., Kova, pop

Dirk's Niteclub. 7662 Broadway. Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Zone 4*, rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, the Taylor Harvey Band, rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, Rockstreet, rock. Saturday, Geezer, 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.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, the Honky Tonk Kings, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

#### Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon.

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# A Legend Reborn

One of the hottest new spots is Stingaree — a giant (22,000 square feet) disco palace with a serious restaurant on the first floor, under the charge of chef Antonio Friscia (previously at Alfieres at the Sheraton Harbor Island). Stingaree draws its moniker from an old nickname for the lower Gaslamp Quarter. In the Gilded Age, the Stingaree was San Diego's version of the Barbary Coast - a shady playground for nonstop sin: drinking, gambling, and consorting with ladies of the evening. (At least two of these "entertainment enterprises" were owned by the legendary Wyatt Earp, of OK Corral fame.)

To check out the latest Stingaree, two hot blondes accompanied me and my partner - my colleague Provvi, a tall, elegant foodie interested in the decorative arts, and our neighbor Heather, a slight, outspoken interior designer. They both looked over the room with interest, pointing out the combination of old and new trends.

The latest restaurant must-haves include a water wall behind the bar - the one here extends to the second floor. A wrought-iron staircase rises three floors to the mezzanine-level nightclub and rooftop patio (open free of cover charge on Sundays as a hangout for the hungover). These mingle with colors and shapes reprising corporate design of the postwar '40s — neutral rectangular color blocks (battleship gray, olive drab, parachute pink) and, framing the booths, patterned mahogany and cream plastic cornices. Nonetheless, we were comfortable at our shiny table for four, which was roomy enough to fit six without crowding.

club music — '70s disco reborn. As people eat, drink, and talk — and as the place fills — the party grows loud. Did I mention this was a nightclub a full month before it gained a kitchen? The week we ate there, a dermatologists' convention was in town, and the stentorian skin docs at the spring break. (They were not discussing the skin trade — not in the medical sense, anyway.)

narrative on the historic Stingaree district. Headings speak Italian and run to several pages, with sections titled Piccolo (soups, salads, small appetizers), Mezzo (medium-large appetizers), and Piu Grande Di Mezzo (entrées) - plus Verdura (veggie sides) and



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Dolci (desserts). Within each category, items are identically priced. (The one exception is a linecaught sea-bass entrée with a \$10 surcharge.) Bread is baked in-house and comes with a bagna (olive oil with tomato purée) dip, which gave us time to search for something refreshing on that

hot and muggy night. We chose a couple of dishes from the Piccolo, bypassing tempt-ing-sounding soups — even (over

my severe objections) a chilled vichyssoise (potatoleek cream purée) topped with sevruga caviar, vetoed by my tablemates for its potato content! I should have ordered it anyway, with a signing statement that I would take home any leftovers. (I later learned that it's one of chef Antonio's personal favorites. Darn those skinny blondes!) Instead, an inspired combination of long, tender-firm grilled asparagus spears and torpedo onions arrived on a torpedoshaped platter with strips of savory red peppers laced through the stalks and toasted almonds arranged geometrically alongside.

A wholesome salad of Chino Farms greens was sized for four to share, showcasing red wine-poached pear slices, whole hazelnuts, and crostini of toasted Italian bread slices spread with mild, tangy Robiola cheese. These were scattered among assorted ultrafresh lettuces dressed in a delicate Sherry vinaigrette. Everyone agreed it hit the spot.

The Mezzo section offers some of the most in-

teresting dishes. Especially the "Duo of foie gras" - a stunning contrast between an elegant poached torchon and a seared slab of fowl liver. The torchon was extraordinary, up

there with Tapenade's benchmark version: an ethereal marshmallow texture that melts in the mouth, plated atop a brioche crostini. The seared piece, on the other hand, was a thinnish slice on an overtoasted slab of bread. It was cooked dark and - to my tastes - dry, reminding me of Aunt Frieda's chopped liver pâté.

Ménage à Trois is a mixed fry of calamari, Atlantic scallops, and prawns, served with a garlicky Mever lemon aioli. The herbal batter is so airv it's hard to believe it includes any calories, and the mixture is spiced with slivers of hot cherry peppers. (Make sure you have plenty to drink on hand.) The squid pieces include tentacles as well as rings, and along with the other critters, it arrives tender

#### Stingaree $\star \star \frac{1}{2}$ (Good to Very Good)

454 Sixth Avenue (between J and K), Gaslamp Quarter, 619-544-0867, www.stingsandiego.com.

HOURS: Dinner, Tuesday–Sunday, 6:00–10:00 p.m.; rooftop "noshes" Sundays (no cover), 1:00 to about 8:00 or 9:00 p.m.

**PRICES:** Small starter plates \$12; medium-size appetizers \$18; entrées \$30; additional vegetables \$7; desserts \$10. Friday and Saturday, tasting menu only (diner's choice from à la carte); three courses \$60, four courses \$70; à la carte available in bar and mezzanine nightclub. Sunday rooftop grazing dishes \$6–\$13. CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Mediterranean-

based seasonal cuisine featuring premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local, sustainably farmed fresh vegetables. Rich international wine list (few bottles under \$40, but plenty by the glass) and a long, sophisticated beer list. Full bar, bottle service available in mezzanine nightclub.

PICK HITS: Duo of Foie Gras; "Ménage à Trois" mixed fried seafood; Kobe beef "steak frites"; Espresso cake. Chef's pick: vichyssoise topped with sevruga caviar.

NEED TO KNOW: Reserve, especially for Friday or Saturday. Parking lot next door on Sixth Avenue, \$20. Chef's tasting dinners on weekends (\$60 for three courses) nets you free nightclub admission (otherwise \$20 gate per person, sans dinner). Volume can get loud any day of the week. Elevator to club and rooftop floors available.

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and stavs tender. A Sicilian shrimp and crab cake also held a jolt of chile, plus corn kernels. "I like fishy flavors," said Provvi, herself Sicilian, "but this is too fishy. I don't know why. I think it's the crab they're using." It tasted like good-enough lump crab meat to me, although there was more filler and salt than I prefer. Maybe the addition of



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The evening started quietly with soothing world music, moved on to mellow '50s jazz, segued into Latin dance beats, and finally, heavy-pounding next table were letting loose like schoolkids on

The menu's attractive folder provides a short



shrimp jangled her taste buds. At the chef's last outpost, Alfiere's, Friscia made a thinskinned ravioli stuffed with braised short rib meat. (It'll be on Stingaree's menu in the colder months.) It was a knockout. So is the Porcini Ravioli here — but at the wrong end of the punch. In this version, the ravioli skins were as thin as I expected but...what the heck was in the stuffing? None of us much liked the mild-mannered mushroom mousse that barely plumped out the shell. The sauce combined morels, asparagus, and mint in a light, pale broth. While it reads like a roster of champion ingredients, everyone decided the dish

was down for the count. The Piu Grande Di Mezzo (entrée) choices for summer include six meats, five seafoods, and two birds. Although chef Friscia grew up in a family of San Francisco fishmongers (their motto was "Friscia Fresha Fisha!"), red meat seems his strong suit. As part-owner of Stingaree, he has full purchasing power and serves pedigreed natural meats from the likes of Niman Ranch and Vande Rose. The Kobe Australian flatiron "steak frites" was a hit. Served very rare as ordered with a peppercorn demi-glaze, it was toothsome - especially for a cut that's often tough. (The burgers are Kobe too, chuck steak ground in-house.) It came with fragrant fries sprinkled with truffled salt, Parmesan, and parsley. "I've never tasted fries with these flavors before," said Heather. "But they're a little mealy, like McDonald's fries," my partner said. "Cooked crisper, they'd be fabulous.'

Caramelized George's Bank

scallops from New England are precious diver-caught specimens some evenings, common drypack other nights, depending on what's available. Ours were cooked to opalescence, but evidently we arrived on a dry-pack night — they lacked that touch of freshness you get from diver. They came with a Meyer lemonsaffron beurre blanc and a clever mixture of watercress and premium bacon, which earned thumbs-up all around.

A harpoon-caught swordfish from local waters was also perfectly cooked, but the texture of the great white slab of fish was mushy. "If this was spear-caught," said my partner, "they must have used one of those exploding whale harpoons." It was bedded atop a combination of diced organic celery and savory fresh shell beans. "I like these a lot," said Provvi. "I wonder where he got these beans?" (The answer: Chino Farms.) Alongside were cooked sun-dried tomatoes and another handful of truffled fries.

Most disappointing was a stuffed half Onagadori chicken. This small Japanese breed, carefully raised on natural feeds, has become a craze among conscientious high-end chefs, the poultry equivalent of Kurobuta pork and Kobe beef, so I was eager to try it. (Last winter, Friscia used these birds for a critically celebrated coq au vin, which he plans to bring back this fall.) Here, it was stuffed with wild rice and served with porcini mushrooms, garnished with brunoise (diced vegetables) and sauced with Madeira jus. There were just two problems, but they were serious. Most of the rice, although nicely embellished with diced carrots and onions, was underdone — not just al dente but potentially tooth-breaking. And the chicken was overcooked until dry. The meat and skin were beautifully suffused with herbs and had a wonderful flavor but four of us barely made a dent in it. Additional garnishes were roasted yellow Chinese carrots, a small roast red pepper, and a heavy, stemmy length of choy.

Although every plate comes with vegetables, we had to try one of the à la carte sides, specifically something called "pimped-out potato skin." This is a baked Kennebec, Maine, potato - hollowed out and refilled with steamed russet flesh; olive oil-roasted porcini mushrooms; Boursin, Gruyère, and Appenzeller cheeses; topped with minced chives and Italian-seasoned focaccia crumbs. (Don't try these at home, kids, unless you've got a great grocery and all day to cook.) The texture was soft, not puffy or crisped. Nice concept, but more comfortable than exciting to taste - like pimping out your daddy's Buick.

Antonio is a master sommelier who oversees the wine list. Most of the bottles are on the pricey side, but there are affordable gems. "We need a something light!" begged Provvi as I was looking over the list. "Viognier? Entré Deux Mers?" I proposed. Then I spotted a Vouvray, a slightly sweet Chenin Blanc from the Chateau country on the chilly banks of the Loire. Now that was the nectar of heaven we needed on a sultry night.

All the desserts are made inhouse under the supervision of pastry chef Wenny Santos. Provvi needed a chocoholic fix so we ordered the espresso cake — a great choice. It's based on an Oreo cookie crust and drizzled with caramel coulis, while the body is tall, tan, and dainty, just sweet enough for after dinner. "What do they mean by a 'Rangoon'?" asked Heather, seeing Banana Rangoon on the menu. We ordered it to find out that it was a spin-off on the old Trader Vic hors d'oeuvres of a similar name, based on fried won tons. Here, instead of cream cheese, the filling is baked bananas, and the whole concoction is coated in chocolate-caramel sauce. I liked the crispness of the wrapper, but overall the flavors were predictable.

A berry panna cotta was controversial. Arriving drizzled with a red berry sauce, the creamy rectangle was rich and heavy. "It tastes more like custard than like panna cotta," said Provvi, who's grown up eating the ethereal Italian version. "Mom's vanilla pudding," my partner added. The waiter agreed, too. "It tastes more like a flan than an airy panna cotta," he said. "I've talked to the kitchen about it, but this is how they want to make it." (I learned later, though, that the dessert contains no egg; the berry flavoring and heavy cream are cooked down, giving it heft.) Both the coffee and espresso proved subpar,

served cold and bitter. This is a good place to graze and hang with the gang. It's still a nightclub at heart — the noise can be overwhelming, and sometimes the food is underwhelming — perhaps cooked hurriedly to meet the demands of high-volume, high-proof alcohol consumption (is this not the Stingaree?) and diners who barely focus on their plates. But depending on your expectations, it can be a real party.

## **ABOUT THE CHEF**

"Growing up in a family in the seafood business, our lifestyle revolved around dining. The meal was the main event of the day. My dad, Tony Friscia, is in the wholesale fish business in North Beach. His slogan is 'Shellfish Delish,' and my grand-uncle Louis Friscia had the 'Friscia Fresha Fisha' trucks you still see all over San Francisco. I grew up delivering fish to the back doors of the great restaurants...and that's what got me interested in becoming a chef.

"I went to culinary school at San Francisco City College, and then I studied at Scuola Albergheria in the Veneto region....Then I worked and traveled in Southeast Asia and was influenced by its spices and ingredients. After working at a lot of restaurants back in San Francisco, I had my own place in North Beach, Buca Giovanni, from '94 to '98. We served a lot of game — rabbit, wild boar ravioli...it was fun."

His wife's family is in San Diego, and when she got pregnant in 1998, Antonio sold his restaurant and the couple moved here. Chef Antonio quickly found work as executive chef for all the restaurants at the Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel, accepting the job on condition that he could eventually create a restaurant following his own concepts. That restaurant came to be Alfieres.

Stingaree represented a new opportunity. "It made me an owner as well as a partner," says Antonio. "That was the one big draw — I got a piece. And we're a group of younger people that are interested in doing more than just one place, so there were going to be opportunities for growth within the company, and a lot of challenges.

"It's a much different environment. We're still overshadowed to some extent by the nightclub, and it's much busier than Alfieres, which was all à la carte. Here we're also a banquet facility — we've done events for as many as 2000 people. But I have a lot of freedom to structure the menu; that was another draw. At Alfieres I had freedom, but the structure was strictly Italian. Here I can bring multicultural influences to the food."

I asked if chef Antonio still did any cooking on the line. "Of course," he answered. "All the recipes are still developed by me. I still go out to the farms -Chino's and so forth - personally, every day, before I leave for work. I'll never be the corporate kind of guy where I'm not catching the food. I have to cook. Mainly I like to use Italian and French techniques, and then using the freshest, highest-quality ingredients that I can get my hands on here in San Diego. But honestly, I think San Francisco is more of a food playground because it's a hub of distribution.... The chefs down here generally get second choice of the quality, because so much of it comes through there and gets scooped up...There's just more available up there. But a lot of San Diego chefs have started pushing the big purveyors to support the local farms, Crow's Pass and other small farmers in the Fallbrook area, and they're finally starting to respond."

His plans for the future? A strictly catering facility above Sidebar is under construction now. "And we have plans to do a restaurant in Hillcrest, more of a neighborhood place. Stingaree is still big and loud; this would be more of a low-key diners' environment, with a global, home-style feel, comfort food from all over, and the restaurant completely blocked off from the lounge. And I want to be open late there, to give an option for the [restaurant] industry people to go to after work. I'll still oversee things here, but I'll probably spend most of my time up there."













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## Judas Act

"Things are changing, my friend. All this is gonna be history. Enjoy it while you can."

appy birthday to you, cha cha cha, happy birthday to you, cha cha cha!" What the...?

The guys who've been sleeping here on the sidewalk look up. "Happy Birthday" at 6:30 a.m.?

Some have hardly moved from their cardboard yet. One guy, already in his wheelchair, rolls around between the Oh! Que Bueno! café on the corner and the entrance to Homequest farther up Tenth. Homequest is a recovery place, and already they have a meeting going inside. Maybe 30 guys and gals are attending.

But the noise comes from round the corner. Raucous singing, female voices. They're inside Oh! Que Bueno!, working on three cakes and slurping coffee. Now they stand and throw their heads back.

"Happy birthday, dear Naomi, happy birthday to you. *¡Feliz cumpleaños!*"

A moment later the roar of diesel engines drowns all the singing. Buses haul up to the stop at Ninth and Broadway.

Naomi doesn't miss a beat. She's on her feet and leading all the ladies out, struttin' like a Pied Piper, holding the remains of her birthday cake, balloons bobbing around her wrists. The ladies head out.

"They come in ev-e-ry morning," says Arturo Lopez from behind the counter. "Then they catch



the buses up to jobs in La Jolla." Me, I just sit, half awake, trying to remember

when I've been here before. "This place?" says an old salt in a USS *Ranger* 

cap. "It used to be Monty's. Remember that? But things are changing, my friend. All this is gonna be history. Enjoy it

> while you can. We're all going to be shunted out to some hellhole on the edge of town so the rich can claim our city for themselves again. Mark my words."

ORD Now that he mentions it, I do remember Monty's. That joint was cheap, and cheery too.

Meantime, I'm here, I'm hungry and desperate for a cuppa joe. Oh! Que Bueno! has the regular panoply of standard breakfast fare, like chilaquiles (\$3.99), eggs with chorizo (\$3.99), omelets (\$3.99). At the bottom of the way-big menu, it says, "Special Breakfast. Choose any 3 items, \$2.99. Or chilaquiles con huevos, \$2.99." Hmm. Sounds like a deal. A kind of breakfast buffet steams away in chafing dishes at the counter. Arturo says he's been open since 5:30 a.m., and already his mom and other family members are back in the kitchen starting to cook for the lunch buffet. That begins at 9:00 and goes right through till 5:30 and includes any one of ten chafing-dish choices, say, fried chicken, with rice and beans, for \$3.99.

But I can't wait for lunch. This may not be Breakfast at Tiffany's, but it's my favorite meal. And I love discovering it on the street like this, 'specially when it looks to be such a good proposition. By now, the ladies have disappeared, and the Homequest class is gaining traction next door. Street sanitation guys bumble up and down the sidewalks, piloting vacuum cleaners on wheels, chasing papers and cigarette butts.

Here inside it's kinda bare-bones. Eight tables and a white-tiled counter, where Arturo stands behind his chafing dishes.

Of course, first I have to deal with the guilt. Left Carla sleeping this morning. She'll be having fatfree biscuits with cottage cheese, and maybe a protein drink. We're losing weight together. So this will be a Judas act. 'Specially since I've just broken the 200-pound barrier. Down to 198! Don't want to wreck all that hard work the lovely Carla inspired.

But...such a deal. The ten plates of the breakfast buffet include scrambled eggs, eggs and sausage, eggs and bacon, frijoles (refried beans), potato patties, sautéed potato chunks with onions. All grease-babies, for sure. I point to the eggs with bacon chips mixed in, then the mess of potatoes and onions, and finally the sausage links. Arturo clips out all three from their steaming dishes.

I hand over the cash, plus \$1.25 for a medium coffee, and go find a seat near a security guy who's stopped in on his way to work. He's listening to

early-morning talk radio on his little personal set. I feel wicked but have to admit that these links and egg and spuds with their slippery onions are delicious with the coffee. Actually, the big chunks of potato with sautéed onion are the best. Obviously hand-done, the kind of thing you get at a family operation.

I sit down with my polystyrene plate and plastic fork and coffee. Whole thing has cost me \$4.45, including tax.

Isn't it crazy, the pleasure these simple little things can give you? An uncomplicated meal. Eating what you want. The whole day ahead of you.

Of course, the old salt's probably right. This is going to give way to more downtown redevelopment. This old building will come down. High-rise condos'll sprout up. Things will get smart. We'll have to dress up, and the boys won't be able to camp out on their cardboard anymore. The price of the meal will reflect the new rents and the higher taxes...Arturo and Josefina and Ernesto Lopez won't be able to afford this place. Some deep-pocket Chicago chain will appear with auto-cut spuds and auto-smile staff and higher prices and signs saying "Please Wait To Be Seated." Hey, these folks here are an endangered species.

I spike my last potato and the last sausage link. Mmm. *Oh! Que bueno!* That tastes poignantly good. Grab it while you can, cha cha cha.

**The Place:** Oh! Que Bueno!, corner Tenth and Broadway, downtown, 619-237-3787 **Type of Food:** Mexican, American

**Prices:** Chilaquile breakfast, \$3.99; eggs with chorizo, \$3.99; omelets, \$3.99; special breakfasts: Choose any three chafing-dish items, \$2.99, or chilaquiles con huevos, \$2.99; lunch buffet (9:00 a.m.–5.30 p.m.), choose from one of ten chafing-dish choices, e.g. fried chicken, carne asada, BBQ pork, \$3.99 with rice and beans; regular lunch items, e.g. burritos carne asada, \$3.25; chuletes de pork, \$4.95; tacos adobada, \$1.35 **Hours:** 5:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m., closed Sundays

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# **California Gems**

*"There are a lot of people who don't want to spend much more than \$15."* 

n article in the July 19 edition of the *New York Post* noted that wine has become a category in "that precocious verbal game known as the snob-off." It's a hipster version of old-fashioned one-upmanship, only with "ob-

scurity" and "newness" as the trump cards instead of "exclusivity" and "expense." In fact, "for the ultimate battle of yupster wit, the Final Jeopardy category is always wine." Mackenzie Dawson, the article's author, recounted a conversation in which a friend needled him for ordering a glass

of rosé. "It's so…1970s. And not in a good way." Dawson went into action: " 'It's not the same thing as White Zinfandel, and it's huge in Europe,' I said, breaking out the big guns. 'Americans just don't get it. When I went to the Dalmatian Coast in June, it was all anyone drank.' Ten points for mentioning the Dalmatian Coast."

"I had no idea," I wrote the friend who emailed me the article. "I thought the yupsters thought wine was too bourgeois." Apparently, I was mistaken. Ed Moore's wine shop/bistro 3rd Corner has never stocked a White Zinfandel, and, he says, "Three years ago, we wouldn't have sold a single rosé. But now, we sell the heck out of them. We had a nice little rosé from Italy for \$6, and we flew through ten cases." And it's the young people who are buying them. Things have changed.



It's not just the rosés, of course. Says Moore, "This entire generation is into wine, wants to drink wine. They're sophisticated; we constantly have kids coming in here who know at least more than their adult counterparts — their parents.

They aren't fixated on oaky Chardonnays. They're into Gruner Veltliners, Sylvaners much more receptive to trying lots of different things. If you sit with them for a little bit, they're willing to take your word for something and try it." And while Moore used to see the occasional

cherry-picker in the shop, checking the labels against the latest scores from Robert Parker, he says that's not his customer base. "We've gotten to the point where we don't even put up any point-of-sale material" — the kind of thing that might tout a 92-point rating. "The whole idea is, 'Trust us. We brought it in.'" If people have questions, they can ask the staff. And it's an idea that's working.

Besides ignoring scores, the oenophiles of the new generation find it easier to ignore brands. "People are experimenting more; it's not 'We always buy Chalk Hill' or 'We always buy Rombauer.' I think people in the restaurants and retail shops are pushing other varietals, trying to show people there are other choices out there." And that brings us to the biggest shift — the one that has taken folks away from our sunny shores. Moore was surprised during his last visit to the restaurants of San Francisco. "I went to Boulevard, and I would say that better than 80 percent of their by-the-glass list was imports, and better than 70 percent of their bottle list. Another place up there — Blue Plate: almost all imported wines, interesting stuff. When San Francisco does that, it's kind of a wake-up call." The city is practically surrounded by wine country, and yet it's casting its eye abroad. What's wrong with California?

Moore may have started his career as a Francophile, but he's a longtime fan of California wine. He championed plenty of domes-

tic brands when he owned Thee Bungalow, and he recently bought a chunk of a friend's cellar laden with '70s California gems. "I have yet to have a bad bottle of this stuff. The Pedroncelli — I think it's '79 — is exquisite; gorgeous fruit, great acidity. If you came to me with anything from Cuvaison '75–'79, I'd buy it all. It's all Philip Togni wine. I'm sure the stuff was nasty upon release because it was so concentrated, but you open one of those wines today and it's – 'I want more!' "

But you won't find a great deal of California wine at 3rd Corner. "It's not that we're not fans of California," he explains. "It's just hard to find what we think are values." The days when Moore was a fan were the days when "you were paying \$10–\$14 for the best California wines. You weren't paying \$60, \$70, even \$90. Pretty much how we pick anything we bring in here is, 'If it's a \$10 bottle, it better taste like a \$15 bottle.' There's enough choice out there; we can pick from the whole world." It's not that Moore is



3rd Corner

opposed to expensive wine; he's got plenty of it in the restaurant's wine vault. You can get the Guigal La Landonne for \$197 (and drink it onsite with dinner for another \$5). And on the California front, he's got a bottle of the '96 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cepages for \$89. What annoys him are wineries that use high prices to enhance their image, charging \$60 for a wine that fails to blow every \$30 bottle in the marketplace out of the water.

That said, he knows that "we couldn't make a living if we had nothing but \$50-\$60 bottles. There are a lot of people who don't want to spend much more than \$15. Find me a \$4 or \$5 wine that tastes like it's \$10 — and they're out there and you'd be amazed how many people will buy that wine." Especially if they trust the person selling it to them.

Not surprisingly, that tendency is especially pronounced among the young, who usually have less money to spend. (And who, per the *Post* ar-



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ticle, aren't always quick to measure status by expense.) Says Moore, "I think California winemakers need to understand that they've got this entire generation — these are lifetime buyers. Usually you don't start the habit until you're 35 or 40. I keep reaching out to guys in the business: 'Do you realize where your market is now? Get out there; find out that 22- to 32-year-olds are in love with wine, but they're not in love with big California Chardonnays or big California Cabernets. They're looking all over the place, and they're looking in the \$10-\$15 range. They're not going to spend much more than that, but they still want a decent bottle of wine.'

The response? "Sometimes, it's that glazed-eyed sort of thing: 'What is this guy talking about?' They're still cranking out \$40, \$60 bottles of Cabernet — or higher. There's not much you're going to tell them, except, 'No, we don't buy from Robert Mondavi anymore. I'm sure you sell a lot of Woodbridge; the price is cheap. Now get creative and work Woodbridge into something that's interesting for \$10-\$15.'" ■

## RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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## 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 original 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 housemade hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both massmarket 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 tartar 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. -N.W. (6/05)

**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)* 

**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 fritata 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 su-perb — 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* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tor-tilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. 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 Riny 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 capacities, 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

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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-owne Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlight-ing 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 ten accommodated. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through

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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 Guadalaiara. 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 de-licious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — 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 for parties of four or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. -E.W. (6/98)

## NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fish-ermen's terms) are the house specialties, 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)

**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 fre-quent 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 advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people tually, 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, preschool-ish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a wellseasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health conscious residents. (Or you can 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. -NW(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 in-timate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. N.W. (6/01)

#### LA JOLLA

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal,

plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

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 except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicil-ian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a spe-cial, 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, includ-ing the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild

chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the ret-ros 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. Portions are generous, so pace vourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. -S.M. (7/04)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. 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

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seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and 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

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple, and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, businessconvention-tourist kind of place has ver-rv faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open for breakfast daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Cen-ter, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs,

shawerma, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetari-ans. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Hillcrest's new owners also offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. - N.W. (11/00) Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with 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 Mon-

day through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (8/01)**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980,

and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The 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)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Holein-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-inthe-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Cen-

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ter among Oriental herbalists, mansize-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-andsour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. E.B. (5/02)

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, with "over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. -E.B. (4/05)

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has blackand-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in

Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. - N.W. (1/05)

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-foot-long, 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, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suev, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open 10 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — (5/05)

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of

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meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado. as paragus), and mochi (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess "heaven." Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just allyou-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. -E.B. (4/05)

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family 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 Mid western chain eatery: all carpets, darkwood 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 break-fast 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 be cause 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 and Tuesday. Inexpensive. 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 Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta – skillfully prepared with good, fresh in-gredients, 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, Pa-cific 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 mac-aroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken katsu, Hawaijan BBO 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 daily. Inexpensive. dinner 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 surround-



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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, din-ner (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 flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sitdown meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small pri-vate dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups.

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Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, 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)* 

#### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

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-morn-ing 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

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(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 flagship 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, too. 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 619-284-4215 Heights. 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 sentimen-tal. 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 politics 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 "*diak kvai coffav 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 Chi-nese, 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 portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad - not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Weekdays dinner only; open until 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive 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 sand-wiches 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 "Eggs 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

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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)

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)

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission sion 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-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 sam-ple their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian in-fluences. 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 changing 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 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



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Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Ave nue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666 The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fu sioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a cleanlimned clam chowder, some amusing vellowfin-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)

**Ichiban** 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9:30 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (5/04)* 

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs tandooris, curries, and some unique re-gional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding aushak (spring onion ravioli) and mantu (ground meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-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. Inex pensive 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) Sushi Itto Sushi Itto, 441 Washing

Susmi fitto Susmi fitto, 441 washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't 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 patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before ven turing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Satur-day and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner. Moderate. N.W. (6/01)

#### 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 despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)* 

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 "cupa cupa-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 Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And 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, in ventive 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, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — N.W. (1/04)

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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-rid den 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 about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofuthese deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. – N.W. (10/01)

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 cellar-dive. 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)* 

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)

**Osteria Panevino** 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — E.W. (4/00)

**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 Thailand 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 souid with

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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 Broad-way), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian rodizio: skewer after skewer of churrasco (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 includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slowcooked, meaty black beans (in a some-what bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — N.W. (10/02)

**Sadaf** 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarianfriendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *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 rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *banieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — N.W. (12/00)

**Sevilla** 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)* 

The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green 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

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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 tomatobased soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

#### SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**Cilantro Live!** 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates tuna wraps using sunflower-pumpkin seed påté and burgers using flax seeds — both pretty credible and edible. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

**Coronado Boathouse 1887** 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old fa-









vorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. - N.W. (10/04)

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), Na-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 Hawaijans 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 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 regu-lar 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 vegeta-bles in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, kung pao chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. 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 rea sonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, tom kah (spicy coconut), and tom yum (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious panang co conut-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. Inex moderate. — E.B. (3/06) Inexpensive to

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 Rose-mary 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 of-fers 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)





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exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, po zole 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 de-voted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you'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 (Sev enth Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aram buro's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeurvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (3/05)

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**La Leña** 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 mowers look like Star Wars creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill charro food for well-to-do charros. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-andturf 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 TI we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. -E.B. (10/04)

Malecón 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-market 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 let-ters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lob-sters and genuine "daily catch" with standard 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 substitutes. 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

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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 octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (in-cluding a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and antojitos, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features re-putedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) 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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Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), Na-tional City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropoli-tan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Caion Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light 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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## **Foul Crimes Done**

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ecently I got to dramaturge New Village Arts' production of Hamlet. As a result, I'm convinced that 1) if Shakespeare's sweeping tragedy isn't infinite, as some claim, it's the next closest thing; and 2) because of its end-

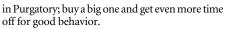
less mazes of significance — and often jarring contradictions studying Hamlet can be a humbling penance for people, myself among them, who claim to know a thing or two about the Bard.

Key words resemble musical motifs: they grow and change with each repetition. One example: King Claudius murdered Hamlet's father by pouring poison in his ear. There must be a dozen allusions to poison, lies, and Denmark's inability to hear truly: Hamlet says the players "poison in jest"; when she hears the King might have been murdered, Gertrude says, "Words like daggers enter in mine ears"; Hamlet says the new king looks like a "mildew'd ear." See what I mean?

There's also an almost CIA-like obsession with espionage and spinning facts to keep the ear poisoned and preserve the lie.

The play's so rich, even seemingly minor subjects resonate. I'll take one -- Wittenberg University — and show what I mean.

Wittenberg lies on the Elbe River, about 50 miles north of Berlin. Until the Reformation, the German city had become exhibit A for those decrying abuses by the Church. Throughout Europe, people sought salvation the easy way. They bought relics and indulgences. The latter functioned like spiritual "futures": buy one and shorten your stay



In 1509, Wittenberg's Frederick the Wise assembled a gallery of "holy treasures." These included, he swore, four hairs of the Virgin Mary,

> a wisp of straw from the original manger, a strand of Jesus' beard and, by Frederick's count, 19,013 sacred bones. He kept them in the Castle Church at Wittenberg.

Frederick the Wise also founded Wittenberg University in 1502. One of the school's first students, Martin Luther, became a professor of theology in 1508. In 1517, revolted by the sale of relics and indulgences and the notion that remission of sins could be bought, Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Castle Church door. This act began the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

When Hamlet begins, the Danish Prince is a student at Wittenberg University. In 1600, about a year before the play premiered, Samuel Leukenor called it "a learned seminary of the arts, in which many worthy writers have...received their education." Many labeled the school "the Athens of Europe." The university was not only a major center of Protestantism, it was also, as Dover Wilson pointed out, the favorite university of Danes studying abroad.

In effect, Wittenberg was one of the most prestigious schools around. But there's a problem.

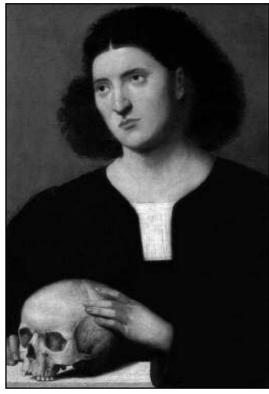
Hamlet legends, especially Saxo-Grammaticus's 12th-century Amelth, predate the University. So Shakespeare either didn't know or didn't give a hoot about exact dates (he often uses historical periods as backdrop tapestries and foregrounds the present). Or he was up to something.

For starters: as Prince of Denmark, Hamlet could have studied anywhere, including the University of Paris, which had a reputation in Shakespeare's time as no place for nobler minds. Paris U., wrote German historian Georg Gervinus, was the site of "frivolous gaiety." Shakespeare has Laertes matriculate there. The Parisian party school's got such a bad reputation Laertes's father, Polonius, sends a spy to keep tabs on his son's antics.

Hamlet's a student at Wittenberg (which, Gervinus says, was "dear to the Protestant heart of England"). What would he be studying? He's 20. So he's already mastered the trivium (grammar, rhetoric, and logic) and the more advanced quadrivium (arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music). Odds are he's probably a divinity student, tutored in Protestant theology. The play never says. But the circumstances that force him beyond the Protestant explanations for "heaven and earth" (in fellow Wittenberg student Horatio's "philosophy") suggest this may be so.

The murder of his father, his mother's hasty remarriage, ghostly visitations, and being cursed to set things right catapult Hamlet, unprepared, from the pristine realm of theological distinctions to the smarmy world of action.

The school had more associations for Shakespeare's audience than Martin Luther and Protestantism. According to Johann Spies's Faustbuch (1587), the original Dr. Faustus (who died around 1540) was also a student at Wittenberg University. Along with "virtuous studies," John



Hamlet

Faustus "gave himself secretly to study Necromancy and Conjuration." He became a doctor of divinity but lived such an "ungodly life" - he called the devil his "brother-in-law" - that "at the Day of Judgment there is no hope of his redemption.

Christopher Marlowe read an English translation of Spies and wrote The Tragicall Historie of Doctor Faustus, first staged in 1594. The play, about



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an overreacher who trades his soul for 24 years of worldly power, haunted Elizabethan audiences so much that a legend grew around it. During a performance when actor Edward Alleyn's Faustus first conjures up the devil - "ipse nunc surgat nobis dictatus Mephistophilis!" either the actor playing him was so convincing or a real demon rose from the stage's trap door. In either case, the theater emptied.

Many scholars believe Shakespeare was obsessed with Marlowe (in some ways Hamlet reads like Faustus inverted: a naïve Wittenberg divinity student finds himself in a powerlusting, Faustian world and must set things "right").

Shakespeare even permits himself a kind of homage. When

Mephistophilis appears in Faustus, the Doctor shouts, "I charge thee to go and change thy shape;/ Thou art too ugly to attend on me." When Horatio first sees Hamlet's father's ghost, he shouts, "By heaven, I charge thee, speak!" Both seem to think they're in control.

Wittenberg University had multiple associations for Shakespeare's audiences, possibly even the "groundlings," who knew it through Marlowe's play. The first scenes of Hamlet would have disturbed them as much as the Dane.

The Renaissance had three attitudes toward ghosts. Hamlet's mother, Gertrude, says they don't exist: just the phantom imaginings of unbalanced minds. When the ghost appears to Hamlet and Gertrude, she doesn't see it and thinks her son's madder than ever.

The Protestantism that Hamlet studied preaches that ghosts are the devil's agents. They assume familiar shapes only to lure

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the unsuspecting to damnation. When he first sees the ghost, Hamlet cries, "Be thou a spirit of health or a goblin damned, bring thee airs from heaven or blasts from hell?" So Hamlet has two problems: figure out if this spirit is, in fact, his father, and not a devil in disguise; also, find out if what the ghost says about the murder is true.

Make that three problems: by night the ghost roams the parapets of Elsinore. By day it suffers Purgatory-like pains, "confined to fast in fires, / Till the foul crimes done in my days of nature / Are burnt and purged away." The Ghost is forbidden to say more, but he's already said plenty. Protestants do not believe in Purgatory. But if this is indeed Hamlet's father, he's paying for his sins in a Roman Catholic afterlife. In effect, the Ghost shatters Hamlet's Wittenbergian notions of this world and the next.

There may be a biographical touch here. Shakespeare's father

John was Roman Catholic (and had to conceal that fact most of his life). Shakespeare grew up in a Protestant England determined to erase all traces of Catholicism (when he was seven, he may have watched as Protestants whitewashed all the paintings and stained-glass windows of Stratford's former Catholic church).

Hamlet doubts the ghost until Act Three, Scene Two. The play within the play not only reveals "the conscience of the king," it validates the mysterious specter: Hamlet shouts, "I'll take the ghost's word for a thousand pound."

But, and here's one of those myriad instances where Hamlet trails off into infinity: the Dane finally believes the ghost is his father and that the king poisoned his father. But does he take the ghost's word about which version of the afterlife - the Protestant or Catholic — is also true?

Hamlet says a "divinity" shapes our ends. He doesn't say which version.

By play's end, Hamlet's convinced he'll achieve "salvation" by purging the state of its cankerous King. But what about his father's Purgatorial suffering for the most microscopic of sins? Hamlet may not be, as he claims in Act Three, Scene Four, heaven's "scourge and minister" after all. His father demanded revenge, which the Bible says is the Lord's alone. And to fulfill his father's demands. Hamlet did much more than "taint" his mind. His tragedy may extend beyond the grave. For all the havoc the Dane has wreaked, it may not be flights of angels that sing him to his rest.

#### THEATER LISTINGS

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#### All in the Timing

Ion Theatre and InterMission Productions' staging of David Ives's one-acts opened my eyes to this playwright. I'd seen other versions and considered Ives an offbeat poet who delighted in surrealistic combinations of words and situations (In Sure Thing, his reiterations of a scene anticipate the movie Groundhog Day; Philadelphia says we live in varying mood states, which can

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change). But I found him neither as funny nor as playable as others claimed (like much of *Saturday* Night Live, the sketches felt grindingly one-note). Ion/InterMission changed my thinking. The smart, daring physical production

matches Ives's language with visual accents and crisp business. Co-directors Claudio Raygoza and Carla Nell accept only bold choices from a game four-person ensemble: en-ergized Andrew Kennedy does Babels of voices; Jonathan Sachs handles roles as disparate as a typing chimp named Milton (his version of Hamlet begins, "Of man's first disobedience...") to Leon Trotsky philosophizing with an axe in his skull; gifted Laura Bozanich shines as various women put in strange circumstances: from Philip Glass's ex-lover to a lost, stuttering soul who believes "language is the opposite of loneliness" - and proves it; and Kim Strassburger's a scream (some of her finest work ever!) as a chimp named Kafka and as Trotsky's mercurial wife, so sex-crazed, at one point, she tumbles through a window Worth a try.

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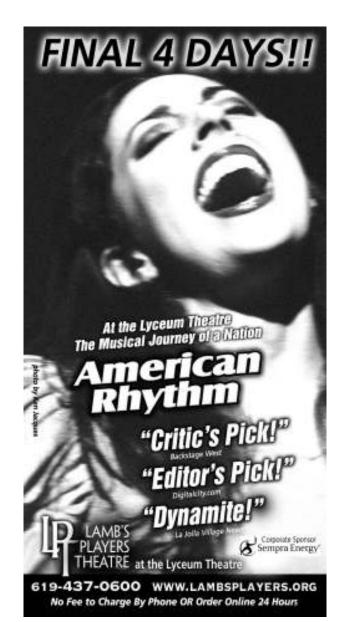
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Lamb's Players stage the world premiere of Gillett Elvgren's "loopy" comedy, in which "the Garden of Eden may lie buried beneath land mines in Iraq" and "the Gates of Paradise look strangely like Graceland." Robert Smyth directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, FRIDAY, AU-GUST 11, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

#### Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit

Due to popular demand, the Theatre in Old Town reprises Gerard Alessandrini's musical Bronx cheer to Broadway: some of the sharpest, funniest theater criticism around! The framing device — the show's a Special Victims Unit for Broadway clunkers - doesn't last two minutes before it disappears. But no matter. Alessandrini's latest attempt to "turn the Great White Way gray" 's a winner, thanks to his ever-present wit and some amazing performances (especially by Valerie Fagan, co-author of Six Women with Brain Death, especially when she slanders Sarah Brightman), Along with lambasting Spamalot and Wicked, the show reprises old favorites: no Forbidden Broadway would be complete without some Les Miz and Lion King trashing (as when an animal sings, under the weight of Julie Taymor's gigantic headgear, "Can You Feel the Pain Tonight?") and Alessandrini's spoof of Chicago and how to dance the Fosse style ("bowler hats," 'spread your fingers so") is a hoot. As are every last one of Alvin Colt's cartoony costumes, often changed backstage in split seconds. Amid near-constant laughs, the revue



makes serious points about contemporary Broadway's disturbing penchant for "puppet" and "jukebox" theater (à la *Jersey Boys*) and its general dumbing down of late. All true, yet never put so memorably. (Note: the production has made cast changes.) <u>Critic's pick.</u> THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040

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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. JeanPaul 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*.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH AUGUST 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525. Godspell

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#### Hamlet

For its fifth annual Free Shakespeare in the Park, New Village Arts presents the Bard's tragedy, directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg with Frances Gercke as the Danish prince. Admission is free. THOMPSON PERFORMING ARTS CEN-TER, LA COSTA CANYON HIGH SCHOOL, ONE MAVERICK WAY, CARLSBAD, FRI-DAY, AUGUST 11, THROUGH AU-GUST 20; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 760-433-3245.



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#### Lincolnesque

The Old Globe Theatre presents the world premiere of John Strand's comedy-drama about Leo, a speech writer, and his brother Francis, who's running for office and thinks he's Abe Lincoln. Joe Calarco directed. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10: SUNDAY. TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M 619-239-2255.

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream

You could subtitle Darko Tresnjak's staging of Shakespeare's comedy, "Dude, you would not believe how I spent my summer vacation!" Four teens graduate from an academy (late 19th/early 20th Century). To escape repressive Athens they hie to the woods, with suitcases, tennis rackets, and a teddy bear, and things fall apart. The production has Tresnjak's hallmarks: reverence for the text and irreverence for individual moments (there's an infectious sense of play here; the cast's obviously encouraged to invent freely).

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Imbued with rah-rah idealism, at first, and later with teenage angst, the lovers - Eve Danzeisen, David Villalobos, Owiso Odfera, and Julie Jesneck — are both distinct individuals and a sharp ensemble. The mechanicals, however, aren't "rude' enough (especially Jonathan Peck's stylish, studied Bottom the Weaver), and young Michael Drummond lacks the chops, and the menace, for Puck, York Kennedy's boldday/mystical-night lighting, Christopher R. Walker's music, and especially Michael Urie's dual roles as Francis Flute and Thisbe are big plusses. In a play full of Ovidian metamorphoses. Urie does one of the best: as Flute is about to play the suffering Thisbe, something touches him, and the character takes over so completely you wonder who was more real. Flute or the role that transformed him. Which was "airy nothing," and which "something of great constancy"?

#### Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29. (NOTE: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH OTHELLO AND TITUS ANDRONICUS: FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF EACH, CALL 619-239-2255.)

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#### **National Comedy Theatre**

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags") National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emo-tional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny,

evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

#### Othello

"Have you prayed tonight, Desdemona?" - one of Shakespeare's most chilling lines, in the Jesse Berger-directed production's best scene. When she realizes Othello wants to murder her, Julie Jesneck's Desdemona battles for life and seems to become even more innocent, more loving. Jonathan Peck's sonorous Othello matches this urgency. The clash of the guiltless bride and stone-hearted warrior is at once primal, infuriating beyond belief - because this should not be happening - and deeply moving. The only irksome performance in an otherwise smartly staged Othello. Karl Kenzler runs Iago all over the map, from frat-brother/prankster to Halloween goblin. Kenzler's too facile in a role that requires some effort at dismantling the Moor, some surprise that his schemes are working. Dressed in Elizabethan garb, including white circular collars, the supporting cast does quality work (especially Michael A. Newcomer's two-faced Cassius, and Cileste Ciulla's Emilia, Iago's wife who, the angrier she gets, the more she becomes the play's raisoneur). York Kennedy's lighting sculpts scenes and Christopher R. Walker creates moods with half-heard,

#### long-held notes. Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK THROUGH OCTOBER 1. (NOTE: OTHELLO RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH A MIDSUM-MER NIGHT'S DREAM AND TITUS AN-DRONICUS; FOR DAYS AND TIMES, CALL 619-239-2255.)

#### San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" - on Fridays - is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had

"Team Sports" - two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

#### Worth a try.

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emotionally stuck as Chekhov's famous trio; one even says so. Arctic Sara may try a new path, if she can overcome her elitism and a Jewish male stereotype; the others stay the course. Chekhov this ain't, though it would like to be. (Sisters also borrows heavily from Beth Henley's "moment of happiness" in Crimes of the Heart.) Wasserstein keeps the deeper issues about anti-Semitism, non- and traditional women's roles. cultural differences on the back burner (offstage the Soviet Union is falling apart, but you'd hardly know it). The play and Old Globe production, however, are funny throughout (including a first: during the intermission almost every character makes passionate love). Janet Zarish, Jackie Hoffman and especially Deirdre Lovejoy's Pfeni (in complete emotional sync with the best written of the three women) keep the laughs coming, as does Tom Nellis in a tour de hyperforce as Geoffrey, director of musi-cals, and Mark Blum as gently assertive Mervyn. Stefanie Nava makes young Tess's sudden change of plan credible (no mean feat). Alexander Dodge's elegant set's a palette of pinks tempered by Jeff Croiter's lighting and rinsed by the music of Frank Sinatra. Worth a try.

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#### The Tempest

The Poor Players stage Shakespeare's late romance about a mag ical island and revenge abandoned. Nick Kennedy directed WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT STREET, POINT LOMA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, THROUGH SUNDAY, AU-GUST 13: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.; NEW WORLD STAGE, 917 NINTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, THROUGH AUGUST 27: THURSDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-255-1401.

#### **Titus Andronicus**

Titus is the runt of Shakespeare's litter. Most likely it was his first attempt at tragedy, and most critics wish the "lamentable" (in the modern sense) potboiler'd never been penned. The murders, rapes, and massacres of revenge tragedy rule with such ferocity it's almost as if the play's a deliberate send-up of the blood-bathed genre. For the Old Globe, inventive director Darko Tresnjak resets the lunacy in modern times. Titus, played by Leonard Kelly-Young as a vaguely sentient being/Fourth Stooge, wears fatigues. When Tamora, the

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evil Goth brought to Rome in a tiger cage, becomes "incorporate," her posse dresses like a CEO's sycophants. There are arresting moments (as when Melissa Condren's mute, handless Lavinia enters, red powder spilling from her arms, and Charles Janasz applies shoelaces for tourniquets while giving Marcus's long, poetic speech). But way too often the production retreats from genuine emotion, or glosses over it with blatant shtick (as when a limb gets chainsawed off and the Beatles sing "I Want to Hold Your Hand"; or when tongueless Lavinia wants to say "hel-LOW" but can only say "huh-whoa?"). If the play's this bad, if it needs this much cutsie business, then why are we here? To learn that violence begets violence? And this should come as news? In effect, Tresnjak's staging is a sendup of a send-up. That's a double negative. It not only undercuts the play, it takes away an audience's chance to respond, be it with revulsion or schadenfreudian glee. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. (NOTE: TI-TUS ANDRONICUS RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH OTHELLO AND A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-239-2255.)

#### **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 crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

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#### When Pigs Fly

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#### Worth a try.

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## Soon or Late

### The freshness of this event would appear to have cowed him into his best behavior.

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he question that dogged United 93 three months ago — whether or not it was "too soon" for Hollywood to do 9/11 - has naturally evolved in that short span into a question of whether World Trade

Center now comes "too late," whether it has had its thunder stolen. The only way in which it, too, might be seen to

have come "too soon" is in telling a story with so narrow a focus and so positive an outcome. (Some of the pressure is relieved right at the outset when we're informed that the story is "based on actual accounts of the surviving participants." Underline surviving.) Such an approach might be more warrantable if it were the fifth or the fifteenth treatment of the subject, injecting some much-needed balance, but the mere second treatment can fairly be taken to task for giving voice to so unrepresentative, so uninclusive, an experience - that of two Port Authority policemen (Nicolas Cage, Michael Peña, roughly four hundred closeups between them) who, together with a couple of unluckier comrades, dauntlessly entered Tower One with the intention to help evacuate it, were

uninformed of the similar situation in Tower Two, and were trapped in the rubble when the building collapsed on top of them before they ever got above the shopping-mall concourse. This seems a particularly unex-

pected approach, a particularly cautious ΕW and safe one, to be DUNCAN SHEPHERD taken by Oliver Stone,

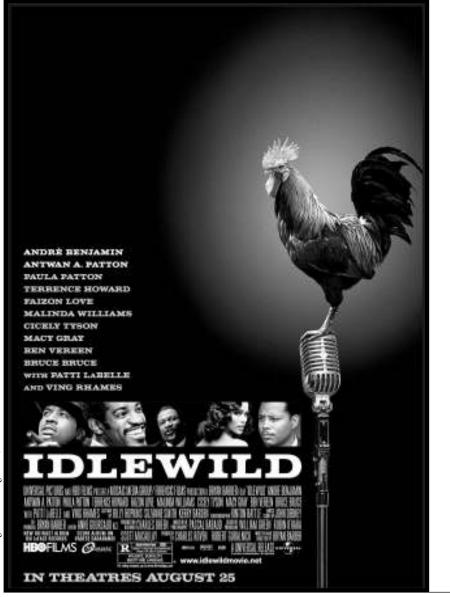
professional boatrocker and wave-maker, who for once is not looking to cast an accusation or an aspersion (i.e., a stone), but rather to recast himself as the champion of Men in Uniform he became so briefly and incongruously with Platoon. Needless to say, there is no counterpart here to the James Jonesian abuseof-authority figure played by Tom Berenger. The square-jawed, Godfearing Marine reservist, meanwhile, joining the search-and-rescue on his own initiative, serves as an explicit apologist of future military action. And even the *de rigueur* clip of George W. Bush on television is not unflattering. The freshness of this event five years as against the more than dozen years between the Vietnam War and Stone's version of it - would appear to have cowed him into his best



behavior, both civically and cinematically, toning down his camerawork and his cutting along with his bellow. (Perhaps the freshness of the Alexander disaster, and the distantness of the director's last nondisaster, helped to cow him, too.) At bottom, this is little more than a grade-A docudrama a made-for-TV movie bulked up for the big screen — with a smooth incorporation of familiar archive footage, a decent selection of recreated detail (the shower of paper, etc.), and a meticulous reproduction of the skeletal remains at Ground Zero, a cremated behemoth. The early unfolding of events, beginning at 3:29 on the morning of the 11th, can hardly

World Trade Center

help but raise a few goosebumps, as it builds an unbearable tension between the filmmaker's foot-dragging pace and the viewer's racing memory, a true collaboration between artist and audience. But that comes to an abrupt stop with the fall of Tower One, and the cementing of a static situation, half an hour into the film. The remaining



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hour and a half of waiting and worrying with the families (Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal as the wives), and of suffering and sweating with the immobilized men (calling to mind the forgotten *Ladder 49*, that post-9/11 tribute to firefighters everywhere, elsewhere, especially Baltimore), are incalculably more tension-free, more routine, more trite, more mawkish, more TV-ish. Soft Stone, if you will. You might be surprised how much you miss the hard one.

Little Miss Sunshine, the feature debut of music-video veterans Jonathan Dayton and his wife Valerie Faris, was put together on the "quirky' assembly line, a product of the thriving "quirky" industry. Dad (Greg Kinnear) is a would-be self-help guru, "would-be," that is, if anyone were buying his Nine-Step Refuse-to-Lose System. Sample pearl, in casual conversation: "Sarcasm is the refuge of losers." Mom (Toni Collette) is not such an arrant embarrassment, is not really much of anything, except that she has taken responsibility for and custody of her homosexual brother (Steve Carell), a failed suicide and the selfprofessed, as opposed to acknowledged, pre-eminent Proust scholar in the United States." Dad's dad (Alan Arkin), who resides in the same household, is a scurrilous cokehead. And the kids are a Nietzsche-reading teenage boy (Paul Dano) who has held fast to a vow of silence for nine months, though he is not averse to communication via notepad ("I hate everyone"), and an owlishly bespectacled younger sister (Abigail Breslin) in competition for the crown of Little Miss Sunshine in Redondo Beach. Since the family lives in Albuquerque, a road movie ensues, with all members of the family packed into a yellow-and-white VW bus. You

wait with dread for the moment that will cause the boy to break his silence, and even greater dread for the first public performance of the girl's "talent" as nurtured in secret by Granddad; and the dread in each case proves fully justified. Quirkiness does not preclude sappiness. There are ample compensations, however. Little Miss Breslin is a good crier, and her competitors in the beauty pageant are a frightening collection of JonBenét Ramsey plastic dolls, and the bus itself emerges as the best character, requiring a collective push after the clutch goes out en route, and emitting a rude-sounding, unpredictable bleat after the horn gets stuck.

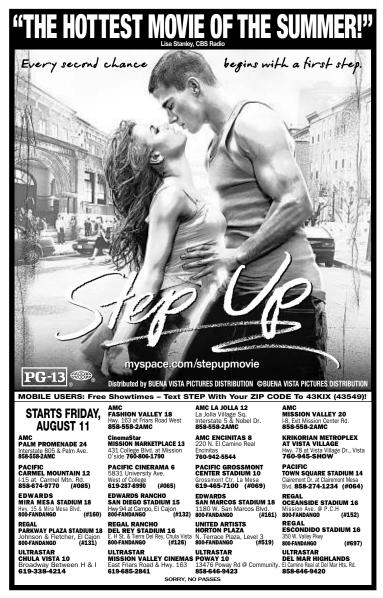
Once in a Lifetime: The Extraordinary Story of the New York Cosmos has the longest title to date in a summer of Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest, The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift, Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby, and The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green. The story it tells may well be extraordinary, but a full appreciation of it will demand an extraordinary interest, or at any rate an above-average interest, in American sports and/or American entrepreneurialism. The story, in short, of the efforts of the late Steve Ross, the Mr. Big of Warner Communications, to legitimize the North American Soccer League in the mid-Seventies — "a semi-pro league," in someone's blunt assessment - by signing to the New York franchise such international luminaries as Pelé from Brazil, Chinaglia from Italy, and Beckenbauer from West Germany. We all know now that, no matter how tempestuous the teapot, the general public never really bought the brew, never acquired a taste for it, continued to prefer the familiar beer of their own

brand of football. And soccer passion in America, to say nothing of soccer competence, has not yet reached a height to justify the Founding Fathers salute at the end. (The recent World Cup will have put the lie to the postscript boasting of the U.S. team's current ranking of eighth in the world.) Still, the highlight clips are fun, and the characters highly colorful: Chinaglia, portrayed as a backstabber and a power-grabber, and as the only known man ever to find fault with Pelé on a soccer field, does not come off well, and in up-to-date interviews does not give a goddam.) The whole package — disco soundtrack, retro typefaces, split-screen effects, jazzy cutting, jaded Matt Dillon narration — is just about good enough for a televised documentary on a slow weekend afternoon in August, before the stretch run in the baseball season and the start of football season.

If a new DVD distributor is going

to send me, out of the blue, a copy of a film I have long admired, the least I can do is mention it. The name of it is *Wanda*, the inaugural release of Parlour Pictures (dot-com). What was in 1971 the auspicious writing and directing debut of actress Barbara Loden (then the wife of Elia Kazan) has become in retrospect a bittersweet one-off. Loden would never direct or act again, before her death in 1980 of breast cancer at the age of forty-eight. (Kazan, who had directed her on







screen in Wild River and Splendor in the Grass, as well as on stage in the Marilyn Monroe role in Arthur Miller's After the Fall, is said to have been unencouraging.) The film, shot in grainy, gritty 16mm blown up to 35, recalls an era in American cinema when independent films were not just auditions for Hollywood, but advanced an actual alternative aesthetic. Many films before and since have striven for an air of unfiltered reality, but few have breathed it as deeply as Loden, who, in addition to writing and directing, played the title role of an apathetic divorcee in a photogenically ugly Pennsylvania coal town, showing up for a custody hearing late, in hair curlers, without a lawyer or a leg to stand on, and afterwards falling into an itinerant life of crime with a two-bit Dillinger, the jumpy, pumpedup, combustible Michael Higgins. Thirty-five years later it would be no exaggeration to judge his performance unforgettable. I have never in the interim been able to see this actor without thinking instantly of Wanda.

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Another Gay Movie — Sex romp of four high-school homosexual virgins, directed by Todd Stephens. (KEN, 8/11 THROUGH 17)

**The Ant Bully** — Preachy computer cartoon, holding up the communal spirit of an ant colony against the every-man-for-

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himself ethos of humankind. As in Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (but by another method: the potion-in-the-ear method of Hamlet), a human being gets to see the world from an ant's-eye view. Notwithstanding some clever touches, the normal ugliness of computer animation (creatures out of Aliens Starship Troopers, Screamers, and elsewhere) has been mated to exceptional tastelessness: the taffy tongue of a marauding frog and the gaseous bog of his stomach; the scaly scalp and greasy nose hairs of a cigar-chomping pest exterminator. The ex-terminator, a Satanic villain advertising himself as Beals-a-Bug and swarming with flies, spices the preachiness with a pinch of fire-and-brimstone. Voices by Nicolas

Cage, Julia Roberts, Paul Giamatti, Meryl Streep; written and directed by John A. Davis, 2006.

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**Azumi** — Peace plan for feudal Japan: train an elite team of ten, eager, youthful assassins — nine men and one fetching female in knee-high socks and thigh-length Little Miss Sunshine

terry-cloth bathrobe — to wipe out every warlord in the land. (As a final training exercise to prove their mettle, the ten are required to pair off with their closest comrade and whittle themselves down to five.) The martial-arts action is purely decorative, and trashily. With Aya Ueto; directed by Ryuhei Kitamura. 2005. • (KEN, THROUGH 8/10)

**Barnyard** — Computer-animated animal tale, written and directed by Steve Oedekerk, with the voices of Kevin James, Courteney Cox, Sam Elliott, Andie Mac-Dowell.

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**Boynton Beach Club** — It is difficult to locate the director of *Smithereens* and *Desperately Seeking Susan* in this multicharacter romantic comedy (original title: *The* 

Boynton Beach Bereavement Club) that targets an audience of seniors and is accordingly toothless and bland. Rather than "targets," perhaps we should say "patronizes. Susan Seidelman, the director in question, is only in her early fifties (the marginal character of a Goth granddaughter forms a tenuous link to the past), but after the 1980s she fell below the radar into madefor-TV movies and direct-to-video. Desperately seeking Susan, indeed! Her most poignant moments here, quite independent of any plot machinations around elder singles in a Florida retirement community. come from the intercut stills of each of the actors in their salad days, testifying both to the natural ravages of time and to the elective disfigurements some people undergo to combat those ravages. Since some of the chosen clothes and hairdos are plainly intended as satirical, it's possible that some of the obvious surgeries are intended that way too, Dvan Cannon, Brenda Vaccaro, Sally Kellerman (no boob job for her - see?), Renée Taylor, Len Cariou, a well-preserved Joseph Bologna, and Michael Nouri, the pup of the group, are among the specimens on exhibit, 2006

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MAR-COS 18)

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

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the height of his powers and to live out his years in peaceful obscurity. 2006. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Clerks II — The official sequel can make no effort to match the scruffy integrity of its 1994 forerunner, least of all an effort to match the black-and-white photography. Not that the forerunner set any sort of mark to shoot for, but at least it accepted its limitations and worked within them. The memory of it had already been well and truly sullied, however, by repeated appearances of Jay and Silent Bob, in particular, in Kevin Smith's subsequent work, and there was no going back from the self-cannibalizing commercialism of Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back. But go back Smith defiantly, desperately does, to torch the Quick Stop and to reposition his aging, thickening clerks behind the fast-food counter at Mooby's. Onward and upward, franchisewise. And ever outward, edgewise. Only nowadays Smith is trying to stay ahead of such multiplex mainstreamers as the Farrellys and the Wayanses. He has always had clearer ideas of how to be crude (new outer boundary of taste: "interspecies erotica") than of how to be funny, and his amateurish actors (Brian O'Halloran, Jeff Anderson, Jason Mewes, Smith himself and his real-life wife, Jennifer Schwalbach) can only underscore the crudeness. Rosario Dawson, as the improbable manager at Mooby's, sticks out like a nail-polished thumb. 2006. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Click — Clunk. Patented Adam Sandler blend of juvenile misconduct and remorseful moralism. In the Beyond department at a Bed Bath and Bevond, 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. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Descent — Grueling and gruesome British-made horror film about six women friends (plenty for sacrifice), out for adventure, who enter an uncharted Appalachian cavern ("If there's no risk, what's the point?") and encounter a subterranean tribe of omnivores. Director Neil Marshall, straight-faced, businesslike, unpretentious, had a real movie going - a movie of startlements, portents, physical and psychological challenges - even before he

ushered in the Gollum-like creatures of colorless candlewax. These, for all their economy of means, are as scary as they need to be. With Shauna Macdonald, Natalie Jackson Mendoza, and Alex Reid. 2006.

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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

My Super Ex-Girlfriend

descriptively, with snow-white hair, just a bit of sludge showing through at the neck, and an anemic, cryonic complexion. Mervl Streep, in the latter part, is interesting as al ways, 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 montages and a blizzard of name-dropping. With Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt, Simon Baker, and Adrien Grenier; directed by David Frankel. 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 18; FASH-

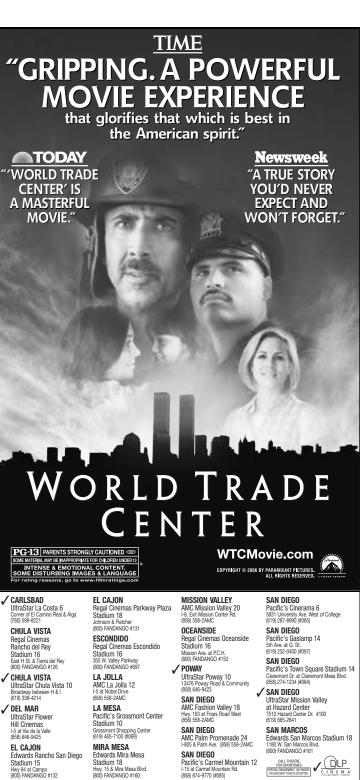
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The Heart of the Game — Ward Serrill's video documentary chronicles the story of Bill Resler, Seattle tax man turned girls' basketball coach, and of his prize pupil, Darnellia Russell, a black transfer from her neighborhood Garfield High to white-bread Roosevelt High: "Darnellia Russell is my only chance at being famous.' The story spans her entire five-year highschool career and more. It details the ups and downs of the seasons, the state tournaments, the intrasquad and intracity rivalries, the lessons learned ("Don't dribble the ball behind your back with ten seconds to go"), the coach's unconventional motivational methods (an annual theme: Pack of Wolves, Tropical Storm, Pride of Lions, etc.), and it expands into extracurriculars such as race and class, sexual molestation, teen pregnancy, courtroom drama: "To get back *on* the court," a TV reporter formu-laically puts it, "Darnellia had to *go* to court." All told, it makes a good story, and the local news announcer would seem to be guiltless of hyperbole when he calls it "one of the greatest stories in high-school basketball in the state of Washington," (A decent number of qualifiers: "one of"... "high-school"... "Washington," and no need to add the qualifier of girls' basketball.) These stories happen all the time in sports, all over the place. Without the film, we would have missed this one 2006 ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/10)

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. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE: LA PALOMA)



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Lady in the Water — The big surprise of M. Night Shyamalan's followup to The Vil*lage* is that there is no big surprise at the end of it. It is instead a ritualistic playingout of a prophecy - a whole-cloth mythology — and the only trick to it is to figure out who among the residents of The Cove apartment complex in suburban Philadelphia (where else?) plays what part in the prophecy: a Narf, a sea nymph from The Blue World, will require the assistance of a Writer, a Guardian, a Healer, a Symbolist, and a Guild, if she is successfully to evade the Scrunt, a growling canine creature with grass hair, and be airlifted back to The Blue World by a giant eagle known as The Great Eatlon. Among many miscalculations, the most grievous is Shvamalan's casting of himself in the role of the sought-after Writer — a/k/a The Chosen One — whose magnum opus, entitled The Cookbook, is earmarked to inspire a Great Leader who will set the misguided world back on course. (Cue, over the closing credits, a hesitant, unconfident, but hopeful rendition of Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'," by a group named A Whisper in the Noise.) The messianic tendency has become more and more pronounced in the filmmaker's oeuvre, ever since the outsized success of The Sixth Sense gave him leave, gave him license. But it has never before achieved such a height of public embarrassment. For entertainment purposes, that's not altogether a bad thing. There's a horrible sort of fascination in the spectacle, balanced by a quite pleasurable fascination in the photography of Christopher Doyle (Wong Kar-wai's right hand), the camera hovering around the faces at odd angles and with odd framings. If you're going to make a right bloody fool of yourself, you might as well make yourself a good-looking fool. With Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bob Balaban, Sarita Choudhury. 2006

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Little Miss Sunshine — Reviewed this issue. With Greg Kinnear, Toni Collette, Steve Carell, and Abigail Breslin; directed by Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 8/11)

Miami Vice — The name of the Eighties television series - fighting crime and looking cool doing it - has been appropriated for the same reason that the social striver might don Armani. The drug sting in the film could have been pulled off by anybody, not exclusively Sonny and Rico and Co. If you're going to jettison the theme music and the ice-cream color scheme, why retain the proper names? You might as well just settle for Jacksonville Vice. The storytelling,



in other words, is strictly generic (suitable for off-the-rack dressers) and yet totally confusing (unsuitable for prime time). The confusion is evidently deliberate, first to cover up the genericness, and second to establish a degree of superiority, to let you know that even if you were sitting in on the planning sessions of drug smugglers and undercover cops, sitting right there shoulder to shoulder with them, you would glean only the dimmest glimmer of what's going on (or coming down). Adding to the confusion are the shifty camerawork, the distracted cutting, and above all, the underworld argot and discordant accents. If all this confusion somewhat diminishes your involvement, you still can't help but notice that Michael Mann is a filmmaker who takes himself seriously. You can see it in the pantheistic worship of the wind - the manifestations of it in sports cars, in speed boats, on rooftops and beaches, through expensive haircuts and arching palm trees and loose linen jackets. You can see it in the grainy high-def digital photography that fills the night air with phosphorescent mosquitoes and, in a romantic interlude in microscopic closeup, transmutes Jamie Foxx's flesh into lizard skin. You can see it in the awesome range of Alp-like clouds through which a private plane weaves its way on a routine business trip. And you can see it in the Desert Storm scale and severity of the violence. The final firefight is partic-

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Monster House — Computer-animated kiddie horror show lowers its sights to an illusion of Claymation. The human figures are awfully stiff, but the space around them is wonderfully plastic and elastic (the fall of an autumn leaf, first thing in the movie, gives you a dizzying idea of what's in store), and the action moves right along until it runs into the overwrought, long-drawn-out finale. With the voices of Mitchel Musso, Sam Lerner, Spencer Locke, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Steve Buscemi; directed by Gil Kenan. 2006.

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My Super Ex-Girlfriend — Boy meets girl superhero. Boy dumps supergirl. Boy incurs superfury. A high-concept low comedy, with coarse photography and cheesy special effects. Luke Wilson, Uma Thurman, Anna Faris, Rainn Wilson, Eddie Izzard; directed by Ivan Reitman. 2006. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS SION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18)

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 Montoya, Peter Stormare. 2006. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Night Listener — A jilted homosexual, the morose host of a national AIDSawareness radio show, transfers his emotions, at long distance, onto a terminally ill pedophilia victim and his adoptive mother. but then, despite speaking to him repeatedly on the telephone, he comes to doubt the boy's existence. The intriguing premise (from an Armistead Maupin tale) is better designed for the page than for the screen, where we can see the boy with our own eyes. And the cranking-up of suspense, when the New Yorker pursues his doubts all the way to rural Wisconsin, is unconvincing, With Robin Williams, Toni Collette, Rory Culkin, Sandra Oh; directed by Patrick Stettner. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MIS SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Once in a Lifetime: The Extraordinary Story of the New York

Cosmos — Reviewed this issue. Narrated by Matt Dillon; co-directed by Paul Crowder and John Dower. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/10)

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. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead

Man's Chest — Sequel to PC: The Curse of the Black Pearl. And more than just a se quel: Part II of an afterthought trilogy. (It was not a matter of *thought*, exactly, as much as a matter of calculation.) 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 twoand-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-in-the-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. 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 could then be counted on to finance the manufacture of a new plate the size of Antarctica. With Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Stellan Skarsgard, and Bill Nighy; directed by Gore Verbinski, 2006.

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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 pro-fessional 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 throwaway. 2006. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Purple Rose of Cairo — A movie by, but not with, Woody Allen. And the inevitable question to ask with any Woody Allen movie - who's the inspiration this time, Fellini or Bergman? - can be answered as follows: Fellini, specifically The White Sheik, the one about the provincial honeymooner who gets to meet in real life her hero from the fumetti photo novels. But more obviously, the big moment here is a reversal of the moment in Sherlock Ir. where Buster Keaton descends from the projection booth and enters the movie screen, as if through that Window on the World we have always heard so much about. Here, rather, an incongruously khakied and pith-helmeted character in a black-and-white 1935 RKO programmer steps down from the screen, lifesized and in full color, and flees out the exit with a movie-mad hash-house waitress who is seeing the movie for the fifth time. And even further unlike the Keaton, it is no mere dream. With a fantasy level every bit as high as in Zelig, it was unavoidable that questions should come up in the viewer's mind without being put down on screen. Little matter. Sherlock Jr. is open to nitpick ing too, but neither there nor here can enough nits be picked to undermine the overall brilliance of the conceit. And in sharp contrast to Zelig, where the joke wore out long before movie's end, here it doesn't. You might only want to squirm while waiting for it first to arrive. After that, the movie changes direction often enough to keep things fresh, if perhaps too often to pursue its ideas at any length. And the ending, given what comes before, is both logical and touching. Mia Farrow, Jeff Daniels. 1985.

 $\star \star \star \star$  (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/10 AND 11, 8:30 P.M.)

**Quinceañera** — Independent film by Richard Glatzer and Wash Westmoreland, centered on a pregnant Latina teenager (Emily Ross).

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/11)

A Scanner Darkly — Druggie paranoia in the near future, when the drug du jour is Substance D (for Death) and the only cure is the torturous New-Path rehab center. Richard Linklater's adaptation of a Philip K. Dick novel avails itself of the rotoscope animation technique of his *Waking Life*, live-action photography covered over in a paint-by-numbers style. The undulating drawing doesn't disguise the bad performances (Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey, Jr., and Woody Harrelson, all perfectly recognizable under the paint), but it creates some noteworthy effects: the full-body "scramble suit" that conceals the wearer's identity behind a continuously shape-shifting mask; a couple of hallucinatory monsters; Winona Ryder's long-awaited first "nude" scene. 2006. \* (HILCREST CINEMAS)

**Scoop** — A companion piece to Woody Allen's Match Point only insofar as it pro longs his revitalizing sojourn in England. The half-year interval between their releases is nothing out of the ordinary for the chop-chop Woodman. Nor is the repeat appearance of Scarlett Johansson in the female lead any more remarkable than repeat appearances in the past by Diane Keaton or Mia Farrow. And the mood, in sharp contrast to the immediate predecessor, has turned decidedly light and playful, which is to say that when (inevitably) the filmmaker contemplates death, it's in childish terms of a literal barge on the River Styx, manned by a scythe-wielding Grim Reaper. The strictly functional comedy-thriller plotline is more on the order of Manhattan Murder Mystery, albeit with an element of the supernatural. There is no earthly reason, outside of the bold harmonies between the whiny older man and the throaty young woman, why the Allen character should be dragged along by the Johansson on this Nancy Drew adventure ("Excitement in my life is dinner without heartburn after it"), and the steady manufacture of amusing lines runs out of steam toward the finish, and the plot premise will not stand up to scrutiny from the vantage point of the denouement. But none of that detracts from the generous supply of chuckles and cackles strewn along the way, still less does it detract from the calm and assured camera that Allen brings to the proceedings (in the right place at the right time for the right duration), and still less does it detract from his mastery and durability, at age seventy, as a comic leading man, defying every precept of polish and precision, creating a persona dependent upon verbal groping and fumbling and sputtering and stumbling, mining a private vein we might label as Lifelike Stylization. With Hugh Jackman and Ian Mc-

Shane. 2006. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Sense and Sensibility — From the Jane Austen shelf, a cinematic Classics Illustrated. And altogether an agreeable comedy of manners, though hardly on course to become a classic in its own right. In its own medium, to be more precise. Ang Lee, of Eat Drink Man Woman and The Wedding Banquet, is the perhaps unexpected director of the thing. And it's something of a measure of the power of Miss Austen that her personality in the end submerses that of Mr. Lee: her clear biases, her fastidious apportionment of approval and reproof, overwhelm his broad tolerances, his predilection to see from everyone's angle. Emma Thompson, although quite expected (and expectedly adept) in the central role of the saintly Elinor, is totally unexpected herself in the job of scriptwriter. And in that capacity she manages to move matters along steadily, if at first a little abruptly, to and beyond the climactic moment that encapsulates, as well as any single moment can, the Jane Austen ethos, the moment for which a Jane Austen heroine, with bated breath, lives. "Do you compare your conduct with his?" inquires Elinor, typically concerned with levels and degrees of blameworthiness, of her chastened younger sister, Marianne. "No," comes the earnest and unironic reply. "I compare it with what it ought to be — with *yours*." The portrayal of Marianne is the real revelation of the movie. Kate Winslet was not heretofore well enough known to arouse any expectations whatever, and her Marianne would seem to be worlds apart from her bloodstained adolescent fantasist in Heavenly Creatures. But at a second glance, perhaps not worlds apart after all, perhaps only one world, perhaps only a continent. The hotly romantic and highly improper Marianne,

who fancies herself so full of emotions that

she cannot possibly contain them, is the



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American Psycho, starring Christian Bale, gives great social commentary on what life was like in the 1980s. It's as relevant today as it was for that era. Despite being dark, it handles the subject matter with subtle humor.

Martin Scorsese's Goodfellas is a very original take on all of the classic gangster movies. And despite being in the mafia genre, it breaks away from all of the mobster clichés.

Kevin Smith's *Clerks* about a pair of cash-register jockeys — depicts what it's like to be young and not knowing what to do with your life. It presents its theme in a very realistic way but with characters and dialogue that sometimes go over the top and stretch the boundaries of reality.

AMERICAN PSYCHO (USA) 2000, Lions Gate List price: \$14.98 GOODFELLAS (USA) 1990, Warner List price: \$19.99 CLERKS (USA) 1994, Miramax List price: \$19.99

most modern character in the entire group, and consequently the most immediately sympathetic. And thanks to Winslet, the most deservedly so. Hugh Grant, Alan Rickman. 1995.  $\bigstar \bigstar$  (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/12 AND 13. 8:30 P.M.)

**Step Up** — Dance and romance with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan, directed by Anne Fletcher. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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; FROM 8/11)

**Superman Returns** — A true sequel, despite the nineteen-year hiatus since the fourth and final appearance of Christopher Reeve in the part. (The new Superman and his new Clark Kent alter ego, the littleknown Brandon Routh, not only bears a creepy physical resemblance to Reeve, but also patterns his performance on Reeve's so closely as to constitute an "impression.") The major advantage of a true sequel, namely sparing us the necessity of going back to square one, has been somewhat offset, however, by the modern mania for mythic, epic, operatic grandeur, puffing up

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Emir Kusturica's *Underground* is a Serbo-Croation black comedy with a fusion of music and darkness that brings to light the interaction of people.

Jean-Luc Godard's *Pierrot le Fou* is a film essay that has meaning behind every image. It forces viewers to analyze the film and makes them look beyond the surface. Its nonlinear narrative tries to deconstruct basic film and reconstruct it into something new.

John Cassavetes's A Woman under the Influence shows life as it is. It depicts a woman who goes crazy because of the manipulative effects of a man who represents a society forcing her to become someone different than the person she is. Only after she changes does he realize that what he thought he wanted was not what he wanted at all. It's the best acting I've ever seen, real and intense.

UNDERGROUND (France/Yugoslavia) 1995, New Yorker Video List price: \$29.95 PIERROT LE FOU (France) 1965, Fox Lorber List price: \$24.99 JOHN CASSAVETES: FIVE FILMS (SHADOWS/FACES/A WOMAN UNDER THE INFLUENCE/KILLING OF A CHINESE BOOKIE/OPENING NIGHT) (USA) 1974, Criterion List price: \$124.95 (eight discs)

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 haystacks of the Kent family farm. 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

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Where's Poppa?, directed by Carl Reiner, is sure to make you laugh at the tortured exploits of George Segal taking care of his overly demanding mother played by Ruth Gordon. For anyone whose parents have driven them insane in their later years, this will surely hit home. At times rude and irreverent, but Reiner keeps the laughs and sight gags flowing. This is a popular renter.

The Frisco Kid has a young Harrison Ford accompanying a neurotic and not very adept rabbinical trainee played by Gene Wilder heading to San Francisco during the Gold Rush. Loaded with sight gags and lots of politically incorrect humor.

American Dreamer is the best of the lot. JoBeth Williams is a writer whose fictional heroine is an international spy. Upon winning a trip to Europe, she suffers a head injury and becomes her book character. This film is a hoot.

WHERE' S POPPA? (USA) 1970, MGM List price: \$14.95 THE FRISCO KID (USA) 1979, Warner List price: \$14.98 AMERICAN DREAMER (USA) 1984, Paramount List price: \$14.98

shockwave rippling beneath the city are well done, and not overdone, and Superman's superpowers have indisputably been enhanced by CGI: a point-blank bullet, for example, flattening itself against his Eyeball of Steel. 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. Kate Bosworth, James Marsden, Frank Langella, Parker Posey; directed by Bryan Singer. 2006. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24)

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby — Will Ferrell vehicle, on the NASCAR circuit, goes too far, too fast,

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too often, but the excesses are usually easygoing (the bratty brothers' response to the news of their parents' divorce: "Yeah! Two Christmases!"), and the nonstop product plugging is satirically motivated (i.e., dramatically justified), and John C. Reilly and Gary Cole, along with Ferrell, have good eves and ears for rednecks. With Sacha Baron Cohen, Leslie Bibb, Amy Adams, and Michael Clarke Duncan; directed by Adam McKay. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

# Who Killed the Electric Car? — Docu-

mentarist Chris Paine investigates the automotive murder, and finds, as in Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express, many bloody hands: the oil industry, the car companies, the federal government, the consumer, et al. Essentially this is in the nature of a TV news-magazine talking-head report, and it doesn't do a very good job (any more than the original advertising did) of explaining the practicalities of oper-



ating an EV (do they think every car owner in America has his own garage?). But where else are you going to see Mel Gibson and Phyllis Diller in the same movie? Martin Sheen narrates, to sharpen the liberal axe. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 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. ★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 8/10)

World Trade Center — Reviewed this issue. With Nicolas Cage, Michael Peña, Maria Bello, and Maggie Gyllenhaal; directed by Oliver Stone.

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You, Me and Dupree — The unemployed, unemployable best man (identified by the initials "BM" on his jacket) moves in with his newlywed old buddy, a situation rich in annoyance, dirt-poor in amuse-ment. The casting of Owen Wilson as the adult slacker guarantees the rich gets richer, the poor poorer. With Matt Dillon, Kate Hudson, and Michael Douglas; directed by Anthony and Joe Russo, 2006. • (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA

MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24. PARKWAY PLAZA 18. POWAY 10. RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

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La Jolla 12 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Barnyard (PG); The Descent (R); The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13); Little Miss Sunshine (R); Miami Vice (R); The Night Listener (R); Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13); Pulse (PG-13); Step Up (PG-13); Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13); World Trade Center (Pg-13); You, Me and Dupree (PG-13); Zoom (Not Rated)

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **Boynton Beach Club** Fri. (1:50, 4:20) 6:45, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:20, 6:45, 9:20; An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; Quinceañera (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Scoop (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

#### **MIRA MESA**

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkwav (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

#### MISSION VALLEY

#### **Fashion Valley 18**

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) **The Ant Bully** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:25) 12:50, 3:15; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:10) 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; **Clerks II** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sat. 5:40, 8:15, 10:50 Sun. 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; **The Descent** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:40) 2:10, 5:10, 8:00, 10:35 Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20: The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; John Tucker Must Die (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:35) 1:00, 3:25, 5:55, 8:20, 10:55 Sun. (10:35) 1:00, 3:25, 6:30, 9:10; Lady in the Water (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00) 9:25; Miami Vice (R) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15) 1:25, 4:35, 7:45, 10:55 Sun. (10:15) 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:40; **Monster** House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:40, 4:10, 7:00; My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:55) 3:50, 9:00; The Night Listener (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:05, 4:25, 6:45, 9:05; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:45) 2:20, 5:50, 9:45; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30) 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; **Quinceañera** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:50, 7:15, 9:55; Scoop (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:25, 6:15; Step Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:05,

6:50, 9:35; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00, 11:00, 12:45, 1:45, 1:45, 3:35, 4:45, 4:45, 6:25, 7:40, 7:40, 9:15, 10:30, 10:30 Sun. 11:00, 11:00, 12:45, 1:45, 1:45, 1:45, 3:35, 4:45, 4:45, 6:25, 7:35, 7:35, 9:15, 10:25, 10:25; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:05) 1:10, 4:15, 7:25, 10:45 Sun. (10:05) 1:10, 4:15, 7:25, 10:35; You, Me and Dupree (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30) 1:15, 3:55, 6:40, 9:30; **Zoom** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sat. (10:20) 12:40, 3:05, 5:45, 8:25, 10:40 Sun. (10:20) 12:40, 3:05, 5:45, 8:05, 10:30

#### **Mission Valley 7**

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15, 4:30) 7:15, 9:30; The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon-ster House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; My Little Pony: The Runaway Rainbow (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:15; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) The Ant Bully (PG); Barnyard (PG); Clerks II (Not Rated); The Descent (R); The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13): John Tucker Must Die (PG-13); Lady in the Water (PG-13); Little Man (PG-13): Miami Vice (R): Monster House (PG); My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13); The Night Listener (R); Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13); Pulse (PG-13); Scoop (PG-13); Step Up (PG-13); Superman Returns (PG-13); Tal-ladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13); World Trade Center (Pg-13); You, Me and Dupree (PG-13); Zoom (Not Rated)

#### **STATE UNIVERSITY**

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Call theater for program information

#### Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Another Gay Movie (Not Rated) Fri. (5:05) 7:30, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55

#### UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) The Purple Rose of Cairo (PG); Sense and Sensibility (PG)

#### Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:45)

7:30, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; Little Miss Sunshine (R) Fri. (1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30 Sat. (10:45) 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30 Sun. (10:45) 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; **A Scanner Darkly** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:35; Who Killed the **Electric Car?** (PG) Fri. (2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center** 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) **Africa: The Serengeti** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Deep Sea 3D** (G) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Greece: Secrets of the Past (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00 Sat.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 6:00; Whales (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 4:00, 8:00

#### EAST COUNTY **EL CAJON**

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) **The Ant Bully** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 2:00, 4:40) Sat.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:40; Barnyard (PG) Fri. (10:00, 12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45; Cars (G) Fri. (10:10, 1:05, 4:10) Sat.,-Sun. (10:10, 1:05) 4:10; Click (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:05, 9:50; **The Descent** (R) Fri. (10:55, 1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Free Family Film Festival** Tue.,-Wed. (10:00); John Tucker Must Die (PG-13) Fri. (10:20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (10:20, 12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05; Lady in the Water (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Little Man (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:30; Miami Vice (R) Fri. (10:15, 1:20, 4:25) 7:50, 10:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:15, 1:20) 4:25, 7:50, 10:55; **Monster House** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 7:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:00; **The Night Listener** (R) Fri. (10:05, 12:30, 2:55, 5:25) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 12:30, 2:55) 5:25, 7:40, 10:05; **Pirates of the** Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 6:55, 10:20; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 12:30, 2:55, 5:25) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 12:06, 2:05, 5:25) 7:15, 10:10; Step Up (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:40, 4:15) 7:15, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; **Superman Returns** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:55) 7:20, 10:50; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 11:20, 1:50, 2:20, 4:45, 5:15) 7:20, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:50, 11:20, 1:50, 2:20) 4:45, 5:15, 7:20, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri. (10:00,

10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:55, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00,

10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:55) 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:15, 10:00; **Zoom** (Not Rated) Fri. (10:10, 12:35, 3:05, 5:30) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (10:10, 12:35, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center**

*Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)* **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; The Descent (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 3:05) 5:45, 8:20, 10:45 Sun. (12:30, 3:05) 5:45, 8:20, 10:35; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; **John Tucker Must Die** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; **Miami Vice** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:35, 10:35 Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:35, 10:30; Monster House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 3:45) 7:10, 10:15 Sun. (12:25, 3:45) 7:05, 10:20; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:45, 10:40 Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; **Tal**ladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:05, 10:50 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:05, 10:40; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:55) 4:15, 7:25, 10:30 Sun. (12:55) 4:15, 7:30, 10:25

#### **Grossmont Trolley**

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Call theater for program information

#### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

#### Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Iamacha Road

The Ant Bully (PG) Fri. (9:55, 12:20, 2:40, 5:10) Sat.,-Sun. (9:55, 12:20, 2:40, 5:10) Sat.,-Sun. (9:55, 12:20, 2:40) 5:10; Barn-yard (PG) Fri. (9:45, 12:00, 2:20, 4:45) 7:05, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (9:45, 12:00, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05, 9:30; **The Descent** (R) Fri. (10:40, 1:40, 4:40) 7:40, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (10:40, 1:40) 4:40, 7:40, 10:40; Free Family Film Festival Tue.,-Wed. (10:00); **John Tucker Must Die** (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:35, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:35, 10:00 Little Man (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:55, 10:25; Miami **Vice** (R) Fri. (10:00, 1:00, 4:05) 7:15, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 1:00) 4:05, 7:15, 10:15; **Monster House** (PG) Fri. (9:55, 12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:20 Sat.,-Sun. (9:55, 12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:20; **The Night Listener** (R) Fri. (9:50, 12:05, 2:25, 5:25) 8:05, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (9:50, 12:05, 2:25) 5:25, 8:05, 10:30; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 3.00) 7.00, 10.20; Pulse (PG-13) Fri (10.00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:30) 8:00, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:25, 2:50) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:15, 5:05) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:05, 7:45, 10:15; Talladega

Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13)

Fri. (10:45, 11:10, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15) 7:30, 8:10, 10:10, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45, 11:10, 1:30, 8:10, 10:10, 10:50 Sat., Sun. (10:45, 17:10, 17:50, 2:30) 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:10, 10:10, 10:50; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri. (10:10, 10:50, 1:10, 1:50, 4:10, 4:50) 7:10, 7:50, 10:10, 10:50 Sat., Sun. (10:10, 10:50, 1:10, 1:50) 4:10, 4:50, 7:10, 7:50, 10:10, 10:50; You, Me and **Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:40; **Zoom** (Not Rated) Fri. (9:50, 12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (9:50, 12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50

#### SANTEE

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Miami Vice (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15; Monster House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:35; Pulse (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:35; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:10

### **SOUTH BAY**

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **The Descent** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **John Tucker** Must Die (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Little Man (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Miami Vice (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45); Monster House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:30) 7:00, 9:15; My Little Pony: The Runaway **Rainbow** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; **Step** Up (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of **Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) The Ant Bully (PG); Barnyard (PG); The Descent (R); The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13); John Tucker Must Die (PG-13): Lady in the Water (PG-13); Little Man (PG-13); Miami Vice (R); Monster House (PG); My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13); The Night Listener (R); Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13); Pulse (PG-13); Step Up (PG-13); Superman Returns (PG-13); Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby  $(PG-13); \mbox{World Trade Center} (Pg-13); \mbox{You,} \\ \mbox{Me and Dupree} (PG-13); \mbox{Zoom} (Not Rated) \\ \label{eq:generalized}$ 

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) The Ant Bully (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:15, 4:55) Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:55; Barnyard (PG) Fri. (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 6:55, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 6:55, 9:30: The Descent (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:55, 5:25) 8:05, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:25, 8:05, 10:45; **The Devil** Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:15; Free Family Film Festival Tue.,-Wed. (10:00); John Tucker Must Die (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:45, 5:05) 7:20, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:45) 5:05, 7:20, 9:45; **Miami Vice** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 3:45) 7:05, 10:25; Monster House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:40, 4:00) 6:35, 9:15; **The Night Listener** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:15) 7:50, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:15, 7:50, 10:50; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 3:00) 6:45, 10:05; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:50, 5:30) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:50) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:55, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:50, 7:25, 10:05; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 11:45, 1:45, 2:25, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 7:45, 10:00, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 11:45, 1:45, 2:25) 4:30, 5:00,

7:10, 7:45, 10:00, 10:40; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri. (12:10, 1:00, 3:50, 4:25) 7:00, 7:35, 10:10, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 1:00, 3:50) 4:25, 7:00, 7:35, 10:10, 10:30; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:10, 9:50; **Zoom** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:00, 1:50, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40

#### **IMPERIAL BEACH**

South Bay Drive In 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Miami Vice (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15; Monster

House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15; Nacho Libre (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30; Pulse (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:35; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 12:10; Zoom (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 8:30, 11:55

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PACIFIC THEATRES CARMEL MOUNTAIN 12

Carmel Mountain Road 858/674-9770 #085

Broadway Between H & I 619/338-4214

CHULA VISTA 10

PACIFIC THEATRES CINERAMA 6

West of College 619/287-8990 #065

#### **NORTH INLAND CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### **Carmel Mountain**

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; The Descent (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:20, 7:40, 10:20; The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 7:35;

John Tucker Must Die (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun (12:25, 3:05) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55; Miami Vice (R) Fri.,-Sun. 4:30, 10:00; Monster House (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 4:45, 7:20, 9:25; The Night Listener (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:25) 5:35, 7:55, 10:05; Pirates of the Caribbean: **Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 3:20) 7:10, 10:15; **Pulse** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 8:00, 10:10; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:00) 5:40, 8:15, 10:40; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; World Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 7:00, 10:00; Zoom (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

#### **ESCONDIDO**

Escondido 16 350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

#### FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Barnyard (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (2:15, 4:30) 7.00, 9.30: The Descent (R) Fri .- Sun 11.15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **My Little Pony:** The Runaway Rainbow (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; Pulse (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 5:15, Trade Center (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15

#### POWAY

#### Poway 10 ny Road (858-646-9423) **The Ant Bully** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15) 6:00; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **The Descent** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (2:30, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00; John Tucker **Must Die** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Miami Vice** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:15 (4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; My Little Pony: The Runaway Rainbow (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13) Fri. 11:45 (3:45) 7:00, 10:15 Sat. 10:00 (3:45) 7:00, 10:15 Sun. 11:45 (3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:45) / 100, 10:15; **5tep Op** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; **You**, **Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 3:30, 8:15, 10.45

#### RAMONA

Ramona Twin 626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

#### SAN MARCOS

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) **The Ant Bully** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:15); **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:40, 1:15, 3:45) 6:30, 8:55; Boynton Beach Club Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 2:00, 4:40) 7:35, 10:10; Cars

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## Caos político

Los simpatizantes de Andrés Manuel López Obrador, candidato de izquierda a la Presidencia de México, bloquearon el lunes pasado las autopistas que rodean la capital del país, donde abrieron el paso a los autos sin cobrarles peaje.

Por sorpresa, como realizan las acciones estos días los seguidores del político izquierdista, permitieron el paso de vehículos sin pagar en las autopistas que comunican la capital mexicana con Pachuca y Querétaro,

al norte de la ciudad, Cuernavaca, al sur, y Puebla, al este de la capital.

Estos actos fueron consecuencia del descontento entre los seguidores de López Obrador ante el anuncio del Tribunal Electoral de que solamente se realizará un conteo parcial de las casillas que fueron utilizadas en las votaciones presidenciales del pasado 2 de julio. Según la Cámara de Comercio del Distrito Federal, pierde 23 millones de dólares diarios por los plantones.



EN ESPAÑOL



## Viven en la calle Urge un cambio

América Barceló

Diario San Diego

En el Condado de San Diego existen siete mil 300 indigentes durmiendo en las calles careciendo de comida, ropa y los servicios básicos para subsistir. Mientras los proyectos millonarios de desarrollo económico siguen incrementando en el centro de San Diego, un elevado número de personas sin hogar vive alrededor de estos edificios de lujo. Tal es el caso de Ro-

dolfo Domínguez Benítez de 49 años, que lleva cuatro años durmiendo afuera de comercios en el centro de San Diego. "No tengo dinero para rentar un cuarto o apartamento, estoy enfermo, no puedo trabajar, con lo que me da el seguro social no me alcanza y por eso vivo en la calle", dijo Domínguez. Rodolfo cuenta que hay vagabundos de diversas nacionalidades en las calles de San Diego.

#### Abraham Nudelstejer Diario San Diego

Inició la edición 20 de torneos cortos en el futbol mexicano con 18 equipos que buscarán el campeonato del Apertura 2006. En lo particular añoro los tiempos en que se jugaba un sólo torneo para determinar al mejor conjunto del balompié azteca. Los torneos cortos no han servido solamente ara crear dos liguillas y dos finales que les da a los dueños de los clubes la oportunidad de ganar más dinero.

El sistema que debería de seguir la Federación Mexicana de Futbol es la de organizar un campeonato a 36 fechas con una sola tabla de clasificación. La liguilla la jugarían los ocho equipos mejor colocados y de ahí se des-

prendería el campeón. Este sistema mantendría el interés de los aficionados en todas las plazas donde hay futbol de Primera División pues el octavo boleto por llegar a la liguilla seguramente sería peleado por más de tres equipos.



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## Pega susto

En una situación nunca antes vista en de San Diego, autoridades sanitarias ordenaron el cierre de restaurantes al confirmarse la presencia de la bacteria Escherichia coli (E-coli) en agua del Norte del Condado.

Los establecimientos afectados están ubicados en las áreas de Rancho Peñasquitos, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Rancho Bernardo y Lake Hodges, cerraron sus puertas para no fomentar una contaminación masiva.

"Es la primera vez que nos vemos en la obligación de hacer algo así", dijo la vocera del Departamento de Agua de San Diego, Tedy Jackson. La funcionaria dijo que

"miles" de personas resultaron afectadas por esta medida precautoria. Después de que se hicieran dos pruebas más en 21 diferentes lugares de la línea de agua que cubre las comunidades al norte de y este de Rancho Peñasquitos donde se detectó el agua contaminada, varios vecinos de esa localidad se mostraron molestos porque no fueron informados del problema y sus familias usaron el agua normalmente.

"Es difícil cuantificar la cantidad de personas afectadas pero el número ronda en los miles, el área donde se encontró la bacteria es muy grande", apuntó Jackson.





## Magia en la pista

#### Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

El circo de los sueños (Circus of dreams) es su tema central y una nueva forma de llevar el circo a toda la familia, pero principalmente hacia los niños para que se den cuenta que sus sueños son posibles.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey ofrece ahora un 'show'más intimo, de mayor acercamiento a su público y de mayor contacto.

Olvidándose de sus tres pistas que lo han caracterizado, ahora presenta una historia que llevará a los 'pequeñines' y a todos a un viaje en donde mostrará las habilidades y destrezas de todos los personajes que forman este gran circo que es considerado como el de mayor espectáculo a nivel mundial.

Una bella presentadora y cantante, Jennifer Fuentes, latina que participó en la segunda edición de 'American Idol', sirve de co-conductora y cantante para ir realizando los sueños de un niños a través de toda la función.

Pero lo más interesante en esta nueva versión es que ahora todos, niños y adultos podrán interactuar con malabaristas, payasos, elefantes y muchos personales del circo antes de que empiece la función, ya que la pista se abre para que todos puedan ver de más cerca algunos de los actos más impresionantes, además de que el público participa en ejercicios.



## Suena el cañón

Sentado en una silla

de piel negra gran-

de y acojinada que se

encuentra dentro del

vestidor de los Padres

de San Diego, Adrián

González reflexionó so-

bre la gran temporada

que está teniendo en

"Es increíble, estoy

muy contento con todo

lo que me está pasan-

do", comentó el prime-

ra base del conjunto

Mientras acariciaba

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"Yo llegué al equipo sabiendo que Ryan Klesko era el titular de la primera base y que tendría que esperar mi oportunidad para pelear por el puesto", comentó. Klesko se lesionó en el campamento de pretemporada de los Padres y eso abrió la puerta para que el manager del equipo, Bruce Bochy, no dudara en darle una oportunidad a González.

El nativo de Chula Vista ha sabido aprovechar su oportunidad y hasta el domingo pasado tenía un promedio de bateo de .306, 19 cuadrangulares y 58 carreras producidas.



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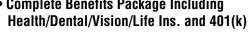
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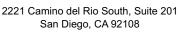


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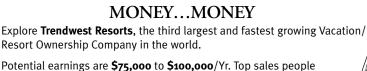
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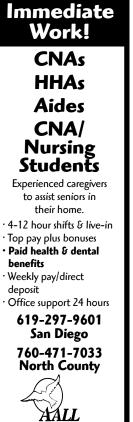
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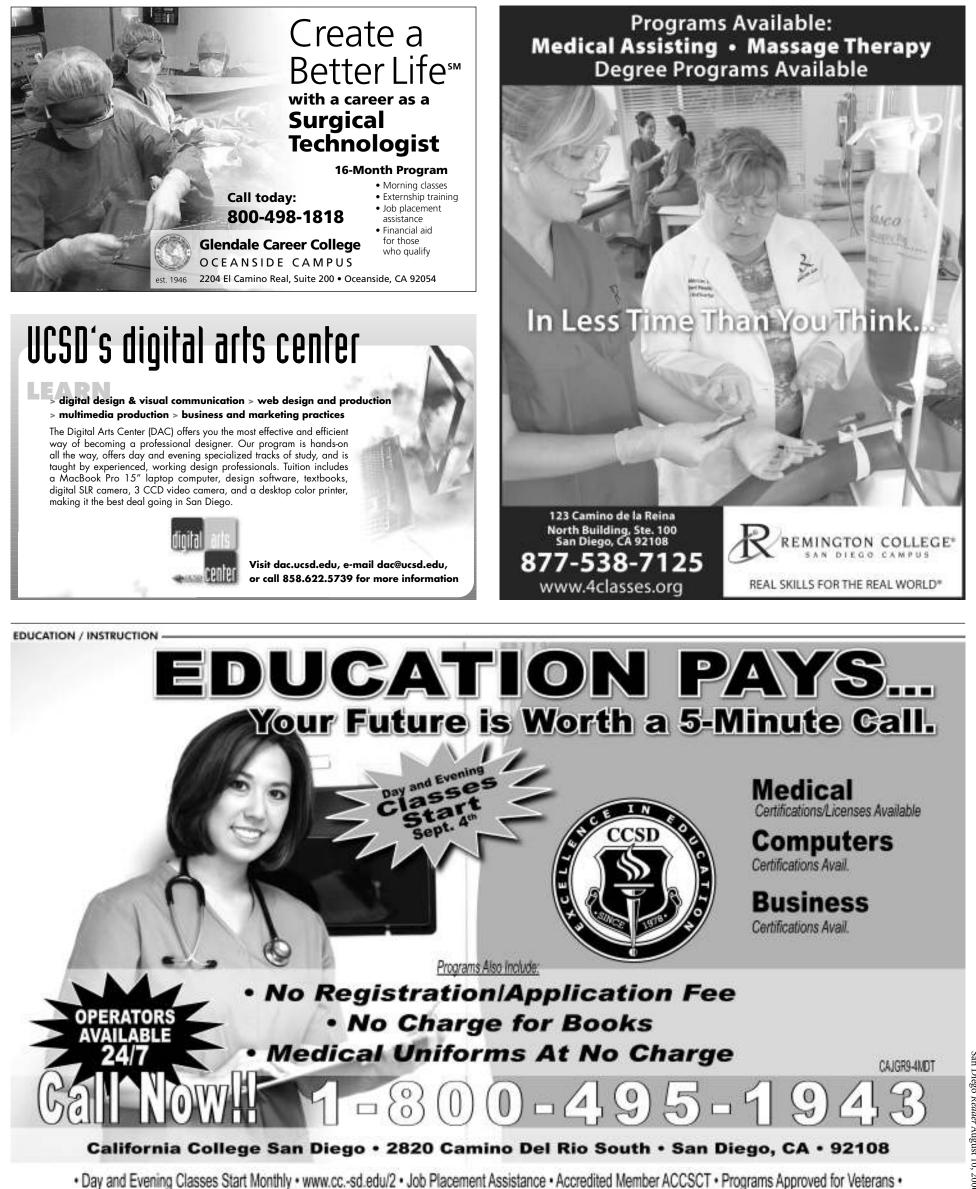


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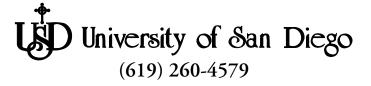
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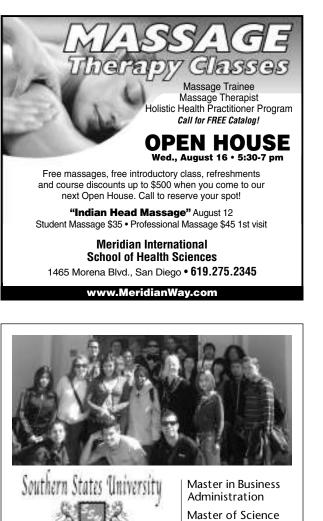
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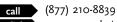
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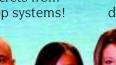




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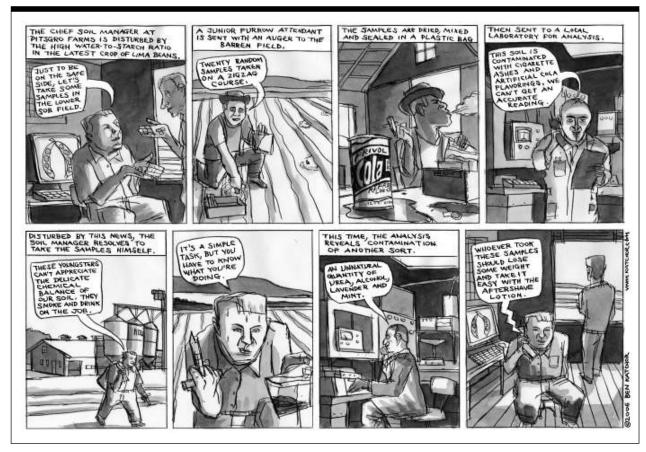
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Memphis Cannon Student Chula Vista

I'd probably [write about] inter-nalized racism. I'd tell a story about a kid coming up, maybe a few kids of different ethnicities. The shit that grabs me is the real stuff, like Antwone Fisher-type real stories. I'd probably deal with all ethnicities that aren't traditionally of privilege in this country. White people don't have to deal with racism, but maybe money; poor whites have problems similar to ethnic racism. Have you ever seen White Man's Burden? Everything's flipped around and John Travolta was in the ghetto and all the white people are in the ghetto and the black people are up in Beverly Hills. It still stuck to its stereotypes; Hollywood has a shitload of stereotypes. They never really showed any middle-class ethnicities; they only showed the white people in the ghetto with no in-between. More than likely I'd talk about a middleclass person of color because they have a lot of issues that they have to deal with. I'd also write a story about a crazy group of guys who go to Vegas, something along the lines of Very Bad Things, but not as cheesy.



Sean Trevors Student La Jolla

would write a fictional novel about I would write a neuona novement some sort of expatriate adventures abroad. I've done the experiences; I lived in Barcelona for six months. Just meeting different trav-elers through Europe — you meet some crazy characters there. Americans tend to flock together in Europe; I'd write about the groups of British people on holiday. It'd be like Hemingway's The Sun Also Rises, with the running of the bulls in Pam-plona. It'd be more Hemingway than Kerouac; I didn't get in any fights like Hemingway, but I played a soccer game at two o'clock in the morning with a bunch of crackheads and vagrants. It was pretty fun, actually; it was one of those experiences that you remember forever. I want to go to Asia, maybe Japan for a different culture and different experience. Once you do one place in Europe, you get a feel for all the castles and cathedrals. Everywhere you live, you can find material for stories.



Drew Stork Student La Jolla

If I would write a book, it'd be about space vampires. I can't write about anything normal; that's boring. It would have to be exciting, and nothing is more exciting than vampires, except space vampires. I don't [have any stories in the making]. I don't think I've read anything about space vampires yet. If you're going to write about it, you've got to do it in the humor genre; you can't take it seriously. Space pirate mum-mies might be the follow-up story...no monkeys; they're cliché. I study history, so if I wrote anything nonfiction, it'd be historical.

## Caitlin Karanewsky Student

La Jolla  $\overline{I}_{\mbox{ might be something about my}}_{\mbox{ life that I could pretend was impor-}}$ tant. I think if I were to start writing, I might actually find something important in there; I'd write it and figure out if it were important and then other people can read it and figure out if it's important. I don't think I've had a rough enough life to write about something like [war]. I wouldn't want to write a memoir with half of it a lie. There's no non fiction that I want to write about right now. I like music, but I don't feel like I know enough about it to really write anything. I wouldn't want to write anything that I don't know about. I don't think people read enough at all; I wish I could read more for pleasure. But there's not enough time in the day when you're a student.

What would you write a book about?



Mida Martinez Assistant Pacific Beach

like novels, so I'd probably write a novel. I'd write a story with realism and people's lives, maybe something similar to my own. I'm from Spain, so I might write about coming from Spain to live in the United States. There are a lot of differences people are more friendly with strangers in the United States, but less close with their good friends. I'm from a small town near Madrid, but I always studied and worked in Madrid. People aren't always polite with strangers. People here tend to be more individualistic.

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about the outdoors - like a per-

write a fiction book, it would be

about a hero, like an everyday Amer-

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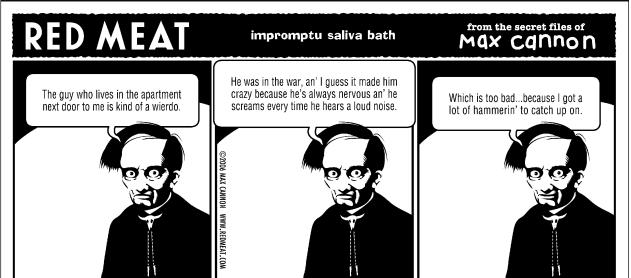
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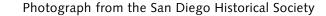
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the money to begin his contracting company. Throughout the 20th Century, Fenton's company acquired land that was to become the Wild Animal Park and Eastlake. In the early '80s, the company formed its real estate division.

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- 11. Ms. Lopez, in tabloids
- 14. Mean-spirited
- 15. Love to bits
- 16. Stroke's need
- 17. Air rifle
- 18. 1996 Best New Artist Grammy winner LeAnn
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- 20. Rum-flavored dessert made by
- actress Silverstone?
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- toy trucks 29. Alĺ there
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- 38. Heraldic symbol of a drug that combats erectile dysfunction?
- 42. Former Bush staffer Fleischer
- 43. Well-behaved
- 44. Tony Blair and others, briefly
- 45. "The only way to have a friend is to \_\_\_\_\_": Emerson
- 47. "You go,
- 49. Have the nerve
- 53. Not nearly all there
- 55. [This is heavy!]
- 57. Speed: Abbr.
- 58. City on the Ural
- 59. Comment from an Italian departing from a vacation to North America?
- 63. Pioneered
- 64. Noted French landscapist
- 65. Smartly dressed66. 180 degree turn, slangily
- "Mr. Belvedere" actress Graff
- 68. Hourglass particle
- 69. Spike TV, once
- 70. Lent a hand
- 71. Mountain debris

# Down

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- 1. "Concerto No. 5 for
- Harpsichord" composer 2. Gershwin's "Rhapsody \_
- 3. Wakeful watches
- 4. Cabinet dept. since 1979 5. Patron saint of France
- 6. Streisand who toured in 2006
- 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 8. Bausch & \_\_\_\_\_ (lens maker)

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2600 rent. \$2500 de posit. Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Crown Point. Back yard, garage, washer/

10. "Certainly' 11. "Home Alone" actor 12. They know the ropes 13. Magic place? -Prussian War (1866 21. conflict) 22. Game with 108 cards 26. "... is sad and dreary ev'rywhere ": Stephen Foster 28. Sault Marie \_\_\_\_ go on?" 30. 31. Business letter abbr. 34. Baked pudding 36. Freezer bag brand 38. Carte blanche 39. Dangerous place 40. "Man's best friend' 41. Psychadelic of the '60s 42. Skyy competitor 46. Suffix with beat and peace

9. Extreme worry

- 48. Firmly set 50. Personification
- 51. Neckwear for SpongeBob
- SquarePants
- 52. Comedienne Boosler
- 54. Notorious bacteria
- 56. Dracula costume accessories 60. Really steamed
- 61. Top-notch
- 62. Pusher pursuer
- 64. Intrusive U.S. agency that's "tapped" each of this puzzle's themed answers

## RULES OF THE GAME

1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt. 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803). 3. All entries must be accompanied by

your name and address. 4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible. 5. In the event of disputes or ties decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery. 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to

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- There were 123 entrants. The winners are:
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- 2. Dan Anderson, Escondido
- 3. Marta McCarthy, La Jolla
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Pool, Spa, Sauna, Clubhouse, Fitness Center, Patio or Balcony Walk to Trolley

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CLAIREMONT. \$1200. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Remodeled! Small yard, garage. Walk to park and shopping. Cat OK. 4429 Manitou Way. Agent, 619-469ww.westmanproperties.com.

CLAIREMONT, \$1350/month, deposit, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, quiet complex. Near freeways/shopping. Remodeled with new appliances/dishwasher/aircon-ditioner/granite countertops. On-site gym, pools, laundry, parking, 858-531-7133. pools, laundry, parking, 858-531-7133. **CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY.** Designer 1 bedroom, 1 bath from \$1035, 2 bed-room, 1 bath, from \$1205. \$199-\$299 deposit special! Dishwasher, mi-crowave. Tennis, basketball. Theatre, pool, gym. Garage \$75. Pets welcome, \$300 pet deposit. Monday-Saturday, 8:30am-5:30pm, Sunday, 10am-5pm, Coral Bay Park, 3309 Cowley Way. www.CoralBayCanyonAndParkApart-ments.com. 888-500-0471. www. sdreader.com/rent/ 1070. **CLAIREMONT.** 1 bedrooms, \$950 and up.

sdreader.com/rent/ 1070. **CLAIREMONT.** 1 bedrooms, \$950 and up. 2 bedrooms, from \$1200 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and peaceful? All bed-rooms big enough for king size beds. Walk to all your needs. Patios and garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see web-site: www sdreader com/rent/1028 site: www.sdreader.com/rent/1028.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Luxury 2 Bay. \$1925. Pool, spa, private parking. Close to freeway. Call 619-944-7561 or

858-576-7355. CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Coral Bay Canyon, 3309 Cowley Way. www.Coral-BayCanyonAndParkApartments.com. Fabulous specials! 190-\$299 deposit specials! Designer 1 bedroom starting \$1035, 2 bedrooms starting \$1205. Pets welcome (deposit required). Microwave, dishwashers. Fitness center. Cool breezes, Olympic size pool, tennis, bas-ketball, movie theatre. Garages, \$75. Toll tree: 888-500-0471. www.sdreader.com/ rent/1031. CLAIDEMONT/RAY DARK \$1350. 2 bed-

rent/1031. CLAIREMONT/BAY PARK. \$1350. 2 bed-room, 1 bath duplex with garage. Yard. Pet negotiable. Available 8/19. 4181 Chippewa Court. More Property Manage-ment, 858-514-8201.

CLAIREMONT/PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2-car garage. New ap-pliances/flooring. Pool. Quiet. Clean. No pets/smobing/drugs. 4099 Huerfano #213. 858-880-5108. CLAIREMONT, \$1095 rent, \$900 deposit.

2 bedroom, 2 bath, upper, stove, refriger-ator, new paint, fireplace, washer/dryer, off-street parking. Close to shops/restau-rants. Easy freeway access. 4910 Long-ford. 619-804-3325. ford. 619-804-3325.
COLLEGE AREA. 1 bedrooms from \$895.
1 bedrooms plus study from \$1110. Walk-ing distance to campus! Air conditioning, Pool. Barbecues. Gated. Laundry. Park-ing. Near bus, shopping, freeways! Cat friendly. Saturday/Sunday by appoint-ment. 6-12 month leases. Aztec Pacific Apartments, 6663 Montezuma Road. Toll free: 800-433-6120. www.pacificliving. com or www.sdreader.com/tent/1042.

or www.sdreader.com/rent/1042.

**COLLEGE AREA.** \$1350. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, security, central air and heating, underground parking, 1-year lease, 4742 derground parking, 1-year lease, 4742 Seminole Drive. Please call 619-469-

COLLEGE AREA. 3 bedroom, 2 baths from \$1325. Gated community with underground parking. Pool, on-site laundry. Campus Village. 619-583-3339. www. progre smanagement.net.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1195-\$1295. 2 bed-room, 2 bath. Balcony/porch. Gas stove, refrigerator. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Gated. Near all/ COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$950 rent. \$600 deposit, OAC. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet. Parking lot. Laundry. No pets. At 4423 Menlo Avenue #15. 619-

COLLEGE AREA. \$750/month plus \$600 deposit. 1 bedroom apartment, on-site laundry, water and trash included. Please

COLLEGE AREA. Huge 2 bedrooms on campus 900+ square feet. Pool. Parking. Quiet. 24-hour on-site management. Se-curity. No pets. 5420 55th Street. 619-977-5708.

COLLEGE AREA. \$700. Nice, large 1 bed-room, 1 bath, new carpet, 8-unit complex, off-street parking, on-site laundry. No pets. Section 8 OK. 619-465-6588. COLLEGE AREA. \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 4860 Rolando Court. Recently converted. Granite counters, stainless steel

appliances, pool, Jacuzzi, carport. No oets. Available 8/1. Call 858-688-0287 or www.cal-prop.com.

COLLEGE AREA. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, approximately 700 square feet. Near SDSU. 6165 Montezuma Road. David 619-871-5736

Seuroom, 1 bath condo, upper unit, park-ing, pool, laundry on site, approximately 500 square feet. 6696 University Avenue. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1500. Gorgeous 2 bedroom. Brand new interior. Pool, jacuzzi. Washer/dryer in unit. 2-space parking. Quiet community. No dogs. Move in 9/1/06. 650-796-4988. COLLEGE AREA. From \$825. Remodeled 1 and 2 bedrooms. Near shonping. Pool

College Area. From \$825. Hemodeled 1 and 2 bedrooms. Near shopping. Pool. Air conditioning. Parking available. Laun-dry. Barbecue area. Pets considered. 3635 College Avenue. 619-582-3993. ColLege Area. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Refrigerator, stove, laun-dry. Fee. Free search at www.sdrentals. com. 858-324-1780.

COLLEGE AREA. \$550. Small studio COLOCIENT AREA. \$550. Small studio apartment, separate behind house at 6016 Adelaide. Credit, evictions search. New carpet, appliances. One-year lease required. By appointment only. 619-582-7918.

COLLEGE AREA. \$750-\$775, 1 bedroom. Near shops. Laundry room. No pets. 6769 El Cajon Boulevard. Apartments in rear courtyard. 619-464-0901.

COLLEGE AREA. \$775. 1 bedroom. Lo-cated in quiet duplex! Walk-in closet. Bottom floor unit. Parking. Great neigh-borhod. 6026 Estelle Street.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1250. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath second floor condo with balcony. Air conditioning. Water and trash included. Pool/spa. 1/2 off first month's rent! 858-598-1111 x192. utopiammt.com.

utopiamgmt.com. **CORONADO.** \$1095. Large upstairs 1 bedroom apartment home in beautiful Coronado with laundry facilities and a courtyard. Parking available for a small fee. Within walking distance of ferry land-ing. One block from Orange Avenue. 129 D Avenue. 858-270-5500 x49. www. msbrower.com

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DEL MAR HEIGHTS, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Nice neighborhood, close to beach. 2 car garage, washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi. \$2250/month. 619-818-1997.

52250/m0nth: 619-818-1997. DEL MAR, \$1350. Furnished 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. 1-car garage. 708 square feet, small pet ok. No smoking. Available 91/106-5/31/07 only. 13727 Mango Drive. 858-755-1139, rentals@team-scuba.com.

DEL MAR. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$2395. Block to ocean, cable, pool, spa, sauna. Gated, nonsmoking community. Hurry, won't last! 201 Fourth Street. 858-481-9585; mikeatla@aol.com.

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DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. 2 bedroom DeL mary solana beach. 2 bedrooth 2 bath, 2nd floor, available 9/1, only \$14751 Spacious studio loft, vaulted ceil-ings, view, only \$12751 Dishwasher. Pool. Jacuzzi. Sauna. Fitness center. Near free-ways and beach. Cat OK. Ocean Crest, 873 Stevens Avenue. 858-481-1155. www.sdreader.com/rent/1038.

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210-2011. WWW.delsolpm.com. **DOWNTOWN, GASLAMP.** New 1 bed-room. Separate study. Bay views. End unit. 2 blocks/Petco. New hardwood/granite/appliances. Parking. Pool/spa/exercise room. \$1900. 619-379-5408.

DOWNTOWN. San Diego's first hip hybrid hotel. Sleep small. Dream big. Monthly: \$604, utilities included, income qualified. Weekly: \$215-\$225. Internet access in room. Near bus/train. Flat screen TVs. Gourmet eat-in kitchen. European-style detached bathrooms. 500 West Hotel. 500 West Broadway. 619-234-5252. Toll free: 1-888-895-0875. www.500WestHotel.com, www.sdreader.com/rent/2114. DOWNTOWN. Brand pew rooms pear

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rent/2098. **DOWNTOWN.** Gaslamp area. Move-in special, \$280. Community kitchen, shared bath, on-site laundry, vending ma-chines, no pets, Star Hotel, 522 7th Av-enue. 619-235-6068. Hughes Manage-

ment. DOWNTOWN. Outstanding furnished rooms, \$400-\$500. Heart of Gaslamp. Shared bathrooms. Community kitchen. Free cable TV. No pets. 843 4th Avenue. Windsor Hotel. 619-235-6068. Hughes

DOWNTOWN. Attractive rooms. Shared bath. Utilities included! Near City Col lege! \$400-\$595 per month. Weekly rates from \$125! 719 14th Street, Villa Victoria. Hughes Management, 619-231-2385. **DOWNTOWN.** Furnished 1 bedroom condo. Cute as can be right in middle of Little Italy. New carpet/tiles, stainless ap-pliances, Craftsman-style furniture, private patio, underground parking. \$1795. Granite Management, 760-438-9545.

**DOWNTOWN.** Beautiful building, new fur-nished rooms. Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable. \$175, weekly. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

**DOWNTOWN.** Studio, \$750/month. Quiet complex. Gated parking with remote entry. Laundry on premises. 1830 Market.

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DOWNTOWN. Unfurnished 1 bedroom condo, fourth floor. Atria Condos. Stain-less steel, gym, underground parking. Steps to Horton Plaza and Convention Center. \$2000/month. 858-565-6420.

DOWNTOWN. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. End unit with Downtown and park views. All appliances. 2 secure parking spaces. Great resort living complex. 619-997-

DOWNTOWN. Move-in special: \$500 gift card. \$725-\$875. Studio and 1 bedroom apartment homes in Downtown San Diego with on-site laundry facilities and Logo man on-site fauritry facilities and tons of storage with controlled access. Near City College. Open house Saturday, noon-2pm. 843 13th Street. 858-270-5500 x29. www.msbrowar.com

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. From \$780 Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrig-erator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Efficiency apartments with laundry. Near trolley/bus lines, blocks from harbor. On-site manager. Villa Cate-rina, 1654 Columbia Street. 619-232-3400 3400

**DownTown/LITTLE ITALY.** Bright, cor-ner studio, \$810. Bearclaw tub with shower. Ideal location, charming, secure, quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front, near Beech, 619-233-7428.

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DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Ho-tel. Small, quiet. \$121/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic ca-ble. Refrigerator in most rooms. Secure.

619-235-6820. Downtown/GASLAMP. Move-in Spe-cials. Live/Work Lofis in the heart of The Gaslamp from \$1,100! Roof decks with barbecue. Laundry on every floor. Park-ing available. Seven locations Downtown. Select pets OK. Visit loft leasing office: 315 Fourth Avenue. 619-231-1505 x12. www.striegymanagement.com. Also visit www.striegare.com/rent/2064

www.sdreader.com/rent/2064. **DOWNTOWM/GOLDEN HILL.** \$1095, 1 bedroom. 1913 Historic landmark. Old World Charm and modern convenience. Secure private entrance, high-speed In-ternet capability, restored woodwork/ hardwood floors. Designer kitchen/bath-room. Clawfoot tubs, decorator fire-places, closet organizers. Laundry on each floor. Computer alcove. Off-street parking. Fabulous views of city, bay. Large, bright units. Beautiful porches, pa-tios, fountains, gardens. Near Gaslamp, PetCo Park. 1 block from Balboa Park, restaurants, golf. No pets. 1 year lease. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. Urban style 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, luxe gournet kitchen, airy/bright. New tile/carpet throughout; balcony, fireplace, pool, se-cured parking. \$1795. 714-546-6667; 714-904-6075.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom with private garage. Tropica gated, guiet. Close to downtov stairs unit, lots of storage. \$950. 2559 C Street. 619-994-0449.

**DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY.** \$2500, fur-nished luxury loft with bay views, parking. Available end of August. Call 619-255-0526. www.sdurbanliving.com.

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DOWNTOWN/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. Small 1 bedroom. View of ballpark, Coronado bridge. New carpet/paint. Gated, 4-unit complex, walk to downtown. 207 19th

DOWNTOWN/SOUTH HARBOR. \$500 Victorian flat/studio. Wood floors. Crown mouldings. City/water views. All utilities paid. 950 South 26th Street. 619-559-5423.

EL CAJON apartment. Spacious 2 bed-room, 2 bath \$995 and \$1150. On-site laundry, parking, near all. 444 Ballantyne, 619-440-1909.

EL CAJON. Fabulous 7 Motel. Furnished rooms starting \$224 per week. Parking. Pool. Cable. Maid service. Laundry. 24 hour security. 1527 East Main Street. 619-

442-0457. EL CAJON. \$750. 1 bedroom spacious downstairs in quiet 11-plex. Dishwasher, air, gated parking, on-site laundry, picnic area. Section 8 OK. 222 Lincoln/Main. 619-447-6437.

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EL CAJON. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath town-home, \$1070. Freshly painted. New appli-ances, carpet. Patio. Small gated com-munity. Laundry facilities. Pool. No pets. 1397 East Washington. 619-593-6602. stratfordarmsapts.com.

Stratordarmsapis.com. EL CAJON. Award winning community! \$870/up. Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 baths. 6-14 month leases. Ceiling fan. Linen closet. Garbage disposal. Sparkling pool. Clubhouse. Barbecues. Pets are resi-dents too, with deposit! Large dogs wel-come! Dog exercise area. Assigned park-ing. Evergreen Gardens, 291 Jamacha Road. www.sdreader.com/rent/2113. Call 619-442-9935.



EL CAJON. Studio and 1 bedrooms, \$655 and \$755. Large apartments in quiet, gated complex. Air conditioning, pool and secure parking. Month-to-month lease, 1362 East Main Street. Jason 619-334-3151, 858-200-9408.

EL CAJON. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, \$1295. Large 2 story condo with patio, dish-washer, A/C, washer/dryer hookups, garage and parking. Great freeway ac-cess. 278 South Pierce Street. 858-200-ddo

EL CAJON. \$755. 1 bedroom. Quiet, smal community. 340 Orlando. TPPM, 619 818-9939. www.northwindsants.com

EL CAJON, \$750 & up. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Amenities, A/C, laun-dry on-site, pool, recreation room, park-ing. Lushly landscaped, near all. No pets. 294 Ballantyne, 619-440-3044.

EL CAJON. \$850. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath, walk-in closet, dishwasher, air con-ditioning, two patios, pool. Cat welcome. Call 619-447-1880.

EL CAJON. \$1125. Very large 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Manicured landscap-ing. Onsite laundry. Pool. Near freeways. No pets. No Section 8. 244 North Mollison Ave. 619-447-6115.

EL CAJON. \$895. Nicer 2 bedroom, bath apartments, balcony, dishwasher, central air/heat, on-site laundry. 241 East Bradley Avenue. Available now. Chris, 619-504-4995.

EL CAJON. 1341 Oakdale Avenue. 2 bed-room 1.5 bath, 2 story. Washer, dryer in unit. Parking. Close to freeway and shop-ping. Air conditioning. \$1150. CSPM, 214.000.2440.

EL CAJON. \$1270, 3 bedrooms. Commu-nity complex. Gated pool. Parking. Air conditioning. No pets. Central location. 933 Peach Avenue. Call 619-447-9193. EL CAJON. \$950/up. Large, deluxe 2 bed-room single story bungalows. Amenities. Pool, park-like grounds. Parking. 743 South Magnolia Avenue. Near town, shops, bus. 619-579-0174.

snops, bus. b19-5/9-01/4. EL CAJON. \$975. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Lin-coln-Washington Apartments. Very large units, pool, on-site laundry, covered park-ing, in great location. Clean and quiet. 685 South Lincoln Avenue. Agent, 619-444-8191 or 858-560-1178.

EL CAJON. \$750-\$850. 1 and 2 bed-rooms, air conditioning, pool. Gated com-munity. Call 619-441-2752.

ENCANTO. \$550. Studio, newly remod-eled with private entry, kitchen, bathroom and utilities included. Zero drug toler-ance. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-865-4612

ENCANTO. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, close to trolley. Gated community. Pet-friendly. Section 8 OK. 6434 Akins Street. 619-640-7530. www.sdforrent.

ENCINITAS. \$775 and up. Sick of roommates? Cozy trailers in charming, small park near Moonlight Beach. Walk to Coaster, restaurants, shopping. No pets. 760-753-4101.

760-753-4101. ENCINITAS. \$500 off first month, 12 month lease! \$300 off, 9 month lease! 1 bedrooms from \$1200. 2 bedrooms from \$1400. Low \$500-\$600 deposit! Bal-cony/patio. Dishwasher. Fitness center, Laundry. Courtyard. Pool, spa. Lush land-scaping. Parking. Pets welcome. Quail Pointe Apartments, 924 Enclinitas Boule-vard. Toll free: 888-626-6864. www. sdeader.com/rent/2149.

ENCINITAS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, 800 square feet, new carpet and paint, off-street. No pets. Available now. 1427 Hermes #8. 858-755-1135. rentals@ team-scuba.com.

ENCINITAS: A rare find! Tastefully remodeled with dream kitchen, luxury up-grades. Spacious 1 bedroom. Breathtak-ing views, oceanfront deck. The finest luxury apartment at the beach. \$1895. 760 752 4101

ESCONDIDO. \$800 to \$1425. Move-ir Special! Tired of apartment living? 1, 2, 3 bedroom manufactured homes available for rent. Very quiet, breathtaking hilltop views, full size washer and dryer in most homes. No pets. 1924 Sheridan Avenue. Call 760-745-1677.

ESCONDIDO. \$500 off first month, on ap-proved credit! 12-month lease. 1 bed-rooms from \$900. 2 bedrooms from rooms from \$900. 2 bedrooms from \$1120. Low \$500 deposits. Pool, spa. Covered parking, garage. Tennis. Dish-washer. Woodburning fireplace. Balcony/ patio. Storage. Laundry. Cat friendly. River Village, 1845 North Broadway. Toll free: 866-653-9046. www.sdreader.com/ root/2151

rent/2151. ESCONDIDO. Lake Hodges studio, \$1300. Kitchenette, fireplace, fenced yard. Lake views! Very peaceful setting with trees, walk to lake. 450 square-feet. Donna 619-279-3520; Randall 619-726-out

FASHION VALLEY/USD. North Rim 2 2-car garage, pool, jacuzzi, tennis, views, fireplace. 2 sundecks. \$1650. No pets. 858-454-6874.

FASHION VALLEY deluxe apartment. Close to all. 2 bedrooms, 2 batris. Fire-place. 2 balconies, view. Walk-in closet. Laundry. Garage available. \$1250/month. Available now. Emile: 858-569-6080.

FASHION VALLEY, WEST. \$1500. 3 bed-FASHION VALLEY, WEST, \$1500. 3 bed-room, 2 bath apartments. Downstairs and upstairs units available. Across from USD! Washer/dryer hookups. Ask about our move in specials! 5845-5866 Lauretta Street. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www. sunsetnacificreally com

FASHION VALLEY. \$1650. Top floor condo in Presidio Place. Vaulted ceiling. Lots of amenities. Water/trash included. Air conditioning. Pool/spa. Fireplace. 858-598-1111, x192. www.utopiamgmt.

GOLDEN HILL. \$950. Nice 2 bedroom 1 bath apartment. Off street parking, laun-dry room. 2715 A Street. 619-234-2844 or 619-807-3653

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$750. Large studio. Recently painted. Tiled Large studio. Recently painted. Tile kitchen/hallway, carpet in living room

Murphy bed. Pool, on site laundry. Park-ing. 619-962-1887. ing. 619-962-1887. GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Fantastic city views! Studio, 1, 2 bedroom flats, two bedroom townhomes, \$975-\$16701 Charming, controlled access building with gated parking and easy access. Washer/dryer, central air/heat, microwave and more! Freeway access. Pet friendly! Golden Pacific, call today: 1-800-433-6156. E-mail: www.goldenpacific@plpinc. net. View: www.pacificliving.com or www. sdreader.com/rent/2028. Content Will 2 bedream 1 heth. Pacu

GOLDEN HILL. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Beau tiful, lower apartment. Hardwood floors granite countertops, stainless appli ances, dishwasher, microwave, washer

GOLDEN HILL. Large upper studio. Hard-wood floors. Victorian building. Corner unit. No pets. \$650. 2045 K Street. Nancy, 619-574-8038.

GOLDEN HILL. \$825/month, \$825 de

posit. Exceptionally nice 1 bedroom, ap-pliances, new carpet, paint, blinds, free laundry, 1 off-street parking space. Great

access to all freeways, bus, and down-town. No pets. Credit check required, \$25. 2851 C Street, Apt-A. For appoint-ment to view, call 619-501-6551.

GODEN HILL \$850. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath with walk-in closet, underground parking, controlled access and coin laun-dry. Near golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Near golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, Ball park and Rear golf course, Downtown, ball park and more. 2731 A Street. Please coin laun-dry. Rear golf course, Downtown, Ball park and Rear

GOLDEN HILL, Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath \$775. Hardwood floors. Great neigh-borhood, laundry on site. Available now. No dogs. Available 9/1. 2427 E Street.

6 19-857-3706. **GOLDEN HILL,** Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath \$1095. Hardwood floors. Great neighborhood, laundry on site. Available now. No dogs. Available 9/1. 2412 E Street. 619-857-3706.

GOLDEN HILL \$1400. Large 3 bedroom 2 bath apartment. Upstairs, recently re-modeled, washer/dryer hock-ups. Conve-nient location. No pets. 2806 B Street Agent, 619-469-7790. www

westmanproperties.com. GOLDEN HILL. \$695. 1920s restored

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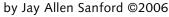
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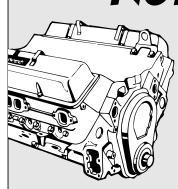
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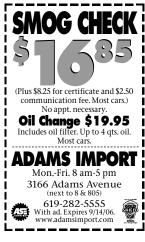
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# LEAD STORY

The parents of wannabe singer-actor-celebrity Marissa Leigh, 16, of Scottsdale, Ariz., employ ten people for her career development, according to an April Arizona Republic story. Handlers include a manager; publicist; voice coach; two acting coaches; people to do makeup, hair and wardrobe; musical composer; photographer; and webmaster (plus, she has an entourage of confidenceboosting friends). "She's spoiled," said her mother, "but hopefully, it's a grounded spoiled." However, on her national TV debut, on MTV's My Super Sweet 16 (a party that cost her parents \$150,000 to stage), she was caught saying, "I'm a princess" and "I'm such a rock star that I can do this" and "I always get exactly what I want." Even after MTV cut the two songs she sang, she was optimistic: "[This show will] still put my name out there and stuff."

# **Compelling Explanations**

In Yorktown, N.Y., in June, one spouse who was roughed up by the other during a domestic eruption tried to talk police out of filing charges. However, the battering spouse this time was Emily Hanlon-Tarasov, a novelist, and the explanation of her husband (who was knocked unconscious when Hanlon-Tarasov angrily threw a book) was creative: "A few things began flying at the wall," he said, "and one of them was a telephone book. And unfortunately, my head moved into the space that the book was flying [into]." Hanlon-Tarasov was nevertheless charged with assault.

# The Litigious Society

 Max Foster, 18, complained to a London Daily Telegraph reporter in June that two police officers in Bath, England, had told him they were under instructions not to pursue a man who had been spotted on Foster's stolen moped because the man was not wearing a helmet. According to Foster, the town's rules of engagement for officers discourage such chases because the suspect might fall off the moped, hit his head, and sue the police.

- Jay and Laura Flynn of Lilburn, Ga., filed a \$111 million lawsuit in June against Home Depot and the maker of Tile Perfect Stand'N Seal Grout Cleaner, charging that a defect caused toxic fumes that permanently destroyed half of Jay's lung capacity, which, among other effects, according to Laura, ended the couple's "extremely active love life." She added, "I mean, every day. But now that is over."

 There Must Be Somebody We Can Sue: (1) Daughter Carriel Louah, 25, is suing her parents for at least \$75,000 for the broken ankle she suffered in a fall on their property when she paid them an unexpected visit in Darlington, Wis., in 2005. The mother said she appreciated the surprise birthday visit, but denied any negligence. (A judge refused to toss out the lawsuit in July.) (2) Jaime Pinedo filed a lawsuit in Hackensack, N.J., in June against the estate of his late brother's late girlfriend. Daniel Pinedo and Xiomara Ortiz were murdered in May 2004, execution style, by Ortiz's jealous former boyfriend, and Jaime Pinedo alleges that that was Ortiz's fault.

# The Laws of Irony

- (1) In July, former peace activist Christian Briggs, 30 (who had gone to Iraq in 2003 to protest the impending U.S. attack), was arrested in Islington, England, and charged with knocking a man out (leaving him in a coma) in a fight after he allegedly hit on the man's girlfriend. (2) The British watchdog Environmental Agency, which prosecutes pollution violators, was fined the equivalent of nearly \$14,000 in May for allowing toxic waste to flow from its monitoring station along the River Exe in Somerset. (3) In July, municipal officials in Provincetown, Mass., held a community meeting to air numerous complaints by heterosexuals that they are targets of hate speech by the town's large gay and lesbian population.

What Goes Around, Comes Around: Colin Watson, 63, one of Britain's most notorious illegal collectors of rare bird eggs (who's been convicted six times and had nearly his entire collection confiscated by the government), fell to his death in May from a tree he had climbed in south Yorkshire to check out a nest.

In June, the Ministry of Higher Education of Saudi Arabia (home of 15 of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers), along with the country's civil aviation authority, jointly announced scholarships for Saudi men and women for bachelor's and graduate-school study in the United States in such fields as "air traffic control," "flight safety," and "other majors related to the airline transport industry.'

## **People with Issues**

(1) In June, Betty Jean Barachie was sentenced to 27 months in prison for embezzling \$1.5 million from her employer so that she could indulge a compulsive-shopping habit; among her 1,500-item haul were 58 coats, 16 chainsaws, more than 3000 books, and a John Deere tractor. (2) Nurse Christopher Irvin, 32, was charged in April with molesting a comatose 4-year-old girl under his care at Children's Hospital in San Diego; he told police he had touched the girl's genitals only "to see if I liked it." (He said he didn't and that, because he wasn't sexually aroused, he must not be attracted to children.)

# **Signs of the Times**

- A July poll of American attitudes on lying, conducted by the Associated Press and the market research firm Ipsos, revealed that many of the respondents could not bear to give poll-takers straight answers from one question to the next. For example, 40 percent said they "never" lied, but in the next question, about 10 percent of that 40 percent said they might even have lied just within the previous week. More than half said lying was "never" justified, but two-thirds then said lying is okay sometimes.

British fitness trainer Liz Stuart conducts "powerpramming" classes for new mothers, the centerpiece of which is the women's use of their own infants as weights for such exercises as bicep

curls and chest presses (adding a kiss to each rep), as well as resistance in "power walks," according to a May Reuters dispatch from London. Said one mother, of her newfound quality time with her babies, "If I had to go to the gym and put the twins into a [nursery], it would cost me a fortune."

## **Least Competent Criminals**

- A federal appeals court in June affirmed the conviction of Aaron Fraser (aka Asante Kahari) for defrauding a Michigan woman he had met in an Internet chat room and had eventually taken for \$38,000 in a counterfeit-check scam. (Kahari had sent the woman bogus checks for deposit into her account, met her to collect the cash, and was gone by the time the bank realized the checks were counterfeit.) Kahari denied the charges, but the prosecutor introduced portions the book The Birth of a Criminal, by Asante Kahari, which describes in precise detail the scheme Kahari was accused of pulling on the Michigan woman. "I would get online," he wrote, "meet a broad and be mailing her the [computer-generated counterfeit] check the next day."

# **Fighting the Good Fight**

(1) A 47-year-old man was arrested in Milwaukee in June and charged with stabbing a 54year-old man after an argument about not having an argument. (2) Marine veteran Christopher Marlowe, 25, was arrested in New Orleans in June and charged with shooting Army veteran Erik Beelman after an argument over which branch of service is tougher. (3) Pamela Majdan, 23, was charged with domestic battery in Wood Dale, Ill., on Memorial Day after allegedly beating her sister Joyce, 31, in a dispute over who had caught the most pieces of candy tossed during the town's holiday parade.

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# **Thirty Years Ago**

Entire sections of the [Comedy Store]audience were on their way out, disgusted by the preceding scene. I wonder to this day whether anyone could have made them laugh at that point. Not one sentence was out of my mouth when they began to holler, "Get her out of here! Get the hook!" I made believe I didn't hear them, but the silence was worse.

— "I CAN'T SEE YOU OVER THERE. I CAN HEAR YOU YELLING AND BOOING .... " Judy Lin, August 12, 1976

# **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

Dave likes to hang out on the wall separating the sidewalk from the sand at the foot of Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach, watching "all the little honeys" walking by in their bathing suits. He lives off the few dollars he makes selling blood to the plasma center two blocks up Newport, and eats most of his meals free at the Point Loma Methodist Church on nearby Cable Street.

"[I]n January I met this family, a couple and their two kids, who were livin' in their car in the Santa Barbara Harbor parking lot. About six months ago they moved down here 'cause the weather's nicer and the atmosphere is mellower, and when they came back in June to pick up a welfare check, I came down here with 'em."

--- "LOW TIDE AT O.B.," Thomas K. Arnold, August 13, 1981

# **Twenty Years Ago**

One night in the late '60s, after nodding out during the sci-fi flick starring William Lundigan, I did some tooling around on an astral plane. My consciousness floated out of my body and bobbed above the bed like a balloon full of psychic energy. My suspended being perceived the flickering TV set and the crumpled paper bag on the night table. Were the bag's earlier contents - four White Castle hamburgers — to blame for the current circumstance?

— "JUST GET OUT," Bill Owens, August 14, 1986

# **Fifteen Years Ago**

I have further details about the cultural level of this planet to add to my previous reports. I have discovered a bizarre institution

called the "air show." The occasion for my investigation is an annual air show at a location called Miramar in San Diego, California, USA, North America, to be held this weekend. Apparently other such shows are held elsewhere on the planet. These shows reveal what

the people of Sol III are like.

Airplanes, I should explain, are flying machines propelled by fossil fuels. Each flight uses huge quantities of these resources and pollutes the planet's atmosphere with poisons. — "A WING AND A PRAYER," Snorri Sturluson, August 15, 1991

# **Ten Years Ago**

Pete Wilson hatched his political career in San Diego, and it is here that it's likely to die. The rise of the city's ex-mayor to presidential candidate ("dour," "a great campaigner," "not interested in governing," "never underestimate him," "really fun when you get him one on one") was stalled last year by San Diego characters and circumstances that gained national notoriety. It is ironic that Wilson, who fancies three-piece suits, imported silk ties, Italian shoes, expensive cigars, and wealthy friends, would be brought down by a pair of Mexican maids and their La Jolla employers.

SAN DIEGO, CITY OF SHAME," Matt Potter. August 8, 1996

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shippers busied themselves with recreation - beer, tanning, horseshoes. The tanned flesh of the toned twentysomething crowd was dotted here and there with bits of ink and metal, belly-button piercings and tattoos having slid from roguishness into trendiness. I weaved my way through the buzzing crowd, searching for a queen bee who would give me her perspective into the feminism of the new millennium.

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— CITY LIGHTS: "PRETTY WOMAN," Deirdre Lickona, August 9, 2001

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My childhood wasn't so great, and my relationships with family members have never grown to anything worth praising. My mother is a single parent of five; I am the youngest child. Throughout my childhood and adolescent years, I endured a lot of physical and sexual abuse at the hands of my two oldest brothers. One sexually abused me, and a few years later the other began to physically attack me - which led to a great deal of verbal and emotional abuse from numerous other family members. Negative thoughts and feelings plagued my mind with self-perceptions that were pitiful. All of this hurt and emotional stress deprived me of a healthy foundation to mature from. I was robbed of my childhood and left with scars that affect me as a young adult today. I have been ready to confront my feelings regarding my abuse and surprisingly ready to address my feelings to my family. I have never blocked communication with anyone in

my family, yet I find it hard to decide on the correct way of conveying my feelings to them. I will be getting married in February of '08, and I certainly want to celebrate this occasion with all of my family. Yet I want to leave all of my "unfinished business" in the past before I move on towards a much brighter future. I want to express my pain, as well as extend my forgiveness. What would be the best way to communicate these feelings to my family without inducing pain in them? Please help. MENDING A BRIDGE

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I'm impressed with your bravery and your ambition to forgive. I believe that someone like you — who has suffered through a nightmarish childhood, yet has had the strength to go on and build a good life - deserves admiration and lots of expert help. If you haven't already done so, I recommend that you find a psychotherapist, social worker, or counselor that you like and trust to assist you in figuring out how to clear the air with your family. This person should be someone who has expertise and experience in dealing with abusive families. I suggest finding a therapist not because I think you are crazy or screwed up, but because you want to attempt something complicated and possibly dangerous. A therapist will help you protect yourself. Family members have harmed you

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Remember, just because you are ready, willing, and able to confront the past doesn't mean that your family is. Some people are never ready to do this. You may have to prepare yourself for the possibility that your good-faith attempt to make some kind of peace with your family may not work -

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That's holi for you! It's a festival of colors that paints the whole of India in the last week of March. A festival where everyone gladly gets themselves colored, when kids fill balloons with colored water and practice their aims at all kinds of targets, when the whole family gets together and enjoys thandai (a drink composed of milk, almonds, saffron, etc.), and when most of India is out there in the streets, I'm comfortably decked up in my bathroom.

When I was 3 years old, I visited a relative of mine with my parents. The visit was on the same day as holi. Now, while I sat in grandpa's lap, my dad was out being colored beyond recognition. Being a firm devotee of my dad, I waged my first war of independence to try and get to his rescue, but enemy forces overpowered me and I helplessly watched red, pink, green, black, and what-have-you color the biosphere!

When Dad made his way out of the color circus, I celebrated by crying for the next three hours! Turns out, I was so shocked (probably by the fact that Dad's color scheme looked much like a drawing in my jumbo coloring book)

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that I had to be taken inside a room and wouldn't see anyone except Mom for quite a long time!

I took this event in my stride, but as a side effect, I kept away from holi for the next 17 years.

Every year on the eve of holi, my cousins would come down to my home and sleep in my room. "Why?" did you ask? It gives immense pleasure to people who play holi to color people who don't. Maybe it's their sense of egalitarianism, maybe they don't want others to miss out on the colorful part of life...

Not to be outdone, every year I'd wake up before everyone else, get a book, a towel, some food, and a nice pillow and set up camp in the bathroom. A bathroom's a wonderful creation of man. You're allowed to enjoy solitude, ponder on the events going on in the world, think about the last cricket match between Sussex and Middlesex, imagine intelligent life existing elsewhere in the universe, play Snake on your Nokia till you're able to beat your previous highest, and think up a strategy on how you'd approach your latest crush only to discard it five minutes later in favor of another strategy that'd also have a five-minute shelf life.

And, of course, it's home. My cousins could bang the door for all they were worth, and I'd peacefully count the seconds there before Mom would shoo all



the color-terrorists away. Things changed last year. Under popular demand, I buckled.

Well, I reckoned it wouldn't hurt anyone to try out holi once. I announced to one and all that I'd be home to play holi - and not just with myself in the bathroom. How did everyone respond? Not a single soul turned up to color me, and I was left sleeping till it was almost noon. (Maybe I should have tried this trick earlier.)

My elder brother turned up to do the honors. And how! The thing about using colors is that you're supposed to oil yourself before you start so that it'd be easy to wash away the color when

you have a bath. Bro, well, he finished off two cases of pink on me, and no points for guessing that he didn't allow me to oil myself.

Getting colored was no fun at all. It went in my eyes, making me look like a red-eved maniac. It went in my

mouth, making me go thoo thoo thoo for hours. And it pervaded my scalp, turning the dandruff on my head pink!

I'm done with holi. To hell with color and to hell with color fests. Back to the bathroom next year.

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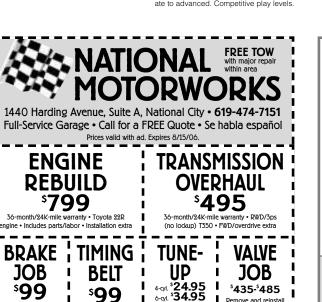
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# BANK ROBBERY

Location: 845 North Second, El Cajon Time/Date: 10:20 a.m. on 7/28/06

# **Résumé of Incident:** Two suspects entered the Bank of America. Both suspects were armed with either



rifles or shotguns and one of them fired a round inside of the bank. The suspects ordered the backness as the

bank employees and customers to get on the floor as the suspects jumped the service counter into the teller work area. The suspects made an attempt to open the cash drawers. When they were unable to get the drawers open, they left the bank.

The two suspects got into a waiting get-away vehicle, which was being driven by a third suspect.

The suspects left the bank without taking any money and no one was injured during the robbery.

# GANG FIGHT

Location: 1100 Garden Road, Encinitas Time/Date: 7:00 p.m. on 7/29/06

**Report:** Residents...began calling the Sheriff's Department about a group of individuals fighting in the street. Deputies responded and found several people injured. It appears that a group of about four Encinitas gang members took a wallet from a migrant worker at knifepoint while he was in the Highlanders Center Self Service Laundry, 572 Santa Fe Drive, in Encinitas.

Immediately following the robbery, the worker pointed out the group of offenders to about three or four of his friends. The migrants approached the gang members, who promptly fled the area with the migrants in hot pursuit. When the gang members realized they could not escape, they were forced to face their opponents. The gang members, in an attempt to tip the odds of victory in their favor, produced knives. The workers became concerned and, in response, quickly dismantled a wooden fence. In doing so they amassed what amounted to a large number of clubs.

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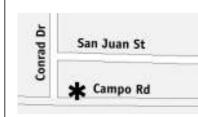
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A fight ensued. In the aftermath, one migrant

worker had been stabbed. One gang member suffered broken bones in his face while another had a bone in his back broken.

# ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 9710 Campo Road, Spring Valley Time/Date: 10:53 pm. On 8/2/06



Incident: Deputies from the Lemon Grove Station responded to an armed robbery at the Blockbuster Video. An armed black male, 5-8", 150, wearing a black baseball cap with a dark colored bandana over his face went in [the store]with a silver color revolver. The armed suspect demanded money from the register. He walked the employees to the back room to open the safe. The employees could not open the safe so the armed man walked the employees to the front of the store and had them open the cash registers. The robber took approximately \$200 from the registers. The robber told the employees to get down on the ground. The robber was last seen walking out of the store.

# MAIL/WIRE/BANK FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING

Location: various locations in San Diego Time/Date: various times from July, 2004–June, 2006

**Report:** United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced...the unsealing of a criminal indictment in federal court in San Diego, charging attorney Michael S., formerly a criminal investigator with the Internal Revenue Service, and Wendy H...arising from their participation in a scheme to defraud clients of S.'s law firm and two federally insured financial institutions.

S. and H. were associated with Xelan, Inc. (the Economic Association of Healthcare Professionals), a financial and tax planning firm that specialized in "tax strategies" for its members. After July 2004, S. severed his relationship with Xelan, formed his own law firm, and hired H. to be his Chief Financial Officer.

S. and H. [are charged] with a scheme to defraud former Xelan clients and financial institutions in the following four ways. First, [the suspects] made false and misleading representations concerning distributions the clients would be receiving from Doctors Benefit Insurance Company ("DBIC"), a Xelan-affiliated entity. S. and H. falsely represented that 8% of the clients' distributions were required by law to be placed in an Interest on Lawyers Trust Account and were only to be used for legal expenses. Instead, S. and H. converted these funds to their own personal use. In order to conceal the conversion of client funds, S. and H. caused fraudulent bank statements to be sent to the clients showing that the funds were still on deposit.

Second, the indictment charges S.and H. with obtaining the credit card numbers of former xelan clients and using those numbers to bill credit card companies for charges that were not authorized by the clients.

Third, the indictment charges S. and H. with defrauding Union Bank of California by depositing a stolen and altered check into a bank account created in a fictitious business name. [They] then used the Union Bank account to write checks to pay the mortgage on S.'s personal residence and the office rent for [his] law firm.

Fourth, the indictment charges S.and H. with defrauding Wells Fargo Bank by depositing over \$200,000 in checks drawn on S.'s law firm account into H.'s personal bank account, knowing that there were insufficient funds in the law firm account to cover the checks. These funds were then used for S. and H.'s personal benefit.

# DUI

Location: 13500 Carriage Road, Poway Time/Date: 10:00 p.m. on 7/26/06



Résumé of Incident: Poway Sheriff's deputies and Poway Fire Department responded to a reported vehicle vs. pedestrian collision. Investigation at scene indicated that the driver of a Dodge Dakota pickup, accompanied by two passengers, was driving northbound on Carriage Road, north of Papago Drive. The driver left the roadway and traveled onto the sidewalk and front yard of a residence. After colliding with a chain link fence, the vehicle struck a resident who was standing on the sidewalk in front of her home, causing serious injuries. The driver continued north a short distance striking two additional vehicles before coming to a stop. The driver, identified as 20-year-old Jonathan F., was subsequently arrested by Deputy Dueno. — Michael Hemmingson

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"Hang on, someone's calling," I said into the little silver plastic device. "Oh, no one's calling. It's the battery. It's about to die."

"Half an hour," she told me.

"Half hour!" I protested. "My house is going to be a hundred degrees by then, and my eyes are going to pop out from the onions." Beep, went my phone.

We said our goodbyes and I went about opening all the windows and the front door. I pulled the hot dish out and poked at the chicken with a fork to test the color of the juice. Still bloody. I snatched the sleek little body of my phone from the yellow tile counter and walked it into my bedroom to put it on its cradle charger. I had no idea that the fright of my life was stealing in through the front door.

My dinner was nearly done, and the oven door swung and clanged closed.

On the television, the leprechaun crept from an open closet to hide beneath a desk so he could spring out and kill again. I glanced down my hallway and saw a small eye peeking around the corner at me about six inches above the floor.

I live alone. Nothing else living and with an eye should be in this apartment right now, I thought. The eye twitched. My phone was in my bedroom, behind the eye, so I couldn't call for assistance. The eye was in the hallway to my front door, so screaming out into the night wasn't an option.

I bolted from my chair and grabbed a fork from the stovetop and charged into my hallway. "GO AWAY, LEPRECHAUN!" I screamed and dove through the air at the menacing eye. The eye blinked and shot out of the doorway to my bedroom and into the main hall. I saw full well the furry body and long tail of my terror.

A thin black cat, greeted by the warm smell of chicken, must've followed me in from the front yard. He skittered out the front door, chased away by a crying lunatic bearing a silver fork.

# WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

# **THURSDAY, AUGUST 10** THE FLAVOR OF LOVE

VH1 2:00 P.M.

This is my new favorite show. Flava Flav does pretty much exactly what I would do if I were very rich. He womanizes. Rides around in limousines. And always wears a Viking helmet. God keeps me poor because he knows nobody wants to see me in a tablecloth cape and a pair of choo-choo underpants.

## GENE SIMMONS: FAMILY JEWELS AETV 11:00 P.M.

I want to dress Gene Simmons in a nine-dollar blue button-down shirt and a pair of khaki carpenter pants, sit him down at my Ikea desk, and make him write, "It's just a band. I'm not that important," 1000 times on plain binder paper

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Gene Simmons: Family Jewels

# **MONDAY, AUGUST 14 GIRLFRIEND GETAWAYS** QVC 11:00 P.M.

I looked. This show is about luggage. I find that appropriate, as I imagine any man watching QVC at 11 o'clock on a Monday night can deflate his "girlfriend" and fit her into a carry-

# **TUESDAY, AUGUST 15** OIL, SWEAT, AND RIGS DSC 11:00 P.M.

on. You know what I mean. WINK!

Clint Eastwood is in. Now all I have to do is resurrect the ghost of Lee Marvin so I can film Paint Your Wagon II: This Time It's on an Oil Rig. Oh, there'll be sweat, work gloves, and hard helmets, but the real story is that these men love to sing and dance. ALL ABOARD! We're drilling for PIZZAZZ!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

WWE DIVA SPECIAL: THE SEXIEST WOMAN ON TELEVISION

# USA 10:00 P.M.

I dare say, the sexiest woman on television is not one of these man-beasts who looks as if she was dragged out of the Paleolithic era and shaved only this morning.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 SOFTBALL 360 CA4SD 10:30 P.M. Nobody Gives a Crap 217 and 3/4s.

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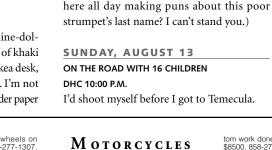
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OF SECRETS (2002)

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TCM 9:00 A.M.

of that really helped.

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TV LAND 11:30 A.M.

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER

As with most movie titles, my

mind goes berserk at the possi-

bility for pornographic rearrange-

ment. Like, when I first saw Amer-

ican Beauty, I thought the film

American Booty couldn't be too

far behind. For this one, "Harry"

can be "Hairy" and "Potter" can

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

MAN'S FAVORITE SPORT? (1964)

be, well...let's not be too literal here. And the

converted version of "Chamber of Secrets" is

too filthy to mention, far too filthy. Oh, my

stars and garters, you disgusting little things,

I have a theory that any sport is just an elab-

orate ritual to get a hug. Maybe that's why I was

never invited back to wrestling camp after that

one time. I thought it was because I wore a

beret to all my matches and baked cupcakes

for my opponents. Although, I suppose none

Farrah should open her own home-improvement store and call it "Farrah's Kitchen and Bath."

(You thought I was going to make a crack

about Fawcett's Faucets, didn't you? You dirty

ass, what do you think I'm doing here? I'm

trying to run a business consulting firm for the

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 BMW 330CI, 2002, steel gray metallic, construction of the sector sectors and the sector sectors and the sector sectors and the sec

premium package, sport package, Xenon headlight, 18' alloy wheels, excellent con-dition, 1 owner, 49,600 miles, under war-ranty, 523,800. 858-505-0554.

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# "What happened to your shorts?"

By John Brizzolara

Let me tell you about my leave of absence. Like you're dying to know. One letter poured in. It was hard to tell exactly what the writer was trying to express as it was written in crayon or possibly lipstick, but he seemed to miss the column — at least I think that's what the message was. The obscenities indicated his anger at my leave-taking.

Jetting to Aruba is tiresome, uncomfortable, and annoying. Especially if you're sitting next to a shower curtain salesman for motel chains who wants to tell you every fascinating aspect of the job. Airline peanut bags are still as hard to open as ever, and airport security - well, you probably know. Aruba isn't what it once was, but you can still find good seafood restaurants. A good steak? Good luck. There are a lot of Germans there, as obnoxious as Americans or Australians (who are essentially Americans in training).

The flight back to the West Coast was relatively painless. I slept through most of it and missed a screening of Corky Romano, which I will grieve about on long winter evenings.

The baths at Esalen are soothing still, even more so after a two-week bout of drinking in Aruba. In Big Sur I had switched to bourbon (far more reliable than grappa and absinthe, which is cheap in Aruba) and plenty of it. I saw flying saucers over the Pacific from my hot tub one night in Escalon. Though you might be tempted to attribute it to the bourbon, they were as real as taxes to me.

One more stop via Aero Mexico to

Puerto Vallarta, with a nasty hangover that tequila soon quieted. I found it to be hot as hell, naturally, but no more so than San Diego this summer, I understand. I tried to find Carlos Murphy's to sit in Richard Burton's chair or maybe Liz Taylor's, but I found myself staggering a little bit and the old eyesight was revealing two of everything, so I never made it. Maybe it's not there anymore. I spent a lot of time on the beach with Coronas and sport a George Hamilton tan even now.

Just kidding. I've been in rehab again. I can just hear the women in the Reader front office answering phone calls for me, saying, "I'm sorry, he's unavailable. In rehab again, you know." And anyone who knows me would just nod and say, "Right, okay."

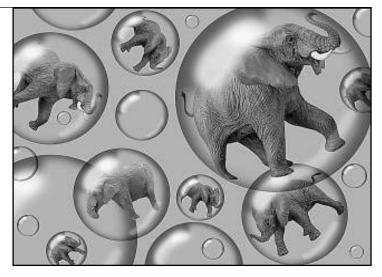
Rehab is great for stories. Half of them are codswallop about crimes that may or may never have happened. But one guy, a stand-up comedian named Bo or Beau, who can't get on stage sober, had a story I believed wholeheartedly. It was about a night drinking with the boys in Mission Beach and he blacks out, only he's got his passport with him somehow in his back pocket. The boys decide to take a vacation right there on the spot, and Bo wakes up in Jamaica, only he thinks he's in Mission Beach.

The beach looks a little different, and the people sure as hell look different. He sees a lot of black people and a lot of Rasta locks. He sees what looks like a Denny's, only the lettering is odd. Bo doesn't feel too good. He's got about \$100 in his pocket, and he looks for a liquor store to get a bottle and get his act together. He finds one and purchases a bottle of rum that is cheap. The change he gets back looks odd, but what the hell. He downs a good bit of the contents and stands in front of the liquor store and shouts, "Whoo-eee! Yes!" Then he looks for a bus to take him to La Jolla.

He actually finds a bus in pretty short order but is mildly surprised at the number of chickens on board. He accepts this with the philosophical aplomb of the snot-slinging drunk.

Working through the bottle on the bus, Bo gets very unsteady. His head is wobbling this way and that, and he's pretty much falling out of his seat. The guy behind him either takes pity on him or gets thoroughly annoyed and ties Bo's head to the headrest with a sweater. So Bo's sitting there wondering why he can't move — thinks he's paralyzed, a stroke or something. By the time he figures out what's restraining him, he has to take a leak pretty badly, and he's about to barf, probably simultaneously. He's got to get off the bus. He works his way loose from the sweater and staggers to the front of the bus, yelling, "I gotta get off!" He's making such a scene, the bus driver pulls over.

So, Bo stands on a street corner throwing up. His unit is out of his shorts, and he's spraying all over everything, including himself. Through some act of



God, he is directly in front of the hotel where his buddies are staying. He sees one of them just a few yards away and he's brought inside.

Where the hell have you been, Bo?"

"Where the hell have *you* been? And where's my luggage?" By this time he realizes he's not in Kansas anymore.

- "You didn't bring any. You came just like you are."
- "Whooo-eee! I thought I lost it."
- "What happened to your shorts?"
- "I peed on them. You got any extras?"
- His buddy did.

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